

3/15/2020

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: "All Heaven Declares"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

"Lord I Need You"

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Envelopes and
Faith Promise

Special Music: Violin solo by Aubryn DeJager

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Exodus 13:17-22

Sermon: Travelling Together

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response: "He Leadeth Me"

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing: "Benediction"

*Postlude

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Pat Jonker

Aubryn DeJager

Tirzah Ritzema

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Kevin Buwalda

Andy Schlieve

Fellowship Coffee

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters

Kevin & Andrea Buwalda

Family

Nursery

Jon & Jenna Mulder

Tirzah Ritzema

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Will Bronkhorst

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Katie DeJager

Missionary Letters

K Homan to Daryl Pfantz+

P Homan to Neen

S Homan to Chaplain Pete

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

Worship Notes

This morning Pastor Harv will lead us in worship as we look at Exodus 13. This evening you are invited to Alto CRC for the Annual Prayer Day Service at 7:00 PM.

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: \$5,850

Faith Promise: \$642

Council Notes

- Gene & Toni Hofman and Al & Leanne Holden have agreed to serve on the Communion Committee.
- Received a report from Classis. Joe DeHaan was given license to exhort.
- Congregational meeting has been set for June 22, 2020.
- We were informed that St. Bens would like our food but we don't need to provide servers because of the concern over coronavirus.
- The Search Team reported that they have begun to contact prospects and have video interviews with some.

Upcoming evening and special services

Mar. 22 – PM Worship: churchwide Bible study series

Mar. 29 – PM Worship led by Pastor Harv

April 5 – PM Palm Sunday Hymn Sing

April 12 – PM Cantata @ Bethel CRC

April 19 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv

April 26 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv

Our Family

March Birthdays

Emily Aalsma	17	Karen Durant	21
Troy Aalsma	18	Brandon Kitchner	21

March Anniversary

Brian & Flora Bresser 16

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.
- 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

Church News

Due to spring break, there will be no Sunday School or Catechism on March 22 and 29.

The choir will be singing at the Maundy Thursday service and the Easter service. There is choir rehearsal this morning and on April 5 after the morning service.

We will once again be serving the evening meal at **St. Ben's on Friday, March 27**. Sign-up sheets are available in the basement. Please prayerfully consider where you can help.

We are looking to hire a part-time **Worship Coordinator/Leader**. You can see the position description on our website at http://www.waupuncrc.com/editoruploads/files/Worship_Leader_Job_Description.pdf. If you are interested, please contact Steve Homan.

The **Sunday School kids** are raising money to make hygiene care packages for OH4F in Haiti. Our goal is to raise \$200 by April 1. You won't want to miss what happens to Mr. O'Donovan if our goal is reached! If you want to donate toward this cause, please put your donation in an envelope labeled "Sunday School" and put in the offering or give to Brian O. Thanks!

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.

Do you like to eat breakfast? We hope so because the Outreach Committee is organizing a Palm Sunday Brunch (April 5) before church from 8:30-9:30! We will be promoting it to the community and our neighbors. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to breakfast and church! We will need your help so we have sign-up sheets in the narthex for items to bring for the brunch. If you have any questions about the food, please talk to Sue Buwalda or Gladys Montsma!

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 Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending no visitors in nursing homes at this time because they have the most vulnerable population to the coronavirus. Please contact Chaplain Dennis or receptionist at the Christian Home if you have any questions regarding spiritual needs. We will keep you updated as to any changes.

Work as Worship Retreat. On May 16, 2020, we invite you to join hundreds of churches and organizations worldwide that will each host the Work as Worship Retreat livestream in partnership with RightNow Media.

The Work as Worship Retreat is a one-day gathering to help people break down the wall between Sunday and the rest of the week. We will hear from industry-leading speakers like John Maxwell, Louie Giglio, Jon Acuff, and others, so mark your calendar. This retreat is for everyone—not just those who work nine to five in an office. If you want to grow in your faith and learn how your work can be an act of worship, we invite you to attend.

