

3/22/2020

First Christian Reformed Church



All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday
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First CRC will be having a virtual service on Sunday morning at 9:30.
You can access the service on Facebook or from our website:

- Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/WaupCRC322>
- Website: The church service will be posted at <http://www.waupuncrc.com/worship/video.cfm> at 9:30 AM on Sunday morning. Members can also find it by going to our homepage at www.waupuncrc.com and clicking on Worship and then Services (Video - MP4).

While we are unable to worship together, please remember that most of our **financial needs continue**. The deacons ask that you use one of the following methods to ensure that your gifts are still received in a timely manner:

- Mail in your gifts to church - PO Box 32, Waupun, WI 53963
- Use your bank's online bill-paying utility
- Use church's online giving software (if you're not already signed up, contact Randall Greenfield to do so)

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.
- The Search Team reported that they have begun to contact prospects and have video interviews with some.

During this time of social distancing, it is proving to be difficult to meet for our Church-Wide Study. However, we believe it is important that we continue on with the Easter study in spite of COVID-19. To that end, we want to make the videos available to all church members (not just those that were in a small group already) to watch from the safety of your own home. Below, you will find the instructions on how to access the four videos that go along with the “Why Easter Matters” study.

In addition, we will be hosting online group discussions to work our way through the questions that go along with this study. In order to be a part of one of these discussions, you will need to have one of the following:

- A computer with a microphone and speakers
- A smart phone with the Zoom app (we can assist you with this)
- A regular phone (audio only – no video capabilities)

We will not use our previous small groups for this but will create all new groups based on the time you can meet. If you would like to meet a discussion group for the last two lessons, be sure to sign up for one of the designated times using this link (<https://tinyurl.com/qlxsk6p>).

If you have any questions, be sure to email Mike Vander Berg using mike@dis-solutions.com.

Our Family

March Anniversary

Ben & Emily Mulder 24

March Birthdays

Ben Homan	24	Taylor Hoffman	28
Ashley Montsma	26	Levi Holbach	28
Beth Schlieve	27	Linda Pausma	28

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 and she was in the hospital earlier week, but has returned home.
- 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

Our daughter Breanna and her husband, Drew Buitter, are expecting their first child and found out that their baby has a heart defect. They are doctoring in Madison and will continue to do so throughout the rest of Breanna's pregnancy. The baby will need heart surgery after birth as well. We ask for prayers for Breanna, Drew and their baby as they don't know what the future holds and strength for their journey ahead.

- Steve & Heidi Smits

Sincere thanks to family, friends, Pastor Harv, and Kevin Buwalda for showing kindness in various ways during my surgery and recovery. Healing and strength are returning. Thanks to our God for His abundant blessings!

- Carol Greenfield

Church News

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.

<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)

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Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Smart Trees and Clever Bugs



*O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
(Psalm 104:24)*

How smart is the smartest tree you ever met? Does it sound silly to speak of trees as being smart?

Botanists are learning that some trees have elaborate defenses against insect pests.

Studies have shown that a cottonwood tree sets up an elaborate zone defense when attacked by aphids. Some branches will manufacture poisons to resist the aphids. Branches that offer the aphids poisons can be dozens of times more resistant to aphids than neighboring branches. Should an aphid land on a leaf that is not manufacturing poisons, that leaf is very likely to be shed by the tree. This squeeze play by the tree keeps both strategies viable in resisting aphids.

However, sometimes insects are almost as clever as trees. The eastern tent caterpillar eats a fatal dose of cyanide with each mouthful of cherry tree leaves without harm. The poison is combined with two sugar molecules in the leaves. Normally an insect's digestive system would separate those sugars, releasing the cyanide. However, the tent caterpillar's digestive system releases only one sugar, leaving the cyanide bound and harmless. On the other hand, the pink sawfly larva concentrates and stores the toxic oils of the eucalyptus leaves it eats. When threatened, the worm-like larva rears up and spits droplets of the poisonous oils at its attackers.

There is no level at which the creation fails to show forth intelligence and planning. Every level of creation glorifies God!

Ref: Brownlee, Shannon. 1983. "The silent battle." *Discover*, Sept. p. 28. Photo: Tent made by eastern tent caterpillar. Courtesy of Greg Hume. (CC BY-SA 4.0)

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