

12/15/2019

*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 Worship**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

The desert and the parched land will be glad;

**the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.**

Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;

**it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.**

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;

**they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.**

\*Opening: Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*God’s Greeting and We Greet One Another

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Song: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

\*Song: “Joy to the World”

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

## **God Speaks through His Word**

\*Scripture: Revelation 4

Sermon: Falling Down in Worship

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

\*Song of Response: “Be Unto Your Name”

### **Accompanist**

Laura Ten Pass

### **Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Stacy Schaver  
Miranda Vander Berg  
Ethan Schulz

### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Joe Durant  
Jon Mulder

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

### **Greeters**

Keith & Laura Venhuizen  
Family

### **Nursery**

Jessica Ten Pass  
Michelle Mulder  
Cassidy Ritzema

### **Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

### **Ushers**

Arent Venhuizen  
Brad Schouten  
Glen Greenfield  
Tyler Ten Pass

### **Video Projection**

Mike Vander Berg

### **Missionary Letters**

Geoff Aalsma to Daryl Pfantz+  
George Aalsma to Neen  
T Aalsma to Chaplain Pete

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

# **We Leave to Serve God**

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing: "By the Sea of Crystal"

\*Postlude

## **Worship Notes**

**This morning** Pastor Harv will lead us in worship as we look at Rev. 4. This evening is our "One Night in Bethlehem" celebration starting at 4:00 PM.

## **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:** \$3,395

**Elim:** \$183.49

**December Cause is Elim Christian School:** Through its four major program areas on its main campus in Palos Heights, IL, and in 15 Discovery locations, over 300 servants work each day to bring 800 persons with disabilities beyond their potential to become the living testimonies God created them to be.

## **Upcoming evening and special services**

Dec. 22 – 7 PM Candlelight Service at Bethel CRC

Dec. 29 – 6 PM Worship with Bill Zuhlke

Dec. 31 – 7 PM New Year's Eve service at Bethel CRC

Jan. 5 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv

Jan. 12 – PM Worship – Video

Jan. 19 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv

Jan. 26 – PM Worship - Video

## **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.

### **December Birthdays**

Lorna O'Donovan	20
Gloria Rens	21
Ryer Greenfield	21

### **December Anniversaries**

Dick & Barb Heeringa	18
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**As you pray this week, please remember these people:**

- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Carlie Jansen, as she recovers from surgery.
- 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, that she continues to do well.
- Karen Aalsma, as she is receiving treatment for cancer.
- 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

Harm Venhuizen came before the elders desiring to profess his faith. He will do so publicly on the morning of December 22. A Bible is on the table in the foyer for you to highlight your favorite verses. Please do this today!

Thank you for your generous donation to help fund training for my service dog, Lia (Love In Action)—that was very unexpected. Because of your donations, I was able to enroll in a service dog training academy much closer to home, and our training began immediately. We are off to a great start. Lia is a smart pup! We are also very appreciative for the many prayers and words of encouragement from so many of you. I am doing well. God is Good!  
- Steve Wierenga and Family

Arky Navis wishes to thank everyone who rang the bell for the Salvation Army.

Next week's office hours will only be from 9 to 11 AM on Tuesday.

**Church News**

**One Night in Bethlehem TODAY!**

4:00-5:00: Walk through/drive by Live Nativity

4:00-5:00: Carolers and Bethlehem food in Narthex

4:00-5:30: Meal in the basement

5:00-5:45: Live music in the sanctuary

5:45 Retelling of the Christmas Story

Please have food at church this morning or no later than 3:00. Thanks to all those involved in any way.

**Christmas program practices** will be held on the following dates:

- Today after church, 10:45-11:45 AM
- Friday, Dec. 20, after school 12-1:30 PM

The SS Program will be given on Sunday morning, Dec. 22.

**Church Directory** sheets are on the table in the foyer. This is the last week to make changes. All who worship here regularly, please check your information and make any corrections, or add your information if it's not there. If everything is correct, please put "OK" next to your name.

