

Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



Shepherd's Rod
or the
King's Scepter?

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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 can 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:**

When Morning Gilds the Skies – R215
Great is thy Faithfulness – R139 vs 1-3

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

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Preparatory

Song: Standing on the Promises – R410 vs 1,3 & 5

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings (Heartbeat International spokesperson during offering): Local

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Psalm 23 & Chronicles 17:1-15

Sermon: Shepherd King

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** The Wonder of it All – R738

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Closing:** Salvation Belong to Our God

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Pat Jonker

Helpers: Megan Greenfield
Jolie Schouten

Elder/Diacon Greeters

Don Pausma
Jon Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters

Brad, Rhonda, Josh, Jolie & Jenna Schouten

Nursery

Brad & Rhonda Schouten
Miranda Vander Berg

Sound System

Eric Homan

Transportation

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)
Jim Groenewold (210-8069)

Ushers

Jesse Buteyn
Glen Greenfield
Noah Mulder
Josh Schouten

Video Projection

Katie DeJager

Missionary Letters

Hollie T. to Daryl Pfantz+
Tyler T. to Neen
Jeanette T. 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 Elaine Homan

Prayers of the People led by Brian O'Donovan

We Study God's Word: Romans 6:1-14

***Song of Response:** Take My Life and Let it Be – R597 vs 1,2,3 & 5

***Affirmation of our Faith:** Lord's Day 32

Q & A 86

Q. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

A. **To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

Q&A 87

Q. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and impenitent ways?

A. **By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like is going to inherit the kingdom of God.**

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** Take My Life and Let it Be – R597 vs 6

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Next Sunday we rejoice in the baptism of Lucy Van Hill and we will celebrate Communion. As we do this we also look at David who succumbs to temptation and commits multiple sins during his reign as king. The Prophet Nathan is sent to tell David the consequences of what he's done.

Unlike his predecessor Saul, David repents as soon as his sin is pointed out. He goes on to forgive others and writes psalms of repentance. We are reminded of how God forgives us and so we are called to forgive others.

Next Sunday evening we are invited to join Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM for a combined Service.

Ascension Day service is Thursday, May 10 at 7PM. Alto CRC is hosting this joint service

Verse of the week: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Psalm 23:4

This week be in prayer for:

- Those who don't have access to clean water
- Joy
- Wisdom

Give thanks to God for:

- This day
- Those who serve you
- Your life

Upcoming Special Service

5/6/2018	9:30 AM	Preparatory
5/13/2018	9:30 AM	Communion
5/13/2018	7:00 PM	Combined PM Service @ Bethel CRC
5/27/2018	7:00 PM	Combined Memorial Day Service @ Bethel CRC

Deacons Report

At any time, you may donate to any cause by writing the cause in the "other" line or by writing it on the memo line of a check.

Electronic giving is now available. If you would like to get setup send an email to Jon Venhuizen at jvnhzn@gmail.com

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 donating to the maintenance and remodeling project, please label the envelope or check Capital Improvements. This will help the deacons. Thank you!

May cause: Youth Ministry Fund: This fund offers supplemental support for various groups from nursery age through youth group where there is a

need such as SWaT, Mission Trips, Camp Calvin, Winter Retreat, or any other youth ministry group. This fund is in need of support, please consider giving by placing your offering in the evening offering plate or designating it on the donation envelope or in the memo line on your check.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$4,301.00
Mission Backpack	\$ 0.00

Our Family

Thank you for the cards and visits that I received for my birthday and the death of my son, Frank. They were all greatly appreciated. **Winnie Kuiper**

We rejoice with the Van Hill family as they anticipate this Friday (May 11) and finalizing the adoption of their foster daughter, Lucy.

Thank you to all who helped through teaching, programs, singing, piano, etc. for this Sunday School and Catechism year. Everything you did was greatly appreciated. **Brian O'Donovan**

A meal train has been set up for Jeanette Tjepkema. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/y33r21> Thanks for your help.

