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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](http://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](http://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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

**9:30 AM Worship Service**  
**(\*Please stand if you are able)**

**We Gather In Worship**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Praise:** Led by Praise Team

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

**We Are Renewed in God's Grace**

**Profession of Faith:** Shirley Otto

**Song:** I Have Decided – R602 vs 1-3

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offertory and Our Offerings:** Local Budget

**Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship**

**God Speaks through His Word**

**\*Scripture:** Matthew 5:8

**Sermon:** For the Pure in Heart

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Song of Response:** Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart – R169 vs 1-4

**We Leave to Serve God**

**\*God's Parting Blessing**

**\*Closing:** Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart – R169 vs 5

**\*Postlude**

**Accompanist**

Laura Ten Pass

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Andrea Buwalda

**Helpers:** Cassidy Ritzema  
Marissa Jansma

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Scott Ritzema  
Eric Homan

**Fellowship Coffee**

Denny & Nancy Vande Berg

**Greeters**

Glen & Sandy Greenfield

**Nursery**

Ben & Emily Mulder  
Kaytlin Smits

**Sound System**

Seth Aylesworth

**Transportation**

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

**Ushers**

Gene Hofman  
Brandon Kitchner  
Dan Montsma  
Harm Venhuizen

**Video Projection**

Lois Mulder

**Missionary Letters**

Lucas VB. to Daryl Pfantz  
Mike VB. to Neen+  
Sam VG. 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** Toni Hofman

**Prayer by** Gregg Zonnefeld

**We Study God's Word:** Isaiah 53:1-6 – Lord's 15

**\*Song of Response:** All the Way My Savior Leads Me R680

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Song:** Doxology - R814

**\*Postlude**

**Worship Notes**

**This morning** we will join in celebrating Shirley Otto's profession of faith. May we continue to be a supportive family, growing together.

**Next Sunday** Pastor Craig will gone for the Inspire 2017 Conference ([inspire.crcna.org](http://inspire.crcna.org)). So, Matt Hofman will be leading our worship in the morning and Al Venhuizen will be leading worship in the evening.

**Verse of the Week:** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."  
Matthew 5:8

**This week be in prayer for:**

- Refugees around the world
- Pure hearts
- Kenosha CRC
- The Back to God Ministries International

**Give thanks to God for:**

- His never-ending blessings
- Electricity
- The beauty of language

**Upcoming Special Service**

July 30	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
August 6	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
August 13	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
August 20	7:00 PM	Combined Service @ Bethel CRC
August 27	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
September 3	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC

## Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget                      \$3,918.00  
Gideons                              \$ 310.00

**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!

**July cause: Gideons International.** Founded in 1899, they have 290,000 members—and an untold number of supporters—in more than 190 countries across the globe who make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word

## Our Family

### Birthdays

	<u>July/Aug</u>		<u>July/Aug</u>
Charlie Kitchner	30	Carlie Jansen	1
Becca Vree	3	Phil Hofman	4
Pete Vander Werff	4		

### Anniversaries

	<u>July/Aug</u>
Bill & Ann Hoekstra	30
Geoff & Emily Aalsma	1
Jon & Kim Venhuizen	2
Dale & Jean Jansen	3
Steve & Heidi Smits	4
Brian & Laura Ten Pass	4

The congregation is invited to witness **the marriage ceremony of Breanna Smits and Drew Buiter** on Saturday, August 5, 2017 @ 3:00 pm.

John Ten Pass is doing well at this time. Kyle and Gina thank the congregation for their prayers

**Please highlight the Bible** in the narthex with your favorite passage for Shirley Otto. She will be making public profession of faith **TODAY** and will receive this as a gift. Thank you!



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

- Laura Ten Pass and family as they celebrate the great news this past week. She was told

that there is no evidence of disease (NED). God is good...

- Brandon Kitchner as he heals from foot surgery and anticipates surgery on the other foot.
- Danielle Jansma as she continues to recover.
- Arky Navis as he anticipates surgery on his back.
- Carlie Jansen as she continues to recover.
- Nina Te Beest as she recovers.
- 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
- 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.

**There are sheets for updating the directory out in the narthex, (Today is the last day).** Please review your name, address, email and phone and update with any additions or corrections. Please mark ok if everything is correct so that we know. These will be up until the end of July with new directories coming out hopefully in August. Thank you

## **Church News**

**We have a church pew** that has been in storage since the sanctuary was redone that we are **giving away**. If anyone is interested, please contact Brian Bresser.

**Youth for Christ is selling Colorado peaches** again this year! The pre-order deadline is August 11. Please see the flyer in the narthex or on the information center in the basement for more details. You may order ahead by going to [badgerlandyfc.org/peach\\_sale](http://badgerlandyfc.org/peach_sale) or there will be extra available for sale out of the truck on August 16-18 or until sold out. Times for pick up can be found on the flyer. There are extra flyers available on the shelf in the basement.

Central Wisconsin Christian and friends are pleased to partner with the Alto Fair to bring the hit group **Anthem Lights** to the fair on Thursday, August 10th. Come and join us with the entire family for this free concert, featuring

contemporary mashups, contemporary hymn arrangements, and everything in between. We'll see you at the Fair, and take a friend!!

