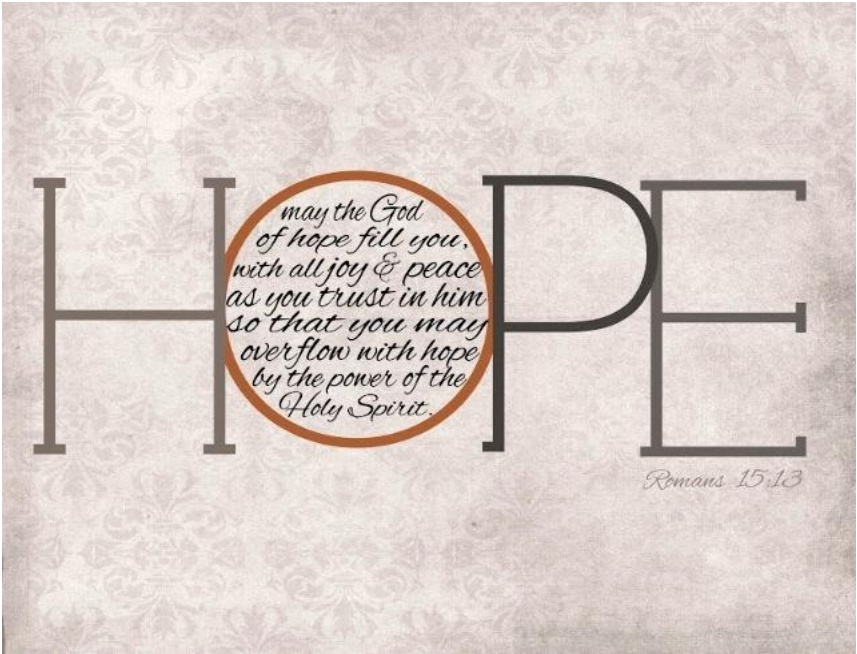


Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



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 back-sanctuary rack.

You can 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)

First Sunday of Advent – HOPE

Approaching in Hope

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*“Mighty To Save”

*“Cornerstone “

Reminders of Advent Hope

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Advent Candle Lighting

“We Light the Candles”

Reflection & Response

Pastoral Prayer

Offering – Local Budget

Children are dismissed for Children &
Worship

Scripture—Habakkuk 3:16-19, Romans 15

Sermon – “Discovering HOPE”

Prayer of Application

*Closing Hymn – “Joy to the World”

Released in Hope

*Benediction

*Doxology – “Benediction”

Postlude

7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @
Bethel CRC

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder

Helpers: Megan Greenfield
Elise Ritzema

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Gary DeJager

Eric Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Denny & Nancy Vande Berg

Greeters

Percy & Janice De Vries

Nursery

Becca Vree

Phylicia Bronkhorst

Jolie Schouten

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Missionary Letters

Lois M. to Daryl Pfantz+

Marilyn M. to Neen

Noah M. to Chaplain Peter

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

Worship Notes

This morning we welcome Gregg Zonnefeld as he leads us in worship.

This evening we worship @ Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday morning we welcome Bill Zuhlke as he leads us in worship and **next Sunday evening** we join with Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM for a combined worship service @ Bethel CRC.

Notice from Council: From now on all of the doors will be locked 15 minutes after the start of service if you are late go to the doors under the carport and someone will let you in. They will stay locked even during Sunday School and Catechism. Thank you

Upcoming Special Service

12/2/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
12/9/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
12/16/2018	9:30 AM	Childrens Christmas Program
12/16/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
12/23/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
12/25/2018	9:30 AM	Christmas Morning Service

Deacons Report

December Cause: Fait Promise - to support missionaries and mission organizations as designated by our church Council. This fund currently supports Brother Bob's Outreach, Daryl and Mary Pfantz (Wycliffe Bible Translators), Scott Ritzema (Youth for Christ), The Union, Local Deacon Outreach, Waupun Area Cadets, Waupun GEMS, OH4F (Open Hands for the Fatherless) and Pastor K.

