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Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church

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adj 1: free in giving or sharing 2: noble syn open-handed

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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:** Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Communion G979

Song: My Jesus I Love Thee – R79 vs 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Matthew 5:38-42

Sermon: Be Generous

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace – G545 vs 3

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** My Jesus I Love Thee – R79 vs 4

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Andrea Buwalda

Helpers: Megan Greenfield
Neal Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Greeters

Brian & Flora Bresser

Nursery

Marilyn Mulder
Dominique Van Hill
Megan Greenfield

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

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

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Keith Buwalda
Noah Mulder
Josh Schouten

Video Projection

Travis Mulder

Missionary Letters

Dave R. to Daryl Pfantz
Junice R. to Neen+
Scott R. to Chaplain Peter

**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 Led by Michelle Mulder

Prayers of the People Led by Ken Homan

We Study God's Word: Isaiah 43:8-13 ~ Lord's Day 11

***Song of Response:** Man of Sorrows –What a Name – G482 vs 1-4

Affirmation of our Faith: HC Q&A 29 & 30

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

A. Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

30. Q. Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their deeds they deny the only savior and deliverer, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** Man of Sorrows—What a Name - G482 vs 5

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Today we remember the incredible generosity of our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us. If you believe that He has paid for your sins and saved you from the consequence of those sins then you are invited to join us around the Table as we celebrate Communion.

Next Sunday we continue looking at who we should be as children of the risen King. We will see that we are called to be authentic. This has become a mantra for our culture but most people don't realize it is what Christians are called to be. So, what does it mean to be authentic? How is God authentic with us?

On this Mother's Day we give thanks for the great love and sacrifice that our mom's have shown us. At the same time, we mourn with those who have not received this from their moms as well as those who ache to be a mom but are unable.

Verse of the Week: If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Matthew 5:41

This week be in prayer for:

- The flooding down south
- Those who have lost a spouse
- Marshview Ministries in Horicon

Give thanks to God for:

- Birds singing praise to God
- Our moms
- His overflowing love

Upcoming Special Service

May 21	6:00 PM	New G's
May 25	7:00 PM	Ascension Day Service @ Alto CRC
May 28	9:30 AM	Peter Hofman
May 28	6:00 PM	Memorial Day Service

Council News

Report from the Council Meeting held 10-May-2017

1. Pastor Craig & Merle Schouten reported on the Stephen Ministry information conference they attended.
2. Discussed planning for the Congregational Meeting scheduled for June 26th at 7:00 PM.
3. Discussed financial reports from the Deacons. The proposed budget for 2017/18 was approved, including a line item to support the Christian Home Chaplaincy program.
4. Reports were received for information.

The Council has released the following names for nomination of Elder and Deacon. Nominations for Elder: Steve Homan, Dale Jansen, Tom Jonker, Merlin Schouten, Dave Rens. Nominations for Deacon: Joe Bresser, Randall Greenfield, Tyler Jansen, Brian Van Herwaarden.

Congregational meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Deacons Report

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$240,229.34	252,760.00	-\$12,530.66
Denominational	\$20,067.75	\$69,200.00	-\$49,132.25
Classical	\$15,727.50	\$19,251.00	-\$3,523.50

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$7,800.00
Cary Christian Center	\$ 10.00

All loose offering will go toward Local Budget

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!

May cause: Cary Christian Center in Mississippi which works to break the cycle of poverty by building serious and significant relationships that are based on biblical principles. Their Mission Statement is to actively proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christian in order to enable individuals to reach their full potential in Christ.

Our Family

Birthdays

	<u>May</u>		<u>May</u>
Merle Schouten	15	Sylvia Vander Galien	15
Janice De Vries	16	Dylan Vander Berg	18
Morris Te Grootenhuis	19	Arlene De Jager	19
Geoff Aalsma	20	Mary Nell Hofman	20

Anniversaries

	<u>May</u>
Howard & Pat Loomans	14
Jon & Jenna Mulder	14

Are you looking for an intimate group within our church like Pastor Craig spoke about last week? Why not check out the Tuesday morning prayer group? We meet for one hour in the large classroom upstairs on **Tuesday mornings at 8:00am**. Come just once to check us out!

Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and at the Christian Home. **Jeanette Tjepkema**

Any middle or high schoolers who would like to perform their solo and/or ensembles in church Sunday, May 21 or May 28 please contact Katie De Jager at 920-979-8363.

Celebrate with us the marriages of Troy Aalsma to Taylor Sweetman and Breanna Smits to Drew Buitter. Help us bless them as they start this journey together by placing donated household goods in the boxes in the narthex. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think up would show these couples that they are loved.

Attention grads and parents of grads! Gladys needs information from each of you. For those graduating college please get me the school and date of your graduation, degree, and your future plans. Those graduating high school please get me school graduating from and what your future plans include. It is also appreciated if you can send a picture to the church email: waupuncrc@gmail.com. We will be celebrating our grads on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Thank you!

