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)

Gathering to Refocus

*Opening Song – Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

*Call to Worship / Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting / Greeting Each Other

*Time of Praise – Led by Praise Team
Good to Me
King Forevermore

Reminders of Redemption & Response

Promises of Grace & Forgiveness
Living out God's Love
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory—Local Budget
Song of Preparation – Speak, O Lord

Reflection & Refreshment

Scripture—Matthew 14:22-33
Sermon – "Faith Fundamentals: TRUST"
Prayer of Response

Response & Release

*Song of Response - Cornerstone

*Benediction

*Doxology- We Receive Your Blessing

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

Leader: Jessica Ten Pass **Helpers:** Megan Greenfield

Jolie Schouten

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Gary DeJager Eric Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters

Keith, Laura, Harm, Arent & Neil Venhuizen

Nursery

Emily Mulder Michelle Mulder Mikayla Zonnefeld

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (210-8069) Arky Navis (210-3016)

Ushers

Noah Mulder Josh Schouten Tyler Ten Pass Zach Vander Werff

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

Missionary Letters

Joe D. to Daryl Pfantz Glen G. to Neen Harold G. to Chaplain Peter+

[†]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 Ben Homan

Prayers of the People led by Ken Homan

We Study God's Word: Colossians 3:12-14 ~ The Power of Forgiveness

*Song of Response: Let It Be Said Of Us

*Affirmation of Faith

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners, called to be holy, dedicated to service. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others. Knowing our own weaknesses and failures, we bring good news to all sinners with understanding of their condition, and with hope in God. We grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and spans all time, place, race, and language, has become a broken communion in a broken world. When we struggle for the purity of the church and for the righteousness God demands, we pray for saintly courage. When our pride or blindness blocks the unity of God's household, we seek forgiveness. We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do his work, and that he blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity. We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the oneness of all who follow Jesus.

*Benediction

*Closing Song: Bind Us Together

*Postlude

Worship Notes

This morning we welcome Gregg Zonnefeld and **this evening** we welcome Scott Ritzema as they lead us in worship at First CRC.

Next Sunday we welcome Rev. Richard Britton as he leads us in morning worship and Pastor Dave Katsma as he leads us in worship in the evening. Both services will be at First CRC.

9/9/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
9/16/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
9/23/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
9/30/2018	9:30 AM	Preparatory
9/30/2018	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.

August cause: World Renew (CRWRC) responds on our behalf to the needs of people who suffer from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice.

Last Weeks Offering

Local Budget \$5,338.05 World Renew \$100.00

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$24,700.75	24,692.00	\$8.75
Denominational	\$1,820.00	\$5,515.00	-\$3,695.00
Classical	\$835.00	\$1,745.00	-\$910.00

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.

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 are bins set up in the narthex 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

Thank you to those that helped with Mobile meals for the month of July, it was greatly appreciated! Faith Miedema

A prayer of praise that Sandy continues to improve. Thanks for all your prayers, concerns, cards etc. Prayers for continued healing would be much appreciated. Glen & Sandy Greenfield

We will be having a special second offering next Sunday morning for Mandy Kimes and her ministry at Ripon College, "His House". Please prayerfully consider helping Mandy reach her goal for this ministry. The Deacons

The Council has decided to go forward with seeking a STM (Specialized Transitional Minister). We will not have an STM in place until early next year.

<u>Birthdays</u> <u>August</u> Junice Rens 27

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

- Jason Morgan as his surgery went well and he is on his way to 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 continue to pray for healing.
- Morris & Bea as Morris goes through chemo treatments. May these treatments shrink or remove the 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
- 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 event please make sure that you have reserved it through the church secretary in advance. Thank you.

There are still a lot of dishes in the kitchen from the recent funerals. Please take some time to check if one might be yours. Thank you

Save the Date! Home Sweet Home Wisconsin - Harvest Auction, is set for Saturday, September 22. Silent Auction begins at 3:30, dinner from 4-6, and live auction will begin at 6:30pm. Looking forward to a fantastic evening of fellowship!

Kiwanis will host a **Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, August 30**, 2018 from **11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at Edgewood Community Church** located at 201 Edgewood Dr., Waupun, WI. Please come and roll up your sleeve and make a difference in someone's life.

Have you been thinking about joining OH4F on a trip to Haiti? Here's your chance! We are planning our January trip right now. Come and be His hands and feet and get out of the cold! See the progress on the Myan School and meet some of the children that attend. Trip will be January 18-23, 2019. Deadline for registration is approaching quickly, August 30. If you have any questions or are interested in joining us contact Gladys Montsma at 920-210-5329 or send an email to gladys@oh4f.org

ATTN HIGH SCHOOLERS! With the school year starting Youth Group will be starting as well! Our kick off meeting will be WEDNESDAY, SEPT 19TH, and will be at Bryant and Elizabeth Greenfield's house at 519 S Grove St, Waupun WI 53963 at 645 pm. We will be grilling out and discussing the upcoming year and doing an outdoor movie weather permitting. Please bring \$20 to cover food for the year. We look forward to seeing you all! – YOUTH GROUP LEADERS OF BETHEL AND FIRST CRC

A "GriefShare" group will begin on September 10, 2018 at Pella Lutheran Church, 315 S. Madison St., Waupun. Classes will be held on Mondays from 6-8PM for 12 weeks. There is no cost to participants. If you have questions contact Lora Huizenga @ 920-324-3321 ext. 10 or seclora@pellalutheran.org

Calendar

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

PM Worship Service @ 1st CRC 6:00 PM

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

6:00 PM PM Worship Service @ 1st CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder Helpers: Miranda Vander Berg

Cassidy Ritzema

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda

Ben Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Michael & Danielle Jansma

Greeters

Randy & Janet Ver Hage

Musical Praise

Elaine Homan

Nursery

Bonnie Vander Berg Andrea Buwalda Heather Hoekstra

Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

Offering: Local Budget September Cause:

Christian Home Chaplaincy

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst Ray Hofman Al Holden

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection Mike Vander Berg

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

Your Father Knows

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. – Matthew 6:8

Qohelet, the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes, reminds us to "Remember your Creator". Why do we need to remember Him? It is because everything that we value has come from Him. Qohelet has spent eleven previous chapters, explaining that if we do not reference everything to God, then it is all meaningless, just like trying to grab hold of the air.

Most of us have times when we do not know where to turn. We spend so long wondering who can help us through our difficult times, when the answer is within us. It perhaps sounds trite to some to say that God is always with us and that He will listen to our needs. It might sound trite – but it's true. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble", says the Psalmist. "Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. (Psalms 46:1-3)

It is often the very work of God in creation that brings us back to hopefulness. If God could fling the stars into space, if God can move the mountains and control the waves, then He can deal with my little problem. Qohelet says, "Remember your Creator... before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain." (Ecclesiastes 12:1-2) Our problems are of more concern to Him than the light of the stars. We can turn to Him – "for your Father knows what you need before you ask him".

Ref: John Gill Commentary, < http://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-ofthe-bible/psalms-46/ >, accessed 9/22/2017.

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