7/28/2019

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 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 \*Opening: Hear the Call of the Kingdom The Heavens Declare Your Glory Earth and All Stars When Morning Gilds the Skies \*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance Song: Bless His Holy Name Congregational Prayer Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and the Luke Society Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

# God Speaks through His Word

\*Scripture: Joshua 4:1-10 Sermon: "Show and Tell"

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Song of Response: Tell Your Children

## We Leave to Serve God

\*God's Parting Blessing \*Closing: Benediction \*Postlude Accompanist Lois Mulder

Children & Worship Leader: Emily Mulder Elise Ritzema Arent Vehuizen

**Elder/Deacon Greeters** Steve Homan Keith Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee Den & Nancy Vande Berg

Greeters Dave & Gloria Rens

**Nursery** Keith & Laura Venhuizen Miranda Vander Berg

Sound System Glen Greenfield

Transportation Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers Jesse Buteyn Glen Greenfield Brandon Kitchner Arent Venhuizen

Video Projection Mike Vander Berg

Missionary Letters M Miedema to Daryl Pfantz+ W Miedema to Neen A Montsma to Chaplain Pete

<sup>+</sup>*Please pray especially for this missionary family this week* 

#### 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: Psalm 111

God calls us to praise Him for His works and His wisdom

\*Song of Response: To God Be the Glory

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: To God Be the Glory

\*Postlude

## Worship Notes

**This morning** we hear from Pastor Harv on Joshua 4. This evening's service on Psalm 111 will be First CRC at 6:00 PM.

There will be a discussion concerning our church's **future evening worship services immediately following this evening's service**. This discussion is in light of the changes at Bethel CRC. You are encouraged to stay after the service for this discussion.

#### **Upcoming Special Services**

7/28/2019	6:00 PM	PM Worship at First CRC
8/4/2019	7:00 PM	PM Worship at Bethel CRC
8/11/2019	7:00 PM	PM Worship at Bethel CRC
8/18/2019	6:00 PM	PM Worship at First CRC

#### **Deacons Report**

All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering, while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget.

**July Cause:** Luke Society, which supports indigenous Christian health professionals dedicated to medical missions. The Luke Society works with those who have a vision to reach their own people. They know the language and culture of their people and have ideas for solving their own problems. The Luke Society helps provide the resources to bring their God-given visions to fruition.

#### Last Week's Offerings Local Budget: \$4,420 The Luke Society: \$402

## Our Family

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

#### **July Birthdays**

Charlie Kitchner30Pastor Harv Roosma30

#### **August Birthdays**

Carlie Jansen	1
Becca Vree	3

#### Anniversaries

Bill & Ann Hoekstra	July 30
Geoffrey & Emily Aalsma	August 1
Jon & Kim Venhuizen	August 2
Dale & Jean Jansen	August 3

#### As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Carol Navis as she undergoes cancer treatment.
- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Carlie Jansen, that she continues to do well.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Sandy Greenfield for pain relief as she recovers from a fractured right shoulder and arm.

Paul VandeKolk has been diagnosed with lung cancer and would appreciate your prayers as they determine a treatment plan.

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

## Church News

**PRAYER:** We have prayer groups praying through the transition process at First CRC and we want to invite the entire church specifically into prayer with us. This week we ask you to pray for the transition team and the council in the process of rethinking the vision of First CRC. We ask that you pray that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's will. We will keep you updated on the progress. We also invite all to attend the Tuesday AM prayer time at 8:00 at the church or the Sunday morning prayer time in the church basement at 8:45. Thank you for your prayers.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**School Supply Drive:** The Church Women United of the Waupun Area are getting ready for the annual school supply distribution for students of the Waupun School Area School District. There are "shopping lists" available in the entry by the coffee. Today is the last day to bring your school supplies. If you want to write a check, please make it out to *Church Women United* and get it Allegra or Lois.

Radiance: Wanted Women's Conference 2019 is September 27-29 at Green Lake Conference Center. To register or find out more information, check the bulletin board downstairs or go to www.wantedconference.com

Bethany Christian Services **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Bethany Swing Fore Kids Golf Celebration** is scheduled for September 13, 2019, at the Golf Club at Camelot in Lomira. Check the bulletin board downstairs for more information.

On August 3, Church Health Services will be hosting "An Evening in New York City" at Old Hickory Golf Club with honorary chairs Dr. Mike and Lois Augustson. The event will feature live and silent auctions, live street music and New York themed food like pastrami on rye and New York cheesecake. All proceeds from the event will allow Church Health Services to continue serving members of the community with too little or no insurance. Tickets are \$40 each or \$70 for couples and are available at Church Health Services, Old Hickory Golf Club, Beaver Dam Piggly Wiggly, Recheks Food Pride, or online at www.churchclinic.org

<u>Calendar</u>		
Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
-	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ First CRC
	6:00 PM	PM Worship at First CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ First CRC
	7:00 PM	PM Worship @ Bethel CRC

<u>Next Week</u> Accompanist Brenda Hofman

**Children & Worship Leader:** Pat Yonker Jolie Schouten Jaxon Buteyn

**Elder/Deacon Greeters** Gary De Jager Brian Van Herwaarden

Fellowship Coffee Al & LeAnne Holden

**Greeters** Junice Rens Bea Te Grootenhuis **Nursery** Andrea Buwalda Carlie Jansen Emma Hoffman

Offering: Local Budget August Cause: Mission Backpack

Sound System Scott Ritzema

**Ushers** Noah Mulder Josh Schouten Tyler Ten Pass

Video Projection Lois Mulder

Group	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	Gary DeJager (2021)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Tom Jonker (2020)	Randall Greenfield (2020)
7	Steve Homan (2020)	
8	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

# THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### Where Is Eden?



So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. (Genesis 3:24)

Many people ask: Where is Eden? A number of candidate locations have been offered. Those reading Genesis 2 will notice that four rivers are

mentioned. Two of these rivers have familiar names – the Tigris and the Euphrates. Today, the rivers rise in Eastern Turkey and flow through Syria before reaching Iraq. The sources of the two rivers are fairly close together, geographically speaking. So one of the suggested locations for Eden would be near their sources. Another would be near their confluence.

But neither of these locations show rivers spring out of a single river. And, in any case, rivers were probably re-formed during the Flood. So the current Tigris and Euphrates are not the rivers of Genesis 2, but have been named for them since the Flood.

Another suggestion is that Eden was located at modern-day Jerusalem, probably under the Temple Mount. Other suggestions have included Madagascar or Tanzania.

However, in Genesis 3, when God expelled Adam and Eve from Eden, He "placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life." That cherubim would still be around if Eden were still around. Much of the Earth's crust was replaced at the time of the Flood, and the continents re-arranged. We can therefore confidently suggest that Eden is nowhere. It used to exist, but, since the Flood, its location has been destroyed.

Ref: Taylor, P.F. (2007), The Six Days of Genesis (Green Forest, AR: Master Books), p. 89. Image: James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1896): Public Domain.

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# Worship Notes