

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**

***Songs:**

For the Beauty of the Earth – R793
vs 1, 2, 4 & 5

This is My Father's World – G436 vs
1-3

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Baptism of Caleb Mulder

Song: Our Children, Lord, in Faith and
Prayer – G270 vs 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship**

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-2:3

Sermon: In the Beginning: GOD

We Respond to God's Word

Communion

Minister: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the
gospels tell us that God so love the
world that he gave us His one and
only Son, and that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but
have eternal life. It also tells us
that on the first day of the week,
the day on which our Lord rose
from the dead, He appeared to
some of His disciples and was
made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Dominique VH

Helpers: Megan Greenfield
Jolie Schouten

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Merle Schouten

Joe Bresser

Fellowship Coffee

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters

Wayne & Faith Miedema

Nursery

Danielle & Marissa Jansma

Mikayla Zonnefeld

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Morris TeGrootenhuis

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Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Ushers

Jesse Buteyn

Glen Greenfield

Brandon Kitchner

Harm Venhuizen

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Missionary Letters

Tom J. to Daryl Pfantz

Byron K. to Neen+

Charlie K. to Chaplain Peter

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

joyful feast of our Lord for God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

People: We praise you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you did not withhold from us your Son, but presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, that we might be forgiven.

Minister: All glory and honor are yours, O Fathers, forever and ever! And you have highly exalted your Son, and given him the name that is above all names. Therefore we sing your praises.

***The Thanksgiving**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Minister: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us-- even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose grace we may triumph over temptation, be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name. We thank you for sending your Son to deliver us from the way of sin and death, by his obedient life, by his suffering and death upon the cross, and by his resurrection from the dead. All our hope is in him, and so we sing his praise

The Institution

Minister: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it [here the minister breaks the bread] and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper [here the minister pours the wine] and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: We ought never to treat this gift of grace lightly. Jesus Christ surrendered His life so that our sins might be paid for. He died an agonizing and demeaning death so that we might have salvation. This means that we must examine ourselves to see if we are right with Him. If we have not been following God, if we are knowingly living against His will then this is not a meal that we should partake of this meal because we are then eating and drinking judgment upon ourselves. Yet if we have sin lingering in us that

we are truly repentant for then Christ welcomes you to this table as He serves us these gifts of grace.

Prayer of Consecration

Minister: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and juice may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in faith, hope, and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. Kindle the fire of love in our own hearts as it is in Christ's. Inspire us to serve you and one another. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying,

All: "Our Father who art in heaven...Amen."

The Invitation

Minister: Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God!

The Communion

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Minister: Take, eat, remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Minister: Take, drink, remember, and believe that the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

All: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Prayer of Thankful Response

With burning hearts we thank you, Father, for making Christ known to us in the breaking of bread and in the poured-out wine. Now may this meal enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. May this witness to Christ's death draw others into fellowship with him so that all your children will be gathered in to share with us the joy of your salvation. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of zeal for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** Let All Things Now Living – R794 vs 1 & 2

***Postlude**

6:00 PM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***God's Greeting**

Opening Songs led by Toni Hofman

Prayers of the People led by Ken Homan

We Study God's Word: Ephesians 2:1-10 ~ "The Only Comfort in Life and Death"

***Song of Response:** Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah - G543

***Affirmation of Faith-HC Q & A #1**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

***Benediction**

***Doxology:** Glory Be to the Father - G635

Worship Notes

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Caleb Benjamin Mulder (Ben & Emily Mulder).

Tonight we welcome Dhananjay Khanda , the Spanish teacher at Central Wisconsin Christian School, as he leads us in worship.

Next Sunday morning Al Venhuizen will be leading our worship service as Pastor Craig leads a vision trip to Haiti for Open Hands 4 the Fatherless. **Our evening service will be at Bethel at 7:00pm.**

Verse of the Week: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

This week be in prayer for:

- Those who have been mistreated by Christians
- The ways that we have polluted and spoiled Creation
- Those suffering from mudslides in California
- Immigrants who are being sent back to dangerous countries

Give thanks to God for:

- Creation
- His trust in us to rule over Creation
- His providence

As we savor and meditate upon God's Word this year there are a few resources on the shelf in the narthex. As the year goes on you may find more. Please make use of them.

