

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 Songs: Praise the Lord with the sound of Trumpet – G569 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – G486

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget

Song of Preparation: Sanctuary – R655

Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Acts 11:19-26

Sermon: BE AN ENCOURAGER

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above – G465

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: Benediction

*Postlude

Accompanist Lois Mulder

Children & Worship Leader: Pat Jonker Helpers: Miranda Vander Berg Arent Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee Michael & Danielle Jansma

Greeters Norm & Angela Buwalda

Nursery Kim Greenfield Andrea Buwalda Jolie Schouten

Sound System Seth Aylesworth

Transportation Jim Groenewold (520-0055) Morris Te Grootenhuis (539-0438)

Ushers Will Bronkhorst Ray Hofman Al Holden

Video Projection LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters Todd S. to Daryl Pfantz+ Breanna S. to Neen Steve S. to Chaplain Peter

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

7:00 PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC

Worship Notes

This morning we welcome Rev. John Bylsma as he leads us in worship.

Tonight we will join again with Bethel CRC for a combined service at 7:00 PM at Bethel CRC.

Pastor Craig will be on vacation until June 19. If any pastoral issues arise during that time please contact an elder.

Upcoming Special Service

June 18	9:30 AM	 Father's Day
	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
June 25	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
July 2	9:30 AM	Preparatory
	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
July 9	9:30 AM	Communion
	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC

The Council has released the following names for nomination of Elder and Deacon. Nominations for Elder: Steve Homan, Dale Jansen, Tom Jonker, Merlin Schouten, Dave Rens. Nominations for Deacon: Joe Bresser, Randall Greenfield, Tyler Jansen, Brian Van Herwaarden. **Congregational meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM.**

Last Week's Offerings

Our Family

Local Budget	\$2,4	454.00
Bible League International	\$	50.00

All loose offering will go toward Local Budget

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!

June cause: Bible League International—one of the world's largest Bible planting ministries. Working through local churches worldwide, this ministry trains and equips Christians to use the Bible to lead others into a relationship with Jesus Christ, disciple new believers, and establish new churches.

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>June</u>		<u>June</u>
Hadley Lemmenes	19	Joe Bresser	21
Nancy Vande Berg	21	Heidi Smits	22
Josie Stahmann	23	Juliette Mulder	24
Arent Venhuizen	24		

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>June</u>
Dan & Jan Scheuers	19
Ken & Gardie Ten Pas	19
Tom & Pat Jonker	20
Jim & Lois Groenewold	21
Keith & Sue Buwalda	23

Celebrate with us the marriages of Troy Aalsma to Taylor Sweetman and Breanna Smits to Drew Buiter. Help us bless them as they start this journey together by placing donated household goods in the boxes in the narthex. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think up would show these couples that they are loved.

Visitation for Steve Greenfield, son of Glen & Sandy, will be Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 1 to 4:30 at the Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 E. Division St. Fond du Lac. A Memorial Service will be at 4:30 followed by Military Rites conducted by WAUPUN AMERICAN LEGION POST 210. A complete obituary with picture is posted on bulletin board in basement.

Morris and Bea Te Grootenhuis have a new address:

300 Edgewood Drive, Waupun, WI.

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



- Ryer Greenfield will be having a sinus surgery and ear tubes on Wednesday, June 21. Pray for calm and quick healing.
- Arky Navis as he anticipates lumbar surgery in August.
- Carlie Jansen as she recovers from surgery.
- Nina Te Beest as she recovers from bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Dave Mulder, cousin of Sue Buwalda, as he undergoes treatment for cancer

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
- Jeanette Tjepkema
- Howard Loomans
- 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

Boxes are ready to be filled with items needed for the Community Bag Lunch Program. Please consider helping with this need in our community. We will be serving the week of July 3. Peanut butter, jelly, cases of water, ziploc sandwich and snack size bags, paper lunch bags, butter (place in kitchen fridge, lunch meat (place in kitchen fridge), apples (can be placed in the kitchen), individual size chip bags, and cookies are the items that are needed. If you would like to give a cash donation to cover bread, fruit or items that do not get donated please contact Kristi Zonnefeld. A sign of sheet has been placed on the message center located in the basement for helpers and servers.

VBS will be on June 26-June 29 starting at 9 am until 11:30 am. Join us this year as we learn about the Maker Fun Factory: A world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. This is for those entering 4k thru 5th. We reallillilly need adult help yet. Register at church in the foyer or online at out church website.

Jennie Afman Dimkoff, an international speaker, has a heart for God and a passion to win others to Christ. She will be the featured speaker at a retreat hosted by Bible League International Volunteers on September 19, 2017 at the First Reformed Church in Waupun, WI. You do not need to be a **member of Bible League International Volunteers** to come and enjoy this retreat. It is a unique experience open to anyone looking for a great spiritual experience. Everyone is encouraged to come for the day. Be sure to come to hear the mini-concert during the day with New Generations, an auditioned group of high school students from Central Wisconsin Christian School. Invite a friend and make plans now! Check a brochure/poster for more information of talk to your Key Contact, Arlene De Jager @ 920-344-1674.

