

## You Never Graduate from the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Main Point: *Whether you're a newborn believer or a grey-haired saint, you need to be reminded regularly of the gospel of Jesus Christ*

Three reasons why we need to be reminded regularly of the gospel:

### I. The Gospel Saves us through Abiding Faith (15:1-2, 11)

### II. The Gospel Compels us with Abundant Evidence (15:3-7)

### III. The Gospel humbles us through Amazing Grace (15:8-11)



# Faith Reformed

December 29, 2024

Jamison Velzke

Prelude  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

#### APPROACH TO GOD

\*Call to Worship  
\*Song of Praise  
*Sound of Adoration*  
\*Prayer of Praise  
\*Song of Praise  
*Be Thou My Vision*

Psalm 145:1-4

#### RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness  
\*Song of Assurance  
*His Mercy is More*

Hebrews 8:8-12

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message  
(no Equip today)  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
"You Never Graduate From the Gospel"

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#### RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer  
Song of Response  
\*Affirmation of Faith  
Congregational Prayer  
\*Benediction  
\*Doxology  
\*Postlude

*Amazing Grace*  
Heidelberg Q. 45 & 46

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\*Congregation standing if able

# FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

*Rev. Zach Tarter, Pastor*      *Jon Damkot, Youth Director*  
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## Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

## Reflection

“Paul did not think of the resurrection of Jesus as some sort of ineffable truth beyond history; rather, it was an event that had occurred in the immediate past, an event for which historical eyewitness testimony was readily available” (Richard B. Hays).

“The Christian gospel is not removed from this world, nor does it seek to remove us from the world. It does not seek to deny, delay, or embrace death; rather, it confronts death head-on in the middle of history. The gospel is not simply an idea, principle, or perspective—it is news—news that happened in history, news that revolves around a person” (Stephen T. Um).

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If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. Elder on call for December is Rob Danforth (920-467-1446). The Elder on call for January is Carl Velzke (920-917-0902)

# Prayer Guide

## **Praises and Thanksgivings**

Jesus Resurrection  
Our living hope in Jesus

## **Petitions**

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb  
For people to hear the gospel hope  
A heart of submission to Christ  
Spiritual wisdom and discernment  
Commitment to be reading Scripture  
Discipline and courage to obey  
To be guided by Scripture, not culture  
Courage to stand firm for the gospel  
Our ministry in the PCA  
Pastor Zach Tarter  
Jon Damkot – Youth Director  
BJ Hilbelink – Pastoral Assistant  
Lincoln Rus – Pastoral Apprentice  
Disciple making at Faith Reformed  
Spiritual revival  
Our government leaders  
Our youth to grow in Christ  
Those serving in the military  
The Unity of Cedar Grove churches  
Those with addictions/in jail or prison  
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

## **Health**

Linda Dykstra – prayers that her shoulder would heal well, and she would not need surgery  
Ruth Ann Wieberdink –prayers for continued healing  
Donna Caljouw – prayers as she goes back on her cancer medication that it will not have an adverse effect on her body in other ways as before  
Don Teunissen – prayers for healing of an infection that has been found in his leg and praise that the rod is now out of his leg, and he can sit up again  
Jeff Debbink – prayers that the chemo would have been affective to heal his cancer  
Keith R. – (Cancer)  
Gary Meeusen – was diagnosed with Afib and is on medication and was also diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease and has begun treatment

## **Shut-ins**

Wayne Navis  
Delores Droppers – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 1 – room 15  
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10  
Don Schreurs – Oostburg Pine Haven Campus – room 115 prayer as he has been put on hospice  
Jean Schreurs – Oostburg Pine Haven Campus – room 112

## **Mission & Outreach**

India Transformed  
PCA Church Plants  
Future Church Planting Efforts  
For our unchurched neighbors

## Schedule

### TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am

Wednesday – *Happy New Year!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

January 5<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Officers

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Food Pantry

January 10-12 – HS Fort Winter Retreat

January 12 – Care Group Meeting

**Ushers for December:** Ward Meinen, Glen Ten Dolle, Chris Konzak

**Ushers for January:** Eric Meinnert, Jason Hopeman, Jim Wonser

**Nursery for December 29:** Ashlee Krizek, Noah Hopeman, Chloe Burns

**Nursery for January 5:** Kim Rauwerdink, Garret Rauwerdink, Caleb Heinen

**Refreshments for December:** Care Group #5 (Mel & Kim)

Refreshments for January: Care Group #1 (Kris & Kim)

**Greeters December 29** - **Narthex:** Bruce & Barb Lukens

- **Great Room:** Phil & Laurie Holle

**Greeters January 5** – **Narthex:** Mary Holle

- **Great Room:** Richard & Florence Jordan

### **Serving in the Military:**

Jackson DeRuyter

49 EMS

PO Box 1338

Holloman AFB, NM 88330

## Family Life at Faith

**The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 40 families** at the December Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, January 9th. **We are currently low on cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, canned vegetables & fruit, gloves & mittens for adults and children.** If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

**In January we will be collecting items that are needed at Love Inc:** diapers (all sizes), wipes, diaper cream, pacifiers, baby bottles, baby bottle nipples and diaper bags. All items can be placed in the grey bin in the Great Room

**Ladies, mark your calendars** for the 2025 Women’s Conference at Faith Reformed Church for Saturday, February 8th, 2025, from 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM.

