

7/26/2015

Welcome to

First Christian Reformed Church



Then Jesus said
to her, "Your sins
are forgiven."
Luke 7:48

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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 Pastor Craig (324-2249) or the church office (324-2898).

Large-print bulletins and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher or the back sanctuary rack.

You can tune in to AM 1170 every Sunday morning at 8:30 to hear last week's sermon. You are also able to listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

Church Office Hours
Tuesday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
All announcements due in the office by 9:00 AM Thursday
Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

9:30 AM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***Opening:**

To God Be the Glory – R56 vs 1&3
Great is Thy Faithfulness – R139vs 1-3

***God's Greeting and We Greet One Another**

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Song: And Can it Be? – R347 vs 1,2 & 4

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Faith Promise

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Sermon: Forgiveness

We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response: In Christ Alone vs 1-3

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Parting Song:** In Christ Alone vs 4

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder

Helpers: Zach Vander Werff
Arent Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Greeters

Pete, Tabbie, Zach, Jake &
Olivia Vander Werff

Nursery

Ben & Alyssa Homan
Heather Hoekstra

Sound System

Eric Homan

Transportation

Morris Te Grootenhuis
(539-0438)
Louis Wierenga (324-3683)

Ushers

Keith Buwalda
Noah Mulder
Adam Venhuizen
Cody Zonnefeld

Video Projection

Travis Mulder

Missionary Letters

Josephine M. to Daryl Pfantz+
Lois M. to Neen
Marilyn M. to Chaplain Peter

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

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Call to Worship

***God's Greeting**

Opening Songs led by Elaine Homan

Prayers of the People led by Gregg Zonnefeld

We Study God's Word: Luke 15:11-31 – "Slaying the Giant of Envy"

***Song of Response:** A Child of the King – R574
vs 1-4

***Affirmation of our Faith:** Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Closing Song:** In Thanksgiving, Let Us praise Him – R796 vs 3

***Postlude**

Evening Offering for July is for Gideons

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Sound System

Eric Homan

Transportation

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Worship Notes

This morning we welcome Al Venhuizen to the pulpit and this evening we welcome Pastor Cal Vande Zande.

Congregational meeting is set for August 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM. The nominees for Elder are Bob Mulder, Scott Ritzema, Steve Smits & Al Venhuizen. The nominees for Deacon are Ben Mulder, Jon Mulder, Brian O'Donovan & Jon Venhuizen. Please pray for these men.

Deacons Report

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus short Fall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$249,008.00	\$247,303.00	\$1,705.00
Denominational	\$26,327.00	\$81,213.00	-\$54,886.00
<u>Classical</u>	<u>\$17,613.00</u>	<u>\$21,158.00</u>	<u>-\$3,545.00</u>

We have generated Year-to-date (1/1/15-present) receipts so that you have a current record of Church giving so far. If there was not a receipt in your mailbox we have no record of your contribution. This receipt is only generated on trackable giving such as checks, cash donations if not marked and placed in an envelope we are unable to track.

Our Family

We rejoice with the following who will celebrate an anniversary & a birthday this week:

<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>July/Aug</u>		<u>July/Aug</u>
Lois Navis	27	Charlie Kitchner	30
Elaine Greenfield	1	Carlie Jansen	1

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>July</u>
Kirk & Lauren Van Buren	26
Bill & Ann Hoekstra	30

Come celebrate 50 years of marriage with Bruce & Leanne Huizenga this afternoon. The family invites the congregation to an open house from noon until 3:00 PM today at the Jansen residence (185 Harmsen Ave., Waupun).

Congratulations to Mitchell & Becca (Smits) Vree who were united in marriage yesterday! May the Lord guide your marriage through the years!

Church News

Our Church is making bag lunches this coming week, TODAY is the last day to bring in things needed for the lunches. They have been serving on average **100 bags per day**. There is a tote under the shelf in the narthex for donations. You can bring in **juice boxes, chips, cookies, fruit cups, baggies or sandwich bags.**

We are in need of a person to teach the grades 2/3 for this fall. If you are interested please contact Brian O'Donovan.

The Education Committee is planning the stages of our next Church wide Bible study. We will be studying "Out Live Your Life" by Max Lucado. We had great participation last year and really want to encourage members to join this exciting bible study. In order to have several groups meeting for this study **we need several leaders!** Our committee will hold a night of training so you are equipped to lead a study. Please contact a member of the Education Team if you would like to volunteer as a leader or if you would like more information. We would like to have our leaders in place by August 16th so we can plan the training session. Please see the letter in your mailbox for further information. Thank you very much!

