

6/9/2019

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

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 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 Liturgy

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

**The day of Pentecost has come and we
have gathered together in this place.**

We are nothing without you, O Lord.

Send forth your presence and grant us your
mercies and love.

**Creator God, reign down your Spirit that we,
too, may prophesy!**

Praise the Lord who sends forth his Spirit!

Praise the Lord who renews the face of the
earth.

**Jesus Christ, reign down your Spirit that
we, too, may see a vision for Your Kingdom!**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works.

**Everlasting Father, reign down your Spirit
that we, too, may dream dreams!**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit; praise the Lord!**

*Opening Songs of Praise:

Holy Spirit

The Power of Your Love

Refiner's Fire

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song of reflection: Spirit of the Living God

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder
Jaxon Buteyn
Kaytlin Smits

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan
Bob Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

Noah, Mackenzie & Silas
Mulder

Nursery

Emily Mulder
Andrea Buwalda
Zach Vander Werff

Sound System

Glenn Greenfield

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden
Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Katie De Jager

Missionary Letters

A Holden to Daryl Pfantz+
C Holden to Neen
B Homan to Chaplain Pete

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

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings

Special Music by Aubryn De Jager

and Holly Rognstad

Children are dismissed for Walk out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Joel 2:28-32

Sermon: A New Beginning

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response: Breathe on Me Breath of God

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing: God the Father of Your People

*Postlude

Worship Notes

This morning, we will hear from Pastor Harv about how the Holy Spirit gives us God's presence and calls us into mission.

The transition team would like to invite the congregation to a brief informational meeting after the service on Sunday, June 9, in the sanctuary. We will dismiss after the service and we invite those who can attend the meeting to come back in about 10 minutes after the close of the service. We invite you to stay for the meeting and learn more about the exciting work that the transition team is doing.

Upcoming Special Service

6/9/2019	7:00 PM	PM Service at Bethel CRC
6/16/2019	6:00 PM	PM Service at First CRC
6/23/2019	6:00 PM	Friesland Men's Chorus at First CRC
6/30/2019	7:00 PM	PM Service at Bethel CRC

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.

June Cause: Bible League

Last Week's Offering

Local Budget: \$2,025

Bible League: \$10

The nominations for Elder are Joe Durant, Ken Homan, Dan Montsma, Dave Rens, Brian Ten Pass, and Keith Venhuizen. Nominations for Deacon are Ben Homan, Michael Jansma, Eric Shaver, and Brian Van Herwaarden.

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

The profession of faith for Claire and Hailey has been moved to June 16.

June Birthdays

Jessica Ten Pass	10	Jaina Venhuizen	11
Ben Mulder	12	Kim Venhuizen	13

June Anniversaries

Eric & Casey Homan	11
Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg	13
Gary & Katie De Jager	15

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Carol Navis as she undergoes cancer treatment.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder as Travis continues with chemo and is waiting for a bone marrow transplant.
- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Margaret Miedema as she continues to seek answers for the weakness and pain in her legs.
 - Carlie Jansen, that she continues to do well.
 - Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
 - Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
 - Sandy Greenfield as she recovers from a fractured right shoulder and arm and other bruises.
 - Megan Greenfield as she undergoes sinus surgery on June 5.

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

Church News

What : Church picnic

When: Sunday June 23

Why: Fellowship and worship

Who: You and your friends

Where: County park

Come for Church. Stay for grill-out picnic. **Please sign up if you will probably attend the meal.**

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.

Serve Waupun 2019 is a joint project being organized by Bethel CRC and First CRC to assist with service needs in the Waupun community. This special week is planned for July 29 through August 3.

1. **We are looking for projects!** Please submit your project ideas by June 30 at <http://www.waupuncrc.com/outreach/weekofservice.cfm> or by speaking to someone on our church's Outreach Team.
2. **We will need workers!** Around July 7, you will be getting a Sign-Up Genius email where you can sign up for projects and/or timeslots that work for you.
3. **We need your prayers!** The Signup Genius will also give you the opportunity to sign up to pray for the various projects and dates.
4. **Do you enjoy cooking and/or baking?** One of the projects we will be offering is to have a group get together in Bethel's kitchen and make some meals for individuals in our churches.

