

Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



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We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. You will find a visitor card in your pew, please fill one out and place it in the offering bag. If you would like further information about our church, check out our website at www.waupuncrc.com or contact Pastor Craig (920-539-3848) or the church office (324-2898).

Large-print bulletins and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher or in the back sanctuary rack.

You are able to listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

Church Office Hours
Tuesday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
All announcements due in the office by 9:00 AM Thursday
Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

9:30 AM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Songs:**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain-
G389

Here I am to Worship – Binder 35

***God's Greeting and We Greet One
Another**

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confirmation/Affirmation

Song: Be Still for the Presence-Binder 41

Congregation Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship**

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-5

Sermon: God Forms a Nation

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: Your Grace is Enough-
Binder 80

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** Doxology – R814

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Helpers: Gretchen Hoekstra
Parker Van Hill

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Don Pausma

Jon Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters

Ben, Emily, Jonah, Elliana &
Caleb Mulder

Nursery

Danielle & Marissa Jansma
Megan Greenfield

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Morris TeGrootenhuis
(539-0438)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Ushers

Jesse Buteyn

Glen Greenfield

Brandon Kitchner

Harm Venhuizen

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters

Wayne M. to Daryl Pfantz

Ashley M. to Neen+

Austin M. to Chaplain Peter

**Please pray especially for
this missionary family this
week*

6:00 PM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Call to Worship

***God's Greeting**

Opening Songs led by Elain Homan

Prayers of the People led by Merle Schouten

We Study God's Word: Isaiah 64

***Song of Response:** Amazing Grace-R343

***Affirmation of our Faith**

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** Amazing Grace -R343 vs 5

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

As we savor and meditate upon God's Word this year there are a few resources on the shelf in the narthex. As the year goes on you may find more. Please make use of them.

Deacons Report

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$173,484.62	\$160,477.00	\$13,007.62
Denominational	\$11,725.00	\$33,805.00	-\$22,080.00
Classical	\$5,824.00	\$9,933.00	-\$4,109.00

Electronic giving is now available. If you would like to get setup send an email to Jon Venhuizen at jvnhzn@gmail.com

The Benevolent Fund continues to enjoy a healthy balance. Please look for ways for us to help those in need in our community especially as we enter the winter season.

For Brother Bob Ministry donations please make checks payable to First CRC and put Brother Bob in the Memo or mark it on your envelope.

If you are making a donation to the maintenance and remodeling project, please label the envelope or check Capital Improvements. This will help the deacons. Thank you!

January cause: Neen Benevolent Needs: To help supplement Brother Bob's ministry in the Philippines.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$5,587.00
Neen Benevolent Needs	\$ 100.00

Our Family

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>January</u>		<u>January</u>
Norm Buwalda	31	Gene Hofman	31
Bryon Kamphuis	31	Kim Root	31

There will be no regular office hours this week. Please get all announcements in by 9:00 AM on Thursday as usual. Thank you

As you pray this week please remember these people in your prayers:



- Brian Van Herwaarden's dad, Al as he recovers from surgery.
- Ben & Alyssa Homan as Eden adjusts to becoming a part of their family and they start medical treatment.
- Laura Ten Pass as she goes through treatments for the spots that were found. Pray for peace and healing.

- Leanne Johnson as she has finished chemo treatments and awaits the beginning of radiation. Pray for renewed strength and the elimination of any cancer.

It can be easy to forget about those that we don't see every week so we are including a list of shut-ins within our congregation. We hope that you will take some time to visit, send cards, and pray for these members of our family. As Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

- Joyce Haan
- Winnie Kuiper
- Wilma Navis

If at any time you would like your name added to or taken off of the prayer list, please contact Gladys.

Church News

Sunday School is looking for a song leader. If you are interested please contact Brian O'Donovan.

The Class of 2020 wants to cook for you...the Sophomore class will be serving a soup and sandwich meal on Tuesday, January 30 and will run 4:30-6:30pm at CWC. The menu includes chili, potato, and cheesy broccoli soup, hot ham buns, and homemade bars. There will be a free-will donation to cover class expenses! Thanks for your support!

Pro-Life Issues in Research & Medicine: Faith & Science Do Work Together: Our church is organizing a special pro-life event at the Waupun Library on **Monday, February 5 at 6:30 PM**. Join us for a night of learning about Pro-life issues in research & medicine from the perspective of three Christian doctors. After their presentation, there will be a social time with refreshments.