Upcoming Special Service

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| 1/14/2018 | 9:30 AM | Communion & Baptism of Caleb Mulder |
| 1/21/2018 | 7:00 PM | Combined evening worship @ Bethel CRC |

Deacons Report

| Fund | YTD Offering | YTD Budget | YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid |
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| Local Budget | \$173,484.62 | \$160,477.00 | \$13,007.62 |
| Denominational | \$11,725.00 | \$33,805.00 | -\$22,080.00 |
| Classical | \$5,824.00 | \$9,933.00 | -\$4,109.00 |

Electronic giving is now available. If you would like to get setup send an email to Jon Venhuizen at jvnhzn@gmail.com

The Benevolent Fund continues to enjoy a healthy balance. Please look for ways for us to help those in need in our community especially as we enter the winter season.

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!

January cause: Neen Benevolent Needs: To help supplement Brother Bob's ministry in the Philippines.

Last Week's Offerings

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| Local Budget | \$4,893.75 |
| Neen Benevolent Needs | \$ 20.00 |

Our Family

Birthdays

Leanne Huizenga
Shelly Bronkhorst

January

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Morgan Buwalda

January

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The Building & Grounds committee would like to thank Pete Montsma for his many years of service on the Building & Grounds committee. Pete has spent countless hours working on various projects at First CRC and we have been blessed by his knowledge. Please join with us in thanking Pete for his service.

Care Team is looking for meals for Leanne Johnson. To sign up please go to the link at <https://mealtrain.com/9816kl> Thank you

Thank you to our church family for the many Cards, prayers, well wishes and the visits from Pastor Craig and Al Venhuizen while Brandon underwent both the surgeries. Brandon is still going through physical therapy but things are going well and the pain he was experiencing is improving. **Brandon, Charlie & Lori Kitchner**

John is doing well. He is back in school. Thank you for the prayers and support from the congregation and Elder Don. We pray that John will stay healthy. **Ken and Gardie and the Ten Pas family**

There will be no regular office hours for the next 2 weeks. Please get all announcements in by 9:00 AM on Thursday as usual. Thank you



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

- Please lift up Fernald "Lee" Heideman's family in your prayers as he passed away on Wednesday.
- Brian Van Herwaarden's dad, Al as he recovers from surgery.
- Danielle Jansma as she recovers from foot surgery. Pray for patience and a quick recovery.
- Ben & Alyssa Homan as Eden adjusts to becoming a part of their family and they start medical treatment.
- Laura Ten Pass as she goes through treatments for the spots that were found. Pray for peace and healing.
- Leann Johnson as she has finished chemo treatments and awaits the beginning of radiation. Pray for renewed strength and the elimination of any 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

If at any time you would like your name added to or taken off of the prayer list, please contact Gladys.

Church News

Sunday School is looking for a song leader. If you are interested please contact Brian O'Donovan.

A new Profession of Faith class will be starting on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00am. Anyone that is interested is welcome to come. Please let Pastor Craig (pastorvanhill@gmail.com) know if you will be coming so that there are enough materials. If this time doesn't work but you would still like to join a class please let him know as well.

Men's Bible Study starts this Wednesday, January 17 here at 1st CRC. Men of all ages are invited to join. We will meet every other Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 PM.

The Class of 2020 wants to cook for you...the Sophomore class will be serving a soup and sandwich meal on Tuesday, January 30 and will run 4:30-6:30pm at CWC. The menu includes chili, potato, and cheesy broccoli soup, hot ham buns, and homemade bars. There will be a free-will donation to cover class expenses! Thanks for your support!

Pro-Life Issues in Research & Medicine: Faith & Science Do Work

Together: Our church is organizing a special pro-life event at the Waupun Library on **Monday, February 5 at 6:30 PM**. Join us for a night of learning about Pro-life issues in research & medicine from the perspective of three Christian doctors. After their presentation, there will be a social time with refreshments.

