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Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



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 the church office (324-2898).

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

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

Vision Statement: With the help and presence of our living Lord, we seek to energize and transform lives and maintain the essence of the historic Reformed faith in our worship, service, and fellowship; and to pass on our faith to others.

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays from 9:00–12 Noon

All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday

Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342

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

Gathering in Grace

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer

*Opening Songs of Praise:

“At Your Name”

“This I Believe”

“Mighty to Save”

*God’s Greeting

Reflection & Response

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: General Fund and Waupun

Food Pantry

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-23

Sermon: “How Big IS Your God?”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: “How Great Thou
Art”

Celebrating of God’s Gift of Grace

Communion

*Song of Response: “Above All”

Released to Live Graciously

*Benediction

*Doxology: “Benediction”

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder

Jolie Schouten

Jaxon Buteyn

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Gary De Jager

Brian Van Herwaarden

Fellowship Coffee

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters

Sam & Silvia Vander Galien

Nursery

Keith & Laura Venhuizen

Cassidy Ritzema

Sound System

Tyler Jansen

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Thomas Venhuizen

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Will Bronkhorst

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

Missionary Letters

P Vande Kolk to Daryl Pfantz

M Vande Streek to Neen+

M Vander Berg to Chaplain

Pete

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

Worship Notes

This morning Gregg Zonnefeld will lead us in worship. This evening we are privileged to have the African Children's Choir lead our worship as part of mission emphasis. This truly spectacular concert full of inspirational video storytelling, beautiful voices and lively African songs will start at 6:30 PM.

Deacons Report

All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering, while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget: \$10,001.02

Waupun Food Pantry: \$181.93

Our Family

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The Elders and Deacons by Care Group are listed in the bulletin.

Parents of college students: Please send your child's address to the church email (waupuncrc@gmail.com) or put them in Allegra's mailbox.

November Birthdays

Jake Vander Werff	10	Jayden Jansma	12
Howard Loomans	11	Elsa Homan	15
Charlotte Buteyn	11		

November Anniversaries

Michael & Danielle Jansma	13
Dewey & Lois Pausma	14
Bob & Michelle Mulder	16

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Carlie Jansen, that she continues to do well.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is starting treatment.
- Carol Navis as she is receiving radiation.
- Karen Aalsma, as she recovers from surgery.
- Kathy Kamphuis, as she recovers from surgery.
- Erin Stroede's sister Cassie as she has been diagnosed with 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
- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema

Church News

PRAYER: We have prayer groups praying through the transition process at First CRC and we want to invite the entire church specifically into prayer with us. This week we ask you to pray for the transition team and the council in the process of rethinking the vision of First CRC. We ask that you pray that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's will. We will keep you updated on the progress. We also invite all to attend the Tuesday AM prayer time at 8:00 at the church or the Sunday morning prayer time in the church basement at 8:45. Thank you for your prayers.

Fall season will soon be wrapping up with Christmas just around the corner. The middle school kids of SWaT will once again be collecting goodies to package for **Operation Christmas Child**. The last few years we have packed between 100 and 150 shoeboxes for underserved kids around the world...that's a lot of gift giving! **We will be collecting from now until Sunday, Nov. 10**, and you can put your donations in the barrel or box in the back of church. For details on what (and what NOT) to donate, please go to www.samaritanaspurse.org. Shoeboxes are collected for ages 2-14. Here are a few ideas to get you started! 1) A "wow" item such as doll, stuffed animal, ball, or clothing; 2) Personal care items; 3) School supplies; 4) Crafts, toys, activities; 5) Clothing. Thank you for all your help!

Our church will be ringing the **Salvation Army Bells** on Dec. 6 and 7 at Walgreens. At least eight people are needed to work two-hour shifts. Talk to Arky Navis if you have questions and/or to sign up (home: 324-2859; cell: 210-3016).