**Ladies of Faith** will meet Tuesday, January 7th at 1:30pm to do Bible Study Lesson #8 led by Carol DeRuyter. Hostesses are Carol DeRuyter & Mary Ann DeHaai. You can pick up a copy of the secretary and treasurer report in the information center.

**Our sympathy** goes out to the Holle Family on the passing of Al on December 20<sup>th</sup>. He was a husband to Mary Holle also the father to Phil & Laurie Holle, and Jan & Kim Hoitink.

**The Care Connection** is asking for volunteers to continue to communicate with cards or words of encouragement to Kelly Wieberdink. Kelly is the daughter of Shirley Wieberdink and is living at Trempealeau County Health Care Center. She really enjoys getting cards from us. Let’s continue to make her feel that she is being thought of and prayed for even though she is separated from family and people she is familiar with. You can sign up on the sheet in the information center. **There are just a few spots left.** Her address is:

Trempealeau Co. Health Care Center

Kelly Wieberdink – Courage Center

W20410 State Rd 121

White Hall, WI 54773

**The January Newsletter** was sent out this week. If you prefer a paper copy you can pick one up in the information center.

## Family Life at Faith

### Special birthdays in January:

Delores Bruggink will turn 93 on January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Glen Ten Dolle will turn 83 on January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jane Mentink will turn 76 on January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Shirley Wieberdink will turn 90 on January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Richard Jordan will turn 77 on January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Edie Beernink will turn 90 on January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**New 2025 Directory:** I have put out the directory sheets on the table in the great room for you to look over. **Please check your name and details about your address, phone numbers, & email address.** Write down any changes you have on the sheet or cross out home phone numbers you do not use anymore. Thanks for your help. Wendy

Faith Church is holding the Wisconsin Presbtery Meeting here on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Fellowship Team is looking for donations of **25 sweetbreads and/or a dozen muffins**. You can sign up on the sheet in the information center.

**Ordination/Installation Service:** During the service on Sunday, January 5th, we will have our ordination and installation service of incoming officers. Dave Reichle and Brett Voskuil will be ordained as deacons and Gary Dunn and Jamie Meinen as elders.

**Reminder to complete your volunteer "Faith Cares" forms and put them in the mailbox for Dan Weiss.**

Additional forms can be found on the information table.

Also, a link is available on our website if you prefer to complete online.

This can be found on the "About" tab and then "Membership" and then the underlined "Care Group Form" at the bottom.

**Please continue to be in prayer** for Mara (Jeff and Paula Risseeuw's daughter) and her unborn twins. We continue to pray for good heart, brain and cord dopplers each week, normal growth and for her water not to break prematurely.

**Please check out the bulletin board** across from the information center in the Narthex to see updates and Christmas Blessings from some of our missionaries.

## Youth News

**HS FORT WINTER RETREAT *\*LAST CALL\**** - All high schoolers are invited to our annual weekend retreat at Crescent Lake Bible Camp from **January 10-12, 2025**. Forms including trip information can be found at the link, which can be turned in at Connect or the outdoor dropbox at Faith **before Friday, January 3rd**. <https://tinyurl.com/45pc7wvd>

**Sunday School** returns Sunday, January 5th.

**CORE** returns Sunday, January 5th.

**CONNECT** returns Wednesday, January 8th.

**QUEST** returns Wednesday, January 8th.

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We would like to express our profound gratitude to the congregation for all of the love, prayer, and encouragement with which you have lavished our family over the years. We are also thankful for the generous gift that Pastor Zach gave us on behalf of the congregation last Sunday. We will miss seeing your faces each week but are happy to be just a few blocks away at First Reformed!

***B.J. & Colette Hilbelink***

**From the Staff:** We would like to thank the congregation for their cards, gifts and delicious treats given to us this Holiday season. We feel truly blessed to serve the Family of Faith Reformed Church. Thank you to everyone.

***Pastor Zach, Jon, BJ, Lincoln & Wendy***

**Thank you** to the congregation and staff of Faith Reformed Church for the cards, gifts, and kind words received throughout the holiday season. They were all very much appreciated.

***Laurie***

**The office at church will be closed Monday thru Wednesday this week.**