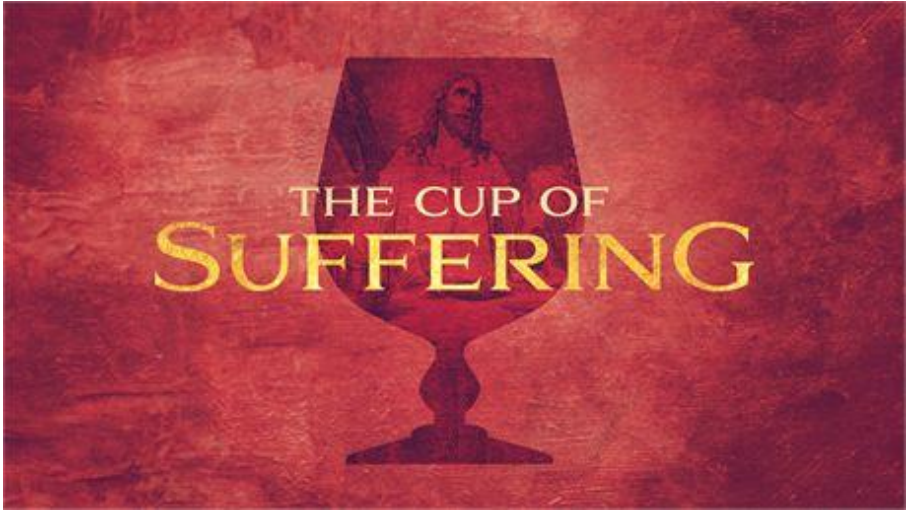


3/19/2017

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:** Led by Praise Team

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song: Lord I Need You

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Building Fund

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Luke 22:1-38, 47-48, 54-62

Sermon: With Friends Like This, Who Needs Enemies

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have you Offended – G386 vs 1-4

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** We Receive Your Blessing

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Laura Ten pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Helpers: Elizabeth Jonker
Zach Vander Werff

Greeters

Louie & Nancy Wierenga

Nursery

Kim Greenfield

Phylcia Bronkhorst

Reagan Aylesworth

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Morris Te Grootenhuis

(539-0438)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

LeAnn Holden

Missionary Letters

Bob M. to Daryl Pfantz

Debra M. to Neen

Jon M. to Chaplain Peter+

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

7:00 PM Prayer Service at Alto Reformed Church

Worship Notes

Tonight we will be joining with Bethel CRC, Alto CRC, and Alto Reformed for a night of prayer. Our worship service will be at **Alto Reformed Church starting at 7:00pm**. Join us in laying our praise and requests to God.

Next Sunday we look at Jesus last breath. How can it be that Jesus died? He was the one who came to save us. Even in His last breath we find Him drinking from the cup of suffering. This time He surrendered Himself into the hands of our Heavenly Father but this wasn't just a giving of Himself over to God the Father. It was also a giving up of life. He gave up His life, which, as all humans would do, He was clinging onto.

Verses of the Week: The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly. Luke 22:61-62

This week be in prayer for:

- The drug problem in Waupun
- Accountants working long hours during tax season
- Classical Home Missions Committee

Give thanks to God for:

- Silence in which we can hear Him
- Those who challenge our faith
- Our neighbors

Upcoming Special Service

March 19	7:00 PM	Prayer Day Service @ Alto CRC
March 26	9:30 AM	Preparatory
April 2	9:30 AM	Communion

Deacons Report

Fund	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus shortfall of 100% paid
Local Budget	\$173,441.09	\$176,932.00	-\$3,490.91
Denominational	\$15,329.75	\$48,329.75	-\$33,000.00
Classical	\$11,675.50	\$13,476.00	-\$1,800.50

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$5,646.00
Benevolent Fund	\$ 558.00
World Renew	\$ 20.00

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</u>		<u>March</u>
Breanna Smits	20	Karen Durant	21
Brandon Kitchner	21	Ben Homan	24
Andrew Hofman	24	Pastor Craig Van Hill	25

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>March</u>
Ben & Emily Mulder	24

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:



- 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 still in the hospital and not accepting visitors but every day her situation improves. Pray also for Howard as he sits at home.

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

Church News

St. Ben's Project – Spring 2017: This is the last week to sign-up, check out the sheets and see where you can help TODAY. Take a moment to sign up today or next Sunday. We will be providing the evening meal on Friday, March 24. Thank you 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 Mens Bible Study on Wednesday at 11:45 AM at Mike Vander Berg's and also at 7:00 PM at Steve Smits.

Your subs are almost here! Youth Group is making subs on Wednesday, March 22 at CWC. We are making over 1000 subs this year, so, parents, if you would like to help, we are starting right after school. Feel free to join in the fun! For everyone that supported us by ordering, **subs can be picked up at CWC after 5pm.** Otherwise, your subs will be delivered. Thanks again for your support of our youth group!

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.

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!

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.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism Classes
	7:00 PM	Combined Prayer Day Service @ Alto 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:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	11:45 AM	Mens Bible Study @ Mike Vander Berg
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ the Union
	7:00 PM	Mens Bible Study @ Steve Smits
Thursday:	9:00 AM – 8 PM	St. Ben's drop off
Friday:	7 -10:30 AM	St. Ben's drop off
	3:00 PM	Leave for St. Ben's
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service @ 1 st CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Offering: Local Budget

March Cause: World Renew

Children & Worship

Leader: Andrea Buwalda

Helpers: Josie Venhuizen
Gretchen Hoekstra

Prayer

Al Venhuizen

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Greeters

Gregg, Kristi & Mikayla Zonnefeld

Transportation

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Musical Praise

Toni Hofman

Ushers

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Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Nursery

Sue Buwalda

Becca Vree

Adam Venhuizen

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Virtual Reality – Blessing or Curse?



I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity. – Ecclesiastes 2:1 While visiting Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry about 20 years ago, a Creation Moments staff member stood in a long line, waiting to take his first look at what we now know as "virtual reality". Today you

can experience virtual reality – or VR for short – on your smartphone with a headset that can cost as little as ten dollars.

When you strap the glasses onto your head, your eyes are presented with two slightly different images, which your brain fuses into a single three-dimensional image. This is far beyond anything you experienced as a child, looking at 3D photos with that plastic toy. While wearing VR glasses, you can look up and down and all around you. You can skydive, go deep-sea diving and walk on the moon, all without leaving your home.

As exciting as virtual reality may sound, it is not without its risks. As futurist Ray Kurzweil predicts, "By the 2030s, virtual reality will be totally realistic and compelling, and we will spend most of our time in virtual environments.... We will all become virtual humans." This is truly escapism brought to a new level. With all of life's pain and problems, we can certainly understand why people like Kurzweil are eager to escape from reality. However, virtual reality – just like alcohol, drugs and over-indulging in sports or entertainment – ultimately fails to provide relief that lasts. Only Jesus can fulfill our deepest needs, both now and in eternity.

Ref: Monica Kim, "The Good and the Bad of Escaping to Virtual Reality," The Atlantic, 2/18/15.
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