With the recent renovation and shuffling of things around our building, **there is an upright piano available.** It is located in the upstairs classroom along the north wall. If you are interested, **talk to Brian Bresser**.

Upcoming Coffee Chats - Voice of the Martyrs: Our church council would like to put on a series of short, educational sessions on Sunday mornings called Coffee Chats. These chats will begin and 8:45 AM in our church basement and will last 15-30 minutes long. The goal is to educate our members in various topics of interest. Our first set of coffee chats will center around the topic of Persecuted Christians. Our schedule for these Coffee Chats is:

- July 16: Persecuted Christians Faithfulness
- August 13: Persecuted Christians Perseverance

If you would like to attend and need nursery services, please send an email to Mike at mike@dis-solutions.com. Please join us for one, two or all three of these sessions!

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
	7:00 PM	Combined PM Worship Service @
		Bethel CRC
Monday:	6:00 PM	Friendship Bible Study Summer Picnic
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ 1st CRC
-	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
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<u>Next Week</u>

Accompanist Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship Leader: Mackenzie Mulder Helpers: Cassidy Ritzema Aubryn De Jager

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters Keith & Sue Buwalda

Musical Praise

Ben Homan

Nursery

Michelle Mulder Phylicia Bronkhorst Josie Venhuizen Prayer

Ken Homan

Offering: Local Budget **June Cause:** Bible League International

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Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Don Pausma	Jon Venhuizen
2	Denny Vande Berg	
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Scott Ritzema	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Mike Vander Berg	Brad Schouten
7	Gregg Zonnefeld	Dave Venhuizen
8	Al Venhuizen	Brian O'Donovan



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Ota Benga: Man or Monkey?



If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. – John 12:26

In his review of Dennis Sewell's book The Political Gene, creation scientist and author Dr. Jerry Bergman mentions one of the most deplorable events in evolutionary history – the story of Ota Benga. This pygmy from the Congo attracted a

great deal of attention while he was put on display at the Bronx Zoo. He eventually ended his life by firing a bullet into his heart in 1916.

Ota Benga and an orangutan of similar height were placed inside a locked cage. Quite naturally, the display had people asking if Ota Benga was a monkey or a man. The zookeeper answered that he was a transitional form between man and monkey – the missing link. Sewell's book points out that evolutionists defended the display by noting that evolution is taught in the school textbooks and is "no more debatable than the multiplication table."

African American clergymen complained to zoo officials about the exhibit, saying, "The Darwinian theory is absolutely opposed to Christianity, and a public demonstration in its favor should not be permitted." But the New York Times disagreed, saying: "We do not quite understand all the emotion which others are expressing in the matter. It is absurd to ... moan over the imagined humiliation and degradation Benga is suffering. The pygmies ... are very low in the human scale..."

The tragic story of Ota Benga clearly reveals the stark contrast between those who follow Christ and those who follow Darwin. Whose side are you on?

Ref: Dr. Jerry Bergman, "Darwin is the universal acid that affects everything," Journal of Creation, Vol. 25(1), 2011, pp. 19-21. Photo: Promotional photo of Ota Benga on display at the Bronx Zoo in 1906. Ten years later he committed suicide at the age of 32. (PD)

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Nigeria

In a country where tribal living still exists, whole Christian villages have been burned down and destroyed by Muslim radicals. Nigerian Christians not only worry about lack of food, education, and resources, but they are also under significant pressure to convert to Islam or be killed.

The Church in Nigeria desperately needs our prayers. A strong movement pushes to Islamicise the country, and Christians

are consistently under attack by fundamentalists. Churches are burned, villages are attacked, and Christians are brutally murdered.

Attacks recently occurred at a high school in Sumaila town in Kano State.

"Some Muslims said we were blaspheming Mohammad. When they started to attack, most of us ran for our lives. I was hiding in the principal's office. I escaped out a window, but they caught us," said Ahmadu Inuwa.

"They used machetes, knives and stones. They cut me on my neck badly. Even though I was bleeding, I kept running



Facts

- Shari'a law govern 12 states in Nigeria. Shari'a law is the most strict, oppressive, and dangerous of governments.
- The life expectancy for people living in Nigeria is only 47 years old. The average life expectancy for the worlds is 66 years old.
- Nigeria is the 9th most populated country in the world with over 13 million inhabitants.
- There is a continuous effort to force Christian to practice Sharia law in many Nigerian states.

until I found refuge in a nearby village and collapsed," he shared.

Christian children in all of the government schools in Kano State are afraid of what might happen to them while attending school. They are unable to concentrate in class.

Many parents fear for the safety of their children at school

Please visit <u>www.OpenDoorsUSA.org</u> to receive the Weekly Prayer Alert e-mail for the persecuted Church.