

*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:**

Better is One day in Your Courts

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

**In God I trust; I will not be afraid.**

When you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

**In God I trust; I will not be afraid.**

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned.

**In God I trust; I will not be afraid.**

I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Trust in Me with all your heart.

Through It All – R580

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus – R581

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

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

**Confession (Litany)**

Leader: To you, LORD, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit.

**Congregation: Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.**

Leader: Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

**Congregation: The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.**

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Pat Jonker

**Helpers:** Jolie Schouten

Cody Van Herwaarden

**Elder/Diacon Greeters**

Kevin Buwalda

Andy Schlieve

**Fellowship Coffee**

Jim & Lois Groenewold

**Greeters**

Gregg, Kristi & Mikayla

Zonnefeld

**Nursery**

Kim Greenfield

Sue Buwalda

Josie Venhuizen

**Sound System**

Joe Bresser

**Transportation**

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

**Ushers**

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Thomas Venhuizen

**Video Projection**

LeAnne Holden

**Missionary Letters**

Phil H. to Daryl Pfantz+

Phyllis H. to Neen

Ray H. to Chaplain Peter

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

Leader: The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

**Song:** When I Look into Your Holiness – R649

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offertory and Our Offerings:** Local Budget

**Children are dismissed for walk out worship**

## **God Speaks through His Word**

**\*Scripture:** Philippians 3:12-21

**Sermon:** “Eyes on the Prize”

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

**\*Song of Response:** Living for Jesus – R605

## **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 Jeremy Lueck as he leads us in worship.

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

**Next Sunday** we welcome Bill Zuhlke 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**

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

### **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.**

## Last Weeks Offering

Local Budget	\$6,549.00
Christian Home Chaplaincy	\$ 100.00

## 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.**

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Sept</u>		<u>Sept</u>
Noah Mulder	24	Louie Wierenga	25
Lois Pausma	26	Phyllis Hofman	27
Ken Ten Pas	29		

**Thank you** to all who have expressed care and concern for us during the past few months. We appreciate your continued prayers, encouragement, and visits as Morris continues on this journey through cancer treatment.

### **Morris & Bea**

**We would like to thank** all who came to help us clean up our yard and who brought food and water for them. We were humbled and blessed by this event and thank God that lives were spared. **Norm & Shirley Jansma**

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



- Travis & Jessica Mulder, 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 continues with treatments. Pray for strength and for the treatments to work.
- Marge Vande Streek and family as they mourn the passing of Marge's sister Erna Vossekul

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.

**Sunday School & Catechism Classes** begin TODAY!

**Ladies Coffee Break** will begin Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Bethel CRC. Fellowship and coffee from 9:00-9:20am, Lesson from 9:30-10:30am. Come for fellowship and bible study and bring a friend. Nursery provided.

**SWaT**- We would like to invite all 6th through 8th grades to join us for our first SWaT meeting on October 10th at Bethel CRC. SWaT will be held from 6-8pm. Please watch the SWaT Facebook page for more details.

**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
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC
	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
<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**

Brenda Hofman

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Jenna Mulder

**Helpers:** Ethan Schultz  
Megan Greenfield

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Don Pausma

Jon Mulder

**Fellowship Coffee**

Denny & Nancy Vande Berg

**Greeters**

Geoff, Emily & Rynn Aalsma

**Nursery**

Phylcia Bronkhorst

Becca Vree

Jolie Schouten

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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

## One Genesis Book



And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. – Genesis 12:3

Genesis is one book. That might seem pretty obvious to many of you, and yet sometimes we have given the impression that it is two books.

The first book runs from chapter one through chapter eleven. The second is from chapter twelve onward.

In Genesis 12, we are introduced to Abraham – although he has been briefly mentioned in Genesis 11. Abraham is our great example of faith and righteousness, and most Christians trace the biblical life of faith back to him and, therefore, read everything about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph as historical narrative. But many Christians, and even many pastors, take an allegorical approach to the first eleven chapters because they cannot face the implications of those first eleven chapters being literally true.

As creationists, we have understandably concentrated on refuting the allegorical interpretation of the beginning of Genesis, and, consequently, a lot of our effort is aimed at those first eleven chapters. In doing so, we have neglected everything after chapter eleven and reinforced the appearance of two books.

It is our contention that Genesis is one book – a unified whole. Francis Schaeffer strongly supported this viewpoint when he said, "God... gave us religious truths in a book of history and a book that touches on the cosmos as well. What sense does it make for God to give us true religious truths and at the same time place them in a book that is wrong when it touches history and the cosmos?"

Ref: Schaeffer, F.A. (1975), No Final Conflict, in The Complete Works of Francis Schaeffer Volume 2 (Crossway Books), p. 124. Image: Adobe Stock Images, licensed for use.

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## **Worship Notes**