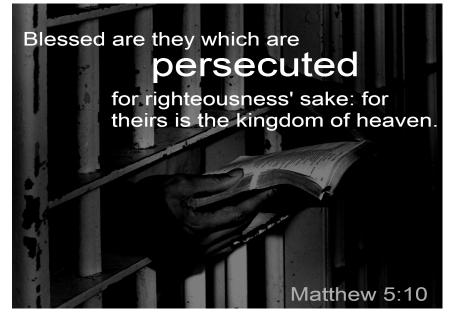
Welcome to

First Christian Reformed Church



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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

*Opening: Above All

Be Unto Your Name

*God's Greeting and We Greet One
Another

We are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- G486 vs 1 & 3

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local

Budget

Children are dismissed for Walk Out

Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Matthew 5:10-12

Sermon: For the Persecuted

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response: How Great Thou Art

– G483

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song: We Receive Your

Blessing

*Postlude

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder **Helpers:** Aubryn De Jager

Megan Greenfield

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan Bob Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters

Gretchen & Heather Hoekstra

Nursery

Keith & Laura Venhuizen Zach Vander Werff

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Louie Wierenga (219-8640) Percy De Vries

(344-0109)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst Rav Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Missionary Letters

George A. to Daryl Pfantz

Troy A. to Neen+

Cara A. to Chaplain Peter

*Please pray especially for this missionary family this week

7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Worship Notes

Tonight we join with Bethel as Pastor Craig is on retreat. Their service begins at 7:00pm.

Next Sunday we continue our study of Matthew 5 as we see the call to be salt and light in this world. What does that mean and what happens when we fail to be salty and bright?

Verses of the Week: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kids of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11-12

This week be in prayer for:

- All those experiencing natural disasters
- Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana
- Fires in California
- Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean, D.R., Haiti, Florida
- Mudslides in Sierra Leone, India, Bangladesh, and Nepal
- Hurricane Katia in Mexico
- People fleeing Myanmar to save their lives

Give thanks to God for:

- Dreams
- Stars
- Healthy Marriages

<u>Upcoming Special Service</u>

September 10	7:00 PM	Combined Evening Worship @ Bethel CRC
September 24	9:30 AM	Preparatory
October 1	9:30 AM	World Wide Communion

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$5,301.00
REACH Waupun	\$ 45.00
World Renew	\$3,375.00

You may continue to make **donations for Texas Relief** for a few more weeks by writing World Renew on the Other line on the donation envelopes.

There will be a **special offering next Sunday morning** for the building project at **the Union**.

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!

September cause: REACH Waupun brings poverty awareness and relief to the community of Waupun, through relationships and education, allowing youth and their families to REACH their individual highest potential.

At REACH, we strive to break down the barriers that can hold back the youth in the Waupun community. We also want to be a place where all community members can go to utilize their talents and gifts to give back to Waupun!

<u>Our Family</u>			
Birthdays	<u>September</u>		<u>September</u>
Rynn Aalsma	10	Kristi Hofman	13
Brad Schouten	16		

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>September</u>
Charlie & Lori Kitchner	10
Jason & Jenni Morgan	13
Steve & Rose Homan	16

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

- Leann Johnson as she continues to undergo treatments.
- Brandon Kitchner as he anticipates surgery on the other foot.
- Winnie Kuiper as she recovers from a mix-up in medication.
- Morris Te Grootenhuis as he recovers from heart surgery.
- Keith Buwalda as he recovers from surgery on his

hand.

- Sue Buwalda as she recovers from surgery on her foot.
- 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
- 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

Members of the Fellowship Committee (Group that schedules social events for 1st CRC) will meet **after the morning service** in the upstairs classroom.

There will not be an Elders Meeting this Tuesday evening, instead we encourage you to attend the LifeChat at the Public Library.

Have you turned in your sign-up sheet for the *Vanishing Grace* churchwide Bible Study, for this October? Please place your sign-up sheet in the return mailbox on the far wall in the narthex. Thank you!

Women of all ages...come join us for breakfast at Helen's Kitchen as we kick off the new Coffee Break year! We will meet at 8:30am on Wednesday, September 13 at Helen's.

Mary Martha will kick off this Wednesday, September 13 at 2:30 PM at Prairie Ridge.

Our church is teaming up with Edgewood Church and the Wisconsin Right to Life to host a Life Chat in the Waupun area on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM at the Waupun Public Library meeting room. While enjoying some coffee and desserts, we will hear from WI Right to Life members on what is new with WRTL, we will learn how grassroots action can protect the ultimate human right...life, and we will discuss some easy ways churches can partner with WRTL to save lives right now. If you have a passion for the Pro-Life movement, please plan to attend. For more information, you can talk to someone on our church's Outreach Team.

If you haven't signed up for the Retreat for Bible League International on September 19, you still have time. The deadline has been extended, so you have until September 17 to sign up. We have a very exciting speaker, Jennie Afman Dimkoff, as our featured speaker. She comes to us as a gifted storyteller with very high credentials. See a brochure for more information and a registration form. Everyone, including the men, are invited. There are extra brochures on the table in the narthex or call Margaret Miedema for more information.

The Outreach Committee will be collecting items for Family MedPacks for persecuted Christians (Voice of the Martyrs). Please see your mailbox for the specific items needed. Please bring in items by Sunday, September 24. Thanks for your support!

