

5/5/2019

Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



*Be a
Blessing*

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 rack at the back of the sanctuary.

You can listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

Vision Statement: With the help and presence of our living Lord, we seek to energize and transform lives and maintain the essence of the historic Reformed faith in our worship, service, and fellowship; and to pass on our faith to others.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday from 9:00 – 11:30 AM

All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday

Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342

9:30 AM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

*Call to Worship and Greeting

*Opening:

Love the Lord Your God with All
Your Heart

I Love You, Lord

My Jesus, I Love Thee

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

GEMS Sunday

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Preparatory

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: OH4F

Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Sermon: Be a Blessing

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: Come Thou Fount of

Every Blessing

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

Closing led by the GEMS

*Postlude

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Jessica Ten Pass

Helpers: Jolie Schouten
Cody Van Herwaarden

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda

Ben Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie V.

Greeters

Dan and Gladys Montsma

Nursery

Becca Vree

Phylicia Bronkhorst

Cassie Holden

Sound System

Tyler Jansen

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

Tyler Ten Pass

Video Projection

Le Anne Holden

Missionary Letters

G De Jager to Daryl Pfantz

J De Jager to Neen

P De Vries to Chaplain Peter+

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

Worship Notes

Today is GEMS Sunday and Pastor Harv will talk about how God wants us to respond to His blessings by thanking Him and blessing others.

Today is the last week of Sunday School.

Upcoming Special Service

5/5/2019	7:00 PM	United Men of Praise Spring Concert at Bethel CRC
5/12/2019	6:00 PM	PM Service at 1 st CRC
5/19/2019	7:00 PM	PM Service at Bethel CRC
5/26/2019	7:00 PM	PM Service at Bethel CRC
5/30/2019	7:00 PM	Ascension Day Services at Alto CRC

Deacons Report

May Cause: OH4F (Open Hands for the Fatherless)

Last Week's Offering

Local Budget: \$2,731

World Renew: \$1,250

There will be a special offering on May 19 for the building fund to cover the cost of the concrete and asphalt replacement.

Our Family

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The Elders and Deacons by Care Group are listed at the bottom of the bulletin. Office hours for the time being will be on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:30 AM.

May Birthdays

Dan Scheuers	6	Joyce Haan	10
Cassidy Ritzema	11	Lori Kitchner	12

May Anniversary

Andy and Beth Schlieve	11
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As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Heather Hoekstra as she recovers from surgery in Madison.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder as Travis continues with chemo and is waiting for a bone marrow transplant.
- Janet Ver Hage has gone off hospice and she is trying some new treatment.
- Margaret Miedema as she continues to seek answers for the weakness and pain in her legs.
- Carlie Jansen, that everything goes good with her pregnancy and further care.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.

- Leanne Johnson continue to pray for healing.
- Sandy Greenfield as she recovers from a fractured right shoulder and arm and other bruises.

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
- Jeanette Tjepkema

If at any time you would like your name added to or taken off the prayer list, please contact Allegra, Lois, or leave a message on the church phone.

Parents and Graduates: If you or your child is graduating from 8th grade, high school, or any kind of post high school program or college, please submit a picture to the church office. If graduating from high school or post high school, please include a write up about future plans. Please submit by Sunday, May 19.

Church News

PRAYER: Prayer groups continue with the main purpose of praying for the interim time at First CRC. Prayer times are **before the AM service from 8:45-9:15**, led by Gary De Jager in the basement, and **after the AM service from 11-11:30**, led by Tom Jonker in the sanctuary. These prayer groups are held weekly. We encourage you to come out and pray with other church members for this exciting time in our church.

The Transition Team has been set and they have started meeting. Team members are Alvin Venhuizen (chair), Laura Venhuizen, Stacie Schaver, Greg Zonnefeld, Ben Homan, Beth Schlieve, Tyler Ten Pass, and Kaitlyn Smits.

