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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**

***Songs of Praise:**

O Worship the King – R104 vs 1.2. & 5
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty- R210

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song: Not What my Hands Have Done –
G260

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Benevolent
Fund

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out
Worship**

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Proverbs 3:1-10 & 1 Peter 2:6-10

Sermon: Placing our Trust in the Lord

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Trust and Obey – R571
vs 1,3, & 5

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow – G638

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Greeters

Mitch & Becca Vree

Nursery

Andrea Buwalda
Michelle Mulder
Josie Venhuizen

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

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

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Missionary Letters

Pete M. to Daryl Pfantz
Jason M. to Neen+
Ben M. to Chaplain Peter

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

6:00 PM Dordt College Concert Band & Chamber Orchestra @ CWC

Worship Notes

This morning we welcome Dennis Overlein, the chaplain at the Christian Home, as he leads us in worship and brings God's Word to us.

Tonight, we join in worship with the Dordt College Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra. Come to CWC for an evening of worship through music.

Next Sunday morning we will join together for worship back at our church building. Our evening service will be a combined prayer service at Alto.

Next Sunday we turn to 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.

Verse of the Week: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

This week be in prayer for:

- Those living in areas without safety and security
- Us to be lights in our community
- Those who are new Christians
- Second CRC in Randolph

Give thanks to God for:

- The beauty of lightning
- Staying with us during the hard times
- Suffering for our sake

Council Report

- Discussed follow-up from their Retreat as it relates to creating authentic community at First CRC.
- Decided to disband the library. Books will be made available to the congregation at a later date, with remainder donated to Bargains Galore.
- Congregation is strongly encouraged to attend Christian Home meeting on March 16th.
- Accepted the membership transfer of Jessica Ten Pass from Sully (IA) CRC.
- Received report of Classis Wisconsin meeting held at Randolph I CRC on February 28th, including the Alto CRC

request to leave Classis Wisconsin and join Classis Minnkota for theological reasons.

- Elder and deacon nominees and alternates were selected.
- Discussed updated Barna research on the state of the Church in our current postmodern culture.
- Received and reviewed Council and team reports.

Upcoming Special Service

March 12	6:00 PM	Dordt College Concert Band @ CWC
March 19	7:00 PM	Prayer Day Service @ Alto CRC
March 26	9:30 AM	Preparatory
April 2	9:30 AM	Communion

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$5,805.00
Faith Promise	\$ 975.00
World Renew	\$ 10.00

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

Birthdays

	<u>March</u>		<u>March</u>
Randall Greenfield	12	Renae Venhuizen	12
Kase Buwalda	12	Emily Aalsma	17
Troy Aalsma	18		

Anniversaries

	<u>March</u>
Al & LeAnne Holden	12
Brian & Flora Bresser	16

We would like to thank everyone for the cards we received, the food that was brought in and the prayers that were offered in support of our family in the passing of Percy's mother, Margaret De Vries. A special thanks to Pastor Craig and Dennis Vande Berg for their visits. **Percy & Jan De Vries and family**

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



- **Dominique's** grandmother Jean Terpstra passed away on Monday morning February 27. The funeral is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 in Grand Rapids, MI.

- **Kim Root** as she heals from knee replacement surgery.

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

Church News

On March 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM a special meeting of the Members of the Christian Home and Rehabilitation Center ("The Christian Home") will be held at CWC Crusader Centre. Registration will start at 6:15 PM that evening. For details regarding the meeting please refer to the attachment that was emailed to members on February 23 or pick a copy up today. As a supporting church each members vote is encouraged.

In order to worship at church next week we are in need of lots of volunteers to help clean. We are looking for people to sign-up on Thursday evening the 16th from 5:30-8:30, Saturday the 18th from 8:00 - 11:30, or from 1:00-4:30. Volunteers will need to bring rags, pails, vacuums (if you can) and step stools. Sign-up sheets are on the table or talk to Heidi, Beth, or Kristi.

St. Ben's Project – Spring 2017: Take a moment to sign up today or next Sunday. We will be providing the evening meal on Friday, March 24. Thanks in advance for your continued support of this important project. Sign-up sheets will be on the table as you enter the gym.

There will be no Children and Worship TODAY.

The Dordt College Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band from Sioux Center, IA invite you to a joint worship service/concert on TODAY at 6:00PM at Central Wisconsin Christian School. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances in the Midwest as well as the east coast. Directed by Dr. Bradley Meidema, the ensemble will perform a wide variety of instrumental selections. The concert is free with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

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: cwcpcia@gmail.com.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The 3K - 5th grade students of Central Wisconsin Christian would like to invite you to their spring musical, "Blast Off!" by Celeste and David Clydesdale. We hope you will join us **March 17** as we explore God's beautiful creation. Launch time is **9:00 am** in Crusader Centre. Our second launch will be

at **6:30 pm**. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the cost of our trip through outer space.

Matthew 25:36 states "I was in prison and you came to visit me." While most of us might feel uncomfortable going into a prison Crossroads Prison Ministries formerly, **Crossroads Bible Institute** offers each of us an opportunity to witness to inmates. They are always in need of instructors to correct weekly Bible lessons and writing a letter of encouragement. **Please talk to Don or Linda Pausma if you would like to get involved in a rewarding ministry.**

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.**

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!

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ CWC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism Classes
	6:00 PM	Dordt College Concert Band & Chamber Orchestra @ CWC
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
	6:30 PM	Womens Bible Study @ Bonnie VB
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ the Union
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
	7:00 PM	Mens Bible Study @ Steve Smits
Thursday:	7:00 PM	Meeting for Christian Home and Rehab Center @ CWC Crusader Centre
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	7:00 PM	Combined Prayer Day Service @ Alto CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Helpers: Elizabeth Jonker
Zach Vander Werff

Greeters

Louie & Nancy Wierenga

Musical Praise

Michelle Mulder

Nursery

Kim Greenfield
Phylcia Bronkhorst
Reagan Aylesworth

Offering: Building Fund

March Cause: World Renew

Prayer

Ken Homan

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

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Ushers

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CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Eau de Whale Guts

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: – 2 Corinthians 2:15

As one perfume expert puts it, "It's beyond comprehension how beautiful it is. It's transformative. Its like an olfactory gemstone." The perfumer was describing ambergris, a waxy excretion found in the intestines of sperm whales. Since most countries have made it illegal to slaughter sperm whales, ambergris is very hard to come by. In fact, it is almost worth its weight in gold. As one beachcomber observed, "There aren't too many professions where you could go to work and stumble upon \$30,000 one morning."

Bloomberg Business writes, "To outsiders, it may seem like easy money – ambergris can wash ashore anywhere there are sperm whales." Ironically, many ambergris hunters don't even know which whale orifice it comes from. As neuroscientist Chris Kemp said, "Despite what most people think, it is not vomit. That's one of the biggest misnomers about ambergris. Unfortunately, it comes out the other end."

Sure enough, ambergris smells like perfumed cow dung. What makes ambergris so special is that it amplifies the other fragrances found in perfumes. As one perfumer noted, "It alters the quality of the existing notes and makes them bigger, deeper and more expansive than they can ever be on their own."

Unlike fragrant perfumes, sinful man has nothing within himself that smells good before a holy God. And if you amplify our natural scent, we only smell worse. But when Christ enters our lives, we give off the sweet-smelling aroma of Christ to others. Best of all, we smell good to God, too!

Ref: Eric Spitznagel, "Ambergris, Treasure of the Deep," Bloomberg Business, 1/12/12. Photo: Ambergris, photographed by Peter Kaminski. (CC BY 2.0)

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