

4/22/2018

Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



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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 Pastor Craig (920-539-3848) or 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)

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 95:6-7

***Opening:** All Creatures of Our God & King
– G431 vs 1,2 & 5
Amazing Grace (My Chains are
Gone)

***God's Greeting and We Greet One
Another**

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Cadet Presentation

Cadet Litany

Leader: No matter where we go, we know
that God is seeking us.

Cadets/Counselors: We are thankful to God
for His watchful care.

Leader: No matter what we do, we know that
God is seeking us.

Congregation: **We are thankful to God for
His watchful care.**

Leader: Over 2500 years ago God spoke
to the prophet Ezekiel, giving him
words to relay to God's people.
"For this is what the Sovereign
Lord says, I myself will search for
my sheep and look after them."

Cadets/Counselors: We are grateful to be considered God's sheep and to
have Him look after us.

Leader: "As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with
them, so I will look after my sheep."

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Lois Groenewold

Helpers: Mikayla Zonnefeld
Elise Ritzema

Elder/Diacon Greeters

Merle Schouten

Joe Bresser

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

Dan & Janice Scheuers

Nursery

Andrea Buwalda

Kim Greenfield

Zach Vander Werff

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Ushers

Cadets

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

Missionary Letters

Todd S. to Daryl Pfantz

Steve S. to Neen

Nina T. to Chaplain Peter+

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

Congregation: We are grateful to be considered God's sheep and to have Him look after us.

Leader: "I will rescue them from all the places where they are scattered on a day of clouds and darkness."

Cadets/Counselors: We are assured that no matter how bad things may seem, we are sheltered by God's protective hand.

Leader: "You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign Lord."

Congregation: **We are assured that no matter how bad things may seem, we are sheltered by God's protective hand.**

Leader: We know that God is all-powerful and that nothing can harm us. "Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Congregation: **"For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care."**

Leader: May we always remember that God is seeking us and God is with us forevermore. May we, as His sheep, each live a life worthy of God's calling. (optional) Together, as an expression of our desire to live such a life, let us sing the Cadet Hymn: "Living For Jesus."

Song: Living For Jesus – G292 vs 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings (Cadet Video): Cadets

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Ezekiel 34:11

Sermon: God Seeking Us

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Great is Thy Faithfulness – G556 vs 1-3

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** To God Be the Glory – G632

***Postlude**

7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Worship Notes

This morning we welcome the Cadets as they share their theme with us. By looking at Ezekiel, among other passages, they have seen that God seeks us out. He pursues us like a shepherd taking care of His sheep.

Tonight Bethel CRC has invited us to worship at 7:00pm as we hear the United Men of Praise.

Next Sunday we will hear the public profession of faith of five young people: Brandon Kitchner, Josh Schouten, Kaytlin Smits, Miranda Vander Berg, and Mikayla Zonnefeld. As witness this we will also be challenged by 1 Samuel 8, where the Israelites wanted a king besides God. This is a problem for us just as it was for the Israelites.

Please make sure that you highlight any favorite Scripture passages in the Bibles that will be given to those making profession of faith. This will be a memory of and a connection to the congregation for years to come.

Verses of the week: For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. Ezekiel 34:11

This week be in prayer for:

- Your neighbors
- Prison guards
- Randolph First CRC

Give thanks to God for:

- The promise of Spring
- His Spirit living in us
- Those with whom you can be vulnerable

Upcoming Special Service

4/22/2018	9:30 AM	Cadet Sunday @ 1 st CRC
4/22/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
5/6/2018	9:30 AM	Preparatory
5/13/2018	9:30 AM	Communion
5/27/2018	7:00 PM	Combined Memorial Day Service @ Bethel CRC

Deacons Report

Donations can be made to the Dodge County Pregnancy Center by designating the amount and listing it under other on your envelopes.

Donations for the Waupun Dental Studio can be made by designating the amount and listing it under other on your envelopes. **Want to know more about the Waupun Dental Studio check out the flyers on the bulletin board in the basement.**

Electronic giving is now available. If you would like to get setup send an email to Jon Venhuizen at jvnhzn@gmail.com

For Brother Bob Ministry donations please make checks payable to First CRC and put Brother Bob in the Memo or mark it on your envelope.

If you are donating to the maintenance and remodeling project, please label the envelope or check Capital Improvements. This will help the deacons. Thank you!

April cause: Mission Backpack is an organization that hands out backpacks with food to help students eat on the weekend when they don't have access to school food. They receive healthy snacks, cereal and other items.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$00
Mission Backpack	\$00

Our Family

We would like to encourage you to reach out to Winnie Kuiper this week as she will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday, April 25. You can send her cards C/O Christian Home at

We rejoice with the Van Hill family as they now have a court date (May 11) for the adoption of their foster daughter, Lucy.

We rejoice in the Lord with **Travis Mulder and Jessica Eisenga** who will be united in marriage at 2 pm on April 27 at Edgewood Community Church in Waupun. They request your prayers for God's presence and blessing on their marriage.

Birthdays

Dave Rens
Josephine Mulder
Winnie Kuiper

April

22
23
25

John DeJager
Michelle Mulder
Jon Venhuizen

April

23
24
25



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

- Jeanette Tjepkema as she recovers from pneumonia
- Kim Root as she heals from hip replacement surgery
- Ben & Alyssa Homan and Eden as she goes through medical treatment.
- Laura Ten Pass as she goes through treatments for the spots that were found. Pray for peace and healing.
- Leanne Johnson as she waits for results from her treatments.
- The Charlie Kitchner family as they had to make the hard decision about life support for his stepmom. Pray for peace as this family goes through another difficult time.
- Winnie Kuiper and family as they mourn the death of her son, Frank.

