

*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 back-sanctuary rack.

You can listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is [www.waupuncrc.com](http://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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

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

**Repent! Believe! Worship!**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship/Invocation/God's Greeting

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

People: **We will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

People: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

\*Advent Hymns

*Emmanuel*

*Let's Worship and Adore Him*

Lighting of the Advent Candles and *Advent Song*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer

Offering- Special Music "What a Beautiful Name" presented by Emma, Avery, Carter & Craig Slings, Janna, Karli & Brynn Vanden Brink.

**Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Kim Greenfield

**Helpers:** Cassidy Ritzema  
Miranda Vander Berg

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Merle Schouten  
Joe Bresser

**Fellowship Coffee**

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

**Greeters**

Glen & Sandy Greenfield

**Nursery**

Sue Buwalda  
Annie Lemmenes  
Reegan Aylesworth

**Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

**Ushers**

Will Bronkhorst  
Ray Hofman  
Al Holden  
Thomas Venhuizen

**Video Projection**

Beth Schlieve

**Missionary Letters**

Don P. to Daryl Pfantz+  
Dave R. to Neen  
Junice R. to Chaplain Peter

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

**Hear! Believe! Hope!**

\*Advent Hymn  
Of the Father's Love Begotten  
(Children are dismissed to Walk Out Worship)

Service of the Word:  
*The Promise of the Prophets*

1. The Light  
*Silent Night*
2. The Shepherd  
*While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep by Night*
3. The Rock  
*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*
4. Immanuel  
*O Come, O Come, Immanuel*
5. A Peaceable King  
*All Glory Laud and Honor*

\*Prayer

**Wait! Be Strong! Take Heart!**

\*Advent Hymn  
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

\*Blessing

Leader: May the God of hope fill us all with joy, peace, and courage  
as we trust in him so we may overflow with hope by the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn  
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Postlude

**7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC**

**Worship Notes**

**This morning** we welcome Chuck Adams as he leads us in worship.

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

**Next Sunday** we welcome Paul Zoschke as he leads us in worship for both services. We will have our Old Year's Service on Sunday morning.

**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

12/23/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
12/25/2018	9:30 AM	Christmas Morning Service
12/30/2018	9:30 AM	Old Year's Service

### Deacons Report

**December Cause: Faith 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.

### Last Weeks Offering

Local Budget	\$5,849.00
Faith Promise	\$ 275.00

### 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.**

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>December</u>		<u>December</u>
Elizabeth Jonker	24	Carol Greenfield	26
Lucas Morgan	27	Corbin Groenewold	28
Harm Venhuizen	28	Keren Derksen	29
Dave Venhuizen	29		

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>December</u>
Dick & Barb Heeringa	18

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

- Carol Navis and family in the loss of Carol's daughter, Pam Bruins this past week.
- Margaret Miedema as she continues to seek answers for the weakness and pain in her legs.
- Morris Te Grootenhuis as he has stopped chemo because it wasn't working. He is currently taking a treatment to build his immunity to slow the bad cells growth.

- 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, as Travis has had some problems the past few weeks and continue to pray that treatments be successful.
- 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.

The poinsettias in front of church are given in memory of Harry Homan, Mary Homan, Norm Vande Streek, Norman Haas, Wiebe Buwalda, Jerry Pausma, Mary Landaal, Jacob & Etta Venhuizen, Travis Groenewold & Alice Redeker

**Thank you** to Annie Lemmenes, Alyssa Homan & Amanda Buteyn for the work they did on the Christmas program. Thank you to Katie DeJager for playing the piano and Pete Vander Werff for the work they did on the singing. Thank you to the parents and kids for their cooperation in putting on a great program. There are still a few treat bags available in the basement. Have a Merry Christmas! **Brian O'Donovan**

**New Phone #** for Janet Ver Hage is 920-960-0053. Please update in your directories. Thank you.

**Roosma's will be arriving on January 15. We will need to supply some furnishings for the parsonage.** Please see the list on the table in the narthex and consider donating or borrowing items that are needed. Thank you from the Council

**Church Hours for the next few weeks:** There will not be regular church hours from now until after January 1. Please have your announcements in for the bulletin by 9AM on Thursday as usual. 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.

There will be no Sunday School December 23 or 30.

