

11/17/2019

*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](http://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](http://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**

**Tuesdays from 9:00–12 Noon**

**All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday**

**Phone: 920-324-2898    email: [waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

**Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342**

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

## **We Gather in God's Presence**

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer

\*Opening Songs of Praise:

“Because He Lives”

“This I Believe”

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

## **We Reflect on God's Love and Faithfulness**

Baptism of Lennette and Marley Aalsma

Song: “Our Children Lord, in Faith and Prayer”

Congregational Prayer

Our Offerings: Local Budget and Waupun

Food Pantry; Second offering: Reverse offering for Thanksgiving

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

## **God Hear God's Words**

\*Scripture: Acts 2:37-41

Sermon: "The Joy of Receiving."

## **We Respond in Thankfulness and Leave to Serve**

\*Song of Response: “Word of God Speak”

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Postlude

### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

### **Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Emily Mulder

Cassidy Ritzema

Kolten Buwalda

### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Dan Montsma

Eric Schaver

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Bob & Michelle Mulder

### **Greeters**

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff family

### **Nursery**

Jon & Jenna Mulder

Miranda Vander Berg

### **Sound System**

AM: Scott Ritzema

PM: Glen Greenfield

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

### **Ushers**

Thomas Venhuizen

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Will Bronkhorst

### **Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

### **Missionary Letters**

S Vander Galien to Daryl Pfantz

A Venhuizen to Neen

D Venhuizen to Chaplain Pete+

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

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

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**\*God's Greeting**

**Opening Songs**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*We Study God's Word:** Psalm 145; "Benefits of Praise"

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** From Romans 8:38-39:

For I am convinced that neither life nor death, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**\*Song of Response:** "Fill Thou My Life"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Song:** "Praise the Thanksgiving"

**\*Postlude**

**Worship Notes**

**This morning** Pastor Harv will lead us in worship and we will celebrate the baptism of Lennette and Marley Aalsma. This evening Pastor Harv will lead us in a study of Psalm 145.

**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:** \$4,845

**Waupun Food Pantry:** 660.32

**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as of end of October 2019**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Local Budget	\$16,873.15	\$94,861.81	\$90,272.00
Denominational	\$941.00	\$6,628.00	\$22,431.00
Classical	\$545.00	\$3,690.00	\$7,676.00

Thanksgiving Day offering envelopes are in the narthex for anyone wishing to use one. Note that we are using up a supply of old envelopes this year. Please feel free to give to causes other than those listed on these envelopes; using our regular offering envelopes is fine too. The deacons only ask that you clearly mark how you would like your donations split.

### **Council Notes**

1. The church profile has been completed and will be made available on our website.
2. The Transition Team will now become the search committee. Laura Venhuizen and Gary De Jager will be co-chairs. The other members are Jim Groenewold, Ben Homan, Jon Mulder, Stacy Schaver, Beth Schlieve, Tyler Ten Pass, and Greg Zonnefeld. The council would like to thank the Transition Team for all the work they did.
3. We received a report from the Classis Meeting.
4. The Outreach Committee reported that \$1,600 plus was raised for the African Children's Choir with a full house in attendance. They would like to thank everyone who helped with this event.

### **Upcoming evening services**

- Dec. 1 - Pastor Harv
- Dec. 8 - Christmas Sing at First Reformed
- Dec. 15 - Live Nativity and Christmas Story here
- Dec. 22 - Candlelight Service at Bethel CRC
- Dec. 29 - Pulpit supply if we can find it.

### **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.

**Parents of college students:** Please send your child's address to the church email (waupuncrc@gmail.com) or put them in Allegra's mailbox.

### **November Birthdays**

Stacy Schaver	17	Cody Van Herwaarden	22
Joe Durant	19	Aubryn De Jager	23
Mitchell Vree	21	Zach Vander Werff	23

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

- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Carlie Jansen, for guidance from the doctors.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he is receiving treatment for lung cancer.
- Carol Navis as she is receiving radiation.
- Karen Aalsma, as she recovers from surgery.
- Kathy Kamphuis, as she recovers from surgery.
- Erin Stroede's sister Cassie as she has been diagnosed with 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
- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema

Carol Navis is done with radiation and will have a scan in January. Thanks to Pastor Harv, Bob Mulder, Keith Venhuizen, and Randall Greenfield for their visits. Thank you to everyone for the prayers, food, visits, cards, and good wishes.  
- Carol Navis

### **Church News**

**Our Thanksgiving** service will be on Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, at 7 PM.

**Wanted: Singers for Live Nativity Caroling:** Do you love to sing? Do you love Christmas songs? Carolers are needed to sing during the Live Nativity on December 15. We need to groups to sing in half-hour increments. The first group will sing from 4-4:30 PM and the second from 4:30-5 PM. Song lyric sheets will be provided, no practice is needed! Please let Cara Schmitt know if you'd like to participate [carajoy1979@gmail.com](mailto:carajoy1979@gmail.com) or 920-382-6991 (call or text), or sign up using the sign-up sheets in the basement.

