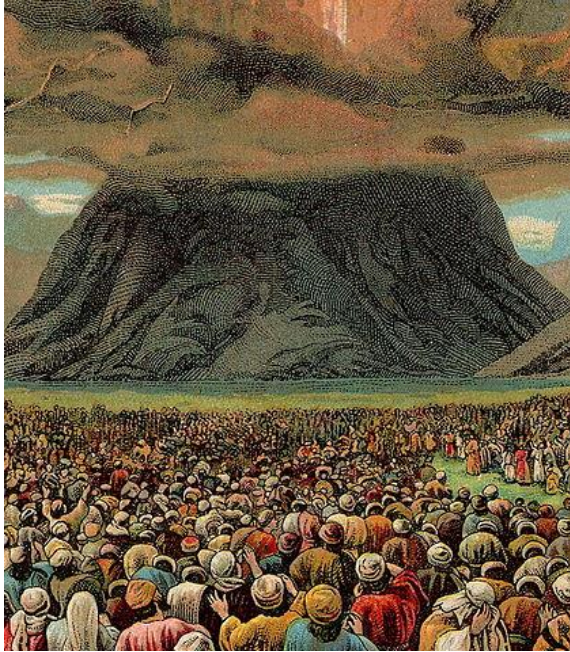


Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



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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:**

When Morning Gilds the Skies – R215
vs 1-3

Worthy of Worship - R153 vs 1-3

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

We are Renewed in God's Grace

Preparatory

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, our Savior calls us in grace to share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As he prepares his table for us, we prepare ourselves for him by remembering our Christian faith, hope and love.

Congregation: We believe and confess that our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted the sacrament of the Holy Supper to nourish and sustain his family, which is his church.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is faithful and by the Holy spirit inspires us to faith. Let us this week examine our faith and commit ourselves to growing in grace.

Congregation: With humility and reverence we prepare to receive the holy sacrament in the gathering of God's people, as we engage together, with thanksgiving, in a holy remembrance of the death of Christ our Savior, and as we thus confess our faith and Christian religion.

Pastor: The Sacrament is a sign and seal of what was, and is, and is to come. Light

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Stacy Schaver

Helpers: Cassidy Ritzema
Ethan Schulz

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda

Ben Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters

Phil & Mary Nell Hofman

Nursery

Kim Greenfield

Sue Buwalda

Jolie Schouten

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Louie Wierenga

(219-8640)

Percy De Vries

(344-0109)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters

Brian B. to Daryl Pfantz+

Joe B. to Neen

John B. to Chaplain Peter

**Please pray especially for this
missionary family this week*

of the world, Jesus shines hope against the darkness of sin. Let us this week examine our hope and commit ourselves to yearning for God's Kingdom.

Congregation: This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits. At that table, he makes us enjoy himself as much as the merits of his suffering and death, as he nourishes, strengthens, and comforts through bread and wine, body and blood.

Pastor: We are the communion of the saints: the church of all times and all places. This is possible because of Christ's fierce love for his people. His loves gives rise to ours. Let us this week examine our love and commit ourselves to grateful living.

Congregation: As we look forward to his holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors. We pledge ourselves to forgiveness, kindness, truthfulness, and the service of others. We dedicate ourselves to God's Law. As we prepare our hearts and amend our lives may we come to the table joyfully in faith, hope and love. Amen

Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Exodus 19

Sermon: Prepare Yourself

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Cleanse Me -R657 vs 1-3

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Parting Song:** When Morning Gilds the Skies – R215 vs 4

***Postlude**

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: Romans 6:5-14

***Song of Response:** When We Walk with the Lord – G548 vs 1-3

***Affirmation of our Faith:** HC Q&A 45

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow – G638

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Verse of the Week: “And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and be ready by the third day, because the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.” Exodus 19:10-11

Starting Next Sunday, we will not be holding our evening worship services for the month of October, but, we do have Bible study groups meeting to study *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancey. Join us in discovering what God's grace is, how we fail to show it and how we are to share it.

