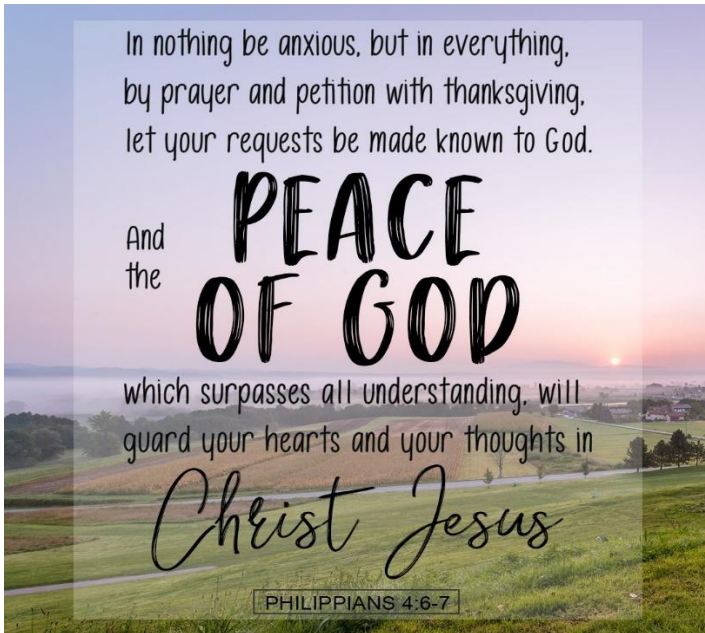


Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



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)

2nd Sunday of Advent – PEACE

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

*Call to Worship

For unto to us a child is born, unto us a
Son is given; And the government will be
upon his shoulder. And His name will be
called.

**Congregation: Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince
of Peace**

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Peace

Song: "We Light the Candles"

*Opening:

"Let's Worship and Adore Him"

"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"

*God's Greeting and We Greet One
Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession/Assurance:

Leader: It is Advent. It is the season in
which we prepare our hearts to welcome
Christ, who is the bringer of all peace. We
confess to you the ways in which we
block the peace of Christ in our lives.

**Congregation: God of peace, hear our
prayer.**

The rushing and scurrying to get things
done,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

The worry about the little details,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Becca Vree

Helpers: Aubryn DeJager
Arent Venhuizen

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Norm Buwalda

Ben Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Al & LeAnne Holden

Greeters

Joe & Karen Durant

Nursery

Danielle & Marissa Jansma

Miranda Vander Berg

Sound System

Eric Homan

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters

Carol N. to Daryl Pfantz

Arky N. to Neen+

Lois N. to Chaplain Peter

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

The financial burdens we put on ourselves,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

The impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

The bickering and quarreling we get into because we are too busy,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of the year, your peace is always there for us.

Instill within us your peace, O God.

When we feel overwhelmed,

instill within us your peace, O God.

When we are filled with worry,

instill within us your peace, O God.

When we become irritable,

instill within us your peace, O God.

When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us, help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.

Instill within us your peace, O God.

Instill within us your peace, O God. Instill within us your peace and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you. Help us to be more peaceful so that we may spread Christ's peace and love to others. **Amen.**

Song: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings:

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Phil. 4:4-9

Sermon: Rest in God's Peace

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*Postlude

7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Worship Notes

This morning we welcome Bill Zuhlke as he leads us in worship.

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

Next Sunday morning we welcome Scott Ritzema as he leads us in worship and we have the pleasure of witnessing our children present their annual Christmas Program. **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

12/9/2018	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: 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	\$6,668.00
Faith Promise	\$ 171.00

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

Jon Mulder

December

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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, as Travis has had some problems the past 2 weeks and continue to pray that treatments 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.

The Sunday School children will be practicing their Christmas program until **11:45** this morning.

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.

The Sunday School Christmas Program Practice will be on Friday, December 14th from 3:15-4:30. A small treat will be provided in the church basement. Please come right after school. Thanks!

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.**

"He puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas, he thought...doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps... means a little bit more!" **The SWaT Christmas Celebration is Wednesday, December 12th from 6-8 at Bethel Church.** We'll not only celebrate the real reason for Christmas, the birth of our Savior, but have a little fun too! Please bring along a wrapped \$10 gift for our 'game gift exchange'. And we're adding a crazy challenge this year... come dressed as your favorite Christmas Movie Character! There will be a prize awarded for the best dressed character per each grade! See you next week!

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!

GEMS is on Facebook under GEMS Waupun Club, if people want to join our group to see what we are up to, they are welcome to do that. With the way the world is, I do not make that a public group, to protect the girls. But if anyone in the church would like to follow what we are up to, they are welcome to do that!

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. THIS IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP**

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 24th 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 25th 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.

Youth For Christ is having a Middle School Dance coming up Friday, December 14th. We offer these dances as a way to connect middle school students to The Union. Our goal is to provide a safe space for students with adult supervision. It will be from 7-9:30pm at the Union Youth Center. We welcome 6th-8th graders to join us. The cost for admission is \$4. We are also looking for adult volunteers to chaperone. If anyone is interested, they can contact me via cell 620-245-4140 or my email Jess@badgerlandyfc.org.

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
 6:00 PM SWaT @ Bethel CRC
 7:00 PM Youth Group @ the Union

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

<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

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Stacy Schaver

Helpers: Gretchen Hoekstra
Jaxon Buteyn

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Tom Jonker
Randall Greenfield

Fellowship Coffee

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Greeters

Bruce & Hollie Ganz

Nursery

Ben & Alyssa Homan
Mikayla Zonnefeld

Offering: Local Budget

December Cause: Faith Promise

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden
Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Experts of Climate Change



While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. – Genesis 8:22

Every year, more and more articles appear in print and on the web concerning the effects of climate change. These experts are an elusive group. Hovering in the background, commenting on every disaster, these nameless experts are like a 21st Century gnostic priesthood in possession of secret knowledge which only those expert enough to be experts can comprehend.

One recent article gloried in the following lengthy headline: "Climate change will displace millions in coming decades. Nations should prepare now to help them." The article began with comments on the terrible fires in California which have destroyed so many homes. The tactic is to associate sad disasters with climate change so that those who oppose this so-called "settled science" will appear heartless. To be clear, we should support effective methods of helping those affected by such disasters.

The problem lies in what the experts say about such events. Quote: "Experts estimate that climate change is likely to displace between 150 and 300 million people." Here is another: "Experts agree that a prolonged drought may have catalyzed Syria's civil war." Does that awful war have nothing to do with the quality of leadership in the regime? Thankfully, we do indeed have an expert who has reminded us of the truth that "while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Ref: Climate change will displace millions in coming decades, <
http://tdn.com/opinion/columnists/climate-change-will-displace-millions-in-coming-decadesnations-should/article_f13a48c4-4d6e-5d32-9383-4212bdef51d7.html >, accessed 12/21/2017. Image: Public Domain (USGS).

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