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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)

Sola Scriptura/Scripture alone

Prelude

Opening of Worship

Call to Worship

Blessed and Righteous God, your truths and grace are revealed to us as we search your Holy Word.

We come today to listen to the Word of the Lord.

Gracious God, you help us to know you through your Holy Word, which guides and blesses us.

We come today to worship the Lord our God.

Holy God, we gather to worship and praise you, to learn from your Word in fellowship with others.

We come today to praise the Lord our God. Amen.

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Greeting

Opening Response: Ancient Words"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Gracious God, your Word tells us that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Forgive us for the days we have failed to even open the Scriptures, trusting in our own wisdom instead.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Missionary Letters

Bruce H. to Daryl Pfantz

Dale J. to Neen

Tyler J. to Chaplain Peter+

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

Forgive us for the times we have read the Scriptures hastily, as if to check a completion box, and then immediately forgotten what we read.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us when we know exactly what the Word says, yet we choose to ignore it because it does not fit with our own thoughts or desires.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us when we have chosen to use the Word as a club to accuse others rather than as a light for our own pathway.

Lord, have mercy.

Write your Word on our hearts, Lord, that we may be transformed from the inside out.

Lord, have mercy, and write your Word on our hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1–4

SONG: I will Sing of My Redeemer – R517 vs 1-4

Reading of The Law

Offering

Proclaiming the Word

Song of Preparation: Speak, O Lord

Prayer for Illumination, inspired by Psalm 119

Reading of the Word: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Sermon: “By Scripture Alone”

Responding to the Word

Profession of Our Faith from the Belgic Confession

Sent to Testify to the Word

Sending: The Potters’ Hand

Blessing

Doxology – Doxology

Worship Notes

Tonight, Bethel has invited us to join them for our Old Year's service at 7:00pm. Join us in giving thanks for this past year and dedicating the coming year to Him.

Next Sunday we turn to Joshua chapter 1 where God gives the new leader of Israel, Joshua instructions that include savoring His Word. The Word of God is a gift given to us. It is living and life-giving. God calls us to meditate on it, meaning that we sit with it, marinate in it, and let it soak into us. Even many Christians miss this. To often we see it as a tool or even a weapon, instead of a relational gift of God speaking to us.

Verse of the Week: All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

This week be in prayer for:

- Those who don't have a warm place to stay
- Those who are recovering from an abusive relationship
- Resonate Global Mission (www.resonateglobalmission.org)

Give thanks to God for:

- Jesus' promise to come again
- This past year
- Rest

Upcoming Special Service

1/7/2018	9:30 AM	Preparatory
1/14/2018	9:30 AM	Communion & Baptism of Caleb Mulder
1/21/2018	7:00 PM	Combined evening worship @ 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	\$15,288.25
Faith Promise	\$ 268.25

Our Family

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Dec/Jan</u>		<u>Dec/Jan</u>
Lori Venhuizen	31	Jenni Morgan	1
Heidi Schaver	3	Michael Jansma	6
Margaret Miedema	6		

Congratulations to Lucas and Emily (Boho) Vander Berg who were united in marriage yesterday. Please join us in praying that God would bless this relationship and that it would be centered on Christ.

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



- Brian Van Herwaarden's dad, Al as he recovers from surgery.
- Danielle Jansma as she recovers from foot surgery. Pray for patience and a quick recovery.
- John, Ken & Gardie Ten Pas' grandson as he continues to heal from surgery.
- 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.
- Carlie Jansen as this past week she underwent testing.
- Dave Mulder family as they mourn the passing of Dave this past week. May God give them the strength they need to get through the days ahead.

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.

Pastor Craig will be starting a new **profession of faith class** in January. If you would like to join please let him know right away so that we can schedule a time that works best.

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!

Warm up with some homemade soup! Wednesday, January 17, 5-7 pm – Join us at a Soup Supper to support our mission trip to the Dominican Republic, 2nd Christian Reformed Church, 332 Tamarack St, Randolph. Free will donations accepted.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	7:00 PM	PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Building & Grounds Meeting at church
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ the Union
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Christian Fellowship
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Jessica Ten Pass

Helpers: Shirley Otto
Ethan Schulz

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Tom Jonker
Randall Greenfield

Fellowship Coffee

Michael & Danielle Jansma

Greeters

Marty & Margaret Miedema

Musical Praise

Michelle Mulder

Nursery

Marilyn Mulder
Dominique Van Hill
Miranda Vander Berg

Offering: Local Budget

January Cause: Neen Benevolent Needs

Prayer

Brian O'Donovan

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Morris TeGrootenhuis (539-0438)
Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Ushers

Jesse Buteyn
Glen Greenfield
Brandon Kitchner
Harm Venhuizen

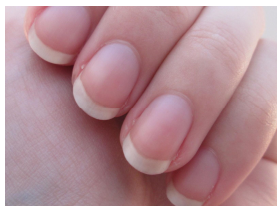
Video Projection

Katie DeJager

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Why Did God Give Us Fingernails?



Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. – 3 John 1:2

Why did God give us fingernails? So we can scratch our itches? To serve as hardhats for our sensitive fingertips? Or did our Creator give us fingernails as a diagnostic window into our bodies?

According to WebMD, the color of our nails can reveal a wide range of health issues, some of them quite serious. White fingernails, for instance, may indicate a liver disease like hepatitis. Yellowish, thickened and slow-growing nails may indicate emphysema or other lung ailment. Half-white and half-pink nails may alert doctors of kidney disease. Red nail beds may point to heart disease, while white nail beds may indicate anemia. Irregular red lines at the base of the nail may indicate lupus or connective tissue disease.

Physician Joshua Fox, spokesman for the American Academy of Dermatology, told WebMD that there is no need to run to the nearest cardiologist if your nail beds turn red. "It could very well be from nail polish," he said. The WebMD article adds, "Before assuming the worst, it's important to look at more common explanations, such as bruises, bleeding beneath the nail, and fungal infections. However, it's worthwhile to be vigilant about maintaining healthy fingernails so that you'll be alert to any potential problem."

Wasn't it good of our Creator to give us these ten tiny "windows" into the innermost workings of our bodies? God cares for us ... from the top of our heads to the tips of our fingers!

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