# 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 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

\*Song of Praise led by Praise Team

\*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

Responsive Reading of the Law: G1014; G1018

You shall have no other gods before me.

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise-- the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

### Accompanist

Lois Mulder

#### Children & Worship

**Leader:** Jenna Mulder **Helpers:** Arent Venhuizen

Marissa Jansma

#### Elder/Deacon Greeters

Merle Schouten Joe Bresser

#### **Fellowship Coffee**

Den & Nancy Vande Berg

#### **Greeters**

Al & Renae Venhuizen

#### Nursery

Brad & Rhonda Schouten Gretchen Hoekstra

#### Sound System

Joe Bresser

#### **Transportation**

Percy DeVries (324-4678) Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

#### Ushers

Jesse Buteyn Glen Greenfield Brandon Kitchner Harm Venhuizen

# Video Projection

Katie DeJager

#### **Missionary Letters**

Will B. to Daryl Pfantz Jesse B. to Neen+ Marcia B. to Chaplain Peter

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

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not murder.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

You shall not steal.

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his hands, so that he may have something to share with those in need.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

What is the great and first commandment?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

Song of Response: Be Thou My Vision – R562 vs 1,2 & 4

Congregational Prayer – Gary DeJager

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

## Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

# God Speaks through His Word

**\*Scripture:** Acts 9:1-22; 2 Corinthians 5:16-18; Deuteronomy 10:12-20

**Sermon:** Remodeled by Christ

# We Respond to God's Word

\*Song of Response: Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing – G501 vs 1-6

#### We Leave to Serve God

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing: Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - G501 vs 7

\*Postlude

6:00 PM Worship Service (\*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

Opening Songs led by Toni Hofman

Prayers of the People led by Ken Homan

We Study God's Word: Colossians 3:1-17 ~ The Secret of Success

\*Song of Response: When We Walk with the Lord – G548

\*Affirmation of our Faith: Apostle's Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: Praise God, You Angel Hosts Above – G628

\*Postlude

# **Worship Notes**

**Today** we welcome Paul Zoschke as he leads us in worship for both services.

**Next Week Sunday morning** Bill Zuhlke will lead us in worship at First CRC for the 9:30 AM Worship Service.

**Next Sunday evening** we will join with Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM for the evening worship.

# **Upcoming Special Service**

8/5/2018 7:00 PM Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC 8/12/2018 7:00 PM Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC

# **Deacons Report**

At any time, you may donate to the cause of your choice by writing the name of the cause in the memo line of your check or on the donation envelope. Please make all checks payable to First CRC.

**July cause: Faith Promise**—to support missionaries and mission organizations as designated by our church Council. This fund currently supports Brother Bob's Outreach, Daryl and Mary Pfantz (Wycliffe Bible Translators), Scott Ritzema (Youth for Christ), The Union, Local Deaconal Outreach, Waupun Area Cadets, Waupun GEMS, OH4F (Open Hands for the Fatherless) and Pastor K.

## **Last Weeks Offering**

Local Budget \$10,835.00 Faith Promise \$435.00

# **Our Family**

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The new listing of Elders and Deacons per Care Group are listed at the bottom of the bulletin. If you would like the Prayer Chain please contact Gladys @ 920-210-5329.

The worship committee is asking for lots of help from the congregation. We are looking for both men and women who are willing to lead the time of congregational prayer. We are also looking for men and women who are willing to lead our opening time of worship. This could also be a small group of people. By so doing, our guest pastors would only need to focus on bringing the Word to us and closing our time of worship. If you have questions or are willing to help with these parts of our worship service, please contact a member of the worship committee soon. Members are Pat Jonker, Lois Mulder, Laura Ten Pass, Kim Venhuizen, and Renae Venhuizen.

A special thank you to all who contributed to the Heartbeat International offering that we took in May. We raised just over \$3600 which is enough to cover Heartbeat's operating budget for 2 complete days. Our church will be covering their budget for August 22 (the first day of school for CWC) and September 4 (the first day of school for Waupun School District). The Outreach team thought these dates would be a great way to celebrate life!