The Outreach Team at our church wanted to thank everyone who contributed to the special collection that was taken for the Voice of the Martyrs earlier this month. The \$2,039 that was raised will be enough to purchase 385 Bibles for our persecuted brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. God is good!

On Saturday, May 11, we will be having a movie night at 1st CRC. We will be showing **Woodlawn**, which is the movie the men's Bible study focused on at yesterday's Bible study. The evening will start at 6:00 PM and root beer floats will be served following the movie. Please join us for a free movie night!

April has almost come to a close and that means the school year is wrapping up as well as another fun-filled SWaT year. On Wednesday, May 8, we'll be changing things up a bit. We're planning a casual PJs and movie night with munchies and a movie from 6:30 to 8:00 PM (no meal served). Come in your comfy clothes! Our final meeting will be our end-of-year Fun Night at Funset Blvd in Appleton on Thursday, May 23. Details coming soon!

COMMUNITY NEWS

There are several dates open for serving the meal at the Community Table. If you have a group that would like to provide a meal, let Allegra or Lois know and we will get you signed up. Open dates: 5/17, 6/28, 7/12, 8/2, 8/9, 8/23 and 8/30.

Come support the CWC high school Improv Troupe at their annual show on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30 PM. You'll be treated to a night of laughs and surprises as the students perform their way through a series of games with hilarious audience participation. Admission is free for this family friendly event, held in the beautiful Cornerstone space at CWC.

Family Faith Formation Tip: An anonymous wise person said, "It is through repetition that possibility becomes ability." Making space for God in your family's busy schedule can be hard. But creating regular family faith habits and practices will have a life-changing impact on your kids—and on you! The new resource Everyday Family Faith (available at FaithAliveResources.org), a pocket-sized family faith formation guide, can help you get started. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Calendar

Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Prayer meeting in Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	PM Worship Service at Bethel
Monday:	6:00 PM	First Place 4 Health Bible Study
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	First Place 4 Health Bible Study
Wednesday:	??	Youth Group: Cookout
Saturday	6:00 PM	Movie Night at 1 st CRC
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Prayer Meeting in Sanctuary

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder

Helpers: Ethan Schulz
Megan Greenfield

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda
Ben Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Michael and Danielle Jansma

Greeters

Ben and Emily Mulder

Nursery

Danielle & Marissa Jansma
Miranda Vander Berg

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Lois Mulder

Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Don Pausma (2019)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)
3	Bob Mulder (2019)	
4	Gary DeJager (2021)	Eric Homan (2019)
5	Norm Buwalda (2019)	Ben Mulder (2019)
6	Tom Jonker (2020)	Randall Greenfield (2020)
7	Steve Homan (2020)	
8	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

An Island Is Born



And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. (Genesis 8:11)

In November 1963, an undersea volcano close to Iceland began to erupt. Emerging lava caused the sea to boil and steam. Gradually, the volcano began to appear above the waves. The eruption continued for three and a half years, causing a new island to emerge, one square mile in area and elevations of 560 feet above the surf. Of course, in the half century since the birth of this new island, erosion has reduced it somewhat – to a mere 506 feet above the sea and an area of only 0.54 square miles.

When the volcano had cooled, scientists flocked to the area to study what was likely to happen to this new piece of real estate. Biologists were particularly interested in how long it would take for life to colonize this bleak new rocky island. Only a few scientists are allowed to land on Surtsey.

Mosses were seen by 1967 and lichens by 1970. These two types of plants now cover much of the island. In 1998, a small willow bush had been observed to have grown. Limited animal life – such as gulls, puffins and seals – have set up home there. The bird guano is of particular use in fertilizing the soil for further plant growth. Insects, spiders and beetles can also now be found.

Surtsey has provided a living laboratory of how colonization of barren real estate can take place. Such recolonization could readily have happened worldwide after the Genesis Flood.

Ref: Encyclopaedia Britannica, < <https://www.britannica.com/place/Surtsey> >, accessed 5/31/2018.
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