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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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL
NEW STAR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Prelude

Songs: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - R245
O Come, All Ye Faithful - R249 (Offering will be collected during the singing)

New Star Christmas Program- Acting as Narrators, an Old Star tells a younger New Star all about the First Christmas. Eventually it is revealed that Old Star was actually the original Christmas Star. Along with New Star, we learn that Jesus Christ is the true reason we celebrate Christmas.

Welcome Song and Greeting from the Preschoolers and Kindergarteners:

Teachers: Jen Ritzema and Lois Groenewold
Jonah Mulder, Elsa Homan, Eli Van Hill, Sutton Van Hill, Jaina Venhuizen, Morgan Buwalda, Levi Holbach, Heidi Schaver and Ryker Venhuizen

Second and Third Graders:

Teachers: Carlie and Tyler Jansen
Shepherds and Kings- Kolten Buwalda, Corbin Groenewold and Jake Van Herwaarden

Scribe- Jayden Jansma

Angels- Tirzah Ritzema, Shelby Fry, Jenna Schouten and Olivia Vander Werff

Mary- Charlotte Buteyn

Fourth and Fifth Graders:

Teacher: Shelly Bronkhorst

Elizabeth- Makenna Morgan

Joseph- Ethan Schulz

Gabriel- Jaxon Buteyn

****New Star-** Parker Van Hill**

****Old Star-** Ryker Greenfield**

***Song:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You - R271

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan

Bob Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

Byron & Kathy Kamphuis

Nursery

Kim Venhuizen

Emily Mulder

Josh Schouten

Sound System

Eric Homan

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Missionary Letters

Al H. to Daryl Pfantz+

Ben H. to Neen

Eric 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 Ben Homan

Prayers of the People led by Ken Homan

We Study God's Word: 1 Corinthians 15:20-56 ~ Lord's Day 22

***Song of Response:** Because He Lives -R358

***Affirmation of our Faith:** HC Q&A 57

Q. How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

A. **Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious* body.**

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** I Stand in Awe - R80

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Next Sunday morning we celebrate God's immense love in the gift of Jesus Christ by looking at Boaz's love for Ruth. Just as Boaz rescues the one he loves so Christ came to do the same. Neither Boaz nor God had to do this. Instead they acted out of love. Seeing brokenness and suffering they chose to step in and act on behalf of those they loved.

Next Sunday evening we will celebrate Christmas together, being challenged to see the story as more than just a story. It is a real event or a real God come down to a real place to save real people like you and I. So, join us for a time of singing, celebrating, and remembering our real Savior.

Bethel CRC invites anyone that is interested to join them on Christmas morning for their worship service.

Verse of the Week: When they saw the star they were overjoyed.
Matthew 2:10

This week be in prayer for:

- Families who will be separated during the holidays
- Those who do not know the true meaning of Christmas
- Those who are in places where they are not allowed to celebrate the coming of our Savior

Give thanks to God for:

- Jesus Christ
- Mary and Joseph who accepted a great responsibility
- hope, peace, joy, and love

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

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$133,980.22	\$133,730.00	\$250.22
Denominational	\$9,515.00	\$28,170.00	-\$18,655.00
Classical	\$4,690.00	\$8,377.00	-\$3,687.00

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

The 2018 Task Card was discussed and will be going in mailboxes. If you have questions please contact the deacons.

A Capital/Building Improvement Fund update is upcoming. Look for an update and a personalized pledge/giving report in your box. If you have questions about the report contact Eric Homan.

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!

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	\$4,412.00
Bethany Christian Services	\$ 0

Our Family

Birthdays December

Lorna O'Donovan	20
Gloria Rens	21
Ryer Greenfield	21

Anniversaries December

Dick & Barb Heeringa 18

Thank you to Annie Lemmenes, Pete Vander Werff, Mackenzie Mulder, Amanda Buteyn & Katie DeJager for putting together the Christmas Program.

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:



- Brian Van Herwaarden's dad, Al as he has heart surgery on December 19.
- 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

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!**

Building & Grounds meeting Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:30pm at church.

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 (Christmas Program)
	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
	6:30 PM	Cadets Christmas Party @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Kim Greenfield

Helpers: Cody Van Herwaarden
Cassidy Ritzema

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Scott Ritzema
Eric Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters

Charlie, Lori & Brandon Kitchner

Musical Praise

Elaine Homan

Nursery

Keith & Laura Venhuizen
Miranda Vander Berg

Offering: Local Budget

December Cause: Bethany
Christian Service

Prayer

Merle Schouten

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)
Arky Navis (324-2859)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

<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

Unbelievable Migrations



For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. – Mark 13:34

If you have ever traveled to a distant city on vacation, you know how much planning you have to do before you leave. And, of course, you need to know where you are going and the route you must follow to get there. But the creatures we'll be talking about today know exactly how to get where they are going. In fact, they were born with an internal GPS system to show them the way.

In his book, *Billions of Missing Links*, Dr. Geoffrey Simmons devotes an entire chapter to the topic of migration. He begins by telling how baby loggerhead turtles migrate 8,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean. But that's a short trip compared to the staggering 25,000 miles that arctic terns fly each year. That's like flying completely around the Earth at the equator!

As Dr. Simmons points out, "Every species seems to know how to prepare for the arduous trip far in advance, but no one knows how they acquire the capability." After describing all the preparations migrating birds must take care of, he writes: "One would think all these preparations had to have come as a whole package. There is way too much purposeful change for random mutations."

How true! And even though Dr. Simmons is not a creationist, we have come to the exact same conclusion – namely, that animal migrations could not have come about slowly by trial and error, as Darwinian theory would have us believe.

Ref: Geoffrey Simmons, M.D., *Billions of Missing Links*, pp. 165-169 (Harvest House Publishers, 2007). Photo: Arctic tern. Courtesy of Malene Thyssen. (CC BY-SA 3.0)

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