The Cadets are selling Eatons pizzas as our fundraiser again this year. They are \$7.60 each or 5 for \$36. Please contact one of the Cadets boys or Ben Homan (920)9487437 if you would like to buy some and support our group.

CWC Pre-K Registration opens January 27th: Central Wisconsin Christian will begin taking enrollment sign-ups for our Pre-K programs on Saturday, January 27th. Our on-line registration process will begin at 8AM for our three-day 4K (AM or PM) and two-day Transitions 3/4K AM class. Spaces are limited and in high demand. For more information, you can look on line at discovercwc.org, or call the Advancement Office at 920.324.4233.

Please consider participating in the **Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Edgewood Community Church** in Waupun. We will be open from 11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Reservations are appreciated but not required. If you do make a reservation please consider completing the Rapid Pass before you arrive. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Warm up with some homemade soup! Wednesday, January 17, 5-7 pm – Join us at a Soup Supper to support our mission trip to the Dominican Republic, 2nd Christian Reformed Church, 332 Tamarack St, Randolph. Free will donations accepted.

Calendar

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| Today: | 9:30 AM | AM Worship Service |
| | 10:45 AM | Sunday School & Catechism |
| | 6:00 PM | PM Worship Service |
| Monday: | 6:00 PM | First Place 4 Health @ 1 st CRC |
| | 6:00 PM | Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC |
| Tuesday: | 8:00 AM | Prayer Meeting @ 1 st CRC |
| | 9:00 AM | First Place 4 Health @ 1 st CRC |
| Wednesday: | 9:00 AM | Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC |
| | 6:30 PM | GEMS @ Bethel CRC |
| | 6:30 PM | Cadets @ the Union |
| | 6:30 PM | Men's Bible Study @ 1 st CRC |
| Calendar Continued: | 6:30 PM | Women's Bible Study @ Bonnie VB |
| | 7:00 PM | Youth Group @ the Union |
| Next Sunday: | 9:30 AM | AM Worship Service |
| | 10:45 AM | Sunday School & Catechism |
| | 7:00 PM | Combined PM Worship Service @ Bethel CR |

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Elizabeth Jonker

Helpers: Aubryn DeJager
Kaytlin Smits

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Al Venhuizen

Brian O'Donovan

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

Jason, Jenni, Lucas & Makenna
Morgan

Nursery

Bonnie Vander Berg

Andrea Buwalda

Cassie Holden

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| <u>Group</u> | <u>Elder</u> | <u>Deacon</u> |
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| 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

Tiny Flies Inspire Big Advances in Hearing Aids



The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them. – Proverbs 20:12

Do you know how your ears help you pinpoint the location of whatever you are hearing? Two factors come into play. First, you hear the sound louder in the ear that is closer to whatever is producing the sound. And second, the sound arrives at the closer ear a little sooner than the other.

So how does the tiny *Ormia ochracea* fly pinpoint sounds? Her ears are so close together, the sound arrives at one ear just a millionth of a second before the other! As Dr. Jonathan Sarfati tells us in his book *By Design*, this was no problem at all for the One who designed the fly.

God gave the tiny fly a bridge – a flexible lever – that couples both eardrums together. According to Dr. Sarfati, "The resulting resonance effectively increases the time difference about 40 times, and the eardrum nearest the sound vibrates about 10 decibels higher ... which is a big difference!" Thanks to this ingenious design, "the fly's mechanical and signal-processing technology is being used to improve hearing aids, which normally can't tell direction, and it could also be used to design miniature directional microphones."

Dr. Sarfati concludes, "Once more, the design in nature has taught top human designers some lessons." And yet, scientists continue to give credit to evolution "without the slightest explanation of how the mechanical structure and nervous coding system could arise by small mutations and natural selection.

Ref: Jonathan Sarfati, Ph.D., *By Design: Evidence for Nature's Intelligent Designer – the God of the Bible*, pp. 42-43 (Creation Book Publishers, 2008). Photo: Female *Ormia ochracea* resting on a fingernail. Courtesy of Jpaur. (CC BY-SA 3.0)

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