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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:** Led by Praise Team

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

"Better is One Day"

"Revelation Song"

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

We are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace – G545

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Matthew 5:9

Sermon: For the Peacemakers

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** And Can it Be – R347

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Parting Song:** Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine – G490 vs 1

***Postlude**

6:00 PM Hymn Sing led by Laura Ten Pass

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Becca Vree

Helpers: Marissa Jansma
Arent Venhuizen

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Al Venhuizen

Brian O'Donovan

Fellowship Coffee

Michael & Danielle Jansma

Greeters

Dick & Barb Heeringa

Nursery

Dominique Van Hill

Michelle Mulder

Megan Greenfield

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Louie Wierenga (219-8640)

Percy De Vries (344-0109)

Ushers

Keith Buwalda

Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

Missionary Letters

Randy VH. to Daryl Pfantz

Mitch V to Neen

Louie W to Chaplain Peter +

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

Worship Notes

Come tonight for a hymn sing. Bethel will be joining us as we lift up our voices.

Next Sunday morning Chaplain Peter Hofman will be leading us in worship.

Next Sunday evening Bethel will be joining us for our annual Labor Day service.

Verse of the Week: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9

This week be in prayer for:

- The struggle against racism
- Wisdom in using technology
- Crossroads CRC in Madison

Give thanks to God for:

- Those who work to make our lives better
- Jobs where we can serve God and others
- Wisdom

Upcoming Special Service

August 27	6:00 PM	Combined Hymn Sing @ First CRC
September 3	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC

Deacons August Report

In an attempt to keep members up-to-date, the deacons will be providing regular reports of activity.

- Sent community outreach funds to help support the "Wanted" Women's Conference
- Helped support the "Anthem Lights" concert at the Alto Fair
- Discussed support for the Food Pantry/Community Table
- Disbursed benevolent funds for local needs

If you have questions or have a benevolent concern, please contact a deacon. The deacons are actively looking for benevolent fund opportunities.

Christian Home Chaplain: As a church we have committed \$10,000 this year for the Christian Home Chaplain. This is part of the annual Local Budget. You can also donate directly to this ministry by noting it on your check or using the 'other' line on the envelopes. Please label donations "Christian Home Chaplain".

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!

August cause: Elim Christian Services - Through its four major program areas on its main campus in Palos Heights, IL, and in 15 Discovery locations, over 300 servants work each day to bring 800 persons with disabilities beyond their potential to become the living testimonies God created them to be.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$7,672.00
ELIM	\$ 75.00

Our Family

Birthdays

Junice Rens

August

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New address for Marge Vande Streek

Gateway Senior Apartments
120 Gateway Drive
Apt. 114
Waupun, WI 53963

Thank you to all who helped with mobile meals for the month of July, it was greatly appreciated! Faith Miedema.

It's been a tough year, but I made it! Thank you Lord for answered prayers, health and strength. Also thanks to all of you for your support, prayers, visits, cards and food that was brought into our home. A special thank you to Pastor Craig, elders Norm (Angela) Buwalda, Merle (Dorothy) Schouten and Bob (Michelle) Mulder for your calls and visits. It was all very much appreciated. **Arky Navis & family**

Would all Team/Committee Chairs please get a current list of members to Gladys within the next week. Thank you! This is needed to complete the new directory. If I don't get them this week the information will go in as per last directory.

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

- Leann Johnson as she recently underwent a mastectomy and is undergoing treatments.
- Brandon Kitchner as he heals from foot surgery and anticipates surgery on the other foot.
- 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
- Lee Heideman

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

Church News

Have you turned in your sign-up sheet for the **Vanishing Grace church-wide Bible Study**, for this October? If you've never been in a group before, take advantage of this opportunity to grow together as a church. **Please place your sign-up sheet in the return mailbox on the far wall in the narthex. Thank you!**

All high school students: Come join us **Wednesday, September 6th** at Mitch and Becca Vree's house. As we enjoy some fellowship and a bonfire for this year's, Youth Group kick-off event! The get together will last from 7pm-9pm. Hope to see you there!

The fall season for our church education classes will begin on September 17th. Our educational program is for 4 year olds - high school. If your child turns 4 during the church year, they may join the pre-school class at that point. Parents are asked to make attendance in Sunday School and Catechism classes a priority, as these are important faith-growth opportunities in their spiritual lives.

Ask a friend or two to join at the retreat hosted by Bible League International Volunteers on **September 19 at the First Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin.** Encourage your husbands, family and friends to come along with you for a great day! See a brochure/poster for more information or talk to your Key Contact, Arlene De Jager @ 920-344-1674. Our featured speaker Jennie Afman Dimkoff, serves on the boards of Cornerstone University and Grand Rapids Theological Seminary and is a gifted storyteller. New Generations, a group of high school students who want to glorify God through their gift of music, will be performing a mini-concert during the day for your enjoyment as well. There is only a few days left to register, so fill out your form and send it in today! This is a retreat you won't want to miss! Deadline for registering is September 11, so don't wait!

