

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)

**From Everlasting to Everlasting:
An Old Year's Day Service based on
Psalm 103**

Prelude

Praise the Lord, O My Soul

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1

*Opening song of praise: 10,000 Reasons

**God's Greeting*

**Greet each other*

Forget Not All His Benefits

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:2-5

L: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and
forget not all his benefits

**C: Who forgives all your sins and
heals all your diseases**

L: who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and
compassion

**C: who satisfies your desires with
good things so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's.**

Reflection: The Blessings of the Past Year
Roll Call of the Newborn, New Confessors,
and New Members

**He Does Not Treat Us as Our Sins
Deserve**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:8-12

L: The Lord is compassionate and
gracious, slow to anger, abounding in
love.

**C: He will not always accuse, nor
will he harbor his anger forever;**

L: he does not repay us as our sins
deserve or repay us as according to
our iniquities.

**C: For as high as the heavens are
above the earth, so great is his
love for those who fear him;**

L: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our
transgressions from us.

**Hymn of Praise:* Not What My Hands Have Done G 260

Accompanist

AM: Brenda Hofman

PM: Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Jessica Ten Pass

Helpers: Kaytlin Smits
Shirley Otto

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Kevin Buwalda

Andy Schlieve

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

Harold & Carol Greenfield

Nursery

Jon & Jenna Mulder

Josh Schouten

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Katie DeJager

Missionary Letters

Scott R. to Daryl Pfantz

Greg R. to Neen+

Ryan R. to Chaplain Peter

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

As for Us, Our Days Are Like Grass

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:13-16

L: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

C: for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

L: As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

C: but the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

Roll Call of those who have passed away

Congregational Prayer led by Merle Schouten

From Everlasting to Everlasting, God's Love Is with Us

Psalm 103:17

C: But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children.

**Hymn of Thanksgiving:* I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord G 169

His Love Is with Those Who Keep His Covenant

Psalm 103:18

The Lord Has Established His Throne in Heaven

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:19-22

L: The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

C: Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

L: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you servants who do his will.

C: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

ALL : Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Hymn of Praise: Before the Throne of God Above

Offering

*Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21, Revelations 2:1-5

Sermon: Oats or Sawdust

*Song of Response: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty G253

*God's Blessing

*Song of Parting – Benediction

Postlude

6:00 PM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Call to Worship

***God's Greeting**

Opening Songs led by Michelle Mulder

Prayers of the People led by Brian O'Donovan

We Study God's Word: Isaiah 55:1-9; Phil. 4:4-13; Matt. 5:38-42

"Contentment and the Second Mile"

***Song of Response:** "When Peace Like a River G489

***Affirmation of Faith:** Psalm 23

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise G319 vs 1-2

Postlude

Worship Notes

Today we welcome Paul Zoschke as he leads us in worship for both services.

Next Sunday we welcome Gregg Zonnefeld as he leads us in morning worship and prepares us for our Church wide Bible Study.

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

1/6/2019 No PM Worship Service

1/13/2019 No PM Worship Service

1/20/2019 We Welcome Rev. Harv Roosma

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	\$9,526.63
Faith Promise	\$2,039.25

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>Dec/Jan</u>		<u>Dec/Jan</u>
Brian Van Herwaarden	30	Lori Venhuizen	31
Jenni Morgan	1	Heidi Schaver	3

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

- Janet Ver Hage as she awaits answers to some health issues she has been having.
- Margaret Miedema as she continues to seek answers for the weakness and pain in her legs.
- Morris Te Grootenhuis as he has stopped chemo because it wasn't working. He is currently taking a treatment to build his immunity to slow the bad cells growth.
 - 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 they continue to deal with health issues.
 - Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
 - Leanne Johnson continue to pray for healing.

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 our church family for the love, support and prayers that were shown to us and our family, in the time of Hazels birth and now as we mourn her passing. **Bob and Michelle Mulder.** Mark 10 :14 he said to them" Let the little children come unto me.

The poinsettias in front of church are given in memory of Harry Homan, Mary Homan, Norm Vande Streek, Norman Haan, Wiebe Buwalda, Jerry Pausma, Mary Landaal, Jacob & Etta Venhuizen, Travis Groenewold & Alice Redeker. Thank you to the families for their donations.

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

Church Hours for January: Tuesday January 8 will be a normal Tuesday, but then I will be preparing and leaving for Haiti on January 17 so no regular hours the week of the 14th and 21st. Please have announcements in by 9 AM on Thursday as usual because there is someone else that will be doing the bulletin the next few weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you all how much I have enjoyed working with you and being the church secretary for the past 6+ years. It was a very difficult decision to make, but after much prayer and thought I have decided that it is time for the council to find someone else to take over the position as secretary. **Therefore, if you are interested in the position please contact Steve Homan** for an interview. If you have any questions regarding the position don't hesitate to ask. **Thank you, Gladys**

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 today. See you all back next Sunday!

Grace is a familiar word we have heard throughout our lives. What is this amazing gift we've received all about, and more importantly how do we live grace? **Next Sunday as we begin 2019 and our church-wide Bible study**, we will focus on how *Grace is Greater* and most deeply understood when it is lived and experienced.

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.

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 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!

The Dordt College Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, at First Christian Reformed Church (20 Bly Street in Waupun). The concert is part of a winter music tour with performances in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, gospel, classics from Mozart and Brahms, multi-cultural songs from around the globe, and profound works from exciting new composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

Calendar

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

Wednesday: 6:30 PM GEMS @ Bethel CRC
 6:30 PM Cadets @ the Union
 7:00 PM Youth Group @ the Union

Thursday: 6:45 PM Christian Fellowship @ 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

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

Leader: Makenzie Mulder

Helpers: Mikayla Zonnefeld
Neil Venhuizen

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Don Pausma

Jon Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Michael and Danielle Jansma

Greeters

Randall, Kim, Megan & Ryer
Greenfield

Nursery

Jen Ritzema

Marilyn Mulder

Miranda Vander Berg

Offering: Local Budget

January Cause: Pregnancy
Resource Center (Dodge Cty)

Sound System

Eric Homan

Ushers

Jesse Buteyn

Glen Greenfield

Brandon Kitchner

Arent Venhuizen

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Stones at Carnac



So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city; – Genesis 11:8

On the southern coast of the Breton peninsula in Northern France is a small rural town called Carnac. It is a pleasant enough seaside resort. The writer remembers enjoying a couple of days there with his family in 2010, at the end of a vacation touring campsites in the Vendée department of France. But while the town itself might be unremarkable, the same cannot be said for what you find in the fields outside the town. The sight will take your breath away. In full view of the main roads, you will discover mile after mile after mile of standing stones, arranged in neat rows, as if a huge marching army had been frozen in time.

There are three main alignments of stones, but one quickly realizes that the three were probably all joined together at one time. People in the Middle Ages did not have a concept of preserving ancient monuments, so stones were removed over the centuries for roads, farms and buildings. The lines of stones are not straight but curved. One end appears to align with the sun at Midsummer, and the other with the Midwinter sun. Some researchers have suggested other alignments with astronomical objects.

The secular age for the stones is 4050 BC. Creationists suspect that this monument was erected very soon after the Babel incident as refugees migrated through Europe. As with so many megaliths, the Carnac stones appear to be a variation on the well-established theme of imitating the attempt of the people at Babel to get themselves to heaven without God.

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