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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)

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Songs:**

Holy, Holy, Holy – R3 vs 1-3
Cornerstone – vs 1-3

***God's Greeting and We Greet One Another**

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Installation of Elders & Deacons –
G1004

Song: Take My Life and Let it Be –
R597 vs 1, 4, 5, & 6

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local
Budget

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship**

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:**

Matthew 5:7, Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: For the Merciful

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Wonderful Merciful
Savior

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** Holy, Holy, Holy – R3 vs 4

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder

Helpers: Parker Van Hill
Miranda Vander Berg

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Bob Mulder
Steve Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters

Joe & Karen Durant

Nursery

Jon & Jenna Mulder
Lynnae Smits

Sound System

Eric Homan

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)
Morris Te Grootenhuis
(539-0438)

Ushers

Gene Hofman
Brandon Kitchner
Dan Montsma
Harm Venhuizen

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Missionary Letters

Paul V. to Daryl Pfantz
Marge V. to Neen+
Dylan V. to Chaplain Peter

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

7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Worship Notes

Today we witness the installation of Steve Homan, Tom Jonker, & Merle Schouten as elders along with Joe Bresser & Randall Greenfield as deacons. Please lift them and the rest of the council up in your prayer as they take on this responsibility of spiritual leaders.

Tonight we will join Bethel for worship at 7:00pm. Next Sunday night Bethel will be joining us here at 6:00pm.

Next Sunday we look at the blessing for those who are pure in heart.

Purity, it's a word that often used in sexual terms but God calls for our hearts to be pure. What does this mean and how can we have pure hearts?

Verses of the Week: On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:12-13

This week be in prayer for:

- Orphans around the world
- Families dealing with dementia
- Living Hope in Fox Lake

Give thanks to God for:

- Pets
- Extended family
- Crops

Upcoming Special Service

July 23	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
July 30	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
August 6	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
August 13	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
August 20	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
August 27	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
September 3	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC

Deacons Report

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$286,643.54	\$303,310.00	-\$16,666.46
Denominational	\$22,594.75	\$83,045.00	-\$60,450.25
Classical	\$17,605.50	\$23,101.00	-\$5,495.50

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$7,668.50
Gideons	\$ 100.00

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!

July cause: Gideons International. Founded in 1899, they have 290,000 members—and an untold number of supporters—in more than 190 countries across the globe who make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word

Our Family

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>July</u>
Bob Bille	25	Faith Miedema	25
Joy Mulder	25	Lois Navis	27

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>July</u>
Darrall & Gretchen Schaver	24
Mitchell & Becca Vree	25

Please highlight the Bible in the narthex with your favorite passage for Shirley Otto. She will be making public profession of faith on July 30 and will receive this as a gift. Thank you

Prayer calendars will be distributed again starting in August.

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



- Laura Ten Pass and family as they celebrate the great news this past week. She was told that there is no evidence of disease (NED). God is good...
- Brandon Kitchner as he heals from foot surgery and anticipates surgery on the other foot.
- Danielle Jansma as she heals from foot surgery. Pray for patience and a quick recovery.
- Arky Navis as he anticipates surgery on his back.
- John, grandson of Ken & Gardie Ten Pas, as he is scheduled to have an experimental surgery on July 12 to repair his partially

collapsed lung. Pray for good health so that they can go ahead with this surgery and success as the surgeons do their work.

- Carlie Jansen as she continues to recover.
- Nina Te Beest as she recovers.
- Dave Mulder, cousin of Sue Buwalda, as he undergoes treatment for cancer

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
- Howard Loomans
- Lee Heideman

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

There are sheets for updating the directory out in the narthex. Please review your name, address, email and phone and update with any additions or corrections. Please mark ok if everything is correct so that we know. These will be up until the end of July with new directories coming out hopefully in August. Thank you

Church News

We have a church pew that has been in storage since the sanctuary was redone that we are **giving away**. If anyone is interested, please contact Brian Bresser.

