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 or contact the church office (324-2898).

Large-print bulletins and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher or in the rack at the back of the sanctuary.

You can listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

Our Core Values: We show Christ's love through continual learning and discipleship, compassionate fellowship, dynamic public worship, and impactful service and outreach.

Church Office Hours Tuesdays from 9:00–12 Noon All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342

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

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Opening: "In Christ Alone" "What a Beautiful Name" "Jesus, Name Above All Names" *God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Baptism of Olivia Ann and Ellie Ruth Vree Song: "Because He Lives: Congregational Prayer Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget and Dodge Cty Pregnancy Resource Center Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Genesis 1:24-31 Sermon: Recognizing the Image of God

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: "This is My Father's World"

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing *Closing Song: "Benediction" *Postlude Accompanist Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship Pat Jonker Megan Greenfield

Elder/Deacon Greeters Merle Schouten Joe Bresser

Fellowship Coffee Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters Troy & Taylor Aalsma Family

Nursery Noah & Mackenzie Mulder Elise Ritzema

Sound System Tyler Jansen

Transportation Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers Ben Mulder Jesse Buteyn Neil Venhuizen Al Holden

Video Projection Mike Vander Berg

Missionary Letters N Buwalda to Daryl Pfantz R Buwalda to Neen+ V Buteyn to Chaplain Pete

*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 Elaine Homan

Prayers of the People led by Brian O'Donovan

We Study God's Word: Mark 4:26-34

Message: I Have Hope

*Song of Response: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*Affirmation of our Faith: Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Doxology"

*Postlude

Worship Notes

This morning Pastor Harv will lead us in worship and we will witness the baptism of Ellie and Olivia Vree. This evening Pastor Harv will lead us in a study of Mark 4.

Council News

- 1. We will have communion on Jan. 26
- 2. We have extended Pastor Harv and Kathy's contract two months to the middle of June. The focus on the remaining time will be developing leadership in the church.
- 3. The council has approved the hiring of a part-time position of Worship Leader/Coordinator. The search will begin immediately.
- 4. Pastor Harv noted that it has been one year since they arrived. We thank them for all they have done for us.
- 5. Classis will be February 25 at our church.

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: \$4,655

Dodge County Pregnancy Resource Center: \$219

Fund	October	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
Local Budget	\$28,947.00	\$155,750.93	\$135,408.00
Denominational	\$1,985.00	\$10,004.00	\$33,646.00
Classical	\$1,195.00	\$6,655.00	\$11,515.00

Statement of Receipts for sixth month ended December 2019

Upcoming evening and special services

- Jan. 26 PM Worship Video
- Feb. 2 PM Worship with Pastor Harv
- Feb. 9 PM Hymn Sing
- Feb. 16 PM Worship with Pastor Harv
- Feb. 23 PM Pulpit Supply

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.

January Birthdays

Brian Ten Pass	22	Rhonda Schouten	24
Marcia Buteyn	23	Jeanette Tjepkema	27
Calvin Schaver	23		

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Janet Ver Hage as she is on a new trial drug.
- Carlie Jansen, as she recovers from surgery.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he is receiving treatment for lung cancer.
- Carol Navis, that she continues to do well.
- Karen Aalsma, as she is receiving treatment for cancer.
- Kathy Kamphuis, as she recovers from surgery.
- Erin Stroede's sister Cassie as she has been diagnosed with 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

Jeanette Tjepkema

Wilma Navis

Church News

Church-Wide Bible Study-<u>WHY EASTER MATTERS</u> by Andy Stanley. Have you resisted, defied, or tried to bargain your way out of what you thought God wanted? You aren't alone. Scripture documents similar stories. In this Easter study Andy Stanley looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus. As you'll see, there's a little bit of them in all of us. We would love for everyone to become involved with this Bible Study as we prepare our hearts for Easter during the season of Lent. Look for specific details in your mailbox next week as we will begin sign-up!

It has come to our attention that some of you are not getting the **mass emails** that we are sending out to all the members of our church. If this is the case, we recommend that you check your SPAM filter to see any of those emails are getting caught there. If not, please let us know.

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. We ask that you pray that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's will. 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.

