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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 are able to 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**

***Opening Songs:** Led by Praise Team

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song: There is Power in the Blood – R329

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local
Budget

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship**

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Matthew 5:6

Sermon: For the Hungry and Thirsty

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** As the Deer – R548
vs 1-3

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** You are my All in All – R583 vs
1 & 2

***Postlude**

Accompanist

AM: Lois Mulder

PM: Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Helpers: Zach Vander Werff
Gretchen Hoekstra

Elder/Diacon Greeters

Don Pausma

Jon Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

Percy & Janice De Vries

Nursery

Becca Vree

Jen Ritzema

Miranda Vander Berg

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)

Morris Te Grootenhuis
(539-0438)

Ushers

Gene Hofman

Brandon Kitchner

Dan Montsma

Harm Venhuizen

Video Projection

Katie De Jager

Missionary Letters

Brian V. to Daryl Pfantz

Pastor Craig V. to Neen+

Den VB. to Chaplain Peter

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

6:00 PM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Call to Worship

***God's Greeting**

Opening Songs led by Michelle Mulder

Prayers of the People led by Brian O' Donovan

We Study God's Word: Matthew 1:18-22

***Song of Response:** Joy to the World – G337 vs 1-3

***Affirmation of our Faith:** hC Q&A 35 & 36

35. Q. What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

36. Q. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

A. He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect Holiness he removes from God's sight my sin—mine since I was conceived.

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** May the Mind of Christ, My Savior – R568 vs 1 & 5

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Tonight: Bethel will be joining us here for worship. Next Sunday evening we will be worshipping at Bethel.

Next Sunday: As we install office-bearers this morning it is fitting that we come to the beatitude about mercy. As spiritual leaders and as children of God we are called to be merciful. Just as Jesus is merciful with us so we should be with everyone else. But what does that look like?

Verses of the Week: Psalm 37

This week be in prayer for:

- Those waiting for a transplant
- Our new council
- Delavan CRC

Give thanks to God for:

- Being righteous and holy
- Hands
- Fireflies that make light displays at night

Upcoming Special Service

July 16	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
July 23	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
July 30	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
August 6	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
August 13	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
August 20	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
August 27	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
September 3	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC

Council Report - 12-July-2017

- Incoming office bearers joined the meeting as part of transitional process of leadership
- Approved minutes of the Congregational Meeting.
- Received an updated copy of the Vision Plan with progress on goals noted.
- Elected officers for 2017/18 – Al Venhuizen (President), Pastor Craig Van Hill (Vice-President), Steve Homan (Clerk), Bob Mulder (Comptroller)
- Delegates to Classis Wisconsin Meeting on September 26th at Geneva Chapel in Madison will be Pastor Craig Van Hill, Merle Schouten (elder), and Randall Greenfield (deacon).
- Discussed forming a committee for our Centennial Celebration in 2021.
- Heard the profession of faith of Shirley Otto
- Reflected on the issues-related discussion at the Congregational Meeting
 - Feedback on the format was very positive. Discussions like this serve as a springboard toward healthy dialogue among the membership.
 - Women as deacons – The Executive Team will assign a sub-committee to oversee on-going discussions on this topic, beginning with biblical foundations on the issue. The congregation will be posted on these discussions.
 - Denominational ministry shares – This is one aspect of a broader stewardship discussion. The Council discussed the spiritual discipline of giving and how to address it from a number of angles. One avenue includes educating and informing the congregation of the impact of denominational ministries.
- Deacons Report

- Officers will be Eric Homan (chair), Brian O'Donovan (Vice-Chair), Randall Greenfield (comptroller), Ben Mulder (benevolence), Jon Venhuizen (secretary).
- Due to a change of position, Kim Venhuizen was removed from the Faith Promise ministry list
- Reviewing funds for the Christian Home Chaplaincy
- Elders Report
 - Discussed this summer's shared evening service format with Bethel CRC. Recommending alternating weeks in 2018, with a set service time of 6:30PM for summer months.
 - Approved a recommendation that we have a combined service anytime one of the two pastors is not present to lead an evening worship service, lessening the load of pulpit supply.
- Approved a proposed Facility Rental Policy from the Building & Property Team.
- Approved names for potential new members for the Building & Property and Education Teams.
- Received a Council Self-Reflection with a three-year review.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$6,775.04
Gideons	\$ 25.00

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 making a donation to the maintenance and remodeling project, please label the envelope or check Capital Improvements. This will help the deacons. Thank you!

July cause: Gideons International. Founded in 1899, they have 290,000 members—and an untold number of supporters—in more than 190 countries across the globe who make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word

Our Family

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>July</u>
Ray Hofman	16	Gene Winkel	16
Barb Heeringa	16	Braeden Aylesworth	18
Jim Groenewold	20	Shelby Fry	22

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>July</u>
Ben & Alyssa Homan	18
Al & Renae Venhuizen	18
Norm & Shirley Jansma	22

Thank You to the entire congregation for all the wonderful and useful gifts you gave us. Our hearts are overjoyed by all the love, support, and

encouragement from everyone. We ask you keep us in your prayers as we prepare to begin a new chapter in our lives. **Drew Buiter & Breanna Smits**

John Ten Pas, our grandson had successful surgery on Wednesday. We thank God for this. John will have about seven days of recovery in Philadelphia. **Thank you** to every one for your prayers and support during this time. **We ask for your continued prayers** during his recovery. **Ken and Gardie**

