

# 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](http://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 in the back sanctuary rack.

You are able to listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is [www.waupuncrc.com](http://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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

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

**We Gather in Worship**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Songs:**

Let All Things Now Living – R794  
How Can I Keep from Singing

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

**We are Renewed in God's Grace**

**Confession and Assurance**

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the sufferings of the ages, with the crusades and the holocausts of a thousand years. The blood of the victims is still warm, the cries of anguish still fill the night. To you we lift our outspread hands.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, who loves us as a father, who cares for us as a mother, who came to share our life as a brother, we confess before you our failure to live as your children, brothers and sisters bound together in love. To you we lift our outspread hands.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have squandered the gift of life. The good life of some is built on the pain of many; the pleasure of a few on the agony of millions. To you we lift our outspread hands.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We worship death in our quest to possess ever more things; we worship death in our hankering after our own security, our own survival, our own peace, as if life were divisible, as if love were divisible, as if Christ had not died for all of us. To you we lift our outspread hands.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, forgive our life-denying pursuit of life, and teach us anew what it means to be your children. To you we lift our outspread hands.

**Accompanist**  
Brenda Hofman

**Children & Worship**  
Leader: Dominique VH  
Helpers: Arent Venhuizen  
Elise Ritzema

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**  
Steve Homan  
Bob Mulder

**Fellowship Coffee**  
Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

**Greeters**  
Bruce & Leanne Huizenga

**Nursery**  
Lori Venhuizen  
Marilyn Mulder  
Miranda Vander Berg

**Sound System**  
Scott Ritzema

**Transportation**  
Percy De Vries  
(344-0109)  
Glen Greenfield  
(346-5152)

**Ushers**  
Gene Hofman  
Brandon Kitchner  
Dan Montsma  
Harm Venhuizen

**Video Projection**  
Randall Greenfield

**Missionary Letters**  
John D. to Daryl Pfantz  
Percy D. to Neen+  
Keren D. to Chaplain Peter

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

**Lord, have mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Song:** The Cares Chorus – R627

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offertory and Our Offerings:** Local Budget

**Children are dismissed for Walk out Worship**

### **God Speaks through His Word**

**\*Scripture:** Ephesians 2

**Sermon:** Grace Alone

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Song of Response:** Amazing Grace – R343

### **We Leave to Serve God**

**\*God's Parting Blessing**

**\*Closing Song:** My Friends May You Grow  
in Grace

**\*Postlude**

**PM Bible Studies  
(No evening worship)**

### **Worship Notes**

**Next Sunday morning we will be celebrating Mission**

**Emphasis Sunday.** Peter Kelder, our regional Resonate (formerly Home Missions) Coordinator, will be leading our worship. **Join us at Central Wisconsin Christian School** for a morning of worship with Bethel.

**Next Sunday evening** you are invited to worship with us as we remember the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We will be watching some videos that describe the realities of persecution around the world. Those with children may want to consider that some of these are rated PG due to subject matter. We will spend much time in prayer both for Christians who are persecuted and for strength in our faith. God has done some amazing acts through those who have stood up for Him. May we all be in that number.

**As we finish up our church-wide Bible study,** Vanishing Grace, please take some time to talk with God about what difference this study will make in

your life. How will you look at people differently? In what way will you extend more grace? Are you seeing God's grace in your life more now than you did before? Is the gospel really good news for you and if so what does that mean for the way you live? How might we, as a congregation, better share God's grace with others? These are important questions for us to consider and to act on. May those who see First CRC in Waupun, witness a grace-filled group of people. Let that be our prayer.