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
- Winnie Kuiper
- Wilma Navis

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

Church News

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

Bibles will be in the narthex for those who are making public profession of faith. Please **highlight a favorite verse** of passage in there so that when they read their Bible they will find verses that our family treasures.

We will be having a **Spring-Clean-Up-Day at church on Saturday, May 5th**. We are asking for men & women to help out with various indoor & outdoor projects. We will be **starting at 8:30am**. Please bring buckets, rags, and a vacuum if able. Watch for more details to follow!

The Building & Grounds committee has a lawn-mower, weed-eater, and leaf blower available to the highest bidder. If you are interested, please put your bid in a sealed envelope **in Brian Bresser's mailbox by Sunday, April 29th**. The lawn tool must be picked-up by Saturday, May 5th. If you interested in the items, please talk to Brian Bresser for more details.

The **Annual Meeting/PIA Meeting** for constituents and supporters of Central Wisconsin Christian School will be held on Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30 PM. The agenda will consist of the election of new Board members, approval of the budget and tuition schedule for 2018.19, and reports by committees and administrators. Materials are available on our website at centralwisconsinchristian.org. Parents In Action will have their spring business meeting also.

All grandparents and special friends of Central Wisconsin Christian are invited to join us for our special **Grandparents' Day Celebration** on Friday, April 27th. It's a wonderful chance for you to experience Christ-centered education and celebrate our partnership in the lives of kids. Classrooms will be open for visitation from 8:00-11:00 AM, followed by a luncheon at 11:15 and Program of Praise at 12:15 PM. Please mark your calendar and kindly RSVP at 324.4233 if you plan to attend.

The CWC music department has upcoming performances that we would like to invite you to. The middle school students will be presenting their Festival concert on Tuesday May 1. The 5th grade band will make their debut. The choir and band will also perform. Following this the students will perform their various solos and ensembles that they are preparing for the upcoming Music Festival. This concert will begin at **4:00 pm** in Crusader Centre.

The CWC Honors Recital will be held Monday May 7 in the Cornerstone. We will begin at **7:00 pm**. This recital features those high school students who performed at the state solo and ensemble competition. If you would like to attend please RSVP by calling the school office at 324-4233.

VBS this year is June 25-28 the theme is Shipwrecked Rescued By Jesus. It will be held at Bethel CRC. The CD's are here, contact Dominique if you would like one. They are \$5.00. Sign-up will be coming soon.

Camp Calvin 2018 Registration is Now Open! Please register online today! Camp Calvin is a Christian youth camp for students entering grades 4-9. At Camp Calvin, students will explore and enjoy God's creation, worship our Lord with songs, and receive inspiration from our spiritual leaders. Camp Calvin will be held June 18-23, 2108 For Registration, Camp information, photos, or to contact Camp Calvin with any questions, please visit www.CampCalvin.com

The community is once again planning for the **summer bag lunch program**, our church has helped to provide for this for several years. If anyone is interested in organizing this for our church please contact Gladys. There are several weeks open but will be taken up quickly.

Cleaning/Maintenance Position at the Union – The Union is looking for a person or a couple to clean and do light maintenance weekly. Contact Scott Ritzema for details at (920)948-8185.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	7:00 PM	Combined PM Worship Service @ Bethel CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting @ 1 st CRC
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Becca Vree

Helpers: Shirley Otto
Ethan Schulz

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Al Venhuizen

Brian O'Donovan

Fellowship Coffee

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Greeters

Andy & Beth Schlieve

Nursery

Danielle & Marissa Jansma

Heather Hoekstra

Offering: Local Budget

April Cause: Mission Backpack

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (210-8069)

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Brandon Kitchner

Tyler Ten Pass

Harm Venhuizen

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Why Do We Smile?



A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; – Ecclesiastes 3;4

Did you know it's practically impossible to laugh without smiling at the same time? Try it sometime. Oh, you can make laughing sounds without smiling, but you can't laugh for real. Well, if you're anything like me, you just might laugh out loud when you hear what evolutionists are now telling us

about why babies smile and laugh.

According to evolutionists at Kyoto University, babies smile not because they are amused or because they are trying to communicate with their parents. Babies smile for the same reason that monkeys smile – "to facilitate the development of cheek muscles, enabling humans, chimpanzees, and Japanese monkeys to produce smiles, laughs, and grimaces." They add, "Spontaneous smiles don't express feelings of pleasure in chimpanzees and Japanese monkeys; rather, the smiles are more similar to submissive signals and grimaces rather than smiles." According to study author Masaki Tomonaga, "We can infer that the origin of smiles goes back at least 30 million years, when old world monkeys and our direct ancestors diverged."

Really now! Do evolutionists honestly expect us to believe this? There's nothing funny about evolutionary nonsense like this. The reason we smile – even when we're babies – is because God created human beings as emotional creatures capable of expressing an incredibly wide range of feelings. When's the last time you thanked God for such a wonderful gift?

Ref: "Smiling baby monkeys and the roots of laughter," ScienceDaily, 8/4/16. Fumito Kawakami, Masaki Tomonaga, Juri Suzuki. The first smile: spontaneous smiles in newborn Japanese macaques (*Macaca fuscata*). *Primates*, 2016; DOI: 10.1007/s10329-016-0558-7. Photo: Japanese macaques. (CC BY-SA 3.0)

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