

*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](http://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](http://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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

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

**3rd Sunday of Advent – LOVE**

**PRELUDE:** Band

**Greeting/Call to Worship**

**Advent Candle and Song**

**Scripture/Sermon** – “God’s Gift”

**Offering** – “Noel” by Aubryn De Jager

**\*Song:** Angels We Have Heard on High #278

**Pre-school:** “LOVE/WELCOME”

**Songs:** “Christmas is a Time to Love”

“Glory to God in the Highest”

**JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS**

**Song:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (1<sup>st</sup> vs  
only with Congregation) #250

**Song:** “Oh, Shepherds, Wake Up”

**Song:** “Glory to God or Glory to God in the  
Highest”

**Song:** “Away in the Manger”

**Song:** “Silent Night”

**Song:** “Jesus is His Name”

**Song:** “Go tell it on the Mountain”

**Songs:** “Rejoice”

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

**Closing Remarks**

**Benediction**

**\*Song:** Joy to the World (accompanied by the Band) #270

**Postlude:** Band

**Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Tom Jonker

Randall Greenfield

**Fellowship Coffee**

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

**Greeters**

Bruce & Hollie Ganz

**Nursery**

Ben & Alyssa Homan

Mikayla Zonnefeld

**Sound System**

Joe Bresser

**Ushers**

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Thomas Venhuizen

**Video Projection**

Lois Mulder

**Missionary Letters**

Brian O. to Daryl Pfantz

Shirley O. to Neen

Dewey P. to Chaplain Peter+

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

**7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC**

**Worship Notes**

**This morning** we welcome Scott Ritzema as he leads us in worship and we have the pleasure of witnessing our children present their program.

**This evening** we worship @ Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM.

**Next Sunday morning** we welcome Chuck Adams as he leads us in worship. **Next Sunday evening** we join with Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM for a combined worship service @ Bethel CRC.

**Notice from Council:** From now on all of the doors will be locked 15 minutes after the start of service if you are late go to the doors under the carport and someone will let you in. They will stay locked even during Sunday School and Catechism. Thank you

**Upcoming Special Service**

12/16/2018	9:30 AM	Childrens Christmas Program
12/16/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
12/23/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
12/25/2018	9:30 AM	Christmas Morning Service
12/30/2018	9:30 AM	Old Year's Service

**Deacons Report**

**December Cause: Faith Promise** - to support missionaries and mission organizations as designated by our church Council. This fund currently supports Brother Bob's Outreach, Daryl and Mary Pfantz (Wycliffe Bible Translators), Scott Ritzema (Youth for Christ), The Union, Local Deacon Outreach, Waupun Area Cadets, Waupun GEMS, OH4F (Open Hands for the Fatherless) and Pastor K.

**Last Weeks Offering**

Local Budget	\$9,875.00
Faith Promise	\$ 335.00

**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.**

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>December</u>		<u>December</u>
Lorna O'Donovan	20	Gloria Rens	21
Ryer Greenfield	21		

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>December</u>
Dick & Barb Heeringa	18

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

- Continue to keep Noah& Mackenzie in prayer.
- 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, as Travis has had some problems the past few weeks and continue to pray that treatments be successful.
- Eden Homan as she continues to recover 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.

**We would like to thank you all** for your prayers for Hazel and for our family. We are so grateful and humbled to be a part of a church family like this that lifts us up and comes alongside us in our sorrow as well as our rejoicing. Please be encouraged by the fact God used our congregation to answer our own prayers for strength & comfort. Thank you. **Love, Noah, Mackenzie and Silas Mulder.**

**New Phone #** for Janet Ver Hage is 920-960-0053. Please update in your directories. Thank you.

**Roosma's will be arriving on January 15. We will need to supply some furnishings for the parsonage.** Please see the list on the table in the narthex and consider donating or borrowing items that are needed. Thank you from the Council

**REMINDER: Christian Fellowship** will be going to visit Wilma this afternoon. Be there by 3:00 p.m. and please bring a snack to share.

As we near the time of celebrating the birth of Christ and entering a New Year, Wanda and I would like to wish everyone at Waupun CRC a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We are grateful for your faithful support of our work with Leadership Resources International. God continues to bless this work. Our vision is to see the Word of God flow mightily through every pastor and every church to every community in SE Asia. And we

thank you for your part in that vision. And we thank God for making this vision a little closer to reality. In Christ, **Pastor Ken and Wanda Van De Griend**

**Church Hours for the next few weeks:** There will not be regular church hours from now until after January 1. Please have your announcements in for the bulletin by 9AM on Thursday as usual. 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.

There will be no Sunday School December 23 or 30.

There will be a profession of faith class beginning in January. Please contact Scott Ritzema or Al Venhuizen if you are interested or would like more information. A starting date will be determined once all the participants are known.

Come to the Pizza Ranch tomorrow night (Dec 17) for supper and put the CWC 8th grade class to work. They are raising money to help 2 students (children of missionaries) have a better opportunity for learning in Mozambique! They will begin school in February and we are working to secure funds for their school year. We'd love to see you there!