DON'T MISS THIS!!! You are invited to the ReNew Forum today at Brookfield CRC. This forum is for everyone who cares about God and the ministry of First CRC. There is NO COST and you will be encouraged, challenged, and inspired. You can register at the door. For more information see the brochures downstairs or go to www.marshviewministries.org/renew-forum.html. This is not just for elders, deacons, and pastors.

Have you sent in your RSVP for the Wednesday, August 30 Benefit Dinner? If not, TODAY is the last day to register! 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 God is doing through 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.)

Save the Date! A Night at Crusader Ballpark - Harvest Auction, is set for Saturday, September 23. Silent Auction begins at 3:30, dinner from 4-6, and live auction will begin at 6:30pm. Looking forward to a fantastic evening of fellowship!

Have you ever felt the desire to be a part of something different? Have you ever felt God tugging you to step outside your comfort zone? We have an opportunity for you to do just that! **OH4F, Inc. will be leading a Vision Trip to Haiti January 19-24, 2018.** We ask you to prayerfully consider making a difference in the life of the children in Haiti by joining us on this trip. Deadline for registration is September 25, 2017. **For information on registering please contact us at gladys@oh4f.org**

We are looking for a few golfers to join us for Bethany's 23rd Annual "Swing Fore Kids". Your choice – golf 100 holes or traditional 18 holes. Grab your clubs and join us for a great cause! Event is on September 15, 2017. Money raised supports Bethany's vision where all children live in a loving, forever family. "Swing Fore Kids" event helps raise awareness and needed bunding to support Bethany's specialized programs and services. For detail and to register visit: <https://www.bethany.org/waukesha/Events>

We are excited to announce that the **Waupun CROP Hunger Walk** is scheduled for Saturday morning, **October 7, 2017!** CROP, or Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, is a local event intended to raise money to support grass roots hunger-fighting development efforts around the world and in our own community. The CROP Walk has been an annual event in our community for over 40 years! 25% of the money raised by the Waupun CROP Walk is kept local and provides support to the Waupun Food Pantry through our Christian Clergy Group. Last year approximately \$3,000 was given to the Food Pantry to help citizens or our community in need. If you

would like to walk or sponsor a walk **contact Bob Mulder** for more information.

Calendar

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

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Offering: Local Budget
September Cause: REACH

Children & Worship

Leader: Dominique Van Hill
Helpers: Miranda Vander Berg
Harm Venhuizen

Prayer
Gregg Zonnefeld

Sound System
Eric Homan

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Don Pausma
Jon Venhuizen

Transportation
Louie Wierenga (324-3683)
Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Ushers
Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden

Greeters

Bill & Ann Hoekstra

Video Projection
Katie De Jager

Musical Praise

Michelle Mulder

Nursery

Bonnie Vander Berg
Andrea Buwalda
Heather Hoekstra

<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

Caution: Fuzzy Words Ahead



Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. – Psalm 119:160

Science textbooks, articles and documentaries about evolution are saturated with what creationist Mike Riddle calls "fuzzy words." These are words that evolutionists typically use when they have no observable evidence to support their claims. With that as a backdrop, we will now train you to spot fuzzy words and phrases. In a recent issue of Science News magazine, for example, we find the first fuzzy words in the article's title: "Bubbles may have sheltered early life." Did you spot it? Yes, it's the phrase "may have."

In the second paragraph, we read: "Such a snug hideout could have shielded microbes from ultraviolet radiation." Right – the words "could have". In the next paragraph, a geologist is quoted as saying that the work is "very plausible" – another way of getting you to accept the scientist's wishful thinking. In the remaining paragraphs, we find two more "could haves", a "may have", a "perhaps", a "might have" and two instances of "appeared to be".

The writer then concludes with these words: "If microbes survived in these pockets on early Earth, they could potentially have done so on other planets such as Mars." I hope that the words "if" and "potentially" set off the critical thinking alarm bells in your brain. I'm so glad that the Bible avoids fuzzy words and phrases, aren't you? The Bible doesn't try to trick or deceive us. Its words are true because its Author is Truth and His words endure forever.

Ref: M. Rosen, "Bubbles may have sheltered early life," Science News, 2/6/16, p. 12.
<http://www.creationtraining.org/critical-thinking-examining-their-words/> Mike Riddle, "Critical Thinking: Examining Their Words," 12/31/15, Creation Training Initiative

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