**Verses of the Week:** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

**This week be in prayer for:**

- The opioid problem in our country
- Those who are in an abusive relationship
- Us to be lights in our community

**Give thanks to God for:**

- His unlimited grace
- Janitors
- Our Bible study, Vanishing Grace

**Upcoming Special Service**

|             |         |  |
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| November 5  | 9:30 AM | Mission Emphasis @ Bethel CRC          |
| November 5  | 6:00 PM | Combined IDOP Service                  |
| November 12 | 9:30 AM | Communion                              |
| November 26 | 6:00 PM | Combined Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC |

**Last Week's Offerings**

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| Local Budget | \$4,318.00 |
| World Renew  | \$ 50.00   |

**Deacons Report**

The deacons will be furnishing a full financial update for the congregation that should be in the mailboxes soon. If you have any questions please let them know.

Disbursed about \$3,000 in benevolent funds. The balance of the Benevolent fund is still very healthy.

An automatic checking account withdrawals program (ACH/EFT) has been setup for giving. Be on the look out for more information in the coming weeks.

**For Brother Bob Ministry donations** please make checks payable to First CRC and put Brother Bob in the Memo or mark it on your envelope.

**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!

**October 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>Oct/Nov</u> | <u>Oct/Nov</u> |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Gary DeJager     | 29             | Kevin Buwalda  |
| Kathy Kamphuis   | 30             | Jan Scheuers   |
| Katy Bille       | 31             | Nancy Wierenga |
| Don Pausma       | 1              | Keith Buwalda  |
| Keith Venhuizen  | 3              | Elise Ritzema  |

## Anniversaries

Phil & Mary Nell Hofman

## November

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**October is Pastor Appreciation month**, and to celebrate, we are having an **all-church potluck TODAY**. It will be held in the CWC commons beginning at noon. Ham, coffee, and cake for dessert will be provided. Please bring side dishes and salads to share, as well as your own table service. Come share in food, fellowship, and an opportunity to express thanks to Pastor Craig and Dominique for their work among us.

**Thank you** to the deacons and Dan Montsma for the improvements done to the kitchen at the Community Table. It will make serving easier for our volunteers. **The Food Pantry and Community Table Board**

**The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone** that donated to the Voice of the Martyrs Med Packs project last month. We shipped 2 large boxes of medical supplies that will be used by VOM in areas where Christians continue to endure persecution. Your generous donations far exceeded our expectations.

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



- Ben & Alyssa Homan as Eden adjusts to becoming a part of their family. And that they are able to return home with her soon.
- Leann Johnson as she continues to undergo treatments.
- Brandon Kitchner as he recovers from surgery on his foot. Pray for quick healing and patience.
- Allegra Bossenbroek as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. Pray for continued healing.

- Dave Mulder, cousin of Sue Buwalda, as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Sue Buwalda's sister Kristen as she has been affected by the wildfires in CA.

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
- 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**

**There will be no Sunday School or Catechism next Sunday, November 5.**

**Special Prayer Service for the Persecuted Church:** Our church will be recognizing the International Day of Prayer (IDOP) on November 5 with a special prayer service during our evening worship service. We have prayed for these Christians in the past but we often forget about the persecuted weeks, if not days later. During this service, we will watch difficult videos that will make a lasting impact on us and will spend time together in prayer and song. These videos might be considered PG-13 so parents should use their discretion. **If you feel called to do more for our brothers and sisters in Christ, be sure to attend this service!**

**Building & Grounds Meeting Wednesday, November 1st 6:30pm at church.**

**SWAT (Middle School Youth Group) will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on Wednesday, November 8th.** We are asking for help from you!! Our goal is to pack 100 shoeboxes that night; we would appreciate donations of items to place in the shoeboxes. Please check your church mailbox for a brochure to see the list of items that can be placed in the shoeboxes. We will have a table for donations in the narthex beginning on Sunday, October 22. Items can be brought in through Sunday, November 5th. If you would like to pack your own shoebox, feel free to leave it on the table as well and we will make sure it gets to the drop-off site. If you would like to donate money rather than items, please place it in Andy and Beth's mailbox. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Schlieve at 920-382-7917 or email: [andybethschlieve@hotmail.com](mailto:andybethschlieve@hotmail.com).

