

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 back-sanctuary rack.

You can 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 to Worship

Call to Worship from Hebrews 4

Leader: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God,

People: let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

People: Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

*Songs- "How Majestic is Your Name"
"Jesus, Your Name"
"Shout to the North"

We Reflect on God's Love

Prayer

Song- "The Power of Your Love"

(Children are Dismissed for Walk Out Worship)

We Receive God's Words

*Scripture: Hebrews 4:1-4

Sermon: "God Has Spoken"

We Respond in Thankfulness

*Song- "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

Offering: Local Budget & Voice of the Martyrs

Update on Wisconsin Inmate Education Program from Robin Knoll

We Depart to Serve

*Song- "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

7:00 PM Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Lois Groenewold

Helpers: Neil Venhuizen
Ethan Schulz

Elder/Diacon Greeters

Don Pausma

Jon Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

Keven, Andrea, Kolten,
Morgan & Kase Buwalda

Nursery

Brad & Rhonda Schouten

Zach Vander Werff

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Ushers

Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

Tyler Ten Pass

Zach Vander Werff

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters

Pete M. to Daryl Pfantz

Jason M. to Neen+

Ben M. to Chaplain Peter

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

Worship Notes

This morning we welcome Al Venhuizen as he leads us in worship. And **this evening** we will worship at Bethel CRC.

Wednesday evening we welcome Jeremy Lueck as he leads us in worship for Thanksgiving Eve.

Next Sunday morning we welcome Chaplain Pat Hennen as we witness the baptism of Everett Michael Homan.

Next Sunday evening we welcome Eric Lammers as he leads us in worship at **First CRC**.

Upcoming Special Service

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| 11/18/2018 | 7:00 PM | Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC |
| 11/21/2018 | 7:00 PM | Thanksgiving Eve Service |
| 11/25/2018 | 9:30 AM | Baptism of Everett Homan |
| 12/2/2018 | 7:00 PM | Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC |
| 12/9/2018 | 7:00 PM | Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC |

Council Note

Last week several of the council members had an opportunity to meet face to face with Rev. Roosma who is a STM (Specialized Transitional Minister). It was a good meeting and the council is considering its options as we take the next step in moving forward as a congregation.

Deacons Report

November Cause: Waupun Food Pantry

Thanksgiving offering envelopes are out in the narthex for you to pick up.

Last Weeks Offering

| | |
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| Local Budget | \$6,165.00 |
| Waupun Food Pantry | \$ 0.00 |

Our Family

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The new listing of Elders and Deacons per Care Group are listed at the bottom of the bulletin. If you would like the Prayer Chain, please contact Gladys @ 920-210-5329.

Birthdays

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| | <u>November</u> |
| Joe Durant | 19 |
| Aubryn DeJager | 23 |
| Dick Heeringa | 24 |

November

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| Cody Van Herwaarden | 22 |
| Zach Vander Werff | 23 |

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

- Please keep Noah, Mackenzie, Hazel & the rest of their families in your prayers as genetic testing this past week showed that Hazel has Trisomy 13. Her sugar levels are staying more level, pray that keeps improving and stays stable. There is no surgery scheduled for this week.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he prepares to go in and have heart stents placed on Monday.
- Faith Miedema as she continues to heal.
- Jeanette Tjepkema as she recovers from a fall and broken foot.
- Carlie Jansen as she continues her recovery.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder, pray that treatments continue to be successful.
- Eden Homan as she recovers from surgery.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson continue to pray for healing.
- Morris & Bea as Morris continues with treatments.

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

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

There will be no office hours next week Thursday. Please have all announcements in by Tuesday noon. Thank you

Church News

If your group is planning to use the church for any event, please make sure that you have reserved it through the church secretary in advance. Thank you.

Wheelchair: By chance does anyone know what happened to the church's brown wheelchair after the remodel project? We have recently had another reminder of the need for a wheelchair at church and would like to see if anyone remembers what happened to it. Please contact Dave.

We need volunteers for transportation. Due to health issues, etc. we need to replenish this list, so won't you prayerfully consider helping? Please let Gladys know if you are available to be put on the list.

Next Sunday, November 25 there will be **no Sunday School or Catechism Classes.**

OH4F ((Open Hands 4 the Fatherless) would like to invite you join us for an evening of dessert and fellowship on Tuesday, December 4 @ 6:30 PM in the Crusader Centre at CWC. We want to thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing with you what has been happening at the Christian School in Myan, Haiti.

We are blessed to have the **Dordt College Concert Choir in Waupun on Wednesday, January 9.** However, we have been asked to provide housing for 26 pairs of college students. Would you be willing to help? The responsibilities include providing lodging, breakfast on January 10, and transportation after their concert on January 9 and back to town the next morning. Please contact Bonnie Vander Berg at 920.763.5559, 324.0801, or mbvanderberg@gmail.com if you are willing to have students. If you have a preference for men or women, please let me know! Thanks!!