I would like to **thank everyone** that prayed for my granddaughter Dawn while she was waiting for a heart and during her transplant. Everything went very good and after 11 days post transplant she was able to return home. Please continue to pray for her recovery. **Thank you** to Pastor Craig and Elder Gregg Zonnefeld for their visits and prayers and to the congregation for your expressions of sympathy in the passing of my brother. All is greatly appreciated. **Marge Vande Streek**

Please highlight the Bible in the narthex with your favorite passage for Shirley Otto. She will be making public profession of faith on July 30 and will receive this as a gift. Thank you

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



- Brandon Kitchner as he heals from foot surgery and anticipates surgery on the other foot.
- Danielle Jansma as she heals from foot surgery. Pray for patience and a quick recovery.
- Arky Navis as he anticipates surgery on his back.
- John, grandson of Ken & Gardie Ten Pas, as he is scheduled to have an experimental surgery on July 12 to repair his partially collapsed lung. Pray for good health so that they can go ahead with this surgery and success as the surgeons do their work.
- Carlie Jansen as she continues to recover.
- Nina Te Beest as she recovers.
- Dave Mulder, cousin of Sue Buwalda, as he undergoes treatment for 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

- Winnie Kuiper
- Wilma Navis
- Howard Loomans
- Lee Heideman

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

There are sheets for updating the directory out in the narthex. Please review your name, address, email and phone and update with any additions or corrections. Please mark ok if everything is correct so that we know. These will be up until the end of July with new directories coming out hopefully in August. Thank you

Church News

Have you sent in your reservation for the retreat at the First Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin on September 19? **The deadline is approaching!** Invite a friend and some men! Get a group together! You don't want to miss this time of warm Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal. Jennie Afman Dimkoff, our featured speaker, serves on the staff of Speak Up With Confidence Conferences with her sister, Carol Kent. All are encouraged to come and hear the mini-concert with New Generations during this dynamic day. The complete day is open to all, but reservations are needed. See a brochure/poster for more information or talk to your Key Contact, Arlene De Jager @ 920-344-1674.

There is a FREE Voice of the Martyrs Advance Conference in Wausau on Saturday, July 22. If you are interested in attending this conference along with some others from our church, be sure to contact Mike Vander Berg by July 8. To learn more about this conference, go to www.vomevents.com and click on the Wisconsin conference link.

2017 ReNew Forum (Formerly the Wisconsin Leadership Forum) will be held on Sunday, August 27th at 2:00 PM at Brookfield Christian Reformed Church. Brochures and information on registering can be found on the information center in the basement.

Please put Wednesday, August 30 on your calendar! We are going to have a special night of support for OH4F (Open Hands 4 The Fatherless) at the Rock River Country Club. The night will begin at 6pm with a complimentary delicious dinner followed by an informative presentation on the amazing work accomplished by OH4F and information on how you can support their Christian School in Haiti. Please fill out an RSVP at www.oh4f.org/support-us/meal-rsvp.cfm or call Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg at 324.0801. (This night is intended for adults only.)

The Church Women United of the Waupun Area are collecting **school supplies for those in need**. There is a collection container in the narthex to place items needed. A list of items needed was in your mailboxes last week. **The last collection date will be July 30**. Monetary donations may be given or supplies may be donated in the collection box. Donation checks should be made out to Church Women United of the Waupun Area and can be given to Gladys.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM AM Worship Service
 6:00 PM PM Worship Service
Tuesday: 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting
Next Sunday: 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1st CRC
 7:00 PM PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader:

Helpers:

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Denny Vande Berg

Bob Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters

Joe & Karen Durant

Nursery

Jon & Jenna Mulder

Lynnae Smits

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<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Don Pausma	Jon Venhuizen
2	Merle Schouten	Joe Bresser
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Scott Ritzema	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Tom Jonker	Randall Greenfield
7	Steve Homan	
8	Al Venhuizen	Brian O'Donovan

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Creationist Astrophysicist



When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; – Psalm 8:3

Anyone would be a fool to question Dr. Markus Blietz's credentials as a scientist. He is living proof that modern-day scientists can be young earth creationists at the same time.

Dr. Blietz earned his Ph.D. in astrophysics at the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics and now works in the semiconductor industry in charge of helping researchers develop new ideas. In an interview that was published in the book *Busting Myths*, he talks about black holes, comets, distant starlight, and most important, how he became a Christian and creationist.

"I read the gospel according to Matthew," he said. "Almost immediately I understood that Jesus was a real, historical person, that He came to fulfill a mission and that I needed Him urgently."

He also spoke about evolution and world views. "Only belief in Jesus Christ can open our eyes and give us the correct view of our world," he said, adding that "before I was a Christian, I never felt really content with the evolutionary world view, which I had adopted. It produced too many contradictions and left open too many questions. Only the truth in the Word of God is able to give a full, comprehensive answer to our basic questions of life and death."

He also had some words of advice to young people: "Study science to be able to better serve God." Creation Moments thinks that this is good advice, not just for young people but for everyone.

Ref: "Galaxies, Black Holes, and Creation", Jonathan Sarfati and Markus Blietz. *Busting Myths*, pp. 11-15 (Creation Book Publishers, 2015). Photo: Creationist astrophysicist Dr. Markus Blietz. (Courtesy of Creation Ministries International)

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