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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)

Sola Fide/Faith Alone

Opening of Worship

Call to Worship from Psalm 145:8–13

One: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

All: The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Men: All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

Women: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations

All: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

Opening Song – For the Beauty of the Earth
– G432 vs 1-4

Greeting

Song – Oh, How Good is Christ the Lord –
G401 vs 1 & 2

Confession and Assurance

Preparatory

Rock of Ages – R342 vs 1-3

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

Q. What is true faith?

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Helpers: Jolie Schouten
Neil Venhuizen

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda
Ben Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters

Dale, Jean & Claire Jansen

Nursery

Bonnie Vander Berg
Kim Greenfield
Heather Hoekstra

Sound System

Eric Homan

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)
Arky Navis (324-2859)

Ushers

Keith Buwalda
Noah Mulder
Josh Schouten

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters

Joe D. to Daryl Pfantz
Glen G. to Neen+
Harold G. to Chaplain Peter

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

- A. True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

Prayers of the People

Offering: Local Budget

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of the Word

Romans 3:21–4:5; Ephesians 2:8-10

Sermon

Responding to the Word

My Faith Looks Up to Thee – G262 vs 1, 2 & 4

Sent to Testify to the Word

Blessing

Doxology – Salvation Belongs to our God

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 Merle Schouten

We Study God's Word: 1 John 2:1-2 ~ Lord's Day 18

***Song of Response:** I Will Sing of My Redeemer – R309 vs 1, 3 & 4

***Affirmation of our Faith:** Q&A 49

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** There is a Redeemer – R308 vs 1 & 3

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Next Sunday we look at the third sola: solus Christus or Christ alone. As we celebrate Communion together we recognize that salvation comes only through Christ. There is nowhere else that we can go to receive that gift of grace through faith. Many are trying to be saved through other avenues but in the end all will discover that only Christ offers eternal life.

Next Sunday evening we will be worshipping at Bethel at 7:00pm.

Verse of the Week: For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. Romans 3:28

This week be in prayer for:

- Freedom from fear in light of the shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas
- Us to be a community of grace
- Classis Wisconsin

Give thanks to God for:

- The Bible study that we have just finished
- Medicine
- Faith

Upcoming Special Service

November 19	9:30 AM	Communion
November 19	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
November 22	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 26	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ 1 st CRC
December 17	9:30 AM	Children's Christmas Program

Council Report

- Pastor Craig presented a report on Classis Wisconsin.
- Membership transfers approved for Alex and Grace Bruins to Emmanuel Reformed Church and Lauren Van Buren (Durant) to Alto Reformed Church.
- Received the membership papers of Mitch Vree from Living Hope Fox Lake.
- 2021 Anniversary Committee of Merle Schouten, Todd Schouten, Ken Homan, Steve and Rose Homan, Ann Hoekstra and Leanne Huizenga formed.
- Council began a discussion on the book Growing Young. The council will be spending time at each meeting discussing this book till we are finished with the book.
- On Nov. 15 Hans Gochenauer will be presenting a workshop to the council.

Deacons Report

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$105,133.21	\$106,984.00	-\$1,850.79
Denominational	\$7,655.00	\$22,536.00	-\$14,881.00
Classical	\$4,024.00	\$6,622.00	-\$2,598.00

An automatic checking account withdrawals program (ACH/EFT) has been setup for giving. Be on the look out for more information in the coming weeks.

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!

November cause: Back to God Ministries International – proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world, using media that effectively communicates Christ in the “heart language” of those in need of salvation and discipleship.

Our Family

Birthdays

Jayden Jansma
Stacy Schaver

November

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17

Elsa Homan

November

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Anniversaries

Michael & Danielle Jansma
Dewey & Lois Pausma
Bob & Michelle Mulder

November

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14
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Thank you for the cards, gifts, encouragement and good food at the potluck. We truly appreciate your support and covet your ongoing prayers. Pastor Craig, Dominique & family



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

- Ben & Alyssa Homan as Eden adjusts to becoming a part of their family.
- Laura Ten Pass as she started treatments for the spots that were found. Pray for peace and healing.
- Leann Johnson as she continues to undergo

treatments.