Women's Bible study will start Monday, January 7. The study this year will be on Elijah by Melissa Spoelstra. There will be an introductory meeting scheduled sometime in December. A sign-up sheet is available on the information center in the basement. We look forward to having you join us!

Looking for Volunteers to be **Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army** on Friday, **December 14 from 10 AM – 6 PM.** Please contact Arky Navis at 920-210-3016 if you can help.

Begin 2019 by joining in our church-wide Bible Study, God's Grace is Greater. This study focuses on how God's grace is greater than our setbacks and our failures, and there is no sin or bitterness too deep for God and his plan to overcome your past, redeem your present, and re-write the story for the future. Sign-ups will begin soon - if you are willing to lead, contact Gregg Zonnefeld or a member of the Education Team.

Community Happenings

Still looking for an opportunity to give to those in need on Giving Tuesday? Then please consider a donation to REACH Waupun! Donations received in support of REACH will continue our work in the community through the REACH One Mentor program, Mission Backpack, Family Nights, and REACH Relief. As our way of saying thank you for your continued support of REACH, we invite you to join us for a free community luncheon on Tuesday, November 27 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Werner Harmsen event center (201 E. Jefferson St.). Donations on Giving Tuesday can be made online at www.reachwaupun.org/donate or at the luncheon. Help REACH make a difference for families in the Waupun community with your gifts!

Brandon Community Blood Drive Tuesday, November 20, 2018 1:00-6:00 at Bethel Reformed Church, 305 W Main St, Brandon

RCS is accepting applications for a part-time bookkeeper opening. Responsible for both accounts payable and receivable along with bank

account management, reconciliation tasks, and financial statement preparation. Job description and more details available by calling the school office at 920-326-3320, emailing office@randolphchristian.org or visiting the bottom of the About section at RandolphChristian.org.

An Invitation for Thanksgiving Day Dinner from Pella Lutheran Church

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 29th annual Thanksgiving Day meal will be served at 12 noon on Thursday, November 22nd in the church fellowship hall. Please phone a reservation in to Jan Harmsen (920-642-3732) or Lora Huizenga (324-3321 ext. 10) by Friday, November 16th in order for the proper amount of food to be prepared. Persons needing transportation in Waupun may also indicate this. There is no charge for attending, just bring a hearty appetite.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1st CRC
 10:45 AM Sunday School & Catechism
 7:00 PM PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Monday: 6:00 PM First Place 4 Health @ 1st CRC

Tuesday: 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting @ 1st CRC
 9:00 AM First Place 4 Health @ 1st CRC

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 1st CRC

Next Sunday: 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1st CRC
 6:00 PM PM Worship Service @ 1st CRC

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Elder</u> | <u>Deacon</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Don Pausma | Jon Mulder |
| 2 | Merle Schouten | Joe Bresser |
| 3 | Bob Mulder | |
| 4 | Gary DeJager | Eric Homan |
| 5 | Norm Buwalda | Ben Mulder |
| 6 | Tom Jonker | Randall Greenfield |
| 7 | Steve Homan | |
| 8 | Kevin Buwalda | Andy Schlieve |

Wednesday Eve

Accompanist
 Brenda Hofman

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

Sound

Joe Bresser

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

Leader: Pat Jonker

Helpers: Zach Vander Werff

Cody Van Herwaarden

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan

Bob Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters

Norm & Angela Buwalda

Musical Praise

Ben Homan

Nursery

Keith & Laura Venhuizen

Emily Mulder

Offering: Local Budget

November Cause: Waupun Food

Pantry

Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Ushers

Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

Tyler Ten Pass

Zach Vander Werff

Video Projection

Katie DeJager

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Trouble at Babel



And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth; – Genesis 11:4

For many people studying the early chapters of Genesis, the account of Babel is a troubling interlude. We like to concentrate on the Creation Week, and then the Flood, and then let's get on to talking about Abraham. But before we get to Abraham, we have this troubling account of what all these people who were the descendants of Noah and his family were doing at Babel.

God had given a very clear and brief command to Noah and his family before making a covenant with them. He said, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (Genesis 9:1). It is in that context that we need to consider the words of the people at Babel. "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." (Genesis 11:4)

It is not that there is necessarily anything wrong with building a city. But there were a number of things wrong with their plans for this city. The city was to be designed to prevent themselves from being dispersed over the face of the whole earth. This was clearly in direct contradiction to God's command to them. In view of this rebellious attitude, we also see that there was something wrong with their desire to build a city and a tower "with its top in the heavens". An attempt to get to heaven by our own effort, without reference to God, is clearly an act of rebellion and led to the disaster which God brought on them.

Ref: Hodge, B. (2013), Tower of Babel, (Master Books). Image: Bruegel's Tower of Babel, Public Domain.

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