

1/21/2024

# First Christian Reformed Church



**We welcome our guests** and hope that you will be blessed by worshipping the Lord together with us today. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join us here at First CRC! You will find a guest card in your pew. Please fill one out and place it in the offering bag during the service so we can reach out to you. If you would like further information about our church, please visit us at [www.waupuncrc.com](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)). Pastor Greg Schuringa would be happy to connect with you after the service or during the week as well: [pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com](mailto:pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com).

**Large-print bulletins** and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher.

You can watch our services live on YouTube (First CRC Waupun) and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is [www.waupuncrc.com](http://www.waupuncrc.com)

**Our Core Values:** We show Christ's love through continual learning and discipleship, compassionate fellowship, dynamic public worship, and impactful service and outreach.



**Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM**

**All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday**

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**PO Box 32, Waupun**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Glory to God Forever" "Goodness of God"  
"He Knows My Name" "Above All"

Profession of Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God, Article 44

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Heartbeat International

*Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship*

Song of Worship: "You Are My Hiding Place" R700

\*Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Message: "2 Corinthians #18—Every Rose Has Its Thorn"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Lead Me, Guide Me" G544

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "To God Be the Glory" G473:1

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Nikki Durni (acoustic guitar and vocals); Kim Greenfield, Heidi Smits, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Beth Schlieve, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

- Children's Worship: Kim Greenfield, Kolten Buwalda, Levi Holbach
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda, Olivia Vander Werff
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Ben Mulder

**Missionary Letters**

R DeMaa to Neen

P De Vries to Chaplain Pete\*

\*Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

## Giving to First CRC

If you feel led to give to our church's ministry, please place your donation in the offering bags passed by the deacons during the service. All loose cash offerings will go to the Faith Promise Fund the first Sunday and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (Heartbeat International for January), while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will go to the designated funds. On-line giving is also available, just scan the QR code here. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.



## Council Notes—January 17

- The following Council Delegates for the upcoming Classis Wisconsin meeting on Saturday, February 17, were approved: Pastor Greg, Elder: Ray Hofman, Deacon: Mike Hoffman.
- At the March Council meeting the Council is planning on starting the Elder-Deacon Nomination process for next church year.
- The Deacons added Evan Tinklenberg to our Faith Promise Missionaries. Evan recently started serving at Geneva Campus CRC in Madison as a chaplain at UW-Madison. Evan and Geneva Campus reached out to the churches of Classis Wisconsin to partner with them in Evan's work with students there. Evan has plans to seek ordination to become a pastor.
- The Deacons reviewed our most recent financial statement and we all praised God for generous giving from the congregation, noting especially the amount of funds received so far for the big parking lot project coming up.
- Going through our list of Committees, a number of planned events for the community were highlighted by the Outreach Committee, including connecting with the first annual Waupun Ice Fest in February, the Paint Party also in February, the June Car Wash and Brat Fry, and the August Neighborhood Block Party.
- Scott Ritzema, who leads our public profession of faith class, came to Council to discuss the class, and a productive discussion followed.

## Our Family

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- **Judy Groen**, hip replacement surgery recovery.
- **Jim Groenewold**, Christian Homestead move.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, continued health challenges.
- **Louis Wierenga**, open-heart surgery recovery.

## Church News

### Upcoming Worship Highlights

- February 11—Lord's Supper in Worship.

**Public Profession of Faith.** If you have interest in making public profession of your faith, please reach out to Scott Ritzema in the near future to talk about next steps and what that might look like. Scott's class, through discussion of chapters in a book about our Reformed, Christian faith (called *Quest of Faith*), will help you grow in your faith, learn more about it, and be able to apply it to your life. This class will likely start soon, so please reach out now if you have interest!

**Our church is once again partnering with the Dodge County Pregnancy Support Center** in their annual Baby Bottle fundraiser. Please bring your bottles back or give your donations to Mike or Bonnie Vander Berg by Sunday, Jan. 28. All checks should be made out to First CRC.

**Prayer Opportunity!** The Wisconsin Inmate Education Association, which sponsors and supports the college degree program (offering a B.A. in Biblical Studies and a minor Psychology) in the Fox Lake Correctional Institution has a goal to bathe the program, its teachers, staff and students with prayer every day of 2024. First CRC wants to be part of this prayer opportunity as a church that supports WIEA and with Sarah Schuringa serving as part-time Program Assistant in the program. Please consider committing to a day from February 5–11. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for you to register for this special prayer opportunity. Thank you!!

**Do you enjoy taking pictures?** Are you a photographer at heart? We are looking for someone to take pictures for the church website. If this sounds like something you may be interested in, please talk to Lois Mulder or Mike Vander Berg.

**Our church and Outreach Committee** will be involved with **Waupun Ice Fest** on Saturday, February 17 (10-4). We will be located at Main Street Bistro and Bakery (5 West Main Street) with an ice sculpture in front of it. We will be there (along with other ministries) providing you with bite-sized treats, a hot chocolate bar, and a great place to warm up inside. We hope to see you there!

