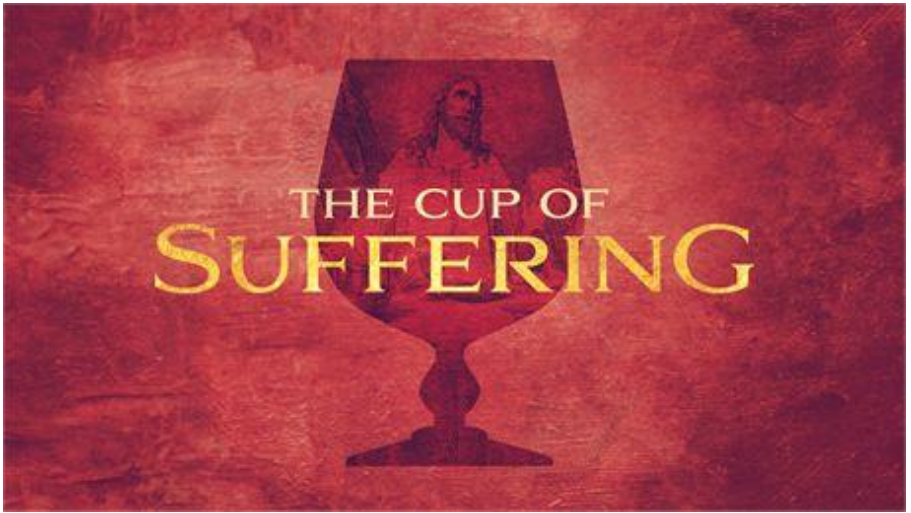


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Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



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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 (920-539-3848) 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:** There is Joy in the Lord
How Can I Keep from Singing

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Preparatory

Song: There is a Redeemer – R308 vs 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local
Budget

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship**

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Luke 23:44-56

Sermon: He Breathed His Last

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** How Deep the
Father's Love for Us

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** You are my All in All – R583 vs 1
& 2

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Andrea Buwalda

Helpers: Josie Venhuizen
Gretchen Hoekstra

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters

Gregg, Kristi & Mikayla
Zonnefeld

Nursery

Sue Buwalda
Becca Vree
Adam Venhuizen

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)
Morris Te Grootenhuis
(539-0438)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

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
(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Call to Worship

***God's Greeting**

Opening Songs Led by Toni Hofman

Prayer of the People Led by Al Venhuizen

We Study God's Word: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 – Lord's Day 6

Song of Response: Hallelujah What A Savior – R311 vs 1-3

***Affirmation of our Faith:**

- 16 Q. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?
A. **God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin; but a sinful human could never pay for others.**
- 17 Q. Why must the mediator also be true God?
A. **So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.**
- 18 Q. Then who is this mediator—true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?
A. **Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.**

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** Hallelujah What a Savior – R311 vs 4

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together, the Lord willing. During this time of Lent we especially remember the suffering that Jesus went through. We will look at Psalm 22. As Jesus was about to die He quoted the first line of this psalm. It was a cry of agony. Feeling the separation from God the Father Jesus was about to endure the worst suffering that anyone ever has. We can use this psalm to cry out to God when we feel like God has left us but we are never separated from Him. Only Jesus endured such pain and He did it for us.

Verses of the Week: Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:46

This week be in prayer for:

- Those who come to church but don't feel like they are welcomed
- Those who have buried their talents, that they will use them
- The Prayer Summit held by our denomination this week
- Calvin CRC in Sheboygan

Give thanks to God for:

- The warmer temperatures
- The ability to serve others
- Prayer

Upcoming Special Service

March 26	9:30 AM	Preparatory
April 2	9:30 AM	Communion
April 9	9:30 AM	Palm Sunday Service
April 13	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
April 16	9:30 AM	Easter Sunday

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$3,905.00
Building Fund	\$1,200.00
World Renew	\$ 55.00

The Deacons are currently exploring the ability to donate to church using ACH/EFT. This would allow members of the congregation to have their gifts automatically drafted from their checking accounts on a regular basis much like other auto draft items. Because there are some costs associated with putting a system in place, the deacons would like some feedback. Would you use ACH/EFT for regular contributions to church? Please talk to a deacon or email Jon Venhuizen at jvnhzn@gmail.com

If you are making a donation to the maintenance and remodeling project, please label the envelope or check Capital Improvements. This will help the deacons. Thank you!

