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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 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

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

Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342

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

We Gather in Worship

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song: "Angels from the realms of
Glory"

Advent Candle Lighting: Angels Help Us to
Adore Him

Songs: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession for Christmas

**Leader: O God, you search us out and
know us, and all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned.**

Response: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and
heal us.

**L: When we make no room for Christ,
and fail to welcome him into our lives,**

R: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

**L: When we follow shooting stars
and squander our gifts in Herod's court,**

R: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

**L: When we seek to cut down those
who might rise above us,**

R: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

**L: When we sanitize your birth place
and erase from memory the poor and
displaced,**

R: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

**L: When we sing sweet sentiments over
Christ's birth, and fail to rejoice over his
everyday presence,**

R: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

**L: We turn to you, O Christ, perfect union
of Spirit and flesh;**

R: We renounce evil; We claim your love; We
choose to be made whole.

Song of Response: "Of the Father's Love
Begotten"

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Becca Vree

Aubryn De Jager

Tirzah Ritzema

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Kevin Buwalda

Andy Schlieve

Fellowship Coffee

Al & LeAnne Holden

Greeters

Harry & Karen Venhuizen

Nursery

Emily Mulder

Rhonda Schouten

Olivia Vander Werff

Sound System

Tyler Jansen

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Arent Venhuizen

Brad Schouten

Glen Greenfield

Tyler Ten Pass

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

Missionary Letters

L Wierenga to Daryl Pfantz

E Winkel to Neen

G Zonnefeld to Chaplain

Pete+

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

Congregational Prayer
Offertory and Our Offerings
Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Revelations 3: 14-22

Sermon: Lukewarm Christians

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: "Mighty to Save"

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing: "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

*Postlude

Worship Notes

This morning Pastor Harv will lead us in worship as we look at Rev. 3. This evening you are encouraged to attend First Reformed Church's Christmas Carol Sing at 6:00 p.m.

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: \$7,645

Elim: \$298

Thanksgiving Offerings

General Fund: \$8,056

Waupun Food Pantry: 2,035

BB Benevolent: \$250

Bethesda: \$45

Bible League: \$550

CWCS: \$399

Back to God Hour: \$100

Elim: \$95

Gideons: \$1,000

OH4F: \$1,500

Pine Rest: \$25

YFC – The Union: \$10

YFC – General: \$1,000

Resonate (World & Home Missions): \$200

World Renew: \$800

Christian Home Chaplain: \$315

Prison Degree Program: \$1,000

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 special services

Dec. 15 - Live Nativity and Christmas Story here

Dec. 22 - Candlelight Service at Bethel CRC

Dec. 29 - Pulpit supply if we can find it.

Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve service at Bethel CRC

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

Jon Mulder	9
Eden Homan	12
Kathy Roosma	13

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

Thank you to Pastor Harv for his visit, calls, and prayers; to the women who make the shawls, and to everyone who sent cards and well wishes. Thank you all.

- Kathy Kamphuis

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, brought food, offered prayers, or came to visit me after my surgery. Also thanks to Pastor Harv and Elder Merle for their visits. - Karen Aalsma

Church News

All those involved in the Live Nativity and retelling of the Christmas story are asked to stay after this **morning's service** to run through the program and hear about the logistics. We will also have costumes for you to try on.

Christmas program practices will be held on the following dates:

- Today after church, 10:45 to 11:45 AM
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 9-10:30 AM
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 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.

SWaT Christmas Celebration is this week Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 at Bethel CRC with snacks being served. Don't forget to bring a \$5 wrapped gift for our gift exchange and to wear your ugly Christmas sweater!!! Prizes awarded for the top three Ugly Sweaters.

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 two 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 at 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.

We will not be having an evening service on December 22. You are encouraged to attend Bethel CRC's Candlelight Service at 7:00.

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

The CWC middle school and high school students will begin our Christmas celebration on **Thursday, December 12**. 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!

The Sophomore Class at CWC would like to invite you to their fundraiser meal on **Friday, December 13**, from 4:30 to 7 PM in the commons. It is a freewill donation for their class to help pay for class trips and other class events. There will be boys and girls basketball games for you to watch as well. Thank you for supporting CWC and our students!

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. Sponsored by Waupun Kiwanis. You can save up to 15

minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information. Present to donate and you could win two tickets for the 12/31 Badger basketball game.

Calendar

Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	PreK – 5: Christmas Program Practice
Monday	6:30 PM	The Armor of God study in church basement
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	10:00 AM	Men’s Morning Bible Study @ Mike V.
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	6:30 PM	SWAT Christmas Party at Bethel CRC
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:00 PM	A Night in Bethlehem

Next Week

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

Offering: Local Budget

December Cause: Elim Christian School

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Ushers

Arent Venhuizen

Brad Schouten

Glen Greenfield

Tyler Ten Pass

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Bumblebee Flight Still a Mystery



Know ye that the LORD he [is] God: [it is] he [that] hath made us, and not we ourselves; [we are] his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (Psalm 100:3)

What keeps the big-bodied bumblebee with those little, stubby wings in the air? Scientists are still trying to learn the secret of bumblebee flight. And while they are learning some astonishing things about the bumblebee, they still don't know how he does it. Scientists have been testing bumblebees by monitoring their energy use, placing them in wind tunnels, and measuring their oxygen use. No, they haven't been able to make little oxygen masks for the bees – bumblebees have 24 breathing holes.

Scientists have learned that a flying bumblebee flaps its wings 160 times per second and consumes the equivalent of 180 candy bars per hour! A flying bee uses the same amount of oxygen for its body weight as a flying bird or a bat. However, unlike birds, the bumblebee uses no more oxygen when hovering than when flying. This is only one of the discoveries that contradict scientists' theories. In fact, the director of the latest studies on bumblebee flight admits that they still have no idea how the bumblebee stays in the air. He warns other scientists to stop using the current theories on the subject because they are far too simple.

Of course, our Creator God knows how to make a bumblebee fly, even if the best of modern science can't figure it out. This should help us to see that when scientists tell us they have figured out how everything could have been made without a Creator, they don't know what they're talking about.

Ref: Cowen, R. 1990. "Bumblebee energy: What's the buzz?" Science News, v. 138, Oct. 6, p. 215. Image: Public domain.

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