**The Outreach Committee** would appreciate some assistance in baking Peanut Butter Temptations to hand out on Saturday, February 17. Please sign up in the foyer to make some treats to share with the community. I will have sheets with the recipe on as well. Treats can be made ahead of time and frozen or freshly baked that week. We will have the church kitchen open

on Feb. 15 and Feb. 16 for delivery of baked goods. Thanks for your consideration! Contact Bonnie Vander Berg if you have any questions.

## **Community News**

**Register for the ONE Waupun Men’s Conference today!** Our theme this year is “Living in the Deep End of the Pool of Grace” and will feature messages from John Lynch, speaker & author from Phoenix, AZ, and Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff & Dean of Chapel at Dordt University from Sioux Center, IA. Mitchell Olthoff from Edgewood Community Church will lead us in praise and worship. Between praise & worship, fellowship and small group discussion, your spirit will be renewed and refreshed. This free conference will take place on Saturday, March 2, from 8:30–3:30. Register early at [www.onewaupun.com](http://www.onewaupun.com) and receive a free book authored by John Lynch.

**TODAY at 2:30 there is A Prayer Service for the Unborn** at the Holy Family Church, 271 Fourth St Way, Fond du Lac. Support the pro-life movement as we join together in prayer. Sponsored by the Fond du Lac Chapter Wisconsin Right to Life.

There is a fundraiser for the **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County** at the Pizza Ranch in Beaver Dam (1520 N Spring St) on Monday, Feb. 5, from 4-8 PM.

**Trophies of Grace Sportsmen’s Dinner.** You’re invited to the Rock Golf Club in Waupun on Saturday, March 2, 4-7:30 PM for the Trophies of Grace Sportsmen’s Dinner featuring speaker Chris Wells. Chris is an avid outdoorsman and is a self-proclaimed “America’s Bass Pro Wannabee.” He combines a blend of humor, passion, and integrity to convey his concern for people in their faith journey. The evening will include a whitetail display, dinner, and door prizes. Ticket cost is \$50 (includes dinner & door prizes). Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trophies-of-grace-sportsmens-dinner-tickets-794938160437>. Questions or interest in sponsoring this event contact [trophiesofgraceinfo@gmail.com](mailto:trophiesofgraceinfo@gmail.com)

## **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study in the Upper Room
	6:30 PM	Men’s Bible Study in the Lower Level
	6:30 PM	GEMS Counselor Meeting
	7:00 PM	Youth Group at Bethel CRC

**Sunday:**            8:30 AM    11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Catechism  
                           9:30 AM    Worship Service  
                           10:45 AM   Sunday School/Catechism

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

**Livestream**

Gregg Zonnefeld

**Coffee**

Steve and Heidi Smits

**PPT**

Ryer Greenfield

**Children's Worship**

Lyn Mulder, Cassidy Ritzema, Tirzah Ritzema

**Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

**Nursery**

Mackenzie Mulder, Casey Homan, Elliana Mulder

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Ushers**

Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

**Glory To God Forever**

**Verses 1:** Before the world was made - Before You spoke it to be  
 You were the King of kings - Yeah You were yeah You were  
 And now You're reigning still - Enthroned above all things  
 Angels and saints cry out - We join them as we sing

**Chorus:** (We sing) Glory to God - Glory to God - Glory to God forever  
 Glory to God - Glory to God - Glory to God forever (Yeah)

**Verses 2:** Creator God You gave me breath - So I could praise  
 Your great and matchless name - All my days all my days  
 So let my whole life be - A blazing offering  
 A life that shouts and sings - The greatness of our King

**Bridge:** Take my life and let it be - All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours - Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory - Take my life and let it be Yours

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## Goodness Of God

**Verse 1:** I love You Lord - Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days - I've been held in Your hands - From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head - I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus:** All my life You have been faithful - All my life You have been so so  
good - With every breath that I am able - I will sing of the goodness of God

**Verse 2:** I love Your voice - You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night - You are close like no other - I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend - I have lived in the goodness of God

**Bridge:** Your goodness is running after - It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after - It's running after me  
With my life laid down - I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything - Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

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## He Knows My Name

**Verse 1:** I have a Maker - He formed my heart  
Before even time began - My life was in His hand

**Chorus:** He knows my name - He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls - And hears me when I call

**Verse 2:** I have a Father - He calls me His own  
He'll never leave me - No matter where I go

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## **Above All**

**Verse 1:** Above all powers above all kings - Above all nature and all created things - Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began

**Verse 2:** Above all kingdoms above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known - Above all wealth and treasures of the earth - There's no way to measure what You're worth

**Chorus:** Crucified laid behind the stone - You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground - You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all

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# **3rd Annual Women's Retreat**

Emmanuel Waupun



**February 2nd & 3rd**

**Friday 6:30-9 PM**

**Saturday 8-12:30 PM**

Doors open at 7:15 AM  
\*light continental breakfast

**Free Event**

\*No registration required

**Speaker: Gwen Loomans**

**Testimonials by:**

**•Gracie Gopalan•Brielle Drews•Katrina Hoinacki•Rachel Darnick•Bev Smith**

***Emmanuel Waupun Worship Team***

**400 West Brown Street, Waupun**