**There will be a profession of faith class beginning in January.** Please contact Scott Ritzema or Al Venhuizen if you are interested or would like more information. A starting date will be determined once all the participants are known.

After the first of the year, we will once again start up a **Mens Bible study** for the men of our church. We plan to meet every other week on either Monday evening or Wednesday evening (or both if we have enough demand). If you are interested in being a part of this study, talk to Steve Smits or Al Holden so they can add you to the list. Also, be sure to let them know if Monday and/or Wednesday nights work for you.

**Hoops For Hope Jan 3:** Because cancer has touched many lives, we invite you to partner and be involved in this annual event. On Thursday, January 3. Basketball teams and fans from Cambria/Friesland and CWC will join forces for Hoops for Hope: A Night for Cancer at Central Wisconsin Christian. This year's event will raise funds in support two local families currently battling cancer: Jim Koopmans (CF) and Travis Mulder (CWC). For donations, t-shirt orders, and memorials go to [www.centralwisconsinchristian.org/hoopsforhope.cfm](http://www.centralwisconsinchristian.org/hoopsforhope.cfm) or call school @ 324-4233.

**HS Preview Day:** Prospective high school students interested in learning more about the top-notch, biblically-based program at Central Wisconsin Christian are invited to join the High School Preview Day on Friday, January 4th. Students will experience a day as a CWC student by visiting classes, chapel, interactive presentations, and more. To find out more information and to RSVP, call the Advancement Office at 920.318.1349, and don't miss out!! Invite your friends!

**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**

Kiwanis will host a **Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, December 27, 2018 from 11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.** at Edgewood Community Church located at 201 Edgewood Dr, Waupun, WI. Please come and roll up your sleeve and make a difference in someone's life.

**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.

**Let's Celebrate Christmas Together!** – Join us at Alto Reformed Church (N3697 Cty Rd EE, Waupun) for supper on December 24<sup>th</sup> any time between 5-6:30pm between our 4pm and 7pm Christmas Eve services. The meal is provided...no need to bring anything. No need to sign-up. Transportation provided if needed. Any questions? Please call Peg Bresser 382-9648 or Gloria Mulder 346-5343.

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<sup>th</sup> at the Wesley Center on Forest Street. Please make reservations by calling 920-318-2744 or 920-928-3310. Transportation is available in the Waupun area. There is no charge for the dinner.

**Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	7:00 PM	PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30 AM	Christmas Service
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC

**Christmas Day**

**Accompanist**  
Laura Ten Pass

**Sound**  
Eric Homan

**Video Projection**  
Mike Vander Berg

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

AM: Brenda Hofman

PM: Lois Mulder

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Jessica Ten Pass

**Helpers:** Kaytlin Smits  
Shirley Otto

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Kevin Buwalda

Andy Schlieve

**Fellowship Coffee**

Steve & Heidi Smits

**Greeters**

Harold & Carol Greenfield

**Musical Praise**

Michelle Mulder

**Nursery**

Jon & Jenna Mulder

Josh Schouten

**Offering:** Local Budget

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



# CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth  
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

## The Lord Came Down to See



And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built; – Genesis 11:5

God was not pleased with the people of Babel when they wanted to build a city and a tower with its top in the heavens. This is because their aim of preventing their own dispersal

throughout the world was in contravention of God's command, and their intention to make a name for themselves is opposite to our commitment to seek God's glory.

The Bible says that "the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built." (Genesis 11:5) On the surface, this is an odd sentence. Didn't God know what was going on?

God, being omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, knew all about what people were doing at Babel, and why. So the statement that he "came down to see" was not for His benefit, but for ours. God sees everything, but we are reminded that He is focused if we engage in rebellion. God was intentionally about to prevent these rebellious actions, and He did so for our benefit because it was in the interest of the human race to scatter across the whole world.

The verse tells us that the city and the tower were being built by the "children of man". The Hebrew word translated as "man" is Adam. Of course, this word actually means man, and is correctly translated that way throughout the Old Testament. But perhaps "children of Adam" is an appropriate phrase. These people were rebellious because their first ancestor was rebellious. They carried Adam's sin nature in their hearts.

Ref: Hodge, B. (2013), Tower of Babel, (Master Books). Image: Heermkerck's Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Public Domain.

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