# **First Christian Reformed Church**



#### All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday Phone: 920-324-2898 email: <u>waupuncrc@gmail.com</u> Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342

#### Last Week's Offerings General Fund: \$4,765

May's Cause is CWC Debt Reduction

While we are unable to worship together, please remember that most of our **financial needs continue**. The deacons ask that you use one of the following methods to ensure that your gifts are still received in a timely manner:

- Mail in your gifts to church PO Box 32, Waupun, WI 53963
- Use your bank's online bill-paying utility
- Use church's online giving software (if you're not already signed up, contact Randall Greenfield to do so)

**NOTE:** There are no church office hours during this time, but please feel free to call Allegra (318-1265) or Lois (318-1723) if you need something or have a question. Thanks.

Our Family			
May Birthdays			
Dylan Vander Berg	18	Lois Groenewold	21
Arlene DeJager	19	Marilyn Mulder	22
Geoffrey Aalsma	20	Gardie Ten Pas	23

#### May Anniversaries

Dave & Gloria Rens21Eric & Stacy Schaver21

If you or a child of yours is graduating from any type of educational program, please send a picture and any plans to <u>waupuncrc@gmail.com</u>. Thanks.

#### As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Janet Ver Hage as she is on a new trial drug.
- Carlie Jansen, as she recovers from surgery.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he is receiving treatment for lung cancer.
- Carol Navis, that she continues to do well.
- Karen Aalsma, as she is receiving treatment for cancer.
- Kathy Kamphuis, as she recovers from surgery.

We ask for your prayers today for Ann Hoekstra. Ann has not been feeling well, and she currently has problems with her liver and her blood levels. In the past week she has needed two transfusions. We ask that you pray for an accurate diagnosis for Ann and for healing. In addition, we ask that you pray for encouragement for Ann and Bill and their family.

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."

Wilma Navis

The **Search Team** has been very busy the past several weeks studying potential pastor profiles and listening to sermons. We identified three top candidates and had the opportunity to interview them via Zoom within the past week. We are now working through next steps. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us to the pastor of His choosing. As always, if you know of anyone that you would like for consideration, please inform a Search Team member.

We extend our sympathy to Pete Montsma in the death of his sister Theresa Vegter on Tuesday, May 12. As we note this, we remember that Pete is also grieving the recent death of another sister, Edna Kelder. We ask for your prayers for Pete in this difficult time.

Jeanette Tjepkema

Church Directory Update: New phone number for Carol Navis: 210-9989.

On Friday morning, May 15, Andy and Beth Schlieve will have their final court date for the finalization of the adoption of Kason Andrew Schlieve. The court date will be done virtually and should be completed by 11:00 Friday morning. Andy and Beth are inviting friends and the church community to drive by their home, 407 Doty St., at or after 11:00 AM on Friday, May 15, and honk your horn as a way of celebrating with them. We congratulate Andy and Beth and invite you to participate in this celebration.

#### Church News

We have been able to convert the video of the Sunday services to an audio file and CD. If you would like to receive a CD of the services during this time of social distancing, please contact Allegra at 318-1265.

I thank God for you! We would like to thank you for caring enough to send a card to see if we were ok. To Mike & Bonnie and the rest of the church, God bless and may you continue to grow in our Lord Jesus Christ. Bob & Kathleen Smits, neighbors at 7 Hillyer St.

The Summer Bag Lunch Program is still looking for volunteers for the weeks of July 6-9 and July 13-16. If you are interested in coordinating this for our church, please let Allegra or Lois know.

We are looking to hire a part-time **Worship Coordinator/Leader**. You can see the position description on our website at

<u>http://www.waupuncrc.com/editoruploads/files/Worship\_Leader\_Job\_Description.pdf</u>. If you are interested, please contact Steve Homan.

Group	<u>Elder</u>	Deacon	
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Jon Mulder (2021)	
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)	
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)		
4	Gary De Jager (2021)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)	
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)	
6	Tom Jonker (2020)	Randall Greenfield (2020)	
7	Steve Homan (2020)		
8	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)	



Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### Is Your Doctor an Old Crab?



But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen [do]: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. (Matthew 6:7-8)

Plants make cellulose. Cellulose is a type of natural plastic made of many sugar molecules linked together. Scientists have known for years how to use the natural plastic qualities of cellulose to make things like cellophane and rayon.

Scientists have also known that animals generate a similar natural plastic called chitin. Like cellulose, chitin is a carbohydrate made of long chains of sugar molecules. Chitin is found in the shells of all insects and crustaceans, like crabs. Each year the crabmeat industry had thrown away thousands of tons of chitin because scientists couldn't figure out how to extract chitin from the shells in a usable form.

Finally in 1975 scientists discovered how to remove the chitin from shells and change its form so it could be made into whatever forms they needed. Suture thread made from chitin dissolves in the body. This means that stitches don't have to be removed, and it can be more easily knotted than regular suture thread. Suture thread made from chitin also causes no allergic reaction, and it seems to promote healing. It's hard to believe that a crab shell, which is usually thrown away, could do so much!

Almost everything in the creation seems to have numerous uses for human needs. This is testimony that the Creator has made this universe for us and that He cares about our needs. In the Bible we learn that He has provided for our greatest need through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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