

# **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

\*Call to Worship

\*Songs of Praise: "O For a Thousand

Tongues"

"Living Hope"

"What a Beautiful Name"

\*God Greets Us and We Greet Each Other

## We Reflect on God's Love

Time of Confession and Affirmation of our Faith using The Apostle's Creed Congregational Prayer Offering for the Local Budget and Dodge County Pregnancy Resource Center (Children are Dismissed for Walk Out Worship)

## We Receive God's Words

\*Scripture: Acts 3:1-10,

Title: My Real Need

## We Respond in Thankfulness

\*Song of Response: "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

## We Depart to Serve

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Benediction"

\*Postlude

Accompanist Cara Schmitt

**Children & Worship** Emily Mulder Neil Venhuizen Cody Van Herwaarden

**Elder/Deacon Greeters** Tom Jonker Randall Greenfield

Fellowship Coffee Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters Geoff & Emily Aalsma Family

**Nursery** Jessica Ten Pass Kim Greenfield Charlotte Buteyn

Sound System Joe Bresser

Transportation Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers Ben Mulder Jesse Buteyn Neil Venhuizen Al Holden

Video Projection Beth Schlieve

Missionary Letters M Buteyn to Daryl Pfantz Keith Buwalda to Neen+ Kevin Buwalda to Chaplain Pete

\*Please pray especially for this missionary family this week

#### 6:00 PM Worship Service - Video

#### Worship Notes

**This morning** Pastor Harv will lead us in worship and a study of Acts 3 and this evening we will be watching a video.

#### **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: \$6,213 Dodge County Pregnancy Resource Center: \$395

#### Upcoming evening and special services

Jan. 19 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv Jan. 26 – PM Worship – Video Feb. 2 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv Feb. 16 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv

#### Our Family

We will have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Ellie and Olivia Vree on Sunday, January 19.

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**

| Leanne Huizenga   | 16 |
|-------------------|----|
| Morgan Buwalda    | 17 |
| Shelly Bronkhorst | 18 |

#### 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
- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema

### Church News

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

**Thanks to all the Salvation Army Bell Ringers:** A total of \$12,852.21 was raised for our community.

**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 threeday 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.

#### **DENOMINATION NEWS**

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home by Traci Smith (Chalice Press), contains hundreds of ideas for traditions, ceremonies and spiritual practices that build faith, from creating a "sacred space" in your house, to mealtime and bedtime blessings, to new ways to pray together. It's an amazing resource that can help families with children start some new household faith habits in the new year. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

**The Banner** magazine wants to hear from you! - Please take our survey at thebanner.org/Survey. Help us improve to serve you better. Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and will only take about 10 minutes. Thank you!

**GROUNDWORK: WE ARE CHRIST'S LIGHT** - What does Jesus mean when he tells his followers "You are the light of the world"? Join Groundwork as we study Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:13-15 to discover what it means for how we live our lives and shine our light as faithful followers of Jesus today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

| <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                   |
| Tuesday:        | 8:00 AM  | Prayer Meeting                       |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | Elders Meeting                       |
| Wednesday:      | 10:00 AM | Men's Morning Bible Study at Mike V. |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | Council Meeting                      |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | GEMS Club Night at Bethel CRC        |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | Cadets at the Union                  |
| 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 Laura Ten Pass

**Children & Worship Leader:** Pat Jonker Megan Greenfield

Elder/Deacon Greeters Merle Schouten Joe Bresser

Fellowship Coffee Bob & Michelle Mulder

**Greeters** Troy & Taylor Aalsma Family

Musical Praise Elaine Homan Nursery Noah & Mackenzie Mulder Elise Ritzema

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

**PM Prayers of the People** Brian O'Donovan

Sound System Tyler Jansen

Ushers Ben Mulder Jesse Buteyn Neil Venhuizen Al Holden

**Video Projection** 

Mike Vander Berg

| Group | <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)        |



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### The Jekyll and Hyde Protozoan



And he spake a parable unto them [to this end], that men ought always to pray, and not to faint... (Luke 18:1)

Normally they bother no one. The creatures, called

protozoan ciliates, quietly go about their business in water-filled tree holes, eating other microorganisms. The protozoans themselves are an important food for mosquito larvae.

However, as mosquito wigglers begin to populate the water, the protozoans turn into deadly monsters. Secretions from the mosquito larvae alert the protozoans to the presence of the larvae. They begin rapidly growing cells, and their appearance changes. The result is a completely different creature that is well designed to infect mosquito larvae and kill them. In other words, for self protection, the prey becomes parasite, making the would be predator its prey. Scientists are seeking better understanding of this in the hope of developing better natural mosquito controls.

Scientists have known for some time that some microorganisms respond to predators. The most common protective response is to grow spines or some other projection. This makes the prey difficult to eat. But the strategy used by the protozoan ciliates is the most extreme self protective response known.

There is no creature in God's creation that is so unimportant that God has failed to give it ways to make its living. Many creatures have been given what seem to be very uncreative ways to live. However, the fact that even these seemingly unimportant creatures have special gifts from God's creativity gives witness to His care for everything He has made.

Ref: "Revenge of the placid protozoan." Science News, v. 131, June 4, 1988. p. 363. Image: Scanning electron microscope view of Oxytricha trifallax. (Public Domain)

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# Worship Notes