March cause: World Renew (CRWRC) responds on our behalf to the needs of people who suffer from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice.

Our Family

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>March/April</u>		<u>March/April</u>
Ashley Montsma	26	Beth Schlieve	27
Levi Holbach	28	Linda Pausma	29
Ruth Buwalda	31	Mike Vander Berg	31
Gregg Zonnefeld	31	Elaine Homan	1
Jen Ritzema	1		

Thank you to everyone who donated food/toiletry items for the SWaT Scavenger hunt. The kids collected 612lbs of items for the Waupun Food Pantry! Thank you!!

As you pray this week please remember these people in your prayers:



- Todd Schouten who has been suffering from shortness of breath. Pray that the doctors will find the problem, that it is nothing serious, and that soon he will be back to normal.
- Pat Loomans who is recovering from a serious case of pneumonia. She is home and not accepting visitors but every day her situation improves.
- Carol Navis as she continues to recover from surgery.

If at any time you would like your name added to or taken off of the prayer list, please contact Gladys.

Church News

There will be no Sunday School or Catechism this week or next week, we will resume on April 9.

Attention 6th-12th grade band students: We are organizing a band to play on Easter Sunday morning April 16. We plan to have one practice on Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m. If you would like your music before that day, please contact Katie DJ (920.979.8363).

Calling all Parents! Join us for a Free PARENT ONLY Community Event on **Tuesday, April 4th @ 7 PM at the Waupun Public Library.** CWC's Parents in Action group will be hosting speaker, Aaron Baart (Dean of Chapel at Dordt College) to hear about Pornography/Sexting and Technology/Sexual Pressures facing kids today. Aaron will be doing a multimedia presentation and allowing time for Question & Answers. For questions, contact: cwcpia@gmail.com.

Our Heartbeat International Dates: Last month, our church raised over \$4000 for Heartbeat International. This money will cover the operating budget for their Option Line for over 2 1/2 days. As a result, Heartbeat International is allowing our church to select two specific dates where we will be covering their budget and helping to celebrate life. The Outreach Committee has selected April 25 because it is Winnie Kuiper's 99th birthday and May 14 which is Mother's Day. Heartbeat International will send us some feedback of the work done on these dates. Thanks again for supporting this important cause!

Are you looking for a joyful place for your children to be loved and cared for as they learn? Central Wisconsin Christian is accepting students for the 2017/18 school year. CWC provides a top-notch, faith-infused

curriculum where students grow spiritually and academically. As a participant in the Wisconsin Choice Program, eligible families can qualify for full-cost tuition vouchers. Every day is an "Open House" at CWC, so to find out more check us out at discovercwc.org or call us at 920.318.1349.

Back in 2012 our denomination was invited to the first **Prayer Summit initiated by Korean Christian Reformed Church leaders**, inviting our members for the purpose of learning about prayer and praying together. This year it will be held from **March 27-29**. Join us in prayer:

- To REDISCOVER a heartfelt sense of reverence of God's majesty as we pray TOGETHER
- To UNITE as people of God from diverse backgrounds to pray TOGETHER
- To SHARE the experience of humility and trust in God as people pray TOGETHER
- To INTERCEDE for the needs of our lives, local churches, our community, nation and the world—firmly standing on confident hope TOGETHER

We would love to have you join us. For more information, go to <http://www.joinprayersummit.org>. Please consider coming to this important event. Even if you can't attend please join us in praying.

We need your help. Our denomination is asking for our input to shape the future of our ministry together. Only a few churches are selected each year to participate in a denomination-wide survey and we have been invited this year. Please go to www.crcna.org/survey and follow the instructions. What a great way to work together!



For the first time ever our denomination is being called together for a meeting called **INSPIRE 2017 from August 3 - 5 in Detroit, MI**. For as long as the CRC has existed

members have been living our their faith by serving their congregations. But that can be isolating. Join us in pausing and celebrating the many people who make ministry possible, to rejuvenate ourselves, and to worship together. **Let's get representatives from First CRC**. Our church will pay the registration fee. Wouldn't it be great to **join with over 1000 other congregations for three days of workshops, engaging speakers, powerful worship, and energizing conversations?** If you are interested you can find more information at crcna.org/Inspire2017 or talk to Pastor Craig. If you would like to come please **talk to Pastor Craig by Wednesday, March 29**.

The Voice of the Martyrs is coming to Waupun!