After the first of the year, we will once again start up a **Mens Bible study** for the men of our church. We plan to meet every other week on either Monday evening or Wednesday evening (or both if we have enough demand). If you are interested in being a part of this study, talk to Steve Smits or Al Holden so they can add you to the list. Also, be sure to let them know if Monday and/or Wednesday nights work for you.

**Hoops For Hope Jan 3:** Because cancer has touched many lives, we invite you to partner and be involved in this annual event. On Thursday, January 3. Basketball teams and fans from Cambria/Friesland and CWC will join forces for Hoops for Hope: A Night for Cancer at Central Wisconsin Christian. This year's event will raise funds in support two local families currently battling cancer: Jim Koopmans (CF) and Travis Mulder (CWC). For donations, t-shirt orders, and memorials go to [www.centralwisconsinchristian.org/hoopsforhope.cfm](http://www.centralwisconsinchristian.org/hoopsforhope.cfm) or call school @ 324-4233.

**HS Preview Day:** Prospective high school students interested in learning more about the top-notch, biblically-based program at Central Wisconsin Christian are invited to join the High School Preview Day on Friday, January 4th. Students will experience a day as a CWC student by visiting classes, chapel, interactive presentations, and more. To find out more information

and to RSVP, call the Advancement Office at 920.318.1349, and don't miss out!! Invite your friends!

**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**

Kiwanis will host a **Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, December 27, 2018 from 11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.** at Edgewood Community Church located at 201 Edgewood Dr, Waupun, WI. Please come and roll up your sleeve and make a difference in someone's life.

### **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](mailto:office@randolphchristian.org) or visiting the bottom of the About section at [RandolphChristian.org](http://RandolphChristian.org).

Your help is needed! Randolph Christian School is looking for someone who is willing to serve the school and the community as our **Scrip Coordinator**. This is a very important volunteer position that helps families meet the costs of Christian education. It makes nearly a \$50,000 difference annually and we need someone who will spend one morning a week to coordinate the purchasing and tracking of Scrip gift cards. Please contact the school office at 920-326-3320 for more details. We would like to be able to do some training during the month of December.

**Let's Celebrate Christmas Together!** – Join us at Alto Reformed Church (N3697 Cty Rd EE, Waupun) for supper on December 24<sup>th</sup> any time between 5-6:30pm between our 4pm and 7pm Christmas Eve services. The meal is provided...no need to bring anything. No need to sign-up. Transportation provided if needed. Any questions? Please call Peg Bresser 382-9648 or Gloria Mulder 346-5343.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus in a special way. You are invited to join us for a delicious homemade dinner at 12 noon on December 25<sup>th</sup> at the Wesley Center on Forest Street. Please make reservations by calling 920-318-2744 or 920-928-3310. Transportation is available in the Waupun area. There is no charge for the dinner.

**Calendar**

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

**Tuesday:** 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting @ 1<sup>st</sup> CRC

**Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC  
 5:30 PM Cadets Christmas Party @ CWC Crusader Centre

**Next Sunday:** 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1<sup>st</sup> CRC  
 7:00 PM PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel 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

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Kim Greenfield

**Helpers:** Miranda Vander Berg  
Cassidy Ritzema

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Merle Schouten  
Joe Bresser

**Fellowship Coffee**

Steve & Heidi Smits

**Greeters**

Glen & Sandy Greenfield

**Nursery**

Sue Buwalda  
Annie Lemmenes  
Reegan Aylesworth

**Offering:** Local Budget

**December Cause:** Faith Promise

**Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

**Ushers**

Will Bronkhorst  
Ray Hofman  
Al Holden  
Thomas Venhuizen

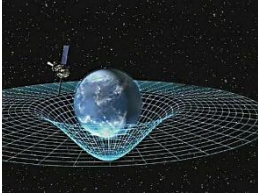
**Video Projection**

Beth Schlieve

# CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth  
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

## Scientific Proof



O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called. – 1 Timothy 6:20

During a radio interview on the BBC, Richard Dawkins once said, "The view that all living organisms have a common ancestor, from which they have evolved, is the correct one." Statements like these often intimidate the layman into thinking that certain ideas in science, such as evolution, must have been proven beyond all reasonable doubt.

Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. Even serious articles and books written from an evolutionary standpoint have to acknowledge the nature of their theories. Evolutionists like to criticize less experienced creationists if the latter say something like, "But evolution is only a theory." They will wax lyrical on how a scientific theory is something designed to fit all the available facts and evidences. Yet, evolutionary theory fails to do that. It is indeed true that a theory cannot be proved. It can, of course, be disproved. While large amounts of evidence can be accumulated to support a theory, the theory fails if just one piece of evidence is found which contradicts the theory.

There are innumerable pieces of evidence which do not fit into an evolutionary framework. Therefore, the theory ought to fall, but it doesn't. The reason why it is difficult to overturn people's belief in the theory of evolution is that so many people have invested heavily in it.

Those of us who believe the Bible note that scientific principles are consistent with our belief because this is a firm foundation on which to build.

Ref: Science Proof Is a Myth,  
<<https://www.forbes.com/sites/startswithabang/2017/11/22/scientific-proof-is-a-myth/#32ea48f42fb1>>, accessed 12/19/2017. Image: Public Domain.

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