

Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church

1 Kings 18:16-46



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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:** Crown Him Lord of All – R41 (Responsive Reading)

***Opening:**

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name-
R42 vs 1, 3 & 4
Crown Him with Many Crowns -
R45 vs 1, 3 & 4

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Life Everlasting – R785

Song: Blessed be Your Name

Congregational Prayer led by Scott R.

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** 1 Kings 18:16-46

Sermon: The Lord, He is God!

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** The Name of the Lord

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** Glory Be to the Father – G635

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Helpers: Mikayla Zonnefeld
Kaytlin Smits

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda

Ben Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Al & LeAnne Holden

Greeters

Harold & Carol Greenfield

Nursery

Jen Ritzema

Marilyn Mulder

Miranda Vander Berg

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)

Morris Te Grootenhuis
(539-0438)

Ushers

Keith Buwalda

Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters

Pete VW. to Daryl Pfantz

Adam V to Neen+

Al V 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

Prayer by Al Venhuizen

We Study God's Word: Psalm 134 – "Saying Goodbye"

***Song of Response:** Blest Be the Tie that Binds – G315 vs 1-3

***Affirmation of Faith:** Our World Belongs to God – Articles 37-39, and 41 - 42 (Pg. 1030-1032)

- 37. In our world, bent under the weight of sin, Christ gathers a new community. Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may confuse and swallow, but Jesus builds his church, his Spirit guides and grace abounds.**
- 38. The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord. She is the Bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him: delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer, silent before the mystery of his love.**
- 39. Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished I the fellowship of congregations where God's name is praised his Word proclaimed, his way taught; where sins are confessed, prayers and gifts are offered, and sacraments are celebrated.**

- 41. The Spirit empowers each member to take part in the ministry of all, so that hurts are healed and all may rejoice in the life and growth of the fellowship.**
- 42. 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 weakness and failures, we bring good news to all sinners with understanding of their condition, and with hope in God.**

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** Blest Be the Tie that Binds – G315 vs 4

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

This morning we welcome **Matt Hofman** as he leads us in worship and **this evening** **Al Venhuizen** will lead us.

Next Sunday morning Gregg Zonnefeld will lead us in worship. Turn on the news, listen to the radio, check your Facebook page, read stories online-- our culture is abuzz with conflict, controversy, and discontent. But what about us as Christians? What do our lives reflect? Next Sunday the faith fundamental of contentment will be our focus as we reflect on this key component of a faith-filled life.

Next Sunday evening we will have a combined worship service at Bethel CRC starting at 7 PM.

Upcoming Special Service

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

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$4,867.00
Gideons	\$ 65.00

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!

August cause: Elim Christian Services - Through its four major program areas on its main campus in Palos Heights, IL, and in 15 Discovery locations, over 300 servants work each day to bring 800 persons with disabilities beyond their potential to become the living testimonies God created them to be.

Our Family

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>August</u>		<u>August</u>
Claire Jansen	6	Angela Buwalda	8
Danielle Jansma	8	Makenna Morgan	12
Jacob Van Herwaarden	12		

Anniversaries **August**

Ray & Brenda Hofman	6
Keith & Laura Venhuizen	6
Joel & Melissa Venhuizen	10
Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld	10

Congratulations to Drew & Breanna (Smits) Buiter, who were united in marriage yesterday. We pray that their relationship will be grounded in Christ.

Our sympathies to Harold Greenfield and family as Harold's sister, Helena Kuiper, passed away this past Wednesday. May the Lord give you comfort during this time of loss.

Pastor Craig will be out of town until Monday, August 21. If you have a need during this time please contact your elder.

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



- Laura Ten Pass and family as they celebrate the great news. 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 continues to recover.
- Arky Navis as he anticipates surgery on his back.
- Carlie Jansen as she continues to recover.
- 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.

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.

Peaches for sale next week at the Union! Preorder until August 11 to get your name on a lug, or, buy right out of the truck August 16-18 (or until sold out). See flyers on the shelf in the basement for more information.

Our next Coffee Chat is scheduled for August 20 at 8:45 AM in our church basement. We will learn more about the topic of Forgiveness as it relates to Persecuted Christians. Even if you did not attend one of the previous Chats, we would love to have you join us for this one. If you need nursery services, please send an email to Mike at mike@dis-solutions.com.

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!!

In your mailboxes today are **sign-up sheets for the Vanishing Grace church-wide Bible Study** for this October. We are aiming to have 65% of the congregation get involved. If you've never been in a group before, take advantage of this opportunity to grow together as a church.

We want to welcome Mackenzie Mulder as the new leader of our Children & Worship program, and thank Dominique Van Hill for her years of service in this capacity. **There is a need for 3-4 more teachers for Children & Worship.** Please let Mackenzie know if you are interested in this service opportunity in the lives of our kids.