Roar: Life is Wild, God is Good! VBS 2019 from June 24-27, 9:00-11:30 AM, at Bethel CRC is less than a month away! Parents, we ask that you register your kids online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/bethel-firstcrc>. Volunteers can also follow this link to sign up to help. A sign-up for food donations will be coming out in a few weeks. Looking forward to a great week!! Join us!

The Transitional Team has selected, and council has approved, the conduct of another Natural Church Development (NCD) survey. Twenty-nine members will be contacted and asked to participate in the online NCD survey. The survey will be conducted the first week of June and our goal is to present the results at the Congregational Meeting on June 17. We appreciate your prayers as we move forward. The Transition Team members are Alvin Venhuizen (chair), Laura Venhuizen, Stacie Schaver, Greg Zonnefeld, Ben Homan, Beth Schlieve, Tyler Ten Pass, Kaitlyn Smits, and Jon Mulder.

COMMUNITY NEWS

REACH Waupun is now responsible for scheduling servers for the Friday hot meal at the Community Table. There are **still five Friday dates open for 2019**. We are asking you to prayerfully consider signing up for one or more serving dates. If you have a group that would like to provide a meal, let Allegra or Lois know and we will get you signed up. The remaining 2019 open dates are 8/23, 8/30, 11/22, 12/13, and 12/20.

Kiwanis will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, June 27, 2019, from 11:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. at Edgewood Community Church, 201 Edgewood Drive, Waupun. Please make a difference in someone's life.

What will be your legacy? Many Christians want to make a lasting statement about the importance of God's Kingdom in their lives. Because of our partnership with Barnabas Foundation, they provide charitable giving services to Christians like you seeking ways to honor God with the resources with which you have been blessed. **James Prichard**, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will help you develop the best possible plan to meet your family's financial and charitable goals. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area on June 25 & 26. Call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 (Ext. 121) to schedule your complimentary conversation with Jim.

Calendar

Today:

8:45 AM Prayer Meeting in church basement
9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ First CRC
11:00 AM Prayer meeting in Sanctuary
7:00 PM PM Worship at Bethel CRC

Tuesday:

8:00 AM Prayer Meeting

Sunday:

8:45 AM Prayer Meeting in church basement
9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ First CRC
11:00 AM Prayer Meeting in Sanctuary
6:00 PM PM Worship @ First CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

Leader: Becca Vree

Helpers: Cassidy Ritzema
Koltien Buwalda

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Gary De Jager
Eric Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Greeters

Arky & Helene Navis

Musical Praise

Ben Homan

PM Prayer

Merle Schouten

Nursery

Jen Ritzema
Amanda Buteyn
Jolie Schouten

Offering: Local Budget

June Cause: Bible League

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden
Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Group	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
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)

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

God Created Insects



For the life [nephesh] of the flesh is in the blood: (Leviticus 17:11)

Some people find insects, such as butterflies, fascinating. But there are also those who cannot stand the sight of other insects. Wasps and leatherjackets are not particularly loved. I have often wondered why God created such nasty creatures, and I have to remind myself that, like everything else, they were created perfect originally.

But when did God make insects? What classification do we put them in? Were they created with land animals on the sixth day? Are they the creeping things? Probably not because all such animals are described as *nephesh*, and the life (*nephesh*) of the flesh is in the blood. Were they created on the fifth day? After all, most insects can fly. But, again, the creatures on Day Five were *nephesh*. Insects do not have blood.

In Genesis 7:14, we read about the flying creatures taken aboard the Ark. They were to be “every bird... every winged creature”. There are two Hebrew words for birds – *oph* and *tsippor*. The first refers to all winged creatures. The juxtaposition of both terms in Genesis 7:14 suggests that insects are specifically excluded, especially as insects do not breathe through nostrils, which was a condition for creatures being taken on the Ark.

In short, the creatures mentioned in Genesis 1 all have *nephesh*. So non-*nephesh* animals, like insects and spiders, are not mentioned. Everything was created in that one week, but we don't know when insects were made. As non-*nephesh* animals, they do not have life like those animals with blood.

Ref: Sarfati, J. (2015), *The Genesis Account* (Powder Springs, GA: CMI), pp. 247-248. Image: J.J. Harrison, CC BY-SA 3.0.

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