

# 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)

**Vision Statement:** With the help and presence of our living Lord, we seek to energize and transform lives and maintain the essence of the historic Reformed faith in our worship, service, and fellowship; and to pass on our faith to others.

#### Church Office Hours

Tuesday from 9:00 – 11:30 AM

All announcements due in the office by 9:00 AM 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

\*Opening Songs

“Blessed is the Name of the Lord”

Leader: As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

**All: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted:

**“Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”**

“In the Name of the Lord,” “All Glory, Laud and Honor,” “We Will Glorify”

\*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

**We Are Renewed in God's Grace**

Confession and Assurance

Song: “Abide with Me”

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget and World Renew

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

**God Speaks through His Word**

\*Scripture: Lev. 23:33-44 and John 7:37-39

Sermon: The Feast of Tabernacles

**We Respond to God's Word**

Song of Response: “Lead Me, Guide Me”

**We Leave to Serve God**

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: “All Hail King Jesus”

\*Postlude

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

**Children & Worship Leader**

Becca Vree

**Helpers**

Cassidy Ritzema

Miranda Vander Berg

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Don Pausma

Jon Mulder

**Fellowship Coffee**

Al and LeAnne Holden

**Greeters**

Charlie and Lori Kitchner

**Nursery**

Bonnie Vander Berg

Mackenzie Mulder

Josh Schouten

**Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

**Ushers**

Jesse Buteyn

Glen Greenfield

Brandon Kitchner

Arent Venhuizen

**Video Projection**

Randall Greenfield

**Missionary Letters**

J Bronkhorst to Daryl

Pfantz+

P Bronkhorst to Neen

W Bronkhorst to Chaplain

Peter

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

## 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**\*God's Greeting**

**Opening Songs** led by Ben Homan

**Prayers of the People** led by Gary De Jager

**We Study God's Word:** Psalm 16, "The Joy of Trust"

**\*Song of Response:** O Praise the Lord, for He is Good

**\*Affirmation of our Faith:** HC Lord's Day 1, Q&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Song:** Bless His Holy Name

**\*Postlude**

### **Worship Notes**

**This morning** Pastor Harv continues his Lenten series and we will hear about The Feast of Tabernacles. This evening we will look at Psalm 16.

### **Upcoming Special Service**

4/14/2019	6:00 PM	Combined PM Worship @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
4/18/2019	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
4/21/2019	9:30 AM	Easter Sunday
4/21/2019	7:00 PM	Easter Cantata @ Bethel CRC
4/28/2019	6:00 PM	Combined PM Worship 2 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC

### **Deacons Report**

**April Cause:** World Renew

### **Last Week's Offering**

Local Budget: \$7,734

World Renew: \$268

Voice of the Martyrs: \$1,539

## **Council Notes**

1. We were privileged to hear the profession of faith of Claire Jansen and Hailey Buteyn, We welcome them into full membership of the family of 1<sup>st</sup> CRC.
2. The Building Committee presented a proposal to remove the concrete and asphalt along the sound side of the church and replace with all concrete at a cost of \$12,800. Motion passed, and the deacons will be scheduling an offering to cover the cost.
3. May 2 is National Day of Prayer. Church will be open from 6:30-7:30 for anyone who would like to pray with fellow Christians.
4. The Fellowship Committee is planning a movie night to watch "Woodlawn." More information will be coming.

## **Our Family**

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The Elders and Deacons by Care Group are listed at the bottom of the bulletin. If you are not on the email list for the prayer chain and would like to be called, please contact Allegra (920-318-1265) or Lois (920-318-1723).

Office hours for the time being will be on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

## **April Birthdays**

Pat Homan	15	Kaytlin Bronkhorst	16
Pat Jonker	16	Laura Ten Pass	16
Denny Vande Berg	17	Dan Montsma	20

## **As you pray this week, please remember these people:**

- Heather Hoekstra as she recovers from surgery in Madison.
- Tabbie Vander Werff as she recovers from back surgery.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder as Travis continues with chemo and is waiting for a bone marrow transplant.
- Janet Ver Hage as she has discontinued treatments and has gone on Hospice.
- Margaret Miedema as she continues to seek answers for the weakness and pain in her legs.
- Jeanette Tjepkema as she continues her recovery at Randolph Health Services.
- Carlie Jansen, that everything goes good with her pregnancy and further care.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson continue to pray for healing.
- Sandy Greenfield rolled down a flight of stairs at home on Monday evening and fractured her right shoulder and arm, plus numerous other bruises. She was taken to the ER and later admitted to Waupun Hospital.

Larry Pluim's sister, Sharon Loomans, passed away this week. Please remember them and the rest of the family during this time,

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
- Jeanette Tjepkema

If at any time you would like your name added to or taken off the prayer list, please contact Allegra, Lois, or leave a message on the church phone.

## **Church News**

**PRAYER:** Prayer groups continue with the main purpose of praying for the interim time at First CRC. Prayer times are **before the AM service from 8:45-9:15**, led by Gary De Jager in the basement, and **after the AM service from 11-11:30**, led by Tom Jonker in the sanctuary. These prayer groups are held weekly. We encourage you to come out and pray with other church members for this exciting time in our church.

Do you love to sing? We would like to have a choir for our Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday worship services. Rehearsals will be held today following the morning worship service and before the Maundy Thursday worship service. Please join us! If you have any questions, contact Laura.

