

2/23/2020

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 Songs:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

*God’s Greeting and We Greet One Another-

We Are Renewed in God’s Grace

Confession

Silent Prayer Concluded with “He Is Lord”

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response: “And Can It Be”

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Envelopes and
Voice of the Martyrs

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Ruth 4

Sermon: God works through my successes and
my mistakes to bring about His redemption.

We Respond to God’s Word

Song of Response: “When Peace Like A River”

We Leave to Serve God

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Closing: “Father We Love You”

*Postlude

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Jessica Ten Pass
Cassidy Ritzema
Kolten Buwalda

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Dan Montsma
Eric Schaver

Fellowship Coffee

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Greeters

Vanessa & Hailey Buteyn

Nursery

Andrea Buwalda
Carlie Jansen
Emma Hoffman

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Bob Mulder
Glen Greenfield
Noah Mulder
Brian O’Donovan

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

Missionary Letters

D Heeringa to Daryl Pfantz+
B Hoekstra to Neen
M Hoffman 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 Toni Hofman

Prayers of the People

*We Study God's Word: Luke 10:27

Message: **Loving the Unlovable**

*Song of Response

*Benediction

*Closing Song:

*Postlude

Worship Notes

This morning Pastor Harv will lead our worship as we look at Ruth 4.

This evening we will hear from Forsell Gappa. "When we are wholly His we will be more ourselves than ever." - C.S. Lewis

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

General Fund: \$6,295

General Fund/Most Needed: \$12,150

Voice of the Martyrs: \$778

Upcoming evening and special services

Mar. 1 – PM Worship: churchwide Bible study series

Mar. 8 – PM Worship: churchwide Bible study series

Mar. 15 – PM Worship: churchwide Bible study series

Mar. 22 – PM Worship: churchwide Bible study series

Mar. 29 – PM Worship led by Pastor Harv

April 5 – PM Palm Sunday Hymn Sing

Our Family

Elders and Deacons by Care Group are listed in the bulletin.

February Birthdays

Jessica Van Herwaarden	25
Marissa Jansma	27
Megan Greenfield	29

February Anniversary

Louie & Nancy Wierenga	23
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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.
- Helene Navis' sister, Sharon Harmsen, as she has been diagnosed with myeloma, a blood 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."

- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema
- Elsie Winkel

Church News

Care groups 2 and 4 have been asked to serve the meal at the community table on Friday, March 13. Please consider how you can help. Information and sign-up sheets will be coming later. Thank you, Merle and Gary.

We are hosting the Classis meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25. The Lunch Committee is asking people to sign up to bring items for lunch and to help serve the lunch. The sign-up sheet is in the basement.

Profession of Faith Class: Have you had questions about public profession of faith? Scott Ritzema is offering to teach the profession of faith classes this year. Please contact him if you are interested in attending or if you want more information.

The **Search Team** is actively reviewing potential pastor profiles. If you know of anyone that you would like for consideration, please inform a Search Team member.

A second couple is still needed to help in preparing for our **communion services**. If you are interested in serving in this way, please talk to Steve Homan.

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.

Mark your calendars! The First/Bethel Youth Group will be hosting a **Spaghetti Supper** on Wednesday, March 4. More details to come!

Thank you! Your generosity and kindness are truly gifts from God. With partners like you, **The Wanted Radiance Conference** was able to reach the hearts of hundreds of women. Thank you for investing in the faith walks of our local women. God bless, The Wanted Team

Attention parents of high schoolers and interested volunteers: This summer the youth groups of 1st CRC and Bethel will be traveling to Swansboro, North Carolina, thru WORLD RENEW to help out with hurricane clean up. Dates of the trip are June 13-20. We are currently ironing out the details but we will be having an informational meeting WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, @ 7 PM at the Union Youth Center in Waupun. **This is open to anyone with a desire come.** We would love to have a wide array of volunteers from our churches. As leaders, some of our best memories of mission trips were from intergenerational trips down to Cary, MS, or Joplin, MO. All church fundraisers this coming spring will be going to this trip. Looking forward to seeing you there!!! - Leaders of First/Bethel Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!! The Annual Fun Night / Baked Goods Auction for the First/Bethel Youth Group will be Saturday, April 18!!! Details to follow and all proceeds will be to our mission trip to North Carolina!

