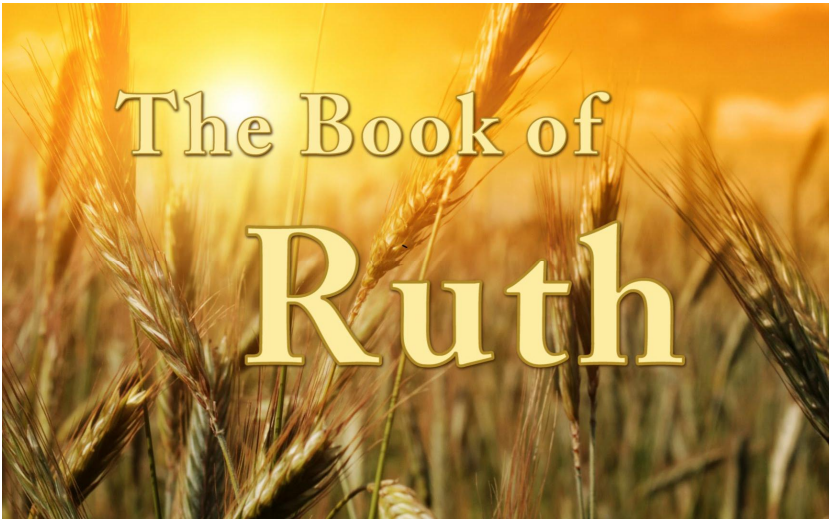


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Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



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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)

WEEK 3: JOY

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***Joyful Song of Worship:**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You – R271

Advent Candle Lighting: Joy

Advent Prayer

**God, Who Sent Us Jesus Christ, the
Source of all Joy, Greets Us**

Song of Praise: Good Christian men Rejoice
– R273

Confession and Assurance

Song of Gratitude: Joy to the World – R270

Offering: Local Budget

Prayer of the People and for Illumination

***Scripture:** Ruth 3

Sermon: Good News of Great Joy

***Song of Response:** Go Tell It on the
Mountain – R258

***Responsive Litany**

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people
of Zion,

**For great is the Holy One of Israel
among you.**

***Song of Our Great News:** How Great Our
Joy – R269

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Doxology:** Worthy, You are Worthy – R260 vs 1

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Jessica Ten Pass

Helpers: Zach Vander Werff
Marissa Jansma

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Don Pausma

Jon Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Al & LeAnne Holden

Greeters

Tom, Pat & Elizabeth Jonker

Nursery

Eric & Stacy Schaver

Reagan Aylesworth

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Missionary Letters

Phil H. to Daryl Pfantz

Phyllis H. to Neen

Ray H. 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 Toni Hofman

Prayers of the People led by Gregg Zonnefeld

We Study God's Word: John 10:22-30 ~ Lord' Day 21

***Song of Response:** The Family of God – R419

***Affirmation of our Faith:** HC Q&A 54 & 55

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** Glory Be to the Father – G635

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Next Sunday morning our Sunday School classes will share the Christmas story with us. Come and hear the "Old Star" tell us the good news of Jesus' birth and find joy in the children singing about this miraculous event. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

Verse of the Week: But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

This week be in prayer for:

- Those who are living in broken homes
- Families who will not be able to celebrate Christmas together
- Those who are battling fire in California
- Classis Wisconsin

Give thanks to God for:

- The Holy Spirit living in us
- Physical and spiritual protection
- His joy

Upcoming Special Service

December 17	9:30 AM	Children's Christmas Program
December 24	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
December 31	6:00 PM	New Years Eve Service @ Bethel CRC

Deacons Report

ACH (automatic checking account withdrawal) is now available for your church giving! You will now be able to setup regular, recurring gifts to any fund that our church currently has setup. This includes the General Fund, Classical Fund, and Denominational Fund as well as special offering funds/causes as well. You can also make one-time donations to specific causes at your convenience. In order to get setup please send Jon Venhuizen an email at jvnhzn@gmail.com and request welcome/setup instructions. If you have any questions please ask a deacon.

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!

December cause: Bethany Christian Services—to support their various services such as orphan care, pregnancy counseling, adoption support, and foster care. Log onto www.bethany.org or call 1-800-BETHANY for more information.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$10,150.00
Bethany Christian Services	\$ 20.00

Our Family

The poinsettias in front of church are in memory and honor of Rev. Norman Haan, Mary Homan, Jerry Pausma, Wiebe Buwalda, Norm Vande Streek, Gary Hofman, Harry Homan, Joan Montsma, Chad Jansma, Travis Groenewold, Alice Redeker, Herman & Minnie Tobak.

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



- Danielle Jansma as she recovers from foot surgery. Pray for patience and a quick recovery.
- John, Ken & Gardie Ten Pas' grandson will be having open heart surgery with dual pacemaker on the 20th of December. Kyle and Gina ask for your prayer support. They anticipate 4 to 5 days hospitalization.
- Cara Aylesworth as she 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.