Birthdays

	<u>May</u>		<u>May</u>
Dan Scheuers	6	Clarissa Roets	7
Seth Aylesworth	8	Joyce Haan	10
Cassidy Ritzema	11	Lori Kitchner	12

Anniversaries

	<u>May</u>
Andy & Beth Schlieve	11

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



- Kim Root as she heals from hip replacement surgery
- Ben & Alyssa Homan and Eden as she recovers from surgery.
- Laura Ten Pass as she goes through treatments for the spots that were found.
- Leanne Johnson as she waits for results from her treatments.
- Bob Decker who is experiencing health issues due to bleeding on the liver.
- Morris Te Grootenhuis as he struggles with cancer.
- Nina Te Beest as she recovers from stent placement and awaits surgery to replace a valve.

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

Church News

If your group is planning to use the church for any events please make sure that you have reserved it through the church secretary in advance. Thank you.

The Outreach Committee is looking for two people to organize our Care Ministry. This ministry helps set-up meals for those who are sick, have just had a baby, or may be going through a difficult time. This is a great way to show love in our church family. Please talk to Bonnie Vander Berg if you would be willing to help in this way!

First CRC will **reimburse half of the cost for students' Camp Calvin attendance** for this year. Please contact Keren for reimbursement.

The Christian Home & Rehabilitation Center is having its annual spring concert and benefit at 2 p.m. TODAY at the First Reformed Church, Waupun. The concert will feature the New Generation Singers, led by Laura Ten Pass; Jon Schmaltz, pianist; and The Pella Praise Band, featuring Vicki Bellville, Laura Cameron, Harvey Oosterhouse and Sherry Oosterhouse. A freewill offering will benefit the Christian Home & Rehabilitation Center's new chapel, as well as resident services and programs. The Christian Home & Rehabilitation Center, 331 Bly Street in Waupun, supports long-term skilled nursing care, rehabilitation services, memory care and assisted living apartments.

The **CWC Annual Awards Night/Art Show** is **Thursday, May 17** 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 18th**. 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!

The **CWC Honors Recital will be held Monday May 7** in the Cornerstone. We will begin at **7:00 pm**. This recital features those high school students who performed at the state solo and ensemble competition. If you would like to attend please RSVP by calling the school office at 324-4233.

VBS this year is June 25-28 the theme is Shipwrecked Rescued By Jesus. It will be held at Bethel CRC. The CD's are here, contact Dominique if you would like one. They are \$5.00. Sign-up will be coming soon.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting @ 1 st CRC
	9:00 AM	First Place for Health @ 1 st CRC
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel CRC
	2:30 PM	Mary Martha @ Prairie Ridge
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	7:00 PM	PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Offering: Local Budget

May Cause: Youth Ministry Fund

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder

Helpers: Aubryn DeJager
Kaytlin Smits

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Randall Greenfield

Nursery

Phylcia Bronkhorst

Annie Lemmenes

Kaytlin Smits

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Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Fast Food



Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. – Hebrews 4:16

Many fish are surprisingly fast when they're hunting for lunch. Which species do you think is the fastest-swimming fish in the ocean? Think you know the answer?

Some people say it's the sailfish. Sailfish have been clocked at a speed of 68 miles per hour while leaping. Others say black marlins hold the record. According to BBC Video, marlins are capable of swimming at speeds up to an incredible 80 miles per hour! But today's broadcast is about another fish that's been clocked doing 80.

I'm talking about the swordfish. Recently, scientists have discovered the secret behind the swordfish's incredible speed. For a long time, scientists have known that the swordfish's bill – or "sword" – is porous and rough. This reduces drag in the water. But now a scientist has discovered that swordfish have a gland – located where their "sword" attaches to their skull – and this gland secretes water-resistant oil which coats the swordfish's skin. According to Dr. John Videler, a biologist and professor at Groningen University in the Netherlands, the oil reduces drag in the water by 20 percent!

Until now, it was thought that the gland played a part in the fish's olfactory system. But these new findings make it more clear than ever that swordfish were designed and built for speed. Our Creator gave them powerful, streamlined bodies and everything else they need ... just as He has given us everything we need!

Ref: Mindy Weisberger, "Secret to Swordfish's Speedy Swimming Found," Live Science, 7/7/16. Photo: The swordfish that didn't get away. From NOAA Photo Library. (PD)

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