

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)

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***Opening:** As We Gather
Here I am to Worship

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession - Hebrews 3:7-12

Assurance - Hebrews 4:16

Song: Lord I Need You

Congregational Prayer - Bob Mulder (waiting
on confirmation of this)

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship**

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Genesis 11:27-12:5

Sermon: A Shared Calling: Our Father,
Abraham

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Here I am Lord - R589

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul - G627

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Pat Jonker

Helpers: Zach Vander Werff
Cody Van Herwaarden

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Tom Jonker

Randall Greenfield

Fellowship Coffee

Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters

Pete, Tabbie, Zach, Jake &
Olivia Vander Werff

Nursery

Keith & Laura Venhuizen
Jolie Schouten

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Percy DeVries (324-4678)
Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Ushers

Jesse Buteyn
Glen Greenfield
Brandon Kitchner
Harm Venhuizen

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

Missionary Letters

John B. to Daryl Pfantz+
Kaytlin B. to Neen
Phylcia B. 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 Elaine Homan

Prayers of the People led by Brian O'Donovan

We Study God's Word: Mark 4:35-5:43 - Why Are You So Afraid?

***Song of Response:** The Solid Rock - R526 vs 1-3

***Affirmation of our Faith:** Psalm 63:1-8 - read together as a congregation

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** The Solid Rock - R526 vs 4

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Today we welcome Matt Hofman as he leads us in worship for both services.

Next Week Sunday Paul Zoschke will lead us in worship at First CRC for both the 9:30 AM Worship Service and the 6:00 PM Worship Service.

Upcoming Special Service

8/5/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
8/12/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC

Deacons Report

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$307,289.36	\$320,953.00	-\$13,663.64
Denominational	\$22,232.50	\$67,609.00	-\$45,376.50
Classical	\$12,187.50	\$19,867.00	-\$7,679.50

At any time, you may donate to the cause of your choice by writing the name of the cause in the memo line of your check or on the donation envelope. **Please make all checks payable to First CRC.**

July 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 Deaconal Outreach, Waupun Area Cadets, Waupun GEMS, OH4F (Open Hands for the Fatherless) and Pastor K.

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.



Serve Waupun 2018 was a success thanks to all of the willing volunteers at Bethel and First! We were able to work at 9 locations over 14 time slots during the past week! We had nearly 100 people volunteer and help out, as well as 12 active prayer partners from the 2 churches! What a great way to build community both in Waupun and between our churches. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way!

The worship committee is asking for lots of help from the congregation. We are looking for both men and women who are willing to lead the time of congregational prayer. We are also looking for men and women who are willing to lead our opening time of worship. This could also be a small group of people. By so doing, our guest pastors would only need to focus on bringing the Word to us and closing our time of worship. If you have questions or are willing to help with these parts of our worship service, please contact a member of the worship committee soon. Members are Pat Jonker, Lois Mulder, Laura Ten Pass, Kim Venhuizen, and Renae Venhuizen.

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>July</u>
Shelby Fry	22	Bob Bille	25
Faith Miedema	25	Joy Mulder	25
Lois Navis	27		

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>July</u>
Norm & Shirley Jansma	22
Darrall & Gretchen Schaver	24

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



- John DeJager as he will start a 7 week course of radiation therapy in Madison on July 30 for a tumor on his voice box. Pray for the treatments to work and for the tumor to shrink or to be removed.
- Jason Morgan as he recovers from surgery. Surgery went well and we pray for a quick recovery.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder as Travis has been diagnosed with Leukemia and is going through treatments and Jess as she continues to recover from surgery related to her Crohn's Disease.
- Ben & Alyssa Homan and Eden as she recovers from a broken leg.
- Laura Ten Pass as she goes through treatments for the spots that were found.
- Leanne Johnson as she waits for results from her treatments.
- Morris & Bea as Morris goes through chemo treatments. May these treatments shrink or remove the cancer. We do give thanks that his brain scans returned normal.
- Sandy Greenfield as she recovers from her recent surgery.

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.

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.

It is time again to update our church directory! Please check the sheets out on the table in the narthex over the next couple of weeks to make sure we have your information correct. Please put a little check mark or ok to let me know that you have reviewed. If there are changes please write them in the space next to your name. Thank you!

Attention Teens: If you would like to help lead worship on Sunday morning July 29., please call or text Katie DJ @ 920.979.8363.

The Church Women United of the Waupun Area are getting ready for the **annual school supply** distribution for students of the Waupun School Area School District. This year it will be held on Friday, August 3. We hope this gives you time to take advantage of the great back to school sales. There are “shopping lists” printed for you to pick up to help you shop. When you are shopping, keep in mind that we have checked with the school district, and the supplies on our list are those that are needed most. Or let our group do the shopping by making a monetary donation. If you want to write a check please make it out to *Church Women United*. If you have questions, please contact Chris Van Buren, president of the Church Women United, at (920) 324-4618. Waupun area churches have always been a great supporter of this project. Last year we helped over 200 students start the school year with the supplies they needed thanks to your support. Thank you for your continued support of this project that helps so many students right here in our community. **There is a drop off bin in the narthex**

Teens! You are invited to attend Life Camp, the summer youth camp of Wisconsin Right to Life, to be held at the Green Lake Conference Center (Green Lake, WI) August 5-10. It's about fun—zip lining, swimming, paddle boarding, campfires and movies! It's also about learning to articulate a pro-life stance through interactive, age appropriate presentations. You will meet and learn from top leaders in the pro-life movement. Visit www.wrtl.org/LifeCamp for more information, or to register. Hurry; early bird registration ends July 1.

Agnesian Healthcare is seeking big hearts and spare hands to help with their growing volunteer program. For more information pick up a flyer on the shelf in the basement.

Calendar

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

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder

Helpers: Arent Venhuizen
Marissa Jansma

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Merle Schouten
Joe Bresser

Fellowship Coffee

Den & Nancy Vande Berg

Greeters

Al & Renae Venhuizen

Musical Praise

Toni Hofman

Nursery

Brad & Rhonda Schouten
Gretchen Hoekstra

Offering: Local Budget

July Cause: Faith Promise

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Video Projection

Katie DeJager

Group	Elder	Deacon
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

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Hurricanes: Are They Our Fault?



And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah. I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest. – Psalm 55:6-8

One leading left-wing UK newspaper headlined a report on Hurricane Harvey with these words: "It's a fact: climate change made Hurricane Harvey more deadly."

The newspaper went on to opine that the recent devastating hurricanes in the United States – Hurricanes Harvey and Irma – may not have actually been caused by human activity and industry, but were certainly exacerbated by it. The ferocity of these hurricanes is therefore collectively our fault. The belief is that human activity has so increased the average global temperature that abnormal weather patterns are now becoming the norm, and the only way to solve this problem is to take international multi-national action to reduce the production of greenhouse gases and so work against this global temperature rise.

But how abnormal are these hurricanes? The south coast of the US has hosted numerous terrible storms in the past. For example, the city of Pensacola was first settled by Spanish explorer Tristan de Luna in 1559, but decimated within months by a hurricane, finally leading to the abandonment of that first colony in 1561. Other Gulf Coast communities have suffered hurricane damage since then.

Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005. Hurricane Harvey arrived in 2017. That is a remarkable gap of 12 years, during which the US mainland did not get a hurricane landfall. That fortunate 12 years is the abnormality, not the devastation caused by the storms. The world is not coming to an end until God says so – and that event is in His timing, not ours.

Ref: Mann, M. (2017), It's a fact: climate change made Hurricane Harvey more deadly. Image: NOAA, Public Domain.

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