

1/5/2020

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

*Opening Songs of Praise:

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

“What a Beautiful Name It Is”

“Hear the Call of the Kingdom”

*God’s Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God’s Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song of Confession: “Jesus Draw Me Close”

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget &

Dodge County Pregnancy Resource
Center

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Sermon Theme: **Living in Community**

We Respond to God’s Word

Song of Response: Bless Be the Tie That
Binds (Gray 315)

We Leave to Serve God

*God’s Parting Blessing

Doxology: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Postlude

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Mackenzie Mulder
Cassidy Ritzema
Kolten Buwalda

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Dan Montsma
Eric Schaver

Fellowship Coffee

Michael & Danielle Jansma

Greeters

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Nursery

Emily Mulder
Amanda Buteyn
Jolie Schouten

Sound System

Glen Greenfield

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Ben Mulder
Jesse Buteyn
Neil Venhuizen
Al Holden

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Missionary Letters

P Bronkhorst to Daryl Pfantz+
W Bronkhorst to Neen
J 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

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Luke 8:4-18 and 1 Samuel 3

Sermon Theme: I Know

***Song of Response:** "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** "He Is Lord"

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

This morning Pastor Harv will lead us in worship as we look at Acts and this evening we will look at Luke 8 and 1 Samuel 3.

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: \$2,960

Elim: \$156

January Cause is Dodge County Pregnancy Resource Center.

Upcoming evening and special services

Jan. 12 – PM Worship – Video

Jan. 19 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv

Jan. 26 – PM Worship - Video

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

Michael Jansma	6
Margaret Miedema	6
Bill Hoekstra	8
Brenda Hofman	9

January Anniversary

Sam & Sylvia Vander Galien 8

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

The **Search Team** would like to invite members to attend a round-table session to discuss important characteristics and strengths of our next pastor. We will compile feedback to use in our search. Please see the handout in your mailbox for additional details. The Round-Table Sessions will be held in the church basement **TODAY** at 10:45 a.m. and tomorrow evening from 5:00–6:30 p.m. Please contact a Search Team member with any additional questions.

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.

2020 is here and we're looking forward to kicking it off watching Overcomer with the middle school kids at SWaT on Wednesday evening, January 8, from 6:00 to 8:15. It's a two-hour movie so please have your kids at Bethel a couple minutes early so they can grab a couple slices of pizza to eat while watching the movie. We would like to start the movie as close to 6:00 as possible. It will probably be close to 8:15 or so before we're done. See you Wednesday!!

DENOMINATION NEWS

GROUNDWORK: JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF LIFE - Jesus' saying "I am the light of the world" is a well-loved and beautiful word for us. Join us as we study the original context of his teaching in John 8:12-59 to be reminded of our need for light and encouraged that the light of Christ will break through the darkness in our lives and world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance" (Eccles 3:1-4). As we enter a new year full of unknowns, remind each other to take comfort in the knowledge that all your times are in God's hand. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Calendar

Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Round-Table Session with Search Team
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Monday:	5:00 AM	Round-Table Session with Search Team
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	SWat Movie Night @ Bethel CRC
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

Leader: 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

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<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)

Worship Notes

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Devious Fungus



I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number... (Job 5:8-9)

Parasites, especially fungi, are usually written off by evolutionary biologists as simple, primitive organisms. However, whether they choose to recognize the Creator or not, biologists are learning that nothing in God's creation is simple or primitive. Parasites seem to display some of the most clever planning or scheming – depending on your point of view – in all creation.

A parasitic fungus that infects a roadside weed called catchfly seems to do nothing harmful to the plant. After infection, a profusion of white blossoms will open – even a few weeks earlier than normal. Bees and butterflies will arrive to collect the grains from the flowers. However, the grains they are spreading aren't pollen but fungus spores. The fungus has not only turned female flowers into males, but has transformed the stamens into spore factories.

This is not the only trick played by the fungus. It also coaxes the catchfly into producing far more flowers than usual, making the plants it infects more attractive than surrounding catchflies. As a result, pollinators come first to the infected flowers before going to the uninfected plants.

This is but one example among many showing that nothing from God's hand is carelessly done. The lesson for us is more than that living things don't fit into the evolutionary simple-to-complex scheme. God also wants us to know that He cares about everything He has made, no matter how lowly.

Ref: Cowen, Ron. 1990. "Parasite power." *Science News*, v. 138, October 6. p. 200. Image: White campion, a type of catchfly. (CC BY-SA 3.0)

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