- Leann Johnson as she continues to undergo treatments.
- Brandon Kitchner as he recovers from surgery on his foot. Pray for quick healing and patience.
- Dave Mulder, cousin of Sue Buwalda, whose cancer treatments have not been successful, Dave along with his family have decided to have hospice come in to keep him comfortable in the time he has left. Please pray for continued peace and comfort in the time he has left in this life.

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
- Lee Heideman

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

Church News

Christian Fellowship will visit Wilma this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Please bring a snack along. If you are interested in **carpooling, meet at church by 2:40 p.m.**

Sunday School Parents of Preschool - Fifth Graders- Sunday School will go to 11:45 today due to practicing for the Christmas Program. Thanks!
Sunday School Parents of Preschool-Fifth Graders: The Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, December 13th from 3:15-5:30. A snack will be provided when kids arrive. If any parents are able to stay and help the kids get into their costumes, it would be greatly appreciated.

SWAT will be having their Christmas Party Wednesday, December 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at First CRC. We will have a special meal and games! **Please bring a \$5 (or less) wrapped gift for a gift exchange.** Any questions, please talk to a SWAT leader.

Sunday School and Catechism offering this year will be going to help Ben & Alyssa Homan with medical expenses for Eden.

Care Committee is looking for meals for Cara Aylesworth you can sign up on the following link: <https://mealtrain.com/gq1133> . And for **Brian and Laura Ten Pass** at <https://mealtrain.com/e7vlqe> . Baked goods (bars, cookies, etc.) would also be appreciated by Brian and Laura. Please bring

to the church kitchen on Sunday, December 17. **Any questions please call Gardie Ten Pas (324-3315) or Jan De Vries (324-4678). Thank you!**

Our middle school and high school students continue our celebration on Thursday December 14. Once again, the Crusader Centre will be filled with the songs of Christmas. Groups featured are the middle school band, middle school choir, high school band, Jr. choir, Sr. Choir, and the New Generation Singers. Preconcert music will begin at 6:15 hosted by the New Gs. The concert will begin at 6:30. An offering will be taken for the music department. We hope to purchase a new keyboard very soon! Please join us at CWC as we celebrate the birth of our King!

Individuals, couples and families who have no plans for Christmas are invited to join us for a family-style dinner served at 12 noon on Christmas day at the Wesley Center, Forest Street, Waupun. There is no charge. For reservations please call Donna at 920-318-2744 or Leanne at 920-928-3310.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
Monday:	6:00 PM	1 st Place 4 Health
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	1 st Place for Health
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	11:45 AM	Mens Bible Study
	2:30 PM	Mary Martha @ Prairie Ridge
	6:30 PM	SWaT Christmas Party @ 1 st CRC
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Christmas Party @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service (Christmas Program)
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan

Bob Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

Byron & Kathy Kamphuis

Musical Praise

Ben Homan

Nursery

Kim Venhuizen

Emily Mulder

Josh Schouten

Offering: Local Budget

December Cause: Bethany
Christian Service

Prayer

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<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Don Pausma	Jon Venhuizen
2	Merle Schouten	Joe Bresser
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Scott Ritzema	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Tom Jonker	Randall Greenfield
7	Steve Homan	
8	Al Venhuizen	Brian O'Donovan

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Looking for Life in All the Wrong Places



And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. – Jeremiah 29:13

Several years ago I read a short story about three friends sitting around a campfire discussing whether life on other planets would ever be found. Two of them believe there is life on other planets, but one disagrees. He insists that God created life on their planet alone. As the conversation continues, one of them sees that the fire is dying out, so he stirs the smoldering embers with a stick he is holding in his third green tentacle!

Yes, I enjoy science-fiction stories! But as a creationist and Bible-believing Christian, I have my feet planted solidly on God's Word. Since the Bible does not teach that extraterrestrial life exists, neither do I.

Nevertheless, NASA recently announced they will be launching new space telescopes to look for planets capable of supporting life. According to ScienceNews, the first to be launched is NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite, or TESS. The second is the James Webb Space Telescope.

"With their powers combined," ScienceNews said, "TESS and James Webb could identify nearby planets that are good candidates for life. These worlds will probably be quite different from Earth – they'll be a bit larger and orbit faint, red suns – but some researchers hope that a few will offer hints of alien biology."

Creation Moments predicts they won't find what they are looking for. If scientists would only turn to searching for the Creator of life, they would find Him!

Ref: Christopher Crockett, "New telescopes will search for signs of life on distant planets," ScienceNews, 4/19/16. "The Campfire," short story by Steve Schwartz. Image: Artist's conception of NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite. Courtesy of NASA. (PD)

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