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



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
- Winnie Kuiper
- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema
- Howard Loomans
- Lee Heideman

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

Church News

Books that once were in the church library will be available in the basement for members to take on **May 14 & 21**. Any unclaimed books after that date will be donated to Bargains Galore.

Sunday School and Catechism classes are done for the year.

This coming Wednesday night at 7:00 pm **the African Children's Choir** will be singing their hearts out and sharing a bit of their culture with us. You won't want to miss this!

With the recent renovation and shuffling of things around our building, **there is an upright piano available**. It is located in the upstairs classroom along the north wall. If you are interested, **talk to Brian Bresser**.

The CWC Annual Awards Night/Art Show is **Thursday, May 18** at 6:30 pm in the Crusader Centre. Academic scholarships along with music, forensics, honor roll, and citizenship awards will be handed out. Come join us in honoring our students and giving thanks to God for the talents with which He has blessed us.

The CWC Music and Arts Departments will present its annual Celebration Concert, **May 19th**. The concert will begin at 6:30pm in the Crusader Centre and includes the choir, band, and New Generation Singers. Come out and enjoy a time of musical praise!

Sunday **May 21st** the New Generation Singers of Central Wisconsin Christian will be presenting a concert of praise at 1st Christian Reformed Church at 6:00pm. We hope you are able to join us.

You are invited to the **graduation exercises for the 8th grade class** of Central Wisconsin Christian on **May 24, 2017** at 6:30pm in the Crusader Centre. Current teacher, Renae Venhuizen, will encourage our students using Psalm 18:2. "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

The CWC Board will present the **high school class of 2017 at 6:30pm** in the Crusader Centre on **May 26th**. Barb Thomson, CWC parent, will address the seniors and encourage them as they prepare to begin the next chapter of their life, thanking God for his faithfulness and ask Him for continued guidance. Our students appreciate your support!

The CWC Athletic Booster Club would like you to join us as we celebrate Memorial Day with **the Annual Pancake Breakfast**. We will be serving from **7:00am – 9:30am on May 29th** in the CWC commons area. Traditional pancakes, eggs, beverages, etc. will be served. Donations will go to support CWC athletics. Come join us before enjoying your holiday activities.

Join the fun and excitement of the annual **CWC Golf Outing**, to be hosted at Rock River Country Club in Waupun on **Saturday, May 20th**. The four-golfer scramble format is a shot-gun start event, with delicious food and fellowship filling out the day. To sign up your team or to secure one of our many levels of sponsorship available for the event, check out the CWC website or contact Mark Homan (960.4062). Put together that foursome and come and enjoy a great day!



**First CRC presents the African Childrens Choir
Live in Concert** on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at
7:00 PM.

For the month of May Wendy's in Beaver Dam will be donating 20% of orders to OH4F! Vouchers are available from OH4F board members and in your mailboxes or during May just mention you are supporting OH4F and they will mark your order. It is a great way to help the Myan, Haiti school and OH4F!

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 Registrations, please visit www.CampCalvin.com. Brochures can be found by the information center in the basement.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
Monday:	6:00 PM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 st CRC
	6:00 PM	Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	First Place 4 Health @ 1 st CRC
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	African Children's Choir @ 1 st CRC
	7:00 AM	Youth Group @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Helpers: Cassidy Ritzema
Kaytlin Smits

Fellowship Coffee

Denny & Nancy Vande Berg

Greeters

John, Shelly & Will Bronkhorst

Musical Praise

Toni Hofman

Nursery

Lori Venhuizen

Bonnie Vander Berg

Zach Vander Werff

Offering: Local Budget

May Cause: Cary Christian Center

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<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


CREATION MOMENTS
Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT



Who's Looking Out for You?

And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. – Genesis 28:15

A cable TV news commentator often poses the question – "Who's looking out for you?" – implying that he's looking out for his viewers. Well, Christians know who's really looking out for us. That would be Jesus, the One who created us, saved us and watches out over us every hour of our lives. But in His wisdom, our Creator has also given us a number of animals to watch out for us in a more earthly sense. These creatures are known as animal sentinels.

Perhaps the best-known animal sentinel is the canary. As Wikipedia tells us, "The idea of placing a canary or other warm blooded animal in a mine to detect carbon monoxide was first proposed by John Scott Haldane, in 1913." This is where the familiar phrase "canary in a coal mine" came from.

Over the years, man has turned to many other creatures to keep us safe. Honeybees, for example, have been used to test for air pollution. Bivalve mollusks help us do water-quality surveys. Pigeons are excellent at detecting lead in the atmosphere. Man's best friend has been used to provide early warning of lead-poisoning hazards in the home. Even cats have been helpful in determining household exposures to pesticides, cigarette smoke and other carcinogens.

Let us not forget to thank God for giving us these animal sentinels and for giving humans the ingenuity to know how these animals can be used for our protection.

Ref: Wikipedia entry on "animal sentinel." Photo: Courtesy of U.S. Dept. of Labor. (PD)
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