### **Upcoming SWaT Meetings:**

- Wednesday, May 8, service project fundraiser evening
- Thursday, May 23, End-of-Year Celebration!

**Ladies Brunch and Painting Party on May 4 beginning at 9:00.** There are two signs to choose from: "It is Well With My Soul" OR "Today I Choose Joy." There is a picture of the two signs in the basement. Please sign up by contacting Kristi Zonnefeld or adding your name on **the sign-up sheet located in the basement.** There will be a cap of 40 people. The cost is \$30. **Deadline to sign up is TODAY!** This event is open to high school girls only!! Come join the fun!!!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

This year we once again have the opportunity to bless the children and families in our community by providing bag lunches for them during the summer weeks! We have 12 weeks to fill and 5 are already reserved. The open weeks are June 9 and 30; July 7, 14, and 21; and August 4 and 25. If you are willing to coordinate this project for First CRC, please let Allegra or Lois know. Thank you.

CWC is having their annual blood drive! Schedule an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome. Come to the Crusader Centre and donate! Every donation can help save three lives and the need for blood is high. The blood drive is on April 18 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The Randolph Christian Middle School students invite you to join them on Thursday, April 25, for some fun and laughter as Horace Horsefat, criminal mastermind, and his two not-too-bright assistants attempt to scam some lovely ladies out of a valuable piece of land along Cherry Creek. Will Pastor Pat Pasternack succeed in foiling the plan? Come and find out! "The Great Denver railroad Scam" will be presented at 2 and 7:30 PM in the RCS gym. A free will offering will be taken to offset the cost of materials.

Join the Randolph Christian School at the Waupun Pizza ranch on Monday, April 29. Our group will be working in the restaurant that night from 4:30-8:00 to earn money for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. We will earn 10-15% of buffet, pick-up and delivery sales, and all donations will go to support our cause!

**JOIN US for a one-day Men's Bible Study Retreat** at the Green Lake Conference Center on Saturday, May 4, from 8 AM to 5 PM. Bible study materials, lunch and snacks are included for FREE.

This Bible study is based on the movie WOODLAWN, a moving and inspirational film based on the true story of how one community used love and unity of purpose to overcome hate and division in early 1970s. From this study, we will learn the importance of unity among all believers and the cost of being a follower of Christ. We will see how we can find significance through service, what it means to surrender our lives to Christ, how to deal with trials in our lives and how a legacy is about serving others. We will talk about what it will take to have a revival in our community.

This retreat is being organized by a multi-church Bible study in our community. For more information, contact Scott Ritzema, Mike Vander Berg or Gregg Zonnefeld.

Register at [www.onewaupun.com](http://www.onewaupun.com).

## Calendar

<b>Today:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Prayer meeting in Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ Bethel
<b>Monday:</b>	6:00 PM	First Place 4 Health Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Friendship Ministry at Bethel
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	First Place 4 Health Bible Study

<b>Wednesday</b>	??	Youth Group lesson at the Union
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Prayer Meeting in Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ Bethel

### Maundy Thursday

#### **Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

#### **Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

#### **Ushers**

Jesse Buteyn  
Glen Greenfield  
Brandon Kitchner  
Arent Venhuizen

#### **Video Projection**

Mike Vander Berg

### Next Week

#### **Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

#### **Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Stacy Schaver

**Helpers:** Kaytlin Smits  
Shirley Otto

#### **Nursery**

Emily Mulder  
Jessica Ten Pass  
Josie Venhuizen

#### **Offering: Local Budget**

**April Cause:** World Renew

#### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Steve Homan  
Bob Mulder

#### **Sound System**

Glen Greenfield

#### **Fellowship Coffee**

Steve and Heidi Smits

#### **Ushers**

Jesse Buteyn  
Glen Greenfield  
Brandon Kitchner  
Arent Venhuizen

#### **Greeters**

Luke and Annie Lemmenes

#### **Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

<b>Group</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
1	Don Pausma (2019)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)
3	Bob Mulder (2019)	
4	Gary DeJager (2021)	Eric Homan (2019)
5	Norm Buwalda (2019)	Ben Mulder (2019)
6	Tom Jonker (2020)	Randall Greenfield (2020)
7	Steve Homan (2020)	
8	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

### THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

For Signs, Seasons, Days and Years



*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: (Genesis 1:14)*

There was a time when the stars in the sky were much more important to us than they are today. We still rely on objects in the sky for signs, seasons, days and years, but they tend to be artificial objects – satellites that have been launched to help with issues such as global positioning and weather monitoring.

In times past, stars would have been used to help people find their way. Most people know that there is a star called Polaris which is pretty much above the Earth's North Pole, but few know how to find it. When you have found it, then you know which direction is North. Not only that, but if you measure the angle of Polaris above the horizon, then you know what line of latitude you are on. And if you watch the stars appear to move around Polaris during the night, then you will get an idea of what the time is.

Where the Earth is in its orbit around the Sun changes what stars can be seen in the sky at different times. That is why, wherever we are in the world, we often speak of Summer and Winter constellations. So the stars also tell us what season of the year we are in and, indeed, when the year is about to begin again.

All this information is still available to us, and it is worth learning at least a bit of it because the heavens declare the glory of God.

Ref: Lisle, J. (2010), Telling Time with the Stars,  
<<https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/stars/telling-time-with-the-stars/>>,  
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