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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 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

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 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

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 st CRC

Last Week's Offerings

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

Birthdays

	<u>Oct/Nov</u>		<u>Oct/Nov</u>
Gary DeJager	29	Kevin Buwalda	30
Kathy Kamphuis	30	Jan Scheuers	30
Katy Bille	31	Nancy Wierenga	31
Don Pausma	1	Keith Buwalda	2
Keith Venhuizen	3	Elise Ritzema	4

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.

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:	6:00 PM	1 st Place 4 Health
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	1 st Place for Health
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	11:45 AM	Mens Bible Study @ Mike VB
	6:30 PM	Building & Grounds Team Meeting @ 1 st CRC
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ the Union
	6:45 PM	Church Wide Bible Study @1 st CRC
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Combined Worship Service @ CWC
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC

Next Week

Accompanist
 Cara Aylesworth

Sound System
 Pete Vander Werff

Offering: Local Budget
October Cause: World Renew

Video Projection
 Lois Mulder

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

What Really Wiped Out the Donosaurs?



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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