Did you know you can personally make an eternal difference in the life of someone in South America? This is truly a retreat with a reason.....you are refreshed while providing Bibles for South America through your offering. You'll have an opportunity to do so at the retreat hosted by Bible League International Volunteers on September 22, 2015, at the Trinity Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin. Gracia Burnham, our featured speaker, will have you sitting on the edge of your seat one moment and wiping away a tear the next. She will share her work in the Philippines and the kidnapping experience that changed her life forever. Men are encouraged to join us for the day due to the historical nature of our speaker. Invite friends and family to come along and experience this amazing day! Check a brochure/poster for more information or talk to Phyllis Hofman (324-5234), Margaret Miedema (324-4883), or Arlene De Jager (344-1674).

Do you ever feel overwhelmed? Do you struggle to balance work, family, church, and more? Then you will find the Leadership Conference sponsored by the CRC's Classis Wisconsin Home Missions Team to be refreshing and helpful. Join us at Brookfield CRC on August 30 for a mere \$20. This includes a meal. For more information or to register to www.waupuncrc.com/focusonleadership.cfm.

Calendar

Today:	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 PM	Church Softball @ Edgewood Community Church
Next Sunday:	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Andrea Buwalda

Helpers: Brandon Kitchner
Marissa Jansma

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

AM – Al & Renae Venhuizen

Musical Praise

Michelle Mulder

Nursery

Jenna Mulder
Lori Venhuizen
Zach Vander Werff

Offering

Building Fund

August Evening Offering:

Elim

Prayer

Merle Schouten

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Percy De Vries (324-4678)
Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Ushers

Ray Hofman
Al Holden
Don Pausma
Dave Rens

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Prayer List

Shut-Ins: Elaine Greenfield Joyce Haan Lee Heideman
Winnie Kuiper Wilma Navis Alice Redeker Dorothy Tobak

Health

Those struggling with addiction and their families.

Michelle Root as she recovers from surgery on her foot.

Charlie Kitchner's dad as he continues to recover from his recent stroke.

Those with cancer and those undergoing cancer treatments and their families: Carlie Jansen, Laura Ten Pass, Alice Redeker, Neen and Jessie Veleke.

Military

Joyce Haan's grandson, Scott Voss (Whidbey Island, WA)

Chaplain Peter Hofman (Fort Jackson, SC)

Austin Montsma (Osan AFB, South Korea)

Louie & Nancy Wierenga's grandson, Devin Terry (California)

Requests

Remember **Neen & Angel** as they continue Brother Bob's Ministry.
Pray for LOVE, patience, understanding and forgiveness in all our relationships.

Pray for our country

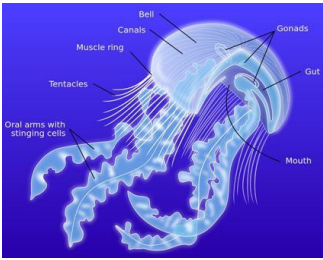
<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Ken Homan	Kevin Buwalda
2	Denny Vande Berg	
3	Jim Groenewold	
4	Scott Ritzema	Dan Montsma
5	Brian Bresser	Joe Durant
6	Mike Vander Berg	Brad Schouten
7	Gregg Zonnefeld	Dave Venhuizen
8	Pete Vander Werff	Charlie Kitchner

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

A Brilliant Escape



God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]. – 1 Corinthians 10:13b

It is always as dark as night 2,000 feet beneath the ocean's surface. Yet, a rich variety of life thrives in the darkness. The strategies for life, however, are quite different far beneath the waves. Even in the deep ocean, predators search for prey, and prey tries to escape predators. The permanent darkness and buoyant water allow for unusually creative strategies in this rhythm of life. Some creatures try to hide in the darkness. Others use light to lure prey close to them. Some creatures even squirt luminescent clouds into the water to make predators think that they are where they're not.

Perhaps the most creative is a species of jellyfish. When a potential predator comes close to the jellyfish, the jellyfish turns off the lights in its bell-shaped body. Then, switching off the lights in its tentacles, the jellyfish scoots away as fast as it can. If the predator continues the chase, the jellyfish switches to plan B. It turns on the blue light in its body and the white lights in its tentacles. When the attacker is very close, the jellyfish turns off the light in its body and takes off, detaching its still-glowing tentacles. The tentacles continue to writhe in the water, distracting the predator.

According to evolution, jellyfish are among the most primitive multicelled animals. In this clever survival strategy, we see that jellyfish are neither simple nor primitive. They are a true credit to the Creator's handiwork!

Ref: *Discover*, February, 1986, p. 67. Diagram: Jellyfish anatomy. Courtesy of Zina Deretsky. (PD)

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