The fall season for our church education classes will begin on September 17th. Our educational program is for 4 year olds through high school. If your child turns 4 during the church year, they may join the pre-school class at that point. Parents are asked to make attendance in Sunday School and Catechism classes a priority, as these are important faith-growth opportunities in their spiritual lives.

Jennie Afman Dimkoff is married to Probate Court Judge, Graydon Dimkoff, and they have two grown children. She shares stories from her life testimony and what the Lord has taught her. **She is our featured speaker at the retreat on September 19** at the First Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin hosted by Bible League International Volunteers. Invite some friends, and send in your registrations today. Don't forget, men are invited to join us for the day. The day is open to everyone and you are encouraged to hear the talented New Generations who will perform a mini-concert during the day. **You can make an eternal difference** in the lives of people in Africa, by taking part in this retreat and providing Bibles through the special offering. This unique event is designed to glorify God through great music and speakers, and to renew and uplift all who attend. See a brochure/poster for more information or talk to your Key Contact, Arlene De Jager @ 920-344-1674. The deadline for registering is September 11. Don't wait – register now!

FREE -- That's right you can get a free meal. You are invited to ReNew (formerly the Leadership Conference). Here you will not only get a free meal but

also join in learning about how we, as the church, can grow together. With topics like finances, ministering to and with millenials, and encouraging spiritual questions you will find something to challenge you, encourage you, and give you information to make the church stronger. Sign up today at www.marshviewministries.org for the August 27event.

Have you sent in your RSVP for the Wednesday, August 30 Benefit Dinner? 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 God is doing through 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 Waupun Kiwanis is having their **Corn & Bean sale on Saturday August 12th.** We will be having it in the Culver's Parking lot between 8:30 and 11:00am.

Back to School Night / Convocation - Monday, August 21

A special night is being planned to start the 2017-18 school year--it's a night you won't want to miss. We invite all students, parents, and supporters of CWC. This night will be our convocation service for the new year, so check out what's happening on the 21st:

- 5:30 PM Classrooms open for kids to see their rooms
- 6:45 PM Convocation Worship Service in Crusader Centre
 - Praise and Prayer Time, Meet the Staff, Meet New Families, Meditation
- 7:30 PM Refreshments/Fellowship

Save the Date! A Night At Crusader Ballpark - Harvest Auction, is set for Saturday, September 23. 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!

Have you ever felt the desire to be a part of something different? Have you ever felt God tugging you to step outside your comfort zone? We have an opportunity for you to do just that! **OH4F, Inc. will be leading a Vision Trip to Haiti January 19-24, 2018.** We ask you to prayerfully consider making a difference in the life of the children in Haiti by joining us on this trip. Deadline for registration is September 25, 2017. **For information on registering please contact us at gladys@oh4f.org**

The annual service for Zion Congregational Church, (Old Stone Church), will be held on Sunday August 13, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The church is located one mile north of Alto @ N4042 Amity Road. The guest Pastor will be Rev. Warren Lammers, the guest vocalists will be Ken & Kathleen Beekman and

the guest organist will be Joyce Respalje. A freewill offering will be taken, to be used for up keep of the church and the adjoining cemetery. Following the service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments, and following that the annual meeting of the Oak Mound Cemetery Association. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Calendar

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

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder

Helpers: Neil Venhuizen

Zach Vander Werff

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Tom Jonker

Randall Greenfield

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

Randall, Kim, Megan & Ryer

Greenfield

Nursery

Jenna Mulder

Lori Venhuizen

Mikayla Zonnefeld

Offering: Local Budget

August Cause: ELIM

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

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Keith Buwalda

Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Can You Wiggle Your Ears?



How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? – Proverbs 1:22

Evolutionists tell us that the muscles which control movement of the ears – the auriculars – are vestigial. That is, they might have been useful to humans in our evolutionary past, but other than allowing some people to wiggle their ears, they have no purpose today. That's why a new review of research on these muscles is causing so much excitement among evolutionists. "According to intelligent design and creationism," the researcher writes, "our body was designed by a being with perfect intelligence. Here's something in our brain that's completely useless, so why would a being of perfect intelligence put it there?"

Biologist and creationist anatomist Dr. David Menton fired back with something for evolutionists to think about. This former professor at Washington University School of Medicine wrote: "One of the problems with the whole concept of vestigial or functionless muscles is the well-known fact that unused muscles quickly degenerate.... It is unlikely that any muscle that was virtually unused for the lifetime of an individual (to say nothing of generations of individuals over millions of years) would remain as healthy muscle tissue. It seems overwhelmingly likely that any muscle in the body that actually exists in the present, serves some function."

Creation Moments has no doubt that Dr. Menton is correct in saying that the auricular muscles have a purpose. We do doubt, however, that evolutionists will make a serious attempt to discover what that purpose might be!

Ref: Stephanie Pappas, "No Purpose for Vestigial Ear-Wiggling Reflex," LiveScience, 10/22/15.
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