**Sharing moving stories in uplifting presentations that give hope, encouragement, and insight, Jennie Afman Dimkoff will be our featured speaker at a retreat on September 19** at the First Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin. Invite some friends, and send in your registrations today to the retreat hosted by Bible League International Volunteers. The deadline for registering for the retreat is September 11. The day will include a wonderful mini-concert by New Generations. Kathleen Beekman will lead us in worship throughout the day. See a brochure/poster for more information or talk to your Key Contact, Arlene De Jager @ 920-344-1674.

**FREE** -- That's right you can get a free meal. You are invited to ReNew (formerly the Leadership Conference). Here you will not only get a free meal but also join in learning about how we, as the church, can grow together. With topics like finances, ministering to and with millennials, and encouraging spiritual questions you will find something to challenge you, encourage you, and give you information to make the church stronger. Sign up today at [www.marshviewministries.org](http://www.marshviewministries.org) for the August 27 event.

**Please put Wednesday, August 30 on your calendar!** We are going to have a special night of support for OH4F (Open Hands 4 The Fatherless) at the Rock River Country Club. The night will begin at 6pm with a complimentary delicious dinner followed by an informative presentation on the amazing work accomplished by OH4F and information on how you can support their Christian School in Haiti. **Please fill out an RSVP at [www.oh4f.org/support-us/meal-rsvp.cfm](http://www.oh4f.org/support-us/meal-rsvp.cfm) or call Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg at 324.0801.** (This night is intended for adults only.)

The Church Women United of the Waupun Area are collecting **school supplies for those in need**. There is a collection container in the narthex to place items needed. A list of items needed was in your mailboxes last week. **The last collection date will be TODAY.** Monetary donations may be given or supplies may be donated in the collection box. Donation checks should be made out to Church Women United of the Waupun Area and can be given to Gladys.

The annual service for Zion Congregational Church, (Old Stone Church), will be held on Sunday August 13, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The church is located one mile north of Alto @ N4042 Amity Road. The guest Pastor will be Rev. Warren Lammers, the guest vocalists will be Ken & Kathleen Beekman and the guest organist will be Joyce Respalje. A freewill offering will be taken, to be used for up keep of the church and the adjoining cemetery. Following the service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments, and following that the annual meeting of the Oak Mound Cemetery Association. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting.

## Calendar

**Today:** 9:30 AM AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM PM Worship Service @ 1<sup>st</sup> CRC

**Tuesday:** 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting

**Saturday:** 3:00 PM Breanna Smits & Drew Buiters Wedding

**Next Sunday:** 9:30 AM AM Worship Service @ 1<sup>st</sup> CRC  
6:00 PM PM Worship Service @ 1<sup>st</sup> CRC

## Next Week

### **Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

### **Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Emily Mulder

**Helpers:** Mikayla Zonnefeld  
Kaytlin Smits

### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Norm Buwalda

Ben Mulder

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Al & LeAnne Holden

### **Greeters**

Harold & Carol Greenfield

### **Musical Praise**

Ben Homan

### **Nursery**

Jen Ritzema

Marilyn Mulder

Miranda VandeBerg

**Offering:** Local Budget

**August Cause:** ELIM

### **Prayer**

Al Venhuizen

### **Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

### **Transportation**

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

### **Ushers**

Keith Buwalda

Noah Mulder

Josh Schouten

### **Video Projection**

LeAnne Holden

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Don Pausma	Jon Venhuizen
2	Merle Schouten	Joe Bresser
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Scott Ritzema	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Tom Jonker	Randall Greenfield
7	Steve Homan	
8	Al Venhuizen	Brian O'Donovan

# CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth  
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

## Night of the Living Zombie Ant!



So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. – Romans 7:25b

Zombies are all the rage today in movies and television series. On today's broadcast, however, we will be looking at a real-life zombie, produced not by Hollywood but by a fungus. The *Ophiocordyceps* fungus literally turns carpenter ants into zombie slaves.

By chemically manipulating the ant's brain, the fungus causes the ant to leave the colony's comfortable nest in the tree canopy and move to the underbrush closer to the ground. Penn State entomologist David Hughes explains that "infected ants behave as zombies and display ... behaviors of random rather than directional walking." By walking in such an erratic manner, the fungus prevents the ant from climbing back to the canopy.

According to writer Chad Meeks, "the fungus keeps the ant wandering about 10 inches above the forest floor – and then, right at solar noon, the ant bites as hard as it can into a leaf" – something these ants would never dream of doing. "Then the ant locks its jaw and dies there." Two or three days later, "a stalk erupts from the dead ant's head. It soon begins shooting out new fungal spores, which will be picked up by more carpenter ants. And the cycle begins again."

The sin nature that corrupts and controls us comes not from a fungus but from the first Adam. Thankfully, though, the last Adam – Jesus Christ – died on the cross to free us from the control and the curse of sin.

Ref: "I Want to Be a Zombie Ant," Chad Meeks, adjunct professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. *The Behemoth*, published by the editors of Christianity Today, 11/12/15. Photo: Zombie ant fungus. Courtesy of David Hughes and Penn State. Flickr. (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0)

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