Community News

The Fond du Lac Chapter of **Wisconsin Right to Life** would like to invite you to join them today, January 19, from 2-3 PM for their Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service. This year's service will be held at Lighthouse Christian Church, 401 S. National Avenue, Fond du Lac. Please plan to stay for a short time of fellowship and refreshments after the service,

HS Preview Day: Prospective high school students interested in learning more about the top-notch, biblically based program at Central Wisconsin Christian are invited to join the High School Preview Day on Thursday, January 23. Students will experience a day as a CWC student by visiting classes, chapel, interactive presentations, and more. To find out more information and to RSVP, call the Advancement Office at 920-318-1349, and don't miss out!! Invite your friends!

CWC Pre-K Registration opens January 25: Central Wisconsin Christian will begin taking enrollment sign-ups for our Pre-K programs on Saturday, January 25. Our online registration process will begin at 8 AM for our three-

day 4K (AM or PM) and two-day Transitions 3/4K AM class. Spaces are limited and in high demand. For more information, you can look online at discovercwc.org, or call the Advancement Office at 920-324-4233.

Singing Valentines Fundraiser: Youth for Christ will be holding their annual Singing Valentine fundraiser on Friday, February 14. For a \$40 donation, a barbershop quartet will arrive unannounced and sing two songs for your valentine and present them with a rose, box of chocolates and a card. You can send the Singing Valentine to an office, home, classroom, restaurant...any place in the Waupun, Beaver Dam or surrounding area. Call 923-1416 or fill out an online form at www.badgerlandyfc.org by February 11 to reserve your valentine.

The Biblical Approach to Human Sexuality: Join Faith CRC (1070 S Prospect, Elmhurst, IL) on Saturday, February 8 from 6 - 8 PM for a presentation on what the Bible says about human sexuality. Dr. Jeff Weima (professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and co-chair of CRCNA's synodical committee on human sexuality) will lead us through what the New Testament says about this topic with a Q & A session to follow.

DENOMINATION NEWS

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - "Marking faith milestones makes us sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and helps us identify and share our stories of faith. As we celebrate milestones, we become a community of seekers as well as believers, always on the lookout for God's hand at work, always expecting to join in God's mission." —from Celebrating the Milestones of Faith, available from FaithAliveResources.org. How might you mark faith milestones in your family or household this year? (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

<u>Calendar</u>		
Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Monday:	6:00 PM	Friendship Bible Study
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	10:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study at Mike V.
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

<u>Next Week</u> Accompanist Lois Mulder

Children & Worship Leader: Jenna Mulder Aubryn DeJager Tirzah Ritzema

Elder/Deacon Greeters Kevin Buwalda Andy Schlieve

Fellowship Coffee Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld **Nursery** Sue Buwalda Becca Vree Taylor Hoffman

Offering: Local Budget January Cause: Dodge County Pregnancy Resource Center

Sound System Pete Vander Werff

Ushers Ben Mulder Jesse Buteyn Neil Venhuizen Al Holden

Video Projection Katie DeJager

Group	Elder	Deacon	
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)	



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Orchid That Captures Workers



Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number. (Job 9:10)

The relatively rare bucket orchid, Coryanthes, behaves almost like an animal at pollination time. This remarkable ability is essential to its survival.

Coryanthes has a steep-sided flower. Two glands extend over the center of the "bucket" and secrete a clear fluid

into the flower after it opens. Just above the pool of fluid inside the bucket, a tunnel opens to the outside of the bucket. At the end of the tunnel are the flower's pollen and stigma.

When it opens, the flower sends out a strong, sweet odor that can attract male bees from over five miles away. The male bees collect a waxy material on the flower's surface that they later use in mating rituals. As the number of bees collecting this substance off the flower's surface increases, so does the likelihood that in the excitement one of them will fall into the pool below. When this happens, the sticky fluid makes it impossible for the bee to make its way out of the "top" of the bucket-shaped flower. However, the tunnel provides an easy exit. But as the bee nears the tunnel's end, the flower drops down a projection from the tunnel's ceiling, holding the bee for about ten minutes before freeing it. While the bee is held, the flower glues two packets of pollen to the bee. If it should happen that the bee already has pollen packets, this activity delivers the pollen to the stigma, and pollination is complete.

The Coryanthes orchid not only shows us the Creator, but it shows us how unlimited His creativity and imagination are.

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