Community News

The Christian Home needs volunteers: Check the bulletin board in the basement for more details. Call Linda, activities supervisor, at 324-7648 if you can help. Once a week or once a month—it all helps.

8th Grade Fundraiser Night at Pizza Ranch: The CWC 8th grade class is raising money to help 2-4 students go to school with desks, windows and running water in Mozambique! They have begun school and are still working to secure funds to complete the school year. Coming to the Pizza Ranch on Monday, Feb. 24, will help them have a great school year. Our 8th grade students will be working that night, so please come out and put them to work! We'd love to see you there!

Youth for Christ Bowlathon: Looking for a fun event for your small group? Like to bowl? Help Youth for Christ and their mission to reach out to area youth. On Saturday, March 7, YFC will be holding their annual Bowlathon fundraiser at Jud's Lanes in Waupun. Teams of 5 people are asked to raise pledges, bowl 2 games, and have a great time together while helping YFC in their ministry in the area. The event includes music, a DJ, and silent auction. Participants will be eligible for numerous prizes! For more information, available times, or to get a team packet, sign up online at www.badgerlandyfc.org or contact the Youth for Christ office at 923-1416 or office@badgerlandyfc.org

Trinity Church's annual Pork Chop Supper Fundraiser will be Saturday, March 7, 4:30-7:00 PM, at the church (524 Carrington St). Proceeds support the mission trip to Christ Outreach for the Blind in Mt. Vernon, KY. Meal includes pork chop, baked potato, corn, applesauce, roll and dessert. Take-out is available. Tickets are \$10. Contact the church office at 324-2400 or Jim Nummerdor at 920-579-8573 for tickets.

Calendar

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
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	Classis Meeting here

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
 10:00 AM Men's Morning Bible Study at Mike V.
 6:30 PM Search Committee

Sunday: 8:45 AM Prayer Meeting in church basement
 9:30 AM AM Worship Service
 6:00 PM PM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Nursery

Danielle Jansma

Kim Greenfield

Jayden Jansma

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder

Neil Venhuizen

Cody Van Herwaarden

Offering: Budget Envelopes

March Cause: Faith Promise

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Tom Jonker

Randall Greenfield

Sound System

Tyler Jansen

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Ushers

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Will Bronkhorst

Thomas Venhuizen

Greeters

Jesse & Amanda Buteyn family

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

<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

The Rock-Climbing Catfish



...that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11b)

It's not very pretty, nor is it graceful, but Colombia's rock-climbing catfish has a unique ability among fish.

The rock-climbing catfish's climbing equipment begins with a powerful sucker mouth. Once it attaches itself to a rock, it can stay stuck despite any torrent. The rock-climbing catfish also has a bony plate on its belly that helps it hold its place while it repositions its sucker a little further up the rocks. The plate has fins with tiny, backward-pointing teeth. These teeth dig into the rock and prevent slipping. The catfish's third special feature is a set of powerful muscles to control the plate.

Once the rock-climbing catfish has attached its sucker to the rock, it pulls up its stomach plate and anchors it. With its body anchored, it moves its sucker up the face of the rock and repeats the process. Following this method, the rock-climbing catfish can walk its way up a 20-foot rock wall against the torrent of a waterfall in about 30 minutes!

Who gave the rock-climbing catfish that powerful sucker mouth? Who gave it such a clever bony stomach plate and the powerful muscles to control it? Who taught it to climb rocks? There are two opinions. One opinion says that no one did it. The other says that it was the work of the Creator of worlds and stars and you and me. The Bible's claim of a Creator is the only one that makes sense! .

Ref: Hanson, Jeanne K., and Deane Morrison. 1990. "The wonderful weird of flora and fauna." Star Tribune First Sunday, Dec. 2. p. 17. Image: Catfish moving up a cave's flowstone waterfall in the Tena district, Ecuador. Courtesy of Geoff Hoese. Used under Fair Use act for educational purposes.

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