Youth for Christ is selling Colorado peaches again this year! The pre-order deadline is August 11. Please see the flyer in the narthex or on the information center in the basement for more details. Hurry and get your order in today, you won't want to miss out on this event!

Central Wisconsin Christian and friends are pleased to partner with the Alto Fair to bring the hit group **Anthem Lights** to the fair on Thursday, August 10th. Come and join us with the entire family for this free concert, featuring contemporary mashups, contemporary hymn arrangements, and everything in between. We'll see you at the Fair, and take a friend!!

Sharing moving stories in uplifting presentations that give hope, encouragement, and insight, Jennie Afman Dimkoff will be our featured speaker at a retreat on September 19 at the First Reformed

Church in Waupun, Wisconsin. Invite some friends, and send in your registrations today to the retreat hosted by Bible League International Volunteers. The deadline for registering for the retreat is September 11. The day will include a wonderful mini-concert by New Generations. Kathleen Beekman will lead us in worship throughout the day. See a brochure/poster for more information or talk to your Key Contact, Arlene De Jager @ 920-344-1674.

2017 ReNew Forum (Formerly the Wisconsin Leadership Forum) will be held on Sunday, August 27th at 2:00 PM at Brookfield Christian Reformed Church. Brochures and information on registering can be found on the information center in the basement.

Please put Wednesday, August 30 on your calendar! We are going to have a special night of support for OH4F (Open Hands 4 The Fatherless) at the Rock River Country Club. The night will begin at 6pm with a complimentary delicious dinner followed by an informative presentation on the amazing work accomplished by OH4F and information on how you can support their Christian School in Haiti. Please fill out an RSVP at www.oh4f.org/support-us/meal-rsvp.cfm or call Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg at 324.0801. (This night is intended for adults only.)

The Church Women United of the Waupun Area are collecting **school supplies for those in need**. There is a collection container in the narthex to place items needed. A list of items needed was in your mailboxes last week. **The last collection date will be July 30**. Monetary donations may be given or supplies may be donated in the collection box. Donation checks should be made out to Church Women United of the Waupun Area and can be given to Gladys.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	7:00 PM	PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Andrea Buwalda

Helpers: Cassidy Ritzema
Marissa Jansma

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Scott Ritzema

Eric Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Denny & Nancy Vande Berg

Greeters

Glen & Sandy Greenfield

Musical Praise

Toni Hofman

Nursery

Ben & Emily Mulder

Kaytlin Smits

Offering: Local Budget

July Cause: Gideons

Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

Sound System

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<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

Are Biblical Creationists a Stumbling Block?



And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. – Mark 10:5-6

In his excellent article in Creation magazine "Jesus on the Age of the Earth", Carl Wieland reports that the standard secular timeline of billions of years for the age of the universe is "accepted by most people in the evangelical Christian world." He went on to write, "Some would even say that to even dispute billions of years is to place an unnecessary stumbling block in the way of any scientifically-minded potential converts."

Creation Moments has been attacked countless times by Christian leaders and laypeople ... and even pastors! No, young earth creationists are not the stumbling block. We are simply standing up for biblical authority in a world that is rejecting it. As Wieland writes, many authors of the Bible – even Jesus Himself – make it clear that people were on the Earth at the beginning of creation and not millions of years later.

How tragic, writes Wieland, that so many Christian leaders have been "bluffed and intimidated into assuming that secular interpretations of the evidence should dictate their understanding of God's Word." Ironically, this rejection of biblical authority comes "at a point in history when there are more scientific reasons than ever to confirm the utter rationality of trusting the Bible..."

Yes, you can and must trust the Bible. After all, you don't want to become a stumbling block to the gospel by rejecting what the Bible clearly teaches.

Ref: Carl Wieland, "Jesus on the Age of the Earth," Creation 34(2) 2012, pp. 51-53. Photo: Dr. Carl Wieland, author and founding editor of Creation magazine. (Fair Use)

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