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 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)

# We Gather In Worship

#### Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

\***Opening:** We Have Come to Worship – R207

### We Are Renewed in God's Grace

#### Confession

**Song:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah – R682 vs 1-3

#### **Congregational Prayer**

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

# God Speaks through His Word

\*Scripture: Joshua 5:13-6:27

Sermon: Joshua: On God's Side

# We Respond to God's Word

**Song of Response:** Who is on the Lord's Side? – R674 vs 1 & 4

# We Leave to Serve God

\*God's Parting Blessing

**Closing Song:** We Are Called to Be God's People – R415 vs 1

\*Postlude

Accompanist Lois Mulder

Children & Worship Leader: Kim Greenfield Helpers: Parker Van Hill Megan Greenfield

Elder/Deacon Greeters Don Pausma Jon Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters Dave & Gloria Rens

**Nursery** Ben & Emily Mulder Miranda Vander Berg

Sound System Scott Ritzema

**Transportation** Percy De Vries (324-4678) Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

**Ushers** Ray Hofman Al Holden Andy Schlieve Mitch Vree

Video Projection Mike Vander Berg

Missionary Letters Don P. to Daryl Pfantz+ Dave R. to Neen Junice R. to Chaplain Peter

\*Please pray especially for this missionary family this week

# Worship Notes

**Tonight** we will worship at **Alto CRC at 7:00pm**. Join us for our annual prayer day service.

**Next Sunday** we celebrate Palm Sunday by looking at Jehu and Jesus. Jehu is anointed king and when his comrades find out they lay their coats on the ground before him. Little did they know that many years later people would be laying their coats before Jesus, the King of kings.

**Verse of the week**: Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Joshua 5:13-14a

#### This week be in prayer for:

- Students
- Soldiers as they seek to bring peace
- The Hmong church plant in Madison

#### Give thanks to God for:

- The signs of Spring
- Worship services
- Never letting us go

#### Upcoming Special Service

3/18/2018	7:00 PM	Combined Prayer Day Service @ Alto CRC
3/29/2018	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
4/1/2018	9:30 AM	Easter AM Service @ 1st CRC
4/1/2018	6:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ 1st CRC
4/15/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC

# Council Notes

- Had the privilege of hearing profession of faith of six young adults, Miranda Vander Berg, Mikayla Zonnefeld, Kaytlin Smits, Josh Schouten, Brandon Kitchner and Arent Venhuizen.
- Approved summer vacation schedule and week off to be Classis delegate for Synod for Pastor Craig.
- Approved transfer of membership for Keith Navis to Emmanuel Reformed Church Waupun.
- Discussed the approaching of Winnie Kuiper's 100th birthday.
- Prepared election slate of candidate for Deacons and Elders.
- Heard report on Classis meeting of Feb. 27,2018
- Discussed women as deacons. Executive Committee will write a proposal for council.

# Deacons Report

**Donations can be made to the Dodge County Pregnancy Center** by designating the amount and listing it under other on your envelopes.

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

**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 donating to the maintenance and remodeling project,** please label the envelope or check Capital Improvements. This will help the deacons. Thank you!

**March cause: World Renew (CRWRC)** responds on our behalf to the needs of people who suffer from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice.

# Last Week's OfferingsLocal Budget\$2,106.16World Renew\$0Our FamilyBirthdaysMarchTroy Aalsma18Brandon Kitchner21Ben Homan

<u>Anniversaries</u> Ben & Emily Mulder

<u>March</u>				
24				



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

March

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- Jeanette Tjepkema as she recovers from pneumonia
- Kim Root as she heals from hip replacement surgery
- Ben & Alyssa Homan and Eden as she goes through medical treatment.
- Laura Ten Pass as she goes through treatments for the spots that were found. Pray for peace and healing.
- Leanne Johnson as she waits for results from her treatments.
- Donald & Linda Pausma from your congregation will be volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services on a Needs Assessment team in Monroe County-Key Largo, FL from March 25 – April 7 due to Hurricane Irma, Fall 2017. They will be interviewing vulnerable residents (the elderly, disabled, low-income, etc.) to make their needs known to case workers, ensuring their needs are met and that they do not fall through the cracks. Please support them as a congregation with your prayers while they are on this assignment. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience

with opportunities to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry. Perhaps they could report their experiences to you and the congregation at a mutually agreeable time upon returning home.

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

If at any time you would like your name added to or taken off the prayer list, please contact Gladys.

#### **Church News**

If your group is planning to use the church for any events please make sure that you have reserved it through the church secretary in advance. Thank you

**The youth group will have left over subs**, salami and swiss cheese for sale **downstairs after the morning service**. Subs are 4 dollars and the salami and swiss cheese can be purchased by freewill donation. **Thank you** to all who have bought subs from the youth group! We definitely have a strong and supportive church for our young people! There will be no Sunday School or Catechism March 25 or April 1. Classes

will resume on Sunday, April 8. Thank you!

#### There are old Sunday School chairs available for FREE in the Northside basement closet, help yourself! They will be going to the Thrift Store at the end of March.