To learn more about this event or to register, go to www.onewaupun.com and click on the Work as Worship link at the top of the page or talk to Mike Vander Berg. Invite your friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to attend this one-day event.

The ADRC of Dodge County will be holding a Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) workshop this April. PTC is a 6-week (once a week) educational workshop for people who are taking care of a family member or friend and

designed to support the family caregiver and improve his or her well-being. It does not teach hands-on care or focus on disease or other conditions, but rather helps the caregiver cope with the physical, emotional, and financial challenges of being a caregiver. The upcoming FREE workshop will be held at the Juneau Public Library on Thursdays April 9 through May 14 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Check the flyer by the coffee station for more information.

Blood Drive Thurs., April 16, at CWC. Please consider giving blood. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information. Call for an appointment 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: Waupun. Please use South Entrance. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Students need to bring either a driver's license or two forms of other ID (with one that has proof of age).

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.

April 4, 2020 – Randolph Christian School Auction – ‘Fulfilling God’s Vision.’ Join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship at the Randolph Christian School Auction. Dinner and Silent Auction start at 4:30, with the Live Auction beginning at 7:00. Visit our website www.randolphchristian.org to view a list of items and for more information. Hope to see you there!

For a fresh take on an old story, please join Central Wisconsin Christian’s 8th grade class as they present the Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood by Mary Lynn Dobson. All performances will be held at CWC in the Crusader Centre on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Matinee performance at 1:00 PM; evening performance at 6:30 PM.

Calendar

Today:	8:00 AM	Bible study w/Gregg & Kristi in church basement
	8:00 AM	Bible study w/Mike & Bonnie in church classroom
	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	4:00 PM	Bible study w/Ben & Alyssa in church basement
	4:00 PM	Bible study at Gary & Katie DeJager

6:00 PM Bible study @ Steve & Heidi Smits
 7:00 PM PM Worship Service @ Alto CRC
Monday: 6:00 PM Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
Tuesday: 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting
Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
 10:00 AM Men's Morning Bible Study at Mike V.
 6:30 PM GEMS Club Night @ Bethel CRC
 6:30 PM Cadets Meeting @ The Union
Sunday: 8:45 AM Prayer Meeting in church basement
 9:30 AM AM Worship Service
 6:00 PM PM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder
 Miranda Vander Berg
 Ethan Homan

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Joe Durant
 Jon Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

Norm & Angela Buwalda

Nursery

Ben & Alyssa Homan
 Jaxon Buteyn

Offering: Budget Envelopes
March Cause: Faith Promise

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Ushers

Ray Hofman
 Al Holden
 Will Bronkhorst
 Thomas Venhuizen

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

Multiple Blessings from Trees



And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, [and] the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed [is] in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. (Genesis 1:11)

Genesis uses only a few words and simple language to describe the creation of trees. That hardly seems fair, considering the importance, variety and complexity of the largest and longest-living things on Earth.

The largest Sequoias in northern California weigh more than six blue whales. The tallest Australian eucalyptus trees and redwoods tower as high as a 30-story building. Some of the Bristlecone pines in America are 4,000 years old.

Trees do more than provide us with building materials, food and medicine. Like other green plants, trees take the waste carbon dioxide produced by animals and humans and turn it into oxygen. As a bonus, trees produce sugar. The cellulose fiber we call wood is actually only thousands of sugar molecules linked into long chains. In recent years, scientists have also learned that trees communicate with each other. They cool the air and pump enough moisture into the air to transform a dry, desert-like climate. If it were not for the mycorrhiza fungi, trees would battle through their roots for control of moisture and soil resources. However, when this fungus is present in the root systems, trees will link roots with each other and share water and nutrients.

Scripture's simple statement that God created trees expands into volumes of information as we learn more about them. This is how science done in faith – that is, as our search for knowledge about what God has made – serves to glorify our Creator!

Ref: Ponte, Lowell. "What good is a tree?" Reader's Digest. Photo: Giant Sequoia. (Pixabay)

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