This week be in prayer for:

- Those in the path of the hurricanes that keep coming
- Those living near us that need to hear the gospel
- Classis Wisconsin meeting on Tuesday

Give thanks to God for:

- The order of Creation
- Never leaving us
- Smiles

Upcoming Special Service

September 24	9:30 AM	Preparatory
October 1	9:30 AM	World Wide Communion

Deacons Report

- All unmarked donations will continue be for the local budget. If you would like to donate to a special cause, the monthly cause, or another fund please note it on the check or use an envelope.
- Developed a stewardship plan for First CRC
- Disbursed over \$1400 in benevolent funds
- Started working with REACH Waupun to help with community need requests

The Benevolence Fund is very healthy and the Deacons are looking for ways to serve our community with our resources, if you know of a need please let a deacon know.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$7,200.00
REACH Waupun	\$ 175.00
World Renew	\$ 100.00
The Union (YFC)	\$1,752.00

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!

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!

Our Family

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>September</u>		<u>September</u>
Noah Mulder	24	Louie Wierenga	25
Lois Pausma	26	Phyllis Hofman	27
Ken Ten Pas	29	Gladys Montsma	30

The Homan family is adopting! Ben and Alyssa are the parents of Ethan (10) and Elsa (4). They have been in the process of adopting Eden, a beautiful 3 year old girl from Ethiopia, for the past 16 months. They are anticipating travel to Africa to bring her home this fall. Eden has Spina Bifida, hydrocephalus, and many complications that have arisen due to the limited treatment available to her in the orphanage. First Christian Reformed Church will be hosting an Ethiopian night on October 11 from 5-7 to help offset medical expenses for the family. Please come and share an Ethiopian meal while learning more about Ethiopian culture and customs.

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.
- 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

Join us as we break ground on a new skilled nursing, assisted living and memory care facility on Monday September 25th at 5pm. More information available on the flyer in the narthex.

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!

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!

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 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.

The kick-off night for **SWaT (Middle School Youth Group)** will be **Wednesday, October 25th** at Mark and Rachelle Buwalda's house from 6-8pm (910 Beaver Dam St, Waupun). All 6th through 8th graders are welcome and are always welcome to bring friends! Come hungry as we will be roasting hot dogs and making s'mores. Please contact Andy & Beth Schlieve or Tyler & Jessica Ten Pass with any questions. Please see welcome email and Facebook post for more information regarding the years' activities.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	8:30 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Kim Greenfield

Helpers: Parker Van Hill
Elise Ritzema

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Tom Jonker
Randall Greenfield

Fellowship Coffee

Denny & Nancy Vande Berg

Greeters

Al & LeAnne Holden

Nursery

Phylcia Bronkhorst
Becca Vree
Josie Venhuizen

Offering: Local Budget

October Cause: World Renew

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Percy De Vries (324-4678)
Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Ushers

Gene Hofman
Brandon Kitchner
Dan Montsma
Harm Venhuizen

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

<u>Group</u>	<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

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Bird You Must Hear to Believe



Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. – 1 Chronicles 16:23

One of God's most amazing and amusing creatures is the Superb Lyrebird, a bird found in the rainforests of Victoria, New South Wales and southeast Queensland, in Tasmania and along the east coast of Australia. After British naturalist and filmmaker David Attenborough turned his cameras on them, lyrebirds achieved worldwide fame for their unique ability to mimic the calls of virtually anything they hear.

Citing the Handbook of the Birds of the World, Wikipedia noted that lyrebirds have been recorded mimicking human sounds such as a mill whistle, a cross-cut saw, chainsaws, car engines and car alarms. The birds are also able to duplicate the sound of fire alarms, rifle-shots, camera shutters, dogs barking, crying babies, music, mobile phone ring tones, and even the human voice.

Though lyrebirds sing all year long, the males save their best and most intense songs during the peak of breeding season from June through August. But you can hear their marvelous songs anytime you like. Simply do a web search on lyrebirds or look for lyrebird videos on YouTube.

Unlike the larynx of humans, the vocal organ of birds is called the syrinx. And the lyrebird's syrinx has more muscles than any other songbird. Still, evolutionists have no words to satisfactorily explain how such vocal abilities came about through natural means. But creationists have no difficulty in giving praise to God for this magnificent creature.

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