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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 rack at the back of the sanctuary.

You can listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

**Vision Statement:** With the help and presence of our living Lord, we seek to energize and transform lives and maintain the essence of the historic Reformed faith in our worship, service, and fellowship; and to pass on our faith to others.

Church Office Hours Tuesday from 9:00–12 Noon All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342

#### 9:30 AM Worship Service (\*Please stand if you are able)

## We Gather In Worship

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Songs: "Behold Our God" "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpets"

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

# God Speaks through His Word

Song of Preparation: "Be Still, For the Presence" \*Scripture: Philippians 2:5-30 Sermon: "ORDINARY PEOPLE"

## We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: "10,000 Reasons" We Leave to Serve God

# \*God's Parting Blessing Closing: "Salvation Belongs to Our God" \*Postlude

Accompanist Lois Mulder

**Children & Worship Leader:** Stacy Schaver Aubryn De Jager Tirzah Ritzema

**Elder/Deacon Greeters** Kevin Buwalda Andy Schlieve

Fellowship Coffee Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

**Greeters** Brian & Jessica Van Herwaarden Family

**Nursery** Emily Mulder Carlie Jansen Jaxon Buteyn

Sound System Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers Jesse Buteyn Glen Greenfield Noah Mulder Neil Venhuizen

Video Projection Beth Schlieve

Missionary Letters M Schouten to Daryl Pfantz T Schouten to Neen+ S Smits to Chaplain Pete

<sup>+</sup>*Please pray especially for this missionary family this week* 

#### 6:00 PM Worship Service Third installment of the "Tough As Nails" series

### Worship Notes

**This morning** AI Venhuizen will be leading us in worship. This evening we will be watching the third and final installment of the "Tough As Nails" series.

#### **Deacons Report**

All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering, while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget.

#### Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget: \$3,065 Gideons: \$454.32

### Our Family

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The Elders and Deacons by Care Group are listed in the bulletin.

#### October Birthdays

Jason Morgan	22	October Anniversary
Joshua Schouten	24	Dave & Lori Venhuizen 24
Will Bronkhorst	25	

#### As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Carlie Jansen, that she continues to do well.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is starting treatment.
- Carol Navis as she is receiving radiation.
- Karen Aalsma, as she recovers from surgery.
- Kathy Kamphuis, as she recovers from surgery.

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
- Jeanette Tjepkema

Congratulations to Geoff and Emily Aalsma who welcomed a baby girl, Mea Lynn, on Oct 1.

## Church News

We will once again be serving the evening meal at **St. Ben's on Friday**, **Oct. 25, 2019**. Please prayerfully consider where you can help. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the basement. Thank you.

The council is proposing that women be allowed to serve as deacons at First CRC Waupun so we can better utilize the gifts that God has given us to live out our vision as a church. A congregational meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 PM to vote on the proposal. The vote will require 75% approval in order for it to be adopted. Absentee ballots will be available. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church if you would like to receive more reading material on the subject of women as deacons.

Youth group members are selling delicious ButterBraids again this fall. They are perfect for upcoming holiday/family get togethers! Reach out to a high school student if you would like to order. Orders and money are due Wednesday, Oct. 30, and the ButterBraids will be delivered to you on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Thank you so much for your support!

**PRAYER:** We have prayer groups praying through the transition process at First CRC and we want to invite the entire church specifically into prayer with us. This week we ask you to pray for the transition team and the council in the process of rethinking the vision of First CRC. We ask that you pray that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's will. We will keep you updated on the progress. We also invite all to attend the Tuesday AM prayer time at 8:00 at the church or the Sunday morning prayer time in the church basement at 8:45. Thank you for your prayers.

**We need your help!** We will be hosting the **African Children's Choir** on Sunday, Nov. 10, and are in need of people to volunteer for the following:

- 1. Seven host families to house students & chaperones:
  - a. Three homes for 1 adult and 3 boys each
  - b. Two homes for 1 adult and 3 girls each
  - c. One home for 1 male adult
- 2. Someone willing to coordinate a meal for the choir on Sunday evening prior to the concert at 4:30 PM.
- 3. Two to three people willing to prepare sack lunches for the choir on Monday and Tuesday.
- 4. Four volunteers to be ushers (hand out programs at the beginning and take offering).
- 5. A few good men to help with unloading equipment upon arrival (1:30 PM) and a few to help with take down and loading the bus after the concert.

There are sign-up sheets on a table in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider where you can be a blessing and be blessed in return. Gladys will go over all requirements with you upon completion of sign-ups.

If you have any questions, please contact Gladys Montsma.

Fall season will soon be wrapping up with Christmas just around the corner. The middle school kids of SWaT will once again be collecting goodies to package for **Operation Christmas Child**. The last few years we have packed between 100 and 150 shoeboxes for underserved kids around the world...that's a lot of gift giving! We will be collecting from now until Sunday, Nov. 10, and you can put your donations in the barrel or box in the back of church. For details on what (and what NOT) to donate, please go to www.samaritanspurse.org. Shoeboxes are collected for ages 2-14. Here are a few ideas to get you started! 1) A "wow" item such as doll, stuffed animal, ball, or clothing; 2) Personal care items; 3) School supplies; 4) Crafts, toys, activities; 5) Clothing. Thank you for all your help!

### Save the Date: December 15, "A Night in Bethlehem"

Live Nativity from 4:00-5:00 Meal served from 4:00-5:30 Christmas Story retold at 5:45

We need your help:

- 1. 1-2 people to organize the meal
- 2. Builders for the stable
- 3. Carolers (watch for a sign-up sheet)
- 4. Characters in costume for the Live Nativity and the Christmas Story
- 5. Help with getting animals and hay bales.