- Brandon Kitchner as he recovers from surgery on his foot. Pray for quick healing and patience.
- Dave Mulder, cousin of Sue Buwalda, whose cancer treatments have not been successful, Dave along with his family have decided to have hospice come in to keep him comfortable in the time he has left. Please pray for continued peace and comfort in the time he has left in this life.
- For those that need to decide whether to rebuild or to relocate after the fires in CA. Safety, wisdom and God's will.

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

Now that our fall churchwide Bible study is complete, **please return your *Vanishing Grace* videos and hard cover books.** There is a tub located under the mailboxes. If you have questions, please contact Gregg Zonnefeld. Watch your email for a feedback tool coming soon!

Women's Bible Study will focus on "First Corinthians, Living Love When We Disagree" by Melissa Spoelstra. We will meet December 13th for an introduction and to hand out books, this is a 6 week study which will begin in January. I would like to give everyone a chance to give some input on the schedule. If you are interested the study is offered in a kindle version, which is about \$10 or paperback which is about \$12. A sign up is in the basement and will be up until November 18th. Thank you, LeAnne

We will once again be collecting money for poinsettias to decorate the front of church. If you wish to give a monetary amount in memory or in honor of a loved one, please place the money in the offering bags marked specifically for poinsettias.

We are in need of Salvation Army bell ringers for November 24 & 25 at the Piggly Wiggly in Waupun. You will be inside the entryway. There will be 2 hour shifts from 10A - 6P both days. Please contact Arky Navis at 920-210-3016 or 920-324-2859 if you are able to help out.

High School and College Girls are invited to kick off the holiday season with a weekend getaway at this year's "Girls Retreat" Dec. 1-3 at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center in the Wisconsin Dells. This year's theme is "I AM HIS." Registration forms and more information can be found on our facebook page - Girls Retreat - or contact Jessa TerBeest 920-979-1853

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Monday:	6:00 PM	1 st Place 4 Health
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	1 st Place for Health
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	11:45 AM	Mens Bible Study @ Mike VB
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ the Union
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
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	7:00 PM	Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Next Week

Accompanist
Lois Mulder

Nursery

Keith & Laura Venhuizen
Zach Vander Werff

Children & Worship

Leader: Lois Groenewold
Helpers: Kaytlin Smits
Shirley Otto

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CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Lizard that Sneezes Salt



And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole. – Leviticus 11:30

In the arid desert regions of the southwestern United States lives a creature with so many astonishing abilities, it speaks loud and clear about God's hand in creation! Chuckwallas are large lizards that eat desert plants loaded with salt – a diet that would kill most animals. But these lizards are equipped with special glands in their nostrils that remove salt from their bloodstream. When the glands have filled up with salt, the chuckwalla sneezes, shooting crystallized salt out of its nostrils!

Our Creator has also given them the ability to change the color of their skin. Of course, other lizards and sea creatures are able to do this to hide from predators. But chuckwallas change color for a different reason. To survive in desert regions that are freezing cold at night and blazing hot during the day, their skin is dark in the morning to quickly absorb the warming rays of the sun. Later in the day, their skin becomes much lighter to reflect the desert heat. How cool is that?

The chuckwalla's skin is also very loose and baggy. Here's why. When a predator approaches, the chuckwalla squeezes itself into a rocky crevice. It then swallows lots of air, blowing itself up like a balloon that's wedged so tightly in the rock, the predator can't pull it out.

Now, how can mindless, purposeless evolution account for a creature with so many extraordinary abilities?

Ref: DeWitt Steele, *Science: Order and Reality*, p. 138 (Beka Book Publications, 1980). Jobe Martin, *The Evolution of a Creationist*, pp. 249-250 (MMII Biblical Discipleship Publishers, 2004). Photo: Common chuckwalla. Courtesy of TimVickers. (PD)

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