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$92,768.73	\$98,769.00	-\$6,000.27
Denominational	\$6,285.00	\$22,060.00	-\$15,775.00
Classical	\$3,404.00	\$6,979.00	-\$3,575.00

Last Weeks Offering

Local Budget	\$3,764.00
Waupun Food Pantry	\$1,286.00
World Renew	\$1,065.00

Our Family

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The new listing of Elders and Deacons per Care Group are listed at the bottom of the bulletin. If you would like the Prayer Chain, please contact Gladys @ 920-210-5329.

Birthdays

Hollie Ganz
Cassie Holden

December

4
7

Darrall Schaver
Jolie Schouten

December

6
7

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

- Please continue to keep Noah& Mackenzie in prayer.
- Faith Miedema as she continues to heal.
- Jeanette Tjepkema as she recovers from a fall and broken foot.
- Carlie Jansen as she continues her recovery.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder, pray that treatments continue to be successful.
- Eden Homan as she continues to recover from surgery.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson continue to pray for healing.
- Morris & Bea as Morris continues with treatments.

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

If at any time you would like your name added to or taken off the prayer list, please contact Gladys.

Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. They have all been greatly appreciated. **Paul Vande Kolk**

Directory update: Brian & Flora Bresser no longer have a land line. If you need to reach Brian for any Building Committee needs you can reach him at 920-960-9233.

Church Hours for December: For the month of December there will only be regular hours on Tuesday from 9AM – Noon. Bulletin announcement deadline will still be 9AM on Thursday, but there will not be normal hours on Thursday. Thank you

Church News

If your group is planning to use the church for any event, please make sure that you have reserved it through the church secretary in advance. Thank you.

REMINDER: Christian Fellowship will meet at Sebastian's in Fond du Lac at 6:30 Thursday evening, December 6.

Band Students: It's that time of year again to share your musical talents with our congregation during the Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 16. Rehearsal is planned for Saturday, December 15 @ 2:00 pm. If you would like your music early or have questions, please contact Katie DJ or Kim G.

If you would like to give a monetary donation towards poinsettias please put it in the collection plate, marked "poinsettias" along with who you are honoring or remembering. **Please do so by December 9.**

The CWC Elementary students will be kicking off our Christmas celebration on Friday Dec. 7. The Crusader Centre will be filled with the sounds of our youngest students singing "Red Letter Christmas". Traditional carols and a few newer songs will be sung. For our finale, we will sing the Hallelujah Chorus. This is a treat that you will not want to miss. Doors to the Crusader Centre will be locked until 6:00pm. The program begins at 6:30. An offering will be taken for the music department.

Our middle school and high school students continue our celebration on Thursday December 13. Once again, the Crusader Centre will be filled with the songs of Christmas. Groups featured are the middle school band, middle school choir, high school band, Jr. choir, Sr. Choir, and the New Generation Singers. The concert will begin at 6:30. An offering will be taken for the music department. Please join us at CWC as we celebrate the birth of our King!

OH4F ((Open Hands 4 the Fatherless) would like to invite you join us for an evening of dessert and fellowship on Tuesday, December 4 @ 6:30 PM in the Crusader Centre at CWC. We want to thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing with you what has been happening at the Christian School in Myan, Haiti.

We are blessed to have the **Dordt College Concert Choir in Waupun on Wednesday, January 9.** However, we have been asked to provide housing for 26 pairs of college students. Would you be willing to help? The responsibilities include providing lodging, breakfast on January 10, and transportation after their concert on January 9 and back to town the next morning. Please contact Bonnie Vander Berg at 920.763.5559, 324.0801, or mbvanderberg@gmail.com if you are willing to have students. If you have a preference for men or women, please let me know! Thanks!!

Women's Bible study will start Monday, January 7. The study this year will be on Elijah by Melissa Spoelstra. There will be an introductory meeting scheduled sometime in December. A sign-up sheet is available on the information center in the basement. We look forward to having you join us!

Begin 2019 by joining in our church-wide Bible Study, God's Grace is Greater. This study focuses on how God's grace is greater than our

setbacks and our failures, and there is no sin or bitterness too deep for God and his plan to overcome your past, redeem your present, and re-write the story for the future. Sign-ups will begin soon - if you are willing to lead, contact Gregg Zonnefeld or a member of the Education Team.

