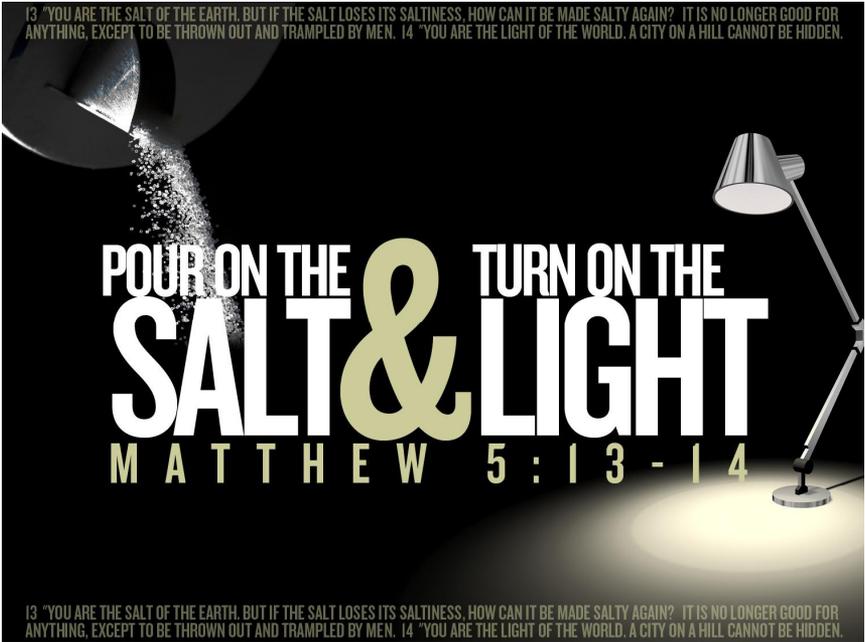


9/17/2017

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

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

We are Renewed in God's Grace

Keep His Commandments – R608

Song: Power of your Love

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local
Budget

Special Offering: The Union Youth Center

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship**

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: Salt & Bright

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Shine Jesus, Shine -
R431

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Parting Song:** Salvation Belongs to our
God

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder

Helpers: Elizabeth Jonker
Shirley Otto

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Scott Ritzema
Eric Homan

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

Gene & Toni Hofman

Nursery

Brad & Rhonda Schouten
Gretchen Hoekstra

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Percy De Vries
(344-0109)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Missionary Letters

Seth A. to Daryl Pfantz
Bob B. to Neen
Allegra 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 Toni Hofman

Prayers of the People led by Brian O'Donovan

We Study God's Word: Romans 8:1-4; Philippians 1:21-26 – Lord's Day 16

***Song of Response:** Jesus Paid it All – R305 vs 1, 3 & 4

***Affirmation of our Faith:** HC Q&A 40, 42, & 43

Q&A 40

Q. Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

A. Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.

Q&A: 42

Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

Q&A 43

Q. What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** To God be the Glory – G632

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Next Sunday we will look at Exodus 19. Moses was about to meet with God on the mountain, after which the LORD would come down to the people. Before that could happen, though, the Israelites needed to prepare themselves. This is how we are to live when we are about to encounter God. So how do we prepare for reading the Bible, praying, worshiping, confessing, and gathering around the Lord's Table?

Verse of the Week: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men." Matthew 5:13

This week be in prayer for:

- The after-effects of all the natural disasters
- Our church's financial situation
- The possibility of a Hmong church-plant in Madison

Give thanks to God for:

- Stories
- The ability to serve others
- Life

Upcoming Special Service

September 24 9:30 AM Preparatory
 October 1 9:30 AM World Wide Communion

Council Report

- Approved the transfer of member ship of Breanna Buitter to Randolph Protestant Reformed Church and Joe Venhuizen to Grace RCA Fond du Lac.
- Supported the renewal of Classical Licensure to Exhort for Gregg Zonnefeld and Al Venhuizen.
- Council will spend approximately 30 minutes of each meeting to discuss the book Growing Young.
- Deacons presented First CRC Stewardship Plan
- Hans Gochenauer of Youth for Christ will be meeting with the council to talk about ministry in todays culture.

Deacons Report

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$49,833.91	\$53,492.00	-\$3,658.09
Denominational	\$3,500.00	\$11,268.00	-\$7,768.00
Classical	\$1,692.00	\$3,311.00	-\$1,619.00

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget \$6,535.30
 REACH Waupun \$ 0
 World Renew \$ 605.00

You may continue to make **donations for Texas Relief** for a few more weeks by writing World Renew on the Other line on the donation envelopes.

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!

September cause: REACH Waupun brings poverty awareness and relief to the community of Waupun, through relationships and education, allowing youth and their families to REACH their individual highest potential.

At REACH, we strive to break down the barriers that can hold back the youth in the Waupun community. We also want to be a place where all community members can go to utilize their talents and gifts to give back to Waupun!

Our Family

Birthdays

	<u>September</u>		<u>September</u>
Emily Mulder	19	Brian O'Donovan	20
Bonnie Vander Berg	20	George Aalsma	21
Petra Hofman	21	Shirley Jansma	22

Anniversaries

	<u>September</u>
John & Shelly Bronkhorst	18
Dan & Gladys Montsma	21
Jesse & Amanda Buteyn	22

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



- Leann Johnson as she continues to undergo treatments.
- Brandon Kitchner as he anticipates surgery on the other foot.
- Morris Te Grootenhuis as he recovers from heart surgery.
- Keith Buwalda as he recovers from surgery on his hand.
- Sue Buwalda as she recovers from surgery on her 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

Sunday School & Catechism classes begin today!