Four Chaplains Service- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6709 in Waupun will hold a memorial service at 11 am on February 2 at CWC School, 301 Fox Lake Road, Waupun. The non-denominational event, held in honor of four military chaplains who gave their lives in World War II after giving their life vests to other soldiers, is open to all. This is the 75th anniversary of the chaplains' deaths, and is held in honor of the Revs. Clark Poling from the Reformed Church of America; John Washington of the Catholic faith; George Fox of the Methodist faith; and Rabbi Alexander Goode of the Jewish faith. All four were first lieutenants in the army and part of the U.S. troop transport on the USS Dorchester, February 3, 1943, when a torpedo struck the ship's flank as it passed near Greenland. According to historical accounts, most of the troops were asleep at the time, but the four chaplains calmly led soldiers to the boxes of life jackets as passed them out. When the boxes were empty, the chaplains slipped off their own life jackets, put them on four soldiers and told them to jump. They were last seen on the slanting deck of the ship, with their arms linked in prayer. Area veterans organizations will present their post colors along with the national flag. The history of the event will be presented and members of local clergy will light candles in remembrance of each of the Four Chaplains. Students of CWC School will provide music appropriate for the occasion. A lunch will be available following the service. For more information call (920)-960-9156.

Coffee Break will resume on Wednesday, February 7th at Bethel CRC from 9:00-10:30am. Women of all ages are invited to attend. Our next 6-week session will be on *Easter*, a study is based on the accounts of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection in the gospel of Matthew. Nursery is available.

Christian Fellowship will NOT be meeting in February. The next meeting will be on March 1.

VALENTINES DAY SUPPER-looking for an excuse not to cook? Well, your high schoolers have you covered! Mark your calendar as the Youth Groups of 1st CRC & Bethel CRC will be having a spaghetti supper at Bethel CRC on Wednesday, February 14, from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. This will be a free will

donation supper that will go towards our summer serve trip, down to areas affected by the hurricanes of this past year. We look forward to serving you and your family! Thanks again for all your support of our youth!

ANNUAL FUN NIGHT-after much success last year, the Youth Groups of 1st CRC & Bethel CRC will be holding a FUN NIGHT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT and baked goods sale on Saturday, March 10 at CWC. A free will dinner will be provided, along with entertainment and care for your younger kids. More details to follow, but wanted to get the word out on our date, so you can be planning your team. This was very fun last year and with combined church youth groups we hope for a good turnout. All proceeds will go towards our summer serve trip. Thanks much!

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Monday:	6:00 PM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 st CRC
	6:00 PM	Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting @ 1 st CRC
	9:00 AM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 st CRC
Wednesday:	6;30 PM	Women's Bible Study @ Bonnie VB
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	7:00 PM	PM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Lois Groenewold

Helpers: Mikayla Zonnefeld
Miranda Vander Berg

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan

Bob Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Denny & Nancy Vande Berg

Greeters

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Nursery

Brad & Rhonda Schouten

Heather Hoekstra

Offering: Local Budget

February Cause: GEMS/Cadets

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Morris TeGrootenhuis (539-0438)

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Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

Zach Vander Werff

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Amazing Sea Cucumber Man



And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea – Genesis 1:26a

Here's an idea for those who create superhero comic books and movies. Introducing the amazing Sea Cucumber Man – able to turn his skin into a hardened shield that can stop bullets cold! Actually, this isn't entirely a joke. Someday scientists may be able to develop a material that would allow soldiers to wear comfortable and flexible bulletproof vests that can harden instantaneously when they are in combat situations. The idea for such a thing comes from the sea cucumber. According to the book *Bulletproof Feathers*, the sea cucumber can crawl between narrow spaces when the whiskers of its skin are soft, but "in defensive mode, surrounding cells release molecules that cause the whiskers to bind together, forming a rigid shield."

By mimicking one of God's amazing creatures, scientists have already developed a polymeric substance that works like the sea cucumber's skin. This substance has been used to develop adaptive microelectrodes for brain implants to help doctors treat Parkinson's disease, stroke and spinal cord injuries. As the book points out, the implant is stiff when inserted into the brain and then becomes soft once it interacts with brain fluids.

Unfortunately, the book's author gives credit to nature for inspiring such cuttingedge technology and not to the God who created the natural world. That's the problem with too many scientists nowadays. They copy what God has created, but then they fail to give credit where credit is due!

Ref: Robert Allen, editor. *Bulletproof Feathers: How Science Uses Nature's Secrets to Design Cutting-Edge Technology*, pp. 42-43 (University of Chicago Press, 2010). Photo: Giant sea cucumber from the Indo-Pacific tropics. Courtesy of Leonard Low. (CC BY 2.0)

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