**CWC HS Drama:** The CWC high school play is right around the corner! Be sure to reserve your seats for this year's show *Hansel and Gretel* to be presented on November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The whole family will enjoy this highly entertaining classic. Tickets are on sale now through the Central Wisconsin Christian school office or at 324-4233.

**Salute to Veterans:** Celebrate the contributions to freedom of our veterans, as Central Wisconsin Christian hosts its annual 'Salute to Veterans' on Friday, November 10th at 2:00 PM in the Crusader Centre. All veterans in attendance will be individually recognized and honored for their service, as together we pause to remember that freedom isn't free!

**Men's Noon Bible Study:** In light of the 500-year anniversary of the Reformation, we be embarking on a seven lesson study on this topic by Stephen J. Nichols. We will be meeting from 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM on Wednesdays during the months of November and December at Mike's house. (Nov 1,8,15,22 and Dec 6,13,20) If you have any questions or want to join our group, be sure to contact Mike at 382-5559. We would love to have more guys join us!

## Calendar

### **Today:**

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 8:00 AM  | Church Wide Bible Study   |
| 9:30 AM  | AM Worship Service        |
| 10:45 AM | Sunday School & Catechism |
| 10:45 AM | Church Wide Bible Study   |
| 4:30 PM  | Church Wide Bible Study   |
| 6:00 PM  | Church Wide Bible Study   |

### **Monday:**

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| 6:00 PM | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health |
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### **Tuesday:**

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| 8:00 AM | Prayer Meeting                   |
| 9:00 AM | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place for Health |

### **Wednesday:**

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|----------|---|
| 9:00 AM  | Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC                             |
| 11:45 AM | Mens Bible Study @ Mike VB                            |
| 6:30 PM  | Building & Grounds Team Meeting @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC |
| 6:30 PM  | GEMS @ Bethel CRC                                     |
| 6:30 PM  | Cadets @ the Union                                    |
| 6:45 PM  | Church Wide Bible Study @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC         |
| 7:00 PM  | Youth Group @ the Union                               |

### **Next Sunday:**

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| 9:30 AM | AM Combined Worship Service @ CWC        |
| 6:00 PM | PM Worship Service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC |

## Next Week

**Accompanist**  
Cara Aylesworth

**Sound System**  
Pete Vander Werff

**Offering:** Local Budget

**Video Projection**

**October Cause:** World Renew

Lois Mulder



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth  
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### What Really Wiped Out the Dinosaurs?



For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. – Psalm 33:4

What caused dinosaurs to virtually disappear from the face of the Earth? Was it an asteroid, as scientists now tell us? According to Dr. Henry Gee, science writer for *Nature*, "Nobody will ever know what caused the extinction of the dinosaurs because we weren't there to watch it happen."

Nevertheless, this hasn't stopped scientists from acting as if they were eyewitnesses. In his book *In Search of Deep Time*, Dr. Gee includes a list of dinosaur extinction explanations that paleontologist Mike Benton culled from scientific literature. Here's a small sampling: Dinosaurs died out "because the climate became too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry, or a combination of the above; because their eggshells became too thin ... or too thick." Because of hay fever. Because of indigestion from eating flowering plants. And here's my favorite: "Because, having been the dominant life-forms for 150 million years, the dinosaurs just got bored."

Let me suggest another explanation. Since dinosaur fossils are found in sedimentary rock layers all over the world, it's plain to see that most dinosaurs perished in the worldwide flood of Noah's day. Many dinosaurs that were aboard Noah's ark probably died out soon after the flood because they could not adjust to the post-flood climate. Many others were hunted by humans who were now permitted to eat meat. But as we've shown on previous broadcasts, some dinosaurs survived and were seen well into the middle ages.

Ref: "Dinosaur demise," Evolutionists Say the Oddest Things, Lita Cosner, editor, p. 98 (Creation Book Publishers, 2015). Henry Gee, *In Search of Deep Time* (The Free Press, 1999). Photo: T-rex skeleton. (Pixabay).

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