Auction Countdown is On!!! The list is growing daily, the RSVPs are coming in, and the plans are being finalized for the 2017 Central Wisconsin

Christian Harvest Auction. *A Night at Crusader Ballpark* is on Saturday, September 23rd, with the silent auction opening up at 3:30, with dinner starting at 4:00 and our signature live auction at 6:30. Get your personalized auction packet by registering and check out the list at cwcauction.com. Last year's event raised \$150,000 - help us make a difference in the lives of the kids again this year. Don't miss this great night of fun and fellowship, and take along some friends!!

On Wednesday, Sept. 27th CWC will hold our annual Elementary Showcase! We will be serving dessert and beverages from 5:30-8 that evening. All friends and family are welcome!

Ladies Night Out!!! Wednesday October 4 @ 6:00 here at 1st CRC all ladies are invited to attend a sign painting party. Space is limited so sign up soon! You will need to choose either a Thanksgiving or Christmas themed sign before the event. The cost is \$30 and the deadline to sign up is Sept. 24. The sign-up sheet is on the information center in the basement or you may sign up on Facebook. Contact Kristi Zonnefeld with questions.

The fall season for our church education classes will begin on September 17th. Our educational program is for 4 year olds - high school. If your child turns 4 during the church year, they may join the preschool 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.

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

We are looking for a few golfers to join us for Bethany's 23rd Annual "Swing Fore Kids". Your choice – golf 100 holes or traditional 18 holes. Grab your clubs and join us for a great cause! Event is on September 15, 2017. Money raised supports Bethany's vision where all children live in a loving, forever family. "Swing Fore Kids" event helps raise awareness and needed bunding to support Bethany's specialized programs and services. For detail and to register visit: https://www.bethany.org/waukesha/Events

We are excited to announce that the **Waupun CROP Hunger Walk** is scheduled for Saturday morning, **October 7**, **2017!** CROP, or Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, is a local event intended to raise money to support grass roots hunger-fighting development efforts around the world and in our own community. The CROP Walk has been an annual event in our community for over 40 years! 25% of the money raised by the Waupun CROP Walk is kept local and provides support to the Waupun Food Pantry through our Christian Clergy Group. Last year approximately \$3,000 was given to the Food Pantry to help citizens or our community in need. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walk **contact Bob Mulder** for more information.

Do you want to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you? Regardless of the size of your Estate, your age or stage in life, Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation, a confidential Estate Planning consultation is offered to you at no charge and with no obligation. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area on Sept 19 & Sept 20, 2017. Just call Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 or email dhard@barnabasfoundation.com to schedule a conversation with Jim.

Calendar

10:45 AM Fellowship Committee Meeting in

upstairs classroom

7:00 PM PM Combined Worship Service @

Bethel CRC

Tuesday: 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting

6:30 PM LifeChat @ Waupun Public Library

Meeting Room

Wednesday: 8:30 AM Coffee Break meet at Helen's Kitchen

2:30 PM Mary Martha @ Prairie Ridge

6:30 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group

Next Sunday: 9:30 AM AM Worship Service

6:00 PM PM Worship Service

Next Week
Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder **Helpers:** Elizabeth Jonker

Shirley Otto

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Scott Ritzema Eric Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

Gene & Toni Hofman

Musical Praise

Toni Hofman

Nursery

Brad & Rhonda Schouten Gretchen Hoekstra

Offering: Local Budget

September Cause: REACH

Prayer

Brian O'Donovan

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Louie Wierenga (324-3683) Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Next Week Continiued:

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst Ray Hofman Al Holden

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Group	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Don Pausma	Jon Venhuizen
2	Merle Schouten	Joe Bresser
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Scott Ritzema	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Tom Jonker	Randall Greenfield
7	Steve Homan	
8	Al Venhuizen	Brian O'Donovan



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Eyewitness to a Volcano's Birth



The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel. – Judges 5:5

How long does it take for a volcano to form? Scientists who reject the flood of Noah's time insist

that it takes many thousands or millions of years. And yet, we know from eyewitness testimony that at least one volcano – Mount Paricutin in Mexico – grew to over 300 feet in height within a week of its birth.

The birth of Mount Paricutin took place in 1943, when a Mexican farmer, Dionisio Pulido, along with his son and wife, were working in a field. He was frightened when he saw a fissure open in the ground and the surrounding soil starting to bulge upwards. Soon the air was filled with dark smoke and gas smelling like rotten eggs.

Before the volcano became extinct nine years later, it had reached a height of 1,390 feet – tall enough to be seen from miles away. Since 1952, the volcano has been attracting tourists and climbers from all over the world. Now, if you were to ask tourists who hadn't listened to today's program how long the volcano has been there, they would say thousands or millions of years.

People generally say millions of years when asked about the age of the Grand Canyon. But they are basing their answers on assumptions made by geologists who don't take a worldwide flood into account. Far better than assumptions is the geological history of the world we find in the Bible.

Ref: Jonathan O'Brien, "Paricutin", Creation 35(1) 2013, pp. 32-33. Photo: Eruption of Mount Paricutin. Courtesy of R.E. Wilcox, U.S. Geological Survey. (PD)

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