

11/24/2019

*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)

**Our Core Values:** We show Christ's love through continual learning and discipleship, compassionate fellowship, dynamic public worship, and impactful service and outreach.

**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:

“This I believe”

“Amazing Grace”

“Praise the Father, Praise the Son

God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

## **We Are Renewed in God's Grace**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings

Children are dismissed for Walk Out

Worship

## **God Speaks through His Word**

\*Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

Sermon: Prodigal God Part 1

\*Song of Response” “How Deep the  
Father's Love for Us”

\*Scripture: Luke 15:25-32

Sermon: Prodigal God Part 2

## **We Respond to God's Word**

\*Song of Response: “Just as I Am”

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: “Benediction”

Postlude

### **Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

### **Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Pat Jonker  
Neil Venhuizen  
Cody Van Herwaarden

### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Tom Jonker  
Randall Greenfield

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Den & Nancy Vande Berg

### **Greeters**

Al & Renae Venhuizen

### **Nursery**

Ben & Alyssa Homan  
Megan Greenfield

### **Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

### **Ushers**

Thomas Venhuizen  
Ray Hofman  
Al Holden  
Will Bronkhorst

### **Video Projection**

Randall Greenfield

### **Missionary Letters**

H Venhuizen to Daryl Pfantz+  
J Venhuizen to Neen  
K Venhuizen to Chaplain Pete

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

## 6:00 PM Worship Service

### Worship Notes

**This morning** Scott Ritzema will lead our worship. This evening's worship will include watching a video.

### **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:** \$4,410

**Waupun Food Pantry:** \$467.70

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.

### **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 (waupunrc@gmail.com) or put them in Allegra's mailbox.

### **November Birthdays**

Dick Heeringa	24	Ethan Schultz	28
Al Venhuizen	25	Phylcia Bronkhorst	29
Eric Homan	27	LeAnne Holden	29
Brenda Merhalski	28		

### **November Anniversaries**

Harry & Karen Venhuizen	28
Gene & Toni Hofman	29

### **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

**Thank you** to Pete Vander Werff, Bob Mulder, Ann Hoekstra, Darrall & Gretchen Schaver, Don & Linda Pausma, Bruce Huizenga, Josie Venhuizen, and Keith Venhuizen for helping to move me to a new room.

- Joyce Haan

## **Church News**

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

**Church Directory** sheets are on the table in the foyer. Please check your information and make any corrections. If everything is correct, please put "OK" next to your name.

**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).

Remember to bring your food items from the reverse offering for the Food Pantry to Wednesday's Thanksgiving service. If you missed getting slips last Sunday, there is a basket on the coffee bar. These items will be collected during the service so bring them with you. There will also be an area in the basement for items to be brought next Sunday.

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 CRC's Candlelight Service at 7:00.

The Gideons express their appreciation for the generous support given to the ministry. The amount was \$2,416.88. Thank you for encouraging us in our work.

**Wanted!** Anyone willing to assist us in making the December 15 "A Night in Bethlehem" evening a blessing for all who attend. We are looking for donations of salads, cookies or bars, drink items and kitchen help. Sign-up sheets are downstairs. If you would like to help cover other food costs, please place your donations in Sue Buwalda's or Nancy Vande Berg's mailbox. Thank you in advance.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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.

**Giving Tuesday. December 3:** You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday...here's your chance to make a difference at Central Wisconsin Christian on **Giving Tuesday**. Gifts made online, in person, or by phone on December 3 will be multiplied through the gracious support of a group of our donors who are providing matching funds. These funds help fill the gap between the cost of tuition and our actual cost of education. Please prayerfully consider your Giving Tuesday gift and impact God's Kingdom through Christ-centered education. #GiveCWC

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).

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Brandon is having a Homemade Christmas Cookies and Candy Sale on Saturday, December 7, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

### **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
	6:00 PM	PM Worship
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Mike V.
	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

### **Wednesday – Thanksgiving Eve**

**Accompanist:** Cara Schmitt

**Sound:** Scott Ritzema

**Video:** Lois Mulder

### **Next Week**

#### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

#### **Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Jenna Mulder

Megan Greenfield

#### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Merle Schouten

Joe Bresser

#### **Fellowship Coffee**

Den & Nancy Vande Berg

#### **Greeters**

Dave & Lori Venhuizen

#### **Musical Praise**

Ben Homan

#### **Nursery**

Amanda Buteyn

Bonnie Vander Berg

Jenna Schouten

**Offering:** Local Budget

**December Cause:** Elim Christian School

#### **PM Prayers of the People**

Ken Homan

#### **Sound System**

Glen Greenfield

#### **Ushers**

Arent Venhuizen

Brad Schouten

Glen Greenfield

Tyler Ten Pass

#### **Video Projection**

LeAnne Holden

<b>Group</b>	<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></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



Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

Is it possible that your pharmacist could be a chimpanzee? That's not such a silly question. Naturalists are discovering that many animals use a variety of plants and other items to treat their illnesses. Animals often know about the

medicinal properties of plants when modern medicine has yet to learn about them.

Several years ago, naturalists noticed that one of the monkeys in the African preserve under their care had become lethargic, lost her appetite and obviously had a severe gastric upset. A few hours after she became sick, she started munching on a native shrub that is not a normal part of the monkey's diet. She chewed the plant, swallowed the bitter juice and spit out the pulp. By the next afternoon, her symptoms were gone and she was feeling better. After a little research, scientists discovered that local tribes use juices from the same plant to treat intestinal upset and loss of appetite.

Studies of the juices of a root that bears rub into their coats show that the bears are using an effective insecticide. Scientists have observed elephants, monkeys, birds and bears eating a variety of things that were not a normal part of their diet, only to discover that the things being eaten had medicinal properties. Most amazing is that the animals know how best to take their medicine. If a leaf is best swallowed whole to kill intestinal parasites, it will be swallowed unchewed! Who other than the Great Physician Himself could have taught the animals this medicine?

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