Join us as we break ground on a new skilled nursing, assisted living and memory care facility on Monday September 25th at 5pm. More information available on the flyer in the narthex.

Have you turned in your sign-up sheet for the ***Vanishing Grace* church-wide Bible Study**, for this October? **Please place your sign-up sheet in the return mailbox on the far wall in the narthex. Thank you!**

The Youth Group students are currently **selling delicious Butter Braid pastries** until Wednesday, Sept. 20! Be sure to talk to one of them to order yours today! PICK UP for your Butter Braids will be **Wednesday, Oct. 4** in the church basement from 6pm-8pm. Thank you all for your support!

If you haven't signed up for the Retreat for Bible League International on September 19, you still have time. The deadline has been extended, so you have until September 17 to sign up. We have a very exciting speaker, Jennie Afman Dimkoff, as our featured speaker. She comes to us as a gifted storyteller with very high credentials. See a brochure for more information and a registration form. Everyone, including the men, are invited. There are extra brochures on the table in the narthex or call Margaret Miedema for more information.

The Outreach Committee will be collecting items for Family MedPacks for persecuted Christians (Voice of the Martyrs). Please see your mailbox for the specific items needed. **Please bring in items by Sunday, September 24.** Thanks for your support!

Auction Countdown is On!!! The list is growing daily, the RSVPs are coming in, and the plans are being finalized for the 2017 Central Wisconsin Christian Harvest Auction. *A Night at Crusader Ballpark* is on Saturday, September 23rd, with the silent auction opening up at 3:30, with dinner starting at 4:00 and our signature live auction at 6:30. Get your personalized auction packet by registering and check out the list at cwcauction.com. Last year's event raised \$150,000 - help us make a difference in the lives of the kids again this year. Don't miss this great night of fun and fellowship, and take along some friends!!

On Wednesday, Sept. 27th CWC will hold our annual Elementary Showcase! We will be serving dessert and beverages from 5:30-8 that evening. All friends and family are welcome!

Ladies Night Out!!! Wednesday October 4 @ 6:00 here at 1st CRC all ladies are invited to attend a sign painting party. Space is limited so

sign up soon! You will need to choose either a Thanksgiving or Christmas themed sign before the event. **The cost is \$30 and the deadline to sign up is Sept. 24.** The sign-up sheet is on the information center in the basement or you may sign up on Facebook. Contact Kristi Zonnefeld with questions.

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 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.

Do you want to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you? Regardless of the size of your Estate, your age or stage in life, Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation, a confidential Estate Planning consultation is offered to you at no charge and with no obligation. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area **on Sept 19 & Sept 20, 2017.** Just call Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 or email dhard@barnabasfoundation.com to schedule a conversation with Jim.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Monday:	6:00 PM	First Place 4 Health
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting

Tuesday Cont.: 9:00 AM First Place 4 health
Wednesday: 8:30 AM Coffee Break meet at Helen's Kitchen
 7:00 PM Youth Group
Next Sunday: 9:30 AM AM Worship Service
 6:00 PM PM Worship Service

Next Week
Accompanist
 Lois Mulder

Nursery
 Kim Greenfield
 Sue Buwalda
 Jolie Schouten

Children & Worship
Leader: Stacy Schaver
Helpers: Cassidy Ritzema
 Ethan Schulz

Offering: Local Budget
September Cause: REACH

Prayer
 Ken Homan

Elder/Deacon Greeters
 Norm Buwalda
 Ben Mulder

Sound System
 Scott Ritzema

Fellowship Coffee
 Jim & Lois Groenewold

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

Greeters
 Phil & Mary Nell Hofman

Ushers
 Will Bronkhorst
 Ray Hofman
 Al Holden

Musical Praise
 Ben Homan

Video Projection
 LeAnne Holden

Group	Elder	Deacon
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

How Cat's Really Drink Milk



Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. — John 4:10

Today's program is dedicated to all of you cat lovers out there. Now, you probably remember being told that your precious pet laps up milk by curling his tongue backwards, and he then uses his curved tongue to ladle the liquid into his mouth. Well, I'm sure you'll be happy to know that your cat is a lot more talented than that.

Using high-speed digital video, physicists have now discovered that only the tip of your cat's tongue comes into contact with the milk. As your cat retracts his tongue, a small column of milk follows it into the air. Now, when the inertia of the milk going upwards matches the force of gravity pulling the milk back down, the liquid hovers in mid-air for a split second. And it's at this precise moment when your cat closes his mouth over the milk.

And if this wasn't impressive enough, your cat performs this maneuver four times per second! According to a Virginia Tech researcher, "We were surprised and amused by the beauty of the fluid mechanics involved in this system."

Surprised? Creationists aren't surprised. After all, the God who created fluid mechanics is the same God who created cats, and He knew exactly what abilities cats would need to quench their thirst. Thankfully, He also knows how to quench man's thirst for eternal life, and He freely dispenses the "living water" of the gospel freely.

Ref: David Catchpoole, Ph.D., "How Cats Drink Milk," *Creation* 35(1) 2013, p. 56. Photo: Pixabay.

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