

9:30 AM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

We Gather In Worship

*Call to Worship

*Opening: "Before the Throne of God Above"
"Living Hope"

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance: Apostles' Creed

Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Crossroads Ministry Update

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

and CWCS / **Second offering for World
Renew, Hurricane Dorian Victims**

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Acts 1:1-3

Sermon: God's Work Continues

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: "I Love to Tell the Story"

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our
God"

*Postlude

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder
Elise Ritzema
Arent Venhuizen

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan
Keith Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Michael & Danielle Jansma

Greeters

Merle & Dorothy Schouten

Nursery

Jen Ritzema
Sue Buwalda
Emma Hofman

Sound System

Glen Greenfield

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

Missionary Letters

J Rens to Daryl Pfantz
S Ritzema to Neen+
D Schaver to Chaplain Pete

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

6:00 PM Worship Service: "Tough As Nails" video series

Worship Notes

This morning Pastor Harv will be leading worship as we look at Acts 1. This evening's worship will be the start of a series of videos titled "Tough As Nails" from Andy Stanley.

The deacons will be taking a second offering today for World Renew/Disaster Relief Services to assist Hurricane Dorian victims.

The council is looking for church members to be on a committee to plan and organize two Sunday evening worship services or events per month. Please contact Steve Homan or Gary De Jager if you are willing to help.

Upcoming Special Services

9/22/2019 6:00 PM Worship at First 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.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget: \$3,543

CWCS: \$1,252.63

September Cause is CWCS.

Council Notes

1. Classis will be held September 24 at Living Hope in Fox Lake. Pastor Harv, Tom Jonker, and one of the deacons will represent our church.
2. We worked on updating the church profile and set a sub-committee to update the pastor's job description.
3. The Deacons have scheduled special offerings for Steve Wierenga and CRC World Relief for Hurricane Dorian Relief. They have also sent \$12,000 to the denomination and \$4,000 to Classis.

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.

September Birthdays

Brad Schouten	16	Emily Mulder	19
Brian O'Donovan	20	Shirley Jansma	22

September Anniversaries

Steve & Rose Homan	16	John & Shelly Bronkhorst	18
Dan & Gladys Montsma	21	Jesse & Amanda Buteyn	22

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Carlie Jansen, that she continues to do well.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he has been diagnosed with lung 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
- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema

Church News

Sunday School starts TODAY!

Friendship Bible Study starts this week Monday. The Kids meet at 5:45 PM and the Adults at 7:00 PM, both meetings are at Bethel CRC. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Hoekstra.

Steve Wierenga, son of Louie and Nancy, has recently been diagnosed and struggling with depression, anxiety, and PTSD. A part of his therapy going forward will be a service dog that is specially trained to work with PTSD sufferers. The cost of this dog, however, is significant. To help, we will be having a special offering next week, September 22. Please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/paws-4-steve-combating-ptsd> for more information.

PRAYER: We have prayer groups praying through the transition process at First CRC and we want to invite the entire church specifically into prayer with us. This week we ask you to pray for the transition team and the council in the process of rethinking the vision of First CRC. We ask that you pray that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's will. We will keep you updated on the progress. We also invite all to attend the Tuesday AM prayer time at 8:00 at the church or the Sunday morning prayer time in the church basement at 8:45. Thank you for your prayers.

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF NIGHT!!! We are excited to kick off our youth group school year! This is open to all high school students. Mark your calendars for a cookout on Wednesday, Sept 18, at 6:30 PM at Bryant and Elizabeth Greenfield's house, 519 S. Grove Street in Waupun. Please come with \$20 to pay for food throughout the year. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you all there!

– YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: In January, the High School Youth Group will be attending the annual Winter Retreat in Rhinelander. Dates for this would be leaving Waupun on Thursday night, Jan 9, and returning that Sunday afternoon, Jan 12. We are looking for cabin leaders. If this is something you are interested in or have any questions on what exactly Winter Retreat is, please let a youth group leader know or call Bryant Greenfield at 920-948-5050. Thank you!!!

Calling First CRC Ladies: We will be starting a new Bible Study on Monday, September 30. We are going to be studying *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. A brief summary of the Bible Study and additional information was put in your mailbox. We plan on meeting on Monday nights and would love to have more people join us. Please sign up in the basement TODAY so we can get the books ordered!

Community News

Brandon Bethel Reformed Church Youth Group is having a soup supper and cake auction on Wednesday, October 2, serving from 4:30-7:00 PM. The cake auction begins at 6:00 PM. There will be a freewill offering.

Help People Recover from Hurricane Dorian: The Bahamas were ravaged by Hurricane Dorian last week, and the full extent of the damage is unknown. You can help by making a financial donation to World Renew Disaster Response Services. Your gift will help the people of the Bahamas, as well as those on the U.S. East Coast, in the early days and in long-term response. Simply mark your gift for this cause and place it in the offering bag.

Paul's Missionary Journeys In Greece (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of Biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

Calendar

Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ First CRC
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Monday	5:45 PM	Kids Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Adult Friendship Bible Study @ 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
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	6:00 PM	"Tough As Nails"

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Jolie Schouten

Jaxon Buteyn

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Gary De Jager

Brian Van Herwaarden

Fellowship Coffee

Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters

Steve & Heidi Smits

Musical Praise

Michelle Mulder

Nursery

Noah & Mackenzie Mulder

Charlotte Buteyn

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Second Offering: Steve Wierenga

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LeAnne Holden

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	Gary De Jager (2021)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
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

Did Peter Get It Wrong?



Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. (2 Peter 3:17)

In both of his epistles, the apostle Peter writes about the Flood. In his first epistle, he wrote: "God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water." Peter goes on to compare the Flood to baptism. The account of the Flood in Genesis shows that Noah and his family were saved from the wrath of God on a sinful world by the Ark and, therefore, waterproofed through that judgment. The ordinance of baptism is, therefore, predicated on the historicity of the Flood and the necessity of it being a worldwide Flood.

In 2 Peter 3, the apostle refers to scoffers who believe that all processes have continued from the beginning at the same rate as they proceed today. This is the evolutionary principle that the present is the key to the past. Peter refutes this argument by pointing out that the whole world was created by God and that the whole world was deluged by Him. He writes that the scoffers have deliberately ignored these two world events. The application is clear. Modern evolutionists and deep time geologists are like Peter's scoffers, interpreting the world as a gradual development of slow processes over long aeons of time. Peter is clear that the biblical account of the Flood really happened, and, if he were wrong, the whole of his teaching would fall apart.

Ref: Turpin, S. (2016), How the Apostle Peter Relates to the Age of the Earth Debate, < <https://answersingenesis.org/days-of-creation/apostle-peter-relates-age-earth-debate/> >, accessed 8/27/2018. Image: Strozz's Release of Peter, Public Domain image.

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