Our church will be **serving the evening meal on Friday, March 23 at St. Ben's.** Sign-up sheets are on a table in the basement, please take a moment to sign up today. **There are still spots that need to be filled!** 

Have you ever considered taking a Mission Trip and didn't quite know where to begin? Have you ever been tempted to step outside your comfort zone to spread God's amazing love? We have an opportunity for you to do just that....Join Open Hands 4 the Fatherless (OH4F) this July on a Vision Trip to Haiti! We go and spread God's love to those that he has declared us to defend, the orphan. We will be going on a trip July 13-18, 2018. If you are interested please visit our website @ www.oh4f.org or send an email requesting information to gladys@oh4f.org or you can contact Gladys Montsma @ 920.210.5329 if you have any questions. Trip registration is due by March 20, 2018. Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the

Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. James 1:27

**Camp Calvin 2018 Registration is Now Open!** Please register online today! Camp Calvin is a Christian youth camp for students entering grades 4-9. At Camp Calvin, students will explore and enjoy God's creation, worship our Lord with songs, and receive inspiration from our spiritual leaders. Camp Calvin will be held June 18-23, 2108 For Registration, Camp information, photos, or to contact Camp Calvin with any questions, please visit www.CampCalvin.com

Identifying, inspiring, and equipping the next generation of Christian leaders is an essential task for the Church. This is why Calvin Seminary is eager to offer our **Dig program** for students who have completed grade 11 or 12. For more information on this program see the flyer on the bulletin board in the basement.

In your prayers are you asking God to bless what you do? Is there a better way? **Join us for for ReNew 2, a classis-wide retreat on April 13-14 at Bethel CRC.** Whether you are interested in how to improve your prayer-life or seeking God in your congregation, your community, or you home, this is designed for you. Look for a brochure in your mailbox for more information.

<u>Calendar</u>		
Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	7:00 PM	Prayer Day Service @ Alto CRC
Monday:	6:00 PM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	9:00 AM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ the Union
	6:30 PM	Mens Bible Study @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

<u>Next Week</u> Accompanist Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship Leader: Jessica Ten Pass Helpers: Aubryn DeJager Miranda Vander Berg

Elder/Deacon Greeters Steve Homan Bob Mulder

**Fellowship Coffee** Bob & Michelle Mulder

Next Week Continued: Greeters Scott, Jen, Elise, Cassidy & Tirzah Ritzema

#### **Musical Praise**

Ben Homan

**Nursery** Dominique Van Hill Kim Venhuizen Megan Greenfield

Offering: Local Budget March Cause: World Renew

Prayer Al Venhuizen

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Group	<u>Elder</u>	Deacon
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

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Do you want to feel like you are making a difference and doing something worthwhile? Then volunteer at the Christian Home. We have many opportunities. **We'd like to start** a group that pushes residents a couple blocks outside in the later spring and through the summer. If you can sign up now, we could be ready by the time the weather gets nicer. **Other opportunities to serve are the following**:

- 1. Fill bird feeders
- 2. Polish nails (manicures)
- 3. Man the gift shop
- 4. Assist residents to church
- 5. Help with Bingo
- 6. Help with Crafts
- 7. Visit residents one on one
- 8. Play cards with residents: sheepshead, Skipbo, kings corners, Rook
- 9. Make door decorations at home
- 10. Play dominoes or checkers one on one.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Linda Kroeger, the Activity Supervisor, at the Christian Home: 920-324-9051.

#### Also, our Dementia Team would like the following

- We collect books & purses to sell at events with the funds going toward our local Dementia support Group.
- Flower Sale at the Christian Home on May 9th, Wednesday, 9 am until gone. All flowers come from the Waupun Florist. 20 table size pots @ \$25.00. 30 hanging baskets @ \$35.00. Must sell all.
- Also there will be a chili luncheon on March 28th, Wednesday from 10 until 4 pm. Please come and enjoy a bowel of homemade chili.
- Thanks again for all you do for the Christian Home!!!!!!!

Blessings, Chaplain Dennis



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

#### The Father of Entomology



And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. – Isaiah 7:18

More than 150 years after his death in 1850, William Kirby is still known as one of the first scientists to devote his life to the study of insects. Let us add that he was also

devoted to something else. Shortly before publishing his first major work on the bees of England, Kirby wrote the following:

"The author of Scripture is also the author of Nature: and this visible world, by types indeed, and by symbols, declares the same truths as the Bible does by words. To make the naturalist a religious man – to turn his attention to the glory of God, that he may declare his works, and in the study of his creatures may see the loving-kindness of the Lord – may this in some measure be the fruit of my work..."

Between 1815 and 1826, Kirby and fellow British entomologist William Spence coauthored the four-volume An Introduction to Entomology: or Elements of the Natural History of Insects. These books are still regarded as the foundational work in the field of entomology. In 1835, Kirby wrote The History, Habits and Instincts of Animals. In the first chapter – titled "Creation of Animals" – he writes that the existence of animals testifies to the existence of their Creator.

If William Kirby, the father of entomology, had lived nine years longer to see the publication of Charles Darwin's Origin of Species, we're quite sure he would have been an outspoken opponent.

Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\_Kirby\_(entomologist). Lithograph: William Kirby. (PD)

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