

*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](http://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](http://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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

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

**We Gather In Worship**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to worship**

**\*Opening Time of Praise:**

Majesty - R10

How Great Thou Art - R147 vs. 1,3,4

Crown Him With Many Crowns - R45 vs 1,3,4

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

**We Are Renewed in God's Grace**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon (responsively)**

Your sins are forgiven.

**I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature, which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

**Song:** Just As I Am - R488

**Congregational Prayer**

**Accompanist**

Laura Ten Pass

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Lois Groenewold

**Helpers:** Mikayla Zonnefeld  
Neil Venhuizen

**Elder/Diacon Greeters**

Merle Schouten

Joe Bresser

**Fellowship Coffee**

Bob & Michelle Mulder

**Greeters**

Louie & Nancy Wierenga

**Nursery**

Brad & Rhonda Schouten

Gretchen Hoekstra

**Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

**Transportation**

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

**Ushers**

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Thomas Venhuizen

**Video Projection**

Randall Greenfield

**Missionary Letters**

Gretchen H. to Daryl Pfantz

Heather H. to Neen

Gene H. to Chaplain Peter+

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

**Offertory and Our Offerings:** Local Budget

**Children are dismissed for walk out worship**

## **God Speaks through His Word**

**\*Scripture:** Mark 8: 27-38

**Sermon:** "You Are the Messiah"

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Song of Response:** Jesus Messiah

## **We Leave to Serve God**

**\*God's Parting Blessing**

**\*Closing** – Benediction

**\*Postlude**

## **7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC**

### **Worship Notes**

**This morning** we welcome Pastor Pat Hennen as he leads us in worship.

**This evening** we will be worshipping at Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM.

**Next Sunday** we welcome Pastor Jeremy Lueck as he leads us in morning worship and we will be worshipping at Bethel CRC for the evening service at 7:00 PM.

### **Upcoming Special Service**

9/16/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
9/23/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
9/30/2018	9:30 AM	Preparatory
9/30/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC

### **Council notes Sept 12, 2018**

- Thank you to the congregation for filling the gift baskets.
- Church counselors (Dave Katsma & Mark Pluimer) met with some of the elders last week.
- The membership papers of Kristi Hofman and children were sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Niceville, FL.
- Steve H, Merle S., and Joe B will represent 1<sup>st</sup> CRC at Classis on Sept. 25, 2018 in Sheboygan.
- The building committee is looking for new members especially women.

## Deacons Report

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.**

### **September Cause: Christian Home Chaplaincy.**

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$49,652.66	49,384.00	<b>\$268.66</b>
Denominational	\$2,825.00	\$11,030.00	<b>-\$8,205.00</b>
Classical	\$1,785.00	\$3,489.00	<b>-\$1,704.00</b>

### Last Weeks Offering

Local Budget	\$4,176.07
Christian Home Chaplaincy	\$
His House (Mandy K)	\$ 675.00

### 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.**

### Birthdays

	<u>Sept</u>		<u>Sept</u>
Brad Schouten	16	Emily Mulder	19
Brian O'Donovan	20	Bonnie Vander Berg	20
George Aalsma	21	Shirley Jansma	22

### Anniversaries

	<u>Sept</u>
Steve & Rose Homan	16
John & Shelly Bronkhorst	18
Dan & Gladys Montsma	21
Jesse & Amanda Buteyn	22

**We would like to thank** those that took the time to pray for us, sent cards, emails and text messages. Also, a shout out to Gary DeJager for meeting with us. Though our granddaughter-Elsy was only here for 17 short days, she only knew love. Thank you for being a blessing!! **Michael, Danielle, Marissa & Jayden Jansma**

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



- Ruth Buwalda as she mourns the passing of her sister last week. May God give her peace during this time.
- Travis & Jessica Mulder as they celebrate the news that Travis does not need a bone marrow transplant. Continue to pray that treatments continue to be successful.
- Ben & Alyssa Homan and Eden as she recovers from another broken leg.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson continue to pray for healing.
- Morris & Bea as Morris' cancer has grown in his liver and he starts an additional round of treatments next week. Pray for strength and for the treatments to work.