The **Search Team** would like to invite members to attend a round-table session to discuss important characteristics and strengths of our next pastor. We will compile feedback to use in our search. Please see the handout in your mailbox for additional details. The Round-Table Sessions will be held in the church basement on:

- Sunday, January 5, at 10:45 a.m.
- Monday, January 6, from 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Please contact a Search Team member with any additional questions.

**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. We ask that you pray that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's will. 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 will not be having an evening service on December 22. You are encouraged to attend Bethel CRC's Candlelight Service at 7:00.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The CWC Elementary students will continue our Christmas celebration on **Tuesday, Dec. 17**. The Crusader Centre will be filled with the sounds of our youngest students singing "Christmas Joy." For our finale, we will sing the Hallelujah Chorus. This is a treat that you will not want to miss. We will be offering a 9 AM and 6:30 PM session this year to help with the large crowd.

Doors to the Crusader Centre will be locked until 30 minutes before the show begins. An offering will be taken for the music department.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus in a special way. You are invited to join us for a delicious homemade dinner at 12 noon on December 25 at the Wesley Center on Forest Street. Please make reservations by calling 920-928-3310. Transportation is available in the Waupun area. There is no charge for the dinner.

**Waupun Community Blood Drive** at Edgewood Church on Thursday, Dec. 26, from 1-6 PM. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Sponsored by Waupun Kiwanis. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) for more information. Present to donate and you could win two tickets for the 12/31 Badger basketball game.

### Calendar

<b>Today:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	PreK – 5: Christmas Program Practice
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	Friendship Bible Study at Bethel CRC
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	10:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study at Mike V.
	6:30 PM	Cadets: Christmas Party at CWC
<b>Friday:</b>	12 Noon	SS Christmas Program Practice until 1:30
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service/SS Christmas Program
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	7:00 PM	Candlelight Service at Bethel CRC

### Next Week

**Accompanist**  
Cara Schmitt

Keith Venhuizen

### **Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Kim Greenfield  
Elise Ritzema  
Arent Venhuizen

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Steve & Heidi Smits

### **Greeters**

Mitch & Becca Vree Family

### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Steve Homan

**Nursery**

Phylcia Bronkhorst  
 Becca Vree  
 Charlotte Buteyn

**Offering:** Local Budget**December Cause:** Elim Christian School**Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

**Ushers**

Arent Venhuizen  
 Brad Schouten  
 Glen Greenfield  
 Tyler Ten Pass

**Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

<b><u>Group</u></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



### Creation Scientist Cleans Up the World!

*If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you [of] heavenly things? (John 3:12)*

Much of the world's water pollution is the result of biological aging and overloading. If, for example, too many nutrients encourage too much growth in the upper layers of the lake, eventually the systems at the lake bottom that dispose of the dead creatures from the upper layers will overload. If that happens, lake water will have an accumulation of toxic gasses and less oxygen – a combination that can destroy the familiar and more popular game fish in the middle and upper levels of the lake.

When Bob Laing, a creationist, looked for a solution to this problem, the first question he asked was, "Did God design a solution to this problem?" The answer is found in the way lakes turn themselves upside down twice a year. In the spring and fall, as water temperatures change, the bottom waters are pushed to the surface by heavier water. At the surface, these "bottom waters" give up their poisonous gasses and absorb oxygen. Laing went on to prove, using huge air bubbles, that lakes could be saved by stopping the original source of the problem and then artificially duplicating the Creator's built-in system.

Environmentalists at first rejected his solution. However, Bob Laing and his Clean-Flo Laboratories has restored thousands of lakes and ponds worldwide, including the Tokyo Garden Ponds, where each fish is worth up to \$100,000! Bob Laing arrived at his revolutionary approach to solving lake pollution because he is a creationist. He knew that the creation is intelligently designed by our loving Creator.

Ref: Runholt, Susan. 1990. "Clean-Flo Laboratories ... cleaning up the world." Corporate Ink West (West Suburban Business Communities, Minneapolis, MN). Sept. p. 1.

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