The Council is putting together items for a shower for couples who have gotten married or will be getting married this year. Help us bless these couples and show them the Love of Christ through their 1st CRC family by

bringing in cards of encouragement, gift cards, and other gifts. There will be bins set up in the narthex next week for you to start bringing in items for these couples:

- 1. Lucas & Emily Vander Berg
- 2. Jacob & Samantha Mulder
- 3. Travis & Jessica Mulder
- 4. Cody & Jeana Zonnefeld
- 5. Nate Scheuers & Laura Miller
- 6. Hollie Ten Pass & Bruce Ganz
- 7. Kaytlin Bronkhorst & Branden Pluim

<u>Birthdays</u>	July/Aug		<u>July/Aug</u>
Charlie Kitchner	30	Carlie Jansen	1
Becca Vree	3	Phil Hofman	4
Pete Vander Werff	4		

<u>Anniversaries</u>	July/Aug		July/Aug
Bill & Ann Hoekstra	30	Geoff & Emily Aalsma	1
Jon & Kim Venhuizen	2	Dale & Jean Jansen	3
Steve & Heidi Smits	4	Brian & Laura Ten Pass	4

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



- Elsy Jansma, the granddaughter of Michael & Danielle who was born this past Monday, July 23. She was born with HLHS (Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome) and the parents have made the decision to do comfort care and forego any surgeries at this time. Please pray for comfort and peace as they enjoy the time they have with Elsy. May she bless them in ways they never dreamed possible.
- John DeJager as he will start a 7-week course of radiation therapy in Madison on July 30 for a tumor on his voice box. Pray for the treatments to work and for the tumor to shrink or to be removed.
- Jason Morgan as he recovers from surgery. Surgery went well and we pray for a guick recovery.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder as Travis has been diagnosed with Leukemia and is going through treatments and Jess as she continues to recover from surgery related to her Crohn's Disease.
- Ben & Alyssa Homan and Eden as she recovers from a broken leg.
- Laura Ten Pass as she goes through treatments for the spots that were found.
- Leanne Johnson as she waits for results from her treatments.

- Morris & Bea as Morris goes through chemo treatments. May these treatments shrink or remove the cancer. We do give thanks that his brain scans returned normal.
- Sandy Greenfield as she recovers from her recent surgery.
- Margaret Miedema was told by the neurologist that her problem is the result of a medication given to her for Fibromyalgia that did not mix with another medication she is on. She and Marty are asking for prayers.

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

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.

It is time again to update our church directory! Please check the sheets out on the table in the narthex over the next couple of weeks to make sure we have your information correct. Please put a little check mark or ok to let me know that you have reviewed. If there are changes please write them in the space next to your name. Thank you!

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY TO DROP OFF: 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. Thank you for your continued support of this project that helps so many students right here in our community. There is a drop off bin in the narthex.

Christian Home & Rehab Center Annual Pie Social is set for Wednesday, August 22 from 5 – 7 PM. We are in need of 7 pies from our church for this event. Please see the sign-up sheet on the shelf in the basement along with some important instructions.

**Agnesian Healthcare** is seeking big hearts and spare hands to help with their growing volunteer program. For more information pick up a flyer on the shelf in the basement.

Calendar

**Today:** 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1st CRC

6:00 PM PM Worship Service @ 1st CRC

Tuesday: 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting @ 1st CRC

**Next Sunday:** 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1st CRC

7:00 PM Combined PM Worship Service @

Bethel CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Becca Vree Helpers: Neil Venhuizen

Cassidy Ritzema

**Elder/Deacon Greeters** 

Kevin Buwalda Andy Schlieve

Fellowship Coffee

Al & LeAnne Holden

**Greeters** 

Dave & Lori Venhuizen

Nursery

Jen Ritzema Marilyn Mulder

Miranda Vander Berg

Offering: Local Budget

August Cause: World Renew

**Sound System** 

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

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Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

Tyler Ten Pass Zach Vander Werff

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Group	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Don Pausma	Jon Mulder
2	Merle Schouten	Joe Bresser
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Gary DeJager	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Tom Jonker	Randall Greenfield
7	Steve Homan	
8	Kevin Buwalda	Andy Schlieve

# Proclaiming Evidence for Truth THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

#### The Gods Who Did Not Create



Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. – .leremiah 10:11

One of the fundamental lessons we learn from Scripture is that there is only one God. There are, however, a lot of false gods. In biblical times, these would often have been

idols of wood, stone, or metal. But there are idols all around us today which demand our worship. These could be anything that people have put in the place of God.

Some modern idols would, however, be recognizable to people of biblical times. These might be such objects as charms, horoscopes, or crystals. Sometimes, like the Children of Israel, Christians can be tempted by such idols

In Jeremiah 10, we read: Thus shall you say to them: "The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens." It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens. (Jeremiah 10:11-12)

Our attitude to such idols needs to be to remind ourselves that these idols did not make the universe. Only God has the power to create, and the Bible reminds us that He created the whole universe in just six days about 6,000 years ago. Compared to God, the false gods and idols look so worthless. What is the test of whether or not they are true or false? The test is whether they created the heavens and the earth. Our God is the only true God, the God who really did make the heavens and the earth.

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