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 event please make sure that you have reserved it through the church secretary in advance. Thank you.

**If the dishes in the kitchen are not picked up TODAY they will go to Thrift Store! Please check to see if one of these nice dishes is yours!**

**Sunday School & Catechism Classes** will begin on September 23.

**Save the Date!** Home Sweet Home Wisconsin - Harvest Auction, is set for Saturday, September 22. 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!

**OH4F has a trip going to Haiti January 18-23, 2019. If you are interested in going there is still time to contact Gladys.** Either give me a call or send an email to [gladys@oh4f.org](mailto:gladys@oh4f.org) **Absolute last date to register is September 20!**

**ATTN HIGH SCHOOLERS! With the school year starting Youth Group will be starting as well!** Our kick off meeting will be WEDNESDAY, SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup>, and will be at Bryant and Elizabeth Greenfield's house at 519 S Grove St, Waupun WI 53963 at 645 pm. We will be grilling out and discussing the upcoming year and doing an outdoor movie weather permitting. Please bring \$20 to cover food for the year. We look forward to seeing you all! – YOUTH GROUP LEADERS OF BETHEL AND FIRST CRC

**The Christian Home is looking for volunteers for the following activities:**

- Piano player for Thursday afternoon church from 2-2:55 PM.
- Help with active games: set bowling pins, help with ladder toss, bocce ball, and other games
- Help with Bingo (Wednesday afternoon)
- Play cards with resident(s)
- Read to residents (group or individual)
- Polish fingernails
- Man the gift shop for 1 ½ to 2 hours in the afternoon
- Sit with residents outside, weather permitting
- Water the plants; fill the bird feeders
- Help push resident in wheelchairs to dining room for meals

Call Linda, Supervisor of Activities at the Christian Home (324-9051) if you can help. Once a week or once a month – all helps! Thank you!

**Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	8:00 AM	Worship Meeting
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	7:00 PM	PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC
<b>Monday:</b>	6:00 PM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 AM	Prayer Meeting @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
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<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:45 PM	Youth Group @ Bryant & Elizabeth's
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	7:00 PM	PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Pat Jonker

**Helpers:** Jolie Schouten  
Cody Van Herwaarden

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Kevin Buwalda

Andy Schlieve

**Fellowship Coffee**

Jim & Lois Groenewold

**Greeters**

Gregg, Kristi & Mikayla Zonnefeld

**Nursery**

Kim Greenfield

Sue Buwalda

Josie Venhuizen

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<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>
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

## Neumann Valley



And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. – Genesis 2:7

Joachim Neumann was born in 1650 in Bremen, in what is today part of Germany. His father was a teacher of Latin. Joachim grew up in the Reformed Calvinist Church in Germany. At 16, he studied theology at home, being too poor to go to university. Shortly before he finished his course, in 1670, he heard a sermon which changed his life. Whether this was the moment he was saved or simply got more serious about his salvation, he was now firmly committed to following God.

He moved to Düsseldorf in 1674 after three years as a private tutor in Heidelberg. His work in Düsseldorf involved teaching Latin, as his father had done. But he was getting ready to be a pastor.

When preparing lessons, or sermons, or just praying, he liked to walk in the Düssel river valley. In fact, he often held gatherings there and preached sermons. He also composed his poems there, which have become some of our best-known hymns. The best known of all is *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren* – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation. He moved back to Bremen in 1679 to take up a pastorate but died of tuberculosis the next year.

Joachim's grandfather had changed the family name to the Greek version Neander – a common practice at the time. His favorite valley soon took on his name – Neander's Dale, or Tal in German. That wonderful hymn of praise to God for his creation was written in the Neanderthal, where nearly 200 years later paleontologists thought they had found the missing link – Neanderthal Man.

Ref: Helmut Ackermann: Joachim Neander. Sein Leben, seine Lieder, sein Tal. 3. erw. Aufl. Düsseldorf 2005 (Joachim Neander. His Life, His Songs, His Valley). Image: Public Domain.

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