How Long, Lord? An Advent Devotional - Throughout scripture, God's people call to him, asking, "how long, Lord?" and oftentimes, whether by our own despair or looking at the pain of the world around us, we ask the same question. Join World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice this Advent season as we wrestle with the question "How long, Lord?" and as we explore the hope that our pain will not be forever and that the God who made us is with us, now and forever. How Long, Lord? is a devotional series that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world. It will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 2, 2019, through Christmas Day. Go to crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

Sometimes, hope starts with girls. This holiday season, World Renew is partnering with One Day's Wages in a matching campaign to change the story of poverty for over 4,800 Bangladeshi girls and their families. Together,

we're bringing justice and love in the name of Christ to these young women by combatting childhood marriage, infant mortality, domestic violence, and economic hardship. You can join us. When you give to onedayswages-worldrenew.funraise.org, your gift to these young women gets doubled by One Day's Wages. A gift of \$50 changes the lives of 4 women. Give for #4justgirls today. Remember, you can always put money for things like this in the offering plate with a note as to where you want it to go.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Randolph Christian School has extra pie shells available for purchase. The shells are packaged in three's so they will be sold for \$4 and can be purchased by contacting an RCS family or through the RCS office Monday - Friday 8 AM to 4 PM.

Thursday, November 28, 8:00 AM: Come out and join our 5K Turkey Trot! What a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day and enjoy a little exercise with friends and family. Register in advance (or the day of the event) at RCS or follow the link online from <https://www.randolphchristian.org/turkeytrot>. The 5K begins and ends at Randolph Christian School.

A special invitation is extended to singles, couples and/or families who are alone or unable to prepare the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner. Pella's 30th annual Thanksgiving Day meal will be served at 12 noon on Thursday, Nov. 28, in the church fellowship hall. Please phone a reservation in to Jan Harmsen (920-642-3732) or Lora Huizenga (324-3321 ext. 101) by Friday, Nov. 15, so they know how much food to prepare. Persons needing transportation in Waupun may also indicate this. There is no charge for attending, just bring a hearty appetite.

Calendar

Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	5:00 PM	Bible Study @ Scott & Jen
	6:30 PM	African Children's Choir Concert
Monday:	6:30 PM	Congregational Meeting
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study @ Church
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	10:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Mike V.
	6:30 PM	SWAT at Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Saturday	6:00 PM	"The End of Me" Bible Study at Church
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Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Cassidy Ritzema

Kolten Buwalda

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Dan Montsma

Eric Schaver

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Family

Nursery

Jon & Jenna Mulder

Miranda Vander Berg

Offering: Local Budget

November Cause: Food Pantry

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Ushers

Thomas Venhuizen

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Will Bronkhorst

Video Projection

Katie De Jager

Group	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	Gary De Jager (2021)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Tom Jonker (2020)	Randall Greenfield (2020)
7	Steve Homan (2020)	
8	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Flowers: The Next Generation



And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:12)

The reproductive cycle of a flowering plant is so easy to understand, and yet exists in so many varieties. The main process for such plant reproduction is pollination.

The male organs of the flower, or anthers, produce pollen cells, or grains. These have to find their way to the female stamen, and thence into the ovary, which contains the ovule cells. Generally speaking, pollen does not pollinate the ovules in its own flower. So the plant has to have a strategy to get pollen from one flower to the ovary of another flower of the same species. To do this, it employs go-between pollinators.

Have you ever thought why flower petals are so pretty? It is because most plants are attempting to attract insects to act as pollinators. But the insect has to need something that the flower provides. So many flowers produce nectar – a sweet liquid that is desirable for many insects, especially bees and butterflies. Visiting insects will brush pollen off the anthers, and, if they already have pollen from another flower, they might brush that pollen on to the flower's stamen. But how do insects know the nectar is there? By the bright petals the flower produces!

But these features could not evolve by chance. Brightly colored petals deprive a plant of energy. What would be the advantage of that if there were no pollinators? As we think about pollination – especially that of the more unusual plants – we realize that this is a process designed by God.

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Worship Notes