We will be hosting Robert Brock, a national speaker with The Voice of the Martyrs for over 23 years. He will be leading a special service here on Sunday, April 23 at 6 PM. Stories of Christian persecution have been prominently featured in the news recently. When we see our brothers and

sisters suffering, we wonder what we can do to help. Robert has traveled to dozens of countries around the world and has shared in nearly 2,000 churches and venues reaching thousands with the message of our persecuted family. He is an excellent communicator bringing to life the faith and courage of our persecuted brethren. Through video, photos and Robert's firsthand accounts, his presentation has informed, challenged, and inspired many to renew their walk with the Lord.

Do you like children? Have you felt God calling you but didn't know what to?

Then join Open Hands 4 the Fatherless (OH4F) this **August 11-16, 2017 on a Vision Trip to Haiti!** Come with us and experience God in a whole new way! If you are interested, please visit our website: www.oh4f.org or send an email requesting information to gladys@oh4f.org or you can contact Gladys Montsma @ [920.210.5329](tel:920.210.5329) if you have any questions. **Deadline for registration for this trip is April 16, 2017, so contact us today!**

Please join us for the 3rd Annual **Mom's & More Night Out** held at Central Wisconsin Christian in the new Cornerstone Learning Center on **Monday, April 10th from 6-8pm**. This open house will offer many local vendors with displays and door prizes. Come for a night of friends, fellowship, and fun. Central Wisconsin Christian is located at 301 Fox Lake Rd. Waupun, WI. All women are welcome!

Camp Calvin 2017 Registration is now open! Please register online today! Camp Calvin is a Christian camp for all youth entering grades 4-9 in the Fall of 2017. Camp Calvin will be held on June 19-24, 2017. For Registration, Camp Information, Photos, or to contact Camp Calvin with any questions, please visit www.CampCalvin.com. Brochures can be found on the table in the narthex.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism Classes
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
Monday:	6:00 PM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 st CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 st CRC
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	11:45 AM	Mens Bible Study @ Mike Vander Berg
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Jenna Mulder

Helpers: Jolie Schouten

Elise Ritzema

Fellowship Coffee

Phil & Mary Nell Hofman

Greeters

Geoff, Emily & Rynn Aalsma

Musical Praise

Ben Homan

Nursery

Eric & Stacy Schaver

Lynnae Smits

Offering: Denominational

Ministry Shares

March Cause: Mission Backpack

Prayer

Brian O'Donovan

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Jim Groenewold (520-0055)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Ushers

Gene Hofman

Brandon Kitchner

Dan Montsma

Harm Venhuizen

Next Week Continued:

Video Projection

Travis Mulder

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Don Pausma	Jon Venhuizen
2	Denny Vande Berg	
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Scott Ritzema	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Mike Vander Berg	Brad Schouten
7	Gregg Zonnefeld	Dave Venhuizen
8	Al Venhuizen	Brian O'Donovan

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Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

"No, Thanks. I'd Rather Walk."



Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. – Deuteronomy 13:4

As everyone knows, most sea creatures get from place to place by swimming. Others – like the octopus – use a form of jet propulsion. But one thing that no one expects to see on the sea floor is a fish that walks! And what makes this creature even more unusual is that the spotted handfish gets about on pectoral fins that look almost like human hands!

This unusual form of locomotion isn't the only almost-human thing about the spotted handfish. According to an article in Science News, they "fish the way people do, with patience and lures." In their words, "The fishes' dorsal fins' front spines have evolved flamboyant deceptions: tendrils that wiggle like worms, a pom-pom on a stick, a lump with stripes and an eyelike spot." Once these lures bring the fish's lunch within range, in a flash the fish opens its mouth, creating a suction that sucks the prey into the fish's mouth.

Despite its skills at fishing, the spotted handfish has become one of the most endangered creatures on Earth. Efforts are underway to keep them from total extinction. Let us add that our Creator has also made considerable efforts of His own for rescuing another kind of walking creature from a fate even worse than extinction. Humans have disobeyed God and refused to walk in His ways. Thankfully, our Creator entered His creation and died on the cross to rescue us from a fate far worse than death. Oh, what a Savior!

Ref: Susan Milius, "These fish would rather walk," Science News, 10/3/15, pp. 4-5. Photo: The endangered spotted handfish. Courtesy of CSIRO Marine Research. (CC BY 3.0)

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