Please talk to Gregg or Kristi if you are interested in helping in any way to reach our neighbors and community with this special churchwide event. Please pray for all the details and for our guests to be touched with what happened in Bethlehem.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

The CWC High School band, Choir, and New Generation Singers will host their first concert of the year on **Tuesday**, **Oct. 29**. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we use our God given talents to worship His holy name.

**Middle School Forensics Night:** Our middle school students (grades 5-8) have been working hard learning their Forensic pieces and memorizing! They would love for you to come out and hear them on **Monday, Oct. 21**, starting at 6 PM in various classrooms in the middle/high school. The best performances will be going on and competing at the CSI Speech and Spelling on Nov. 15.

**Servathon:** Have you wanted to help your neighbor but didn't have the time? Take a look down your street, is there someone that could use a little help? Do you find yourself in a situation where you need help? The CWC High School students are looking to help those in need within our communities with the annual **"Servathon**." It will take place on **Friday**, **Nov. 1**. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, could use a little boost. Just call CWC at 920-324-4233 ext. 310 and someone will get back to you to find out the details.

**Youth for Christ** is holding their **Comedy Café Fundraiser** for two nights in November. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of desserts, student testimony, and comedian John Branyan, helping raise money and awareness for the ministry of YFC throughout the area. There are two great nights to choose from! Nov. 4 in Fond du Lac, and Nov. 5 in Waupun. Admission is free but reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations call toll 920-923-1416 or visit www.badgerlandyfc.org.

**Ever wonder how enjoying some great chili could directly impact the life of a child?** Attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Beautiful Response Chili Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 4:30-7:00 PM at Bethel CRC and support Beautiful Response as it provides the life-changing gift of education for children at the orphanage, Raising Up Hope in Uganda (RUHU). This event is sponsored by the CWC Boys' Soccer Program and all funds raised will go to ensure that the children at RUHU continue to receive an education. THANK YOU for your support!

The 2020 Community Table sign-up calendar is now available. If your group is interested in signing up for a Friday, or want more information about it, please let Allegra or Lois know.

Mark your calendar for an evening of hilarity as the **CWC High School drama** club presents a comedy Double Feature on Nov. 7-9 at 6:30 PM. First, enjoy fun for all ages with Bestest Bedtime Stories (Told By Grandpa) where fairy tale actors try to keep up with Grandpa's (silly) version of the details. Then stick around for Every U.S. Election Ever—a wildly fast-paced modern satire of American politics, from George Washington to Donald Trump. Tickets are on sale through the CWC office or at 920-324-4233.

ESSAY CONTEST - The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies proudly announces our 28th annual High School Senior Scholarship Essay Contest. This year's topic is Calvin and the Biblical Patriarchs. Deadline for submission is February 3, 2020. Winners will be awarded scholarships to one of several Reformed colleges and universities, as listed on our website. Details: calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/fellowshipsscholarships/high-school-seniors/

## <u>Calendar</u>

Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service followed by
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	5:00 PM	Bible Study @ Scott & Jen's
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Monday:	6:00 PM	Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
-	10:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Mike V.

Saturday: Sunday: 6:00 PMBible Study @ Dan & Gladys8:45 AMPrayer Meeting in church basement9:30 AMAM Worship Service10:45 AMSunday School and Catechism6:00 PMPM Worship Service

<u>Next Week</u> Accompanist Brenda Hofman

**Children & Worship Leader:** Kim Greenfield Miranda Vander Berg Ethan Schulz

**Elder/Deacon Greeters** Joe Durant Jon Mulder

**Fellowship Coffee** Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters Den & Nancy Vande Berg **Nursery** Andrea Buwalda Phylicia Bronkhorst Taylor Hoffman

Offering: Local Budget October Cause: Gideons

Sound System Glen Greenfield

Ushers Jesse Buteyn Glen Greenfield Noah Mulder Neil Venhuizen

Video Projection Lois Mulder

Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	Gary De Jager (2021)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Tom Jonker (2020)	Randall Greenfield (2020)
7	Steve Homan (2020)	
8	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)



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# THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

#### The Amazing Platypus



And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. (Genesis 1:24)

Australia has more than its fair share of unusual animals. Probably the most unusual of all is the platypus. Indeed, when scientists in Britain were

first shown platypus skins in 1799, they believed it to be a fake, having been made of several animal parts sewn together!

Of course, it is a genuine species, but even so, it contains some parts that are not usually expected together. It has a bill like a duck (hence its popular name, the duck-billed platypus), its body is furry like a mammal, but it can deliver a reptilian-like venom. And, famously, it lays eggs like a bird.

The eggs are more like those of a bird than a reptile. Reptile eggs have a larger yolk than birds, but the platypus egg yolk is small and does not contain as much nutrition as that of a reptile. The reason for this seems clear. Baby platypuses are nourished by their mother with milk.

The platypus is classed as a mammal but is classified into a separate group of mammals, called monotremes. The other creature in this group is the echidna, which looks and behaves nothing like the platypus, apart from the fact that it lays eggs. Evolutionists believe that this group of mammals is left over from the early evolution of mammals from reptiles. In fact, the platypus appears to be uniquely designed by God, filling a niche in the ecology of Australia that belongs to no other creature.

Ref. Carter, R. (2008), Platypus thumbs its nose (or bill) at evolutionary scientists, ~ https://creation.com/platypus-thumbs-its-nose-or-bill-at-evolutionary-scientists >, accessed 9/29/2018. Image: Stefan Heinrich, CC BY-SA 2.0 (Germany).

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