7/7/2019





**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 Songs of Praise:

"Hear the Call of the Kingdom" "Lead On, O King Eternal" "Lion of Judah"

\*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

# We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Preparatory

Song of Response: "All Heaven Declares" Installation of Elders & Deacons Congregational Prayer—Gregg Zonnefeld 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: Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon: Be a Blessing

# We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: "10,000 Reasons"

# We Leave to Serve God

\*God's Parting Blessing \*Closing Song: "Benediction" \*Postlude Accompanist Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship Leader: Kim Greenfield Megan Greenfield Corbin Groenewold

Elder/Deacon Greeters Merle Schouten Joe Bresser

Fellowship Coffee Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters Shirley Otto

**Nursery** Marilyn Mulder Becca Vree Taylor Hoffman

Sound System Eric Homan

Transportation Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers Jesse Buteyn Glen Greenfield Brandon Kitchner Arent Venhuizen

Video Projection LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters T Jansen to Daryl Pfantz\* M Jansma to Neen N Jansma to Chaplain Pete

\*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 Elaine Homan

Prayers of the People led by Pastor Harv

We Study God's Word: Psalm 90

\*Song of Response: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

\*Affirmation of our Faith: Apostles Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "He Is Lord"

\*Postlude

## Worship Notes

**This morning**, we hear from Pastor Harv on Ephesians 6:10-20. This evening we will worship here at First CRC at 6:00 PM.

#### Upcoming Special Service

| 7/7/2019  | 6:00 PM | PM Worship at First CRC |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| 7/14/2019 | 7:00 PM | PM Worship at Bethel    |
| 7/21/2019 | 6:00 PM | PM Worship at First CRC |
| 7/28/2019 | 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.

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July Cause: The Luke Society.

Last Week's Offerings Local Budget: \$2,535 OH4F: \$5

## 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

Harold Greenfield 8

## July Anniversaries

| Scott & Jen Ritzema    | 8  | Trevor & Lauren Zonnefeld | 9  |
|------------------------|----|---------------------------|----|
| Brad & Rhonda Schouten | 14 | Cody & Jeana Zonnefeld    | 14 |

Sandy's fractured shoulder/arm continues to heal slowly as expected. Thanx a million for the amazing support of cards, visits, prayers, etc. Please continue prayers for pain relief. – Glen & Sandy Greenfield

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

- Carol Navis as she undergoes cancer treatment.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder as Travis continues with chemo and is waiting to see results from the bone marrow transplant.
- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Margaret Miedema as she continues to seek answers for the weakness and pain in her legs.
- 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.

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER to get your meetings on the church calendar.** It's important for us to know when you are meeting in case others request to use the church. Meetings continue to happen without being on the calendar. Send an email to waupuncrc@gmail.com or leave a message at 324-2898.

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

**Serve Waupun 2019** is a joint project being organized by Bethel CRC and First CRC to assist with service needs in the Waupun community. This special week is planned for July 29 through August 3.

- 1. <u>We are looking for projects!</u> Please submit your project ideas by June 30 at http://www.waupuncrc.com/outreach/weekofservice.cfm or by speaking to someone on our church's Outreach Team.
- We will need workers! Around July 7, you will be getting a Sign-Up Genius email where you can sign up for projects and/or timeslots that work for you.
- 3. <u>We need your prayers!</u> The Signup Genius will also give you the opportunity to sign up to pray for the various projects and dates.
- <u>Do you enjoy cooking and/or baking?</u> One of the projects we will be offering is to have a group get together in Bethel's kitchen and make some meals for individuals in our churches.

## 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. The collecting of supplies begins July 1 and ends Sunday, July 28. There are "shopping lists" printed for you to pick up to help you shop. When you are shopping, keep in mind that we have checked with the school district, and the supplies on our list are those that are needed most. **Or** you can let our group do the shopping by making a monetary donation. If you want to write a check, please make it out to *Church Women United*.

Last year we helped over 200 students start the school year with the supplies they needed thanks to your support. Thank you for your continued support of this project that helps so many students right here in our community.

**Youth for Christ Peach Sale is back**! Peaches will be available at The Union Youth Center in Waupun, Noon – 5 PM, Wednesday thru Friday, July 17-19, until sold out. Peaches direct from Georgia! For more info visit www.badgerlandyfc.org or call 923-1416.

REACH Waupun is now responsible for scheduling servers for the Friday **hot meal at the Community Table**. There are **three Friday dates open for 2019**. We are asking you to prayerfully consider signing up for one or more serving dates. If you have a group that would like to provide a meal, let Allegra or Lois know and we will get you signed up. The remaining 2019 open dates are 8/30, 11/22, and 12/20.

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.

# <u>Calendar</u>

| 8:45 AM | Prayer Meeting in church basement   |
|---------|---|
| 9:30 AM | AM Worship Service @ First CRC  |
| 6:00 PM | PM Worship at First CRC   |
| 8:00 AM | Prayer Meeting  |
| 6:30 PM | Elders Meeting  |
| 6:30 PM | Council Meeting   |
| 8:45 AM | Prayer Meeting in church basement   |
| 9:30 AM | AM Worship Service @ First CRC  |
| 7:00 PM | PM Worship @ Bethel CRC   |
|         | 9:30 AM<br>6:00 PM<br>8:00 AM<br>6:30 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>8:45 AM<br>9:30 AM |

#### Next Week

Accompanist Lois Mulder

### **Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Jessica Ten Pass Aubryn De Jager Tirzah Ritzema

#### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Kevin Buwalda Andy Schlieve

#### **Fellowship Coffee**

Bob & Michelle Mulder

#### Greeter

Dewey & Lois Pausma

#### Nursery

Bonnie Vander Berg Sue Buwalda Cassidy Ritzema

Offering: Local Budget July Cause: The Luke Society

Sound System Joe Bresser

#### Ushers

Jesse Buteyn Glen Greenfield Brandon Kitchner Arent Venhuizen

# Video Projection

Katie De Jager



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

# THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

# The Earth Is Unique



For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. (Isaiah 45:18)

Many Christians are troubled by the idea of the Earth being unique. After all, the universe is vast, so surely a clean here as well as on this planet.

God could have put life elsewhere, as well as on this planet.

Of course, many Christians still struggle with the idea of evolution. They assume that the world's scientists cannot be so wrong about evolution. Surely God is big enough to have used evolution if He wished. They forget that what God could have done is not the issue. What matters is what God actually said that He did – and He said that He directly created all life rather than leaving it to a process of blind, random chance, which is not actually able to create anything.

Even those who have rejected evolution worry about being dogmatic that we are alone in the universe. Surely the Creation Week could have been achieved elsewhere also?

No, it could not. The Bible is clear that the Earth is unique. To emphasize this, God made the Earth *before* He made all the other objects of the universe.

It is the first chapter of the Bible that makes clear the uniqueness of the Earth and the fact that it was and is the special focus of God's provision. It is why God reminded us through the prophet Isaiah that it was the Lord who formed the Earth and made it.

Ref: Jerry Bergman, Ph.D. 2008. The Earth: Unique in All the Universe (Updated). Acts & Facts. 37 (3). Image: NASA, Public Domaín.

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