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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)

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***Song of God's Promise of Love:**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - G568

Advent Candle Lighting: Love

Advent Prayer

**The God of Love Greet Us & We Greet
One Another**

Song of Praise: Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- R277

Confession and Assurance

Song of Praise: Lord, Be Glorified - R186

Offering: Local Budget

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:1-17

Sermon: We Need His Love

***Song of Response:** Love Has Come! -
R256

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing Song:** Christmas Doxology

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Kim Greenfield

Helpers: Cassidy Ritzema
Cody Van Herwaarden

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Scott Ritzema

Eric Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters

Charlie, Lori & Brandon

Kitchner

Nursery

Keith & Laura Venhuizen

Miranda Vander Berg

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

Missionary Letters

Ken H. to Daryl Pfantz

Pat H. to Neen+

Steve 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

Drama: A Walk One Winter Night

***Scripture:** Ruth 4:18-22; Matthew 1:6b-17

Message: The REAL Story

Prayer

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Songs: What Child is This? - R281
 How Great Our Joy! - R269

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

***Song:** Angels We Have Heard on High - R278

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11

Offering: Faith Promise

Video during offering: Little Drummer Boy by Pentatonix

Solo: "O Holy Night" by Norm Jansma

***Songs:** Silent Night! Holy Night! - R253
 Away in a Manger - R262

Postlude

Worship Notes

Tonight we will hold a special Christmas Eve service celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Tomorrow morning everyone is invited to join Bethel for their Christmas service.

Next week Sunday morning we will look at the last of solas by observing Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone). We are called people of THE book, not people of books because we believe that only the Bible contains God's Word for salvation. What does that mean for our view of this book? Come and hear about a challenge for the year.

Next Sunday evening Bethel will be holding our annual New Year's Eve service at 7:00pm.

This week in prayer give thanks for the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ. Pray that His hope, peace, love, and joy will shine in our lives.

Verses of the Week: But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Galatians 4:4-5

Upcoming Special Service

December 24	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	9:30 AM	Christmas Day Service @ Bethel CRC
December 31	7:00 PM	New Years Eve Service @ Bethel CRC

Deacons Report

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

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	\$4,055.15
Bethany Christian Services	\$ 250.00

Our Family

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>December</u>		<u>December</u>
Elizabeth Jonker	24	Carol Greenfield	26
Lucas Morgan	27	Corbin Groenewold	28
Harm Venhuizen	28	Keren Derksen	29
Dave Venhuizen	29	Brian Van Herwaarden	30

John's surgery went as planned. He is in a lot of pain, but that is to be expected. He hopes to be home by Christmas day. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated. If you want to follow along on his journey you can do so by following on Facebook at Iowa's Little Hearts or on the website iowaslittlehearts.com Thank you, Ken & Gardie Ten Pas

The poinsettias in front of church are in memory and honor of Rev. Norman Haan, Mary Homan, Jerry Pausma, Mary Landaal, 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 his surgery went well.
- Danielle Jansma as she recovers from foot surgery. Pray for patience and a quick recovery.
- John, Ken & Gardie Ten Pas' grandson. (see announcement above)
- 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 finishes up 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.

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

SAVE the DATE! Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018: Friends of CWC are hosting a spaghetti dinner to defray cancer treatment expenses for CWC choir teacher, Mrs. Ten Pass. Serving will be in the CWC commons from 4:30 – 7 pm before the scheduled basketball games. Take the evening off from cooking and come and join us!

Hoops For Hope Jan 4: Because cancer has touched many lives, we invite you to partner and be involved in this annual event. On Thursday, January 4. Basketball teams and fans from Cambria/Friesland and CWC will join forces for Hoops for Hope: A Night for Cancer at Cambria-Friesland HS. This year's event will raise funds in support two local families currently battling cancer: Liam Sanborn (CF) and Priscilla Buteyn (CWC).

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 12th. 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!

Calendar

Today:

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

Next Sunday:

9:30 AM AM Worship Service
7:00 PM PM Combined Worship Service @
Bethel CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Stacy Schaver

Helpers: Mikayla Zonnefeld
Elise Ritzema

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda
Ben Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Greeters

Luke, Annie, Corbin & Hadley
Lemmenes

Nursery

Ben & Alyssa Homan
Mikayla Zonnefeld

Offering: Local Budget
December Cause: Bethany
Christian Service

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Joe Bresser

Transportation

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Arky Navis (324-2859)

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Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden

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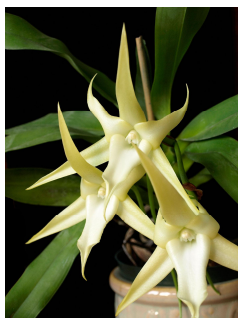
Lois Mulder

<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

Which Came First – the Orchid or the Moth?



The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. – Isaiah 40:7-8

The star orchid is an amazing flower that really shouldn't even exist. You see, its pollen is located at the bottom of a long and narrow spike – or spur – that extends behind the flower. That's also where the nectar is. So how long is that spur? The last part of the orchid's scientific name gives us the answer – a

whopping one and a half feet!

That these orchids even exist means there must be a pollinator that can reach into that long spur. And indeed there is. Meet the hawk moth. The proboscis – or tongue – of this moth is over ten inches long. By getting close enough to the orchid, the moth can reach the pollen with its long tongue.

When Charles Darwin received a specimen of the star orchid in 1862, he deduced that a pollinator with a tongue as long as the spur must exist. Though some thought he was crazy, the hawk moth was discovered forty-one years later. According to evolutionists, the hawk moth "proved Darwin's theory regarding co-evolution or how plants and pollinators can influence each other's evolution."

But we would ask these people, how could the orchid survive if it arrived on the scene long before the moth? And if the moth arrived first, why would it bother to evolve such a long tongue? No, there's a more reasonable answer. They arrived at about the same time, made for each other by their all-wise Creator.

Ref: Amy Grant, "Christmas Star Orchids: Tips For Growing Star Orchid Plants," Gardening Know How, 2/2/15. Photo: *Angraecum sesquipedale*, the star orchid. Courtesy of Scott Zona. Flickr. (CC BY NC 2.0)

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