Community Happenings

Christmas Carol Sing Invitation: First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 2, at 6:30 pm. Begin the Christmas Season with an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a wide variety of special musical performances. Special musical numbers will be presented by: New Generation Singers, Joel & Tonya Bruins Family, Cara Schmitt and Reegan Aylesworth, Lakeisha and Vanessa Heeringa, Dan & Carleen Vande Zande, Jon Schmaltz, Cheryl Ross, Jessa Ter Beest, Wayne Tavs, Roy & Lori Lemmenes Family, Sue Reichhoff, and John De Vries. A free will donation will be received for C.A.R.E. of Dodge County.

Church Health Services is holding a Community Impact Night at the Waupun Pizza Ranch on Monday December 3rd beginning at 4:30pm. Our volunteers provide the smiles and the muscle while attendees enjoy some great food! The money raised will go to support Mental Health programs in our schools.

You are cordially invited to attend a Holiday Cookie Walk at Union-Congregational Church, 125 Beaver Dam Street, on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9:00-11:00 am. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas while you select your own assortment of homemade cookies and candies at \$7.00 per pound. Proceeds will support local projects; Access 4 Recess, Heroes' Hunt for Veterans, and Camp Hometown Heroes.

RCS is accepting applications for a part-time bookkeeper opening.

Responsible for both accounts payable and receivable along with bank account management, reconciliation tasks, and financial statement preparation. Job description and more details available by calling the school office at 920-326-3320, emailing office@randolphchristian.org or visiting the bottom of the About section at RandolphChristian.org.

Your help is needed! Randolph Christian School is looking for someone who is willing to serve the school and the community as our **Scrip Coordinator**. This is a very important volunteer position that helps families meet the costs of Christian education. It makes nearly a \$50,000 difference annually and we need someone who will spend one morning a week to coordinate the purchasing and tracking of Scrip gift cards. Please contact the school office at 920-326-3320 for more details. We would like to be able to do some training during the month of December.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1st CRC
10:45 AM Sunday School & Catechism
7:00 PM PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Monday: 6:00 PM First Place 4 Health @ 1st CRC

Tuesday: 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting @ 1st CRC
9:00 AM First Place 4 Health @ 1st CRC

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
6:30 PM GEMS @ Bethel CRC
6:30 PM Cadets @ the Union
7:00 PM Youth Group @ the Union

Thursday: 6:30 PM Christian Fellowship meet @ Sebastian's IN FDL

Next Sunday: 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1st CRC
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<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Don Pausma	Jon Mulder
2	Merle Schouten	Joe Bresser
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Gary DeJager	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Tom Jonker	Randall Greenfield
7	Steve Homan	
8	Kevin Buwalda	Andy Schlieve

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Becca Vree

Helpers: Aubryn DeJager
Arent Venhuizen

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda

Ben Mulder

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Al & LeAnne Holden

Greeters

Joe & Karen Durant

Nursery

Danielle & Marissa Jansma

Miranda Vander Berg

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December Cause: Faith Promise

Sound System

Eric Homan

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Cats



Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? – Genesis 49:9

Only two members of the cat family are mentioned in the Bible: lions and leopards. And, in any case, we can work out exactly when they were created. Cats are land animals, so they were created on Day Six of the Creation week. All cats seem to consume a very high fat meat diet. Unlike other carnivores, cats cannot manufacture their own taurine, so their diet has very little in the way of plant material.

There are many cases where cats of similar size can hybridize. Tigons and ligers are well-known hybrids. They are both hybrids of tigers and lions. Ligers have a lion father and a tiger mother, while tigons are the other way around. Other inter-feline hybrids are possible, such as the blynx – a hybrid of lynx and bobcat. This seems to indicate that all cats are part of the same baramin (created kind).

The Ark would not, therefore, have housed two lions, two tigers, two pumas, etc. There would have been two cats. These would have been something like the saber-toothed cats – possibly a smilodon. All the modern species of cat would have developed from these. This, of course, is not evolution, which requires new genetic information to be made, whereas the speciation of cats involves variation of genetic information already existing.

God made cats. They are such a clearly defined group that it is as if God were making a textbook in the animal kingdom to explain how animals got to be as they are.

Ref: < <https://answersingenesis.org/mammals/how-domestic-cats-differ-from-wildcats-and-othercarnivores/> >, accessed 11/30/2017. Image: LittleJerry. CC BY-SA 4.0

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