**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.

Our church will be ringing the **Salvation Army Bells** on Dec. 6 and 7 at Walgreens. At least eight people are needed to work two-hour shifts. Talk to Arky Navis if you have questions and/or to sign up (home: 324-2859; cell: 210-3016).

This morning there will be a **reverse offering** for the Food Pantry. Please take as many slips as you want and the food will be collected during our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Extra slips will be in the narthex next week for those who are not here today or if you want to take more slips. Let's bless the Food Pantry with our generosity.

We will not be having an evening service on December 8 and 22. On Dec. 8 you are encouraged to attend First Reformed Church's Christmas Carol Sing

at 6:00 and on Dec. 22 you are encouraged attend Bethel's Candlelight Service at 7:00.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Randolph Christian School has extra pie shells available for purchase. The shells are packaged in three's so they will be sold for \$4 and can be purchased by contacting an RCS family or through the RCS office Monday - Friday 8 AM to 4 PM.

Thursday, November 28, 8:00 AM: Come out and join our 5K Turkey Trot! What a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day and enjoy a little exercise with friends and family. Register in advance (or the day of the event) at RCS or follow the link online from <https://www.randolphchristian.org/turkeytrot>. The 5K begins and ends at Randolph Christian School.

Union Congregational Church in Waupun is having their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9-11 AM. Select your own assortment of delicious home-baked Christmas cookies and candy; \$7 per pound, containers provided. Proceeds will be support REACH Waupun, Church Health Services and Steven Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation (supporting U.S. first responders, service members, and their families).

A special invitation is extended to singles, couples and/or families who are alone or unable to prepare the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner. Pella's 30th annual Thanksgiving Day meal will be served at 12 noon on Thursday, Nov. 28, in the church fellowship hall. Please phone a reservation in to Jan Harmsen (920-642-3732) or Lora Huizenga (324-3321 ext. 101) by Friday, Nov. 15, so they know how much food to prepare. Persons needing transportation in Waupun may also indicate this. There is no charge for attending, just bring a hearty appetite.

## **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	5:00 PM	Bible Study @ Scott & Jen
	6:30 PM	African Children's Choir Concert
<b>Monday:</b>	6:00 PM	Friendship Bible Study at Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study @ Church
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	10:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Mike V.
	6:30 PM	Men's Night Bible Study at church
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	5:00 PM	"Prodigal God" Bible Study @ Scott & Jen
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Pat Jonker

Neil Venhuizen

Cody Van Herwaarden

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Tom Jonker

Randall Greenfield

**Fellowship Coffee**

Jim & Lois Groenewold

**Greeters**

Al & Renae Venhuizen

**Nursery**

Ben & Alyssa Homan

Megan Greenfield

**Offering:** Local Budget

**November Cause:** Food Pantry

**Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

**Ushers**

Thomas Venhuizen

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Will Bronkhorst

**Video Projection**

Randall Greenfield

<b>Group</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
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)

**Worship Notes**

# CREATION MOMENTS

*Proclaiming Evidence for Truth*

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### Strange and Spiny



*And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:25)*

One of the most peculiar animals in Australia is the echidna – sometimes known popularly as the spiny anteater. There are actually four species of echidna, but they all resemble the anteater of the Americas.

However, they have a number of unique features, the most famous of which is the fact that they lay eggs. For that reason, they are classed along with the platypus in the group monotremes. In fact, Wikipedia – that "fount of all knowledge" – suggests that they "evidently evolved between 20 and 50 million years ago, descending from a platypus-like monotreme". Yet, their behavior is entirely different from the platypus. If the platypus and echidna were both species of bird, no evolutionist would suggest that one evolved from the other.

Platypuses lay a group of eggs in a burrow and then sit on them. Echidnas, in contrast, lay a single egg, which the female then places in a pouch. In this respect, they are showing a behavior similar to marsupials. We also don't need to point out the obvious differences in appearance between the animals and their habitats. Are they really suggesting that the echidna just lost its beak over a period of time?

More to the point is the fact that the oldest known fossils of both platypuses and echidnas – old by evolutionary dating methods, that is to say – show no difference from the modern animals. It makes far more sense to say that these animals were designed by God. Ref: Doolan, R., The echidna enigma, *Creation* 18(2):26–27—March 1996. Image: CC BY-SA 3.0. © 2019,

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