

First Christian Reformed Church



Who We Are

Welcome to First CRC! We're glad you're here to worship with us today! By God's grace, we're a family of believers that has been gathering to worship God and serve others for some 100 years. We were established out of nearby Alto CRC, in 1921, and later in 1961, Bethel CRC in Waupun, started from members of First.

At First CRC, in Sunday worship and during the week, you'll find many historic and biblical practices of the Christian faith. Our leadership, elders and deacons and pastor, seek to keep these vibrant and relevant to Christians living in today's world.

Child Care and Student Ministries on Sunday Mornings

During worship, we have nursery care for children ages 0-2, and Children's Worship for children ages 3 through Kindergarten. Children's Worship kids are dismissed halfway through the worship service. After worship parents should pick up their children on the upper level where these ministries take place.

Before and after worship we have catechism classes for students from Middle School through High School, and Sunday School Classes for 1st – 5th graders after worship. These classes are designed to help students grow in the biblical faith and to apply their growing faith to day-to-day life.

What We Believe

We subscribe to the historic Christian faith; the Bible is our final authority in faith and life; we also look by grace through faith alone to Christ alone for our salvation. For more details about what we believe and how we live out the faith, please visit our website (waupunrc.com) or our denomination's website (crcna.org).

Our worship services are broadcast on our YouTube channel. Regular and large-print bulletins are available from an usher. Contact Lois Mulder in the office (waupunrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupunrc.com) for anything else related to First CRC, including membership, our ministries, as well as what we believe and practice. Please join us for coffee and conversation near our main entrance each Sunday before and after worship.

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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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 of the month and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (Heartbeat International for January; Beautiful Response for February), while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will go to the designated funds. Online giving is also available. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Gary Bossenbroeck**, recovering at home.
- **Ray Hofman**, challenges with new tumor and treatments.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, continued good health.

We have FIVE (note the update) members who have recently or will be getting married in the next few months: Will Bronkhorst & Samantha Schlieve, Jolie Schouten & Brandon Hansen, Kelsey Meyer & Justin Jungers, Arent Venhuizen & Claire DeVries, and Hannah Schuringa & Brady Loerop. Starting next Sunday there will be totes in the narthex for each couple. Help us celebrate them by placing donated household goods or gift cards in the totes by February 16. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of to show these couples that they are loved.

Directory Update: Brian Ten Pass has a new cell number: 920-583-5903.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- February 2—Conclusion of Joseph series.
- March 2—Lord's Supper in Worship
- April 18, 6:30 PM—Good Friday worship with Lord's Supper.

The Profession of Faith classes will start on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7 PM. If anyone is interested in still joining, please talk to Scott Ritzema for more details.

The Funeral Committee has two requests:

- They would like to update the list of volunteers who are willing to help as needed. There is a signup sheet in the narthex.
- They are also in need of cool whip or deli containers. If/when you have some, just leave them in the kitchen. Thank you!!

Calling all members! If you purchased two “runners” at Ballweg in December and charged them to the church, please talk to Keren Derksen!

First CRC Facebook and Website: Whether you are newer to First or a longtime member, our Facebook page and website are available to provide important all-church communications and help keep us connected mid-week and when you may miss a Sunday or two. You'll find our bulletins, videos of our worship services, the church calendar and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/1stcrcwaupun> and <https://www.waupuncrc.com>.

Church Email List: If you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

The Bethel/First Youth Group is excited to host a Fiesta Fundraiser Supper, Wednesday, January 29, from 5:30-7:00 PM to raise funds for our summer mission/service trips. This summer we have a group of 16 students serving Thirst Ministries in Belize. So come out and enjoy a festive night of food & fellowship and support youth missions.

Camp Calvin 2025 is fast approaching! The Counselor Application window is February 1-15. Those prayerfully considering serving camp as counselors or staff should plan to apply and submit two recommendations during the application window. Applicants can expect to hear back March 1. Applications and recommendations can be submitted online at www.campcalvin.com.

Community News

Hoops For Hope: It's going to be a special night on Friday, January 31, as the basketball teams and fans of Central Wisconsin Christian, Hustisford and Johnson Creek join forces for Hoops for Hope: A Night for Cancer at the CWC Gymnasium. Several activities will be taking place throughout the night to raise funds to support two area families currently battling cancer: CWC Director of Advancement Gregg Zonnefeld and CWC 2014 Alumni Jared Regnerus. A freewill donation meal will begin at 4:30 PM along with the basketball games. You can support by purchasing a t-shirt, participate in the chuck-a-duck competition or honor someone on the honor wall. Please check out the webpage to find out how you can support our event.

<https://www.wearecwc.org/support/hoops-for-hope.cfm>

Oakfield High School students are offering a six-week Smart Phone Technology Class starting in February. This class will help you learn more about your iPhone and help decrease social isolation. Class will be held on Thursdays from 1:00-1:50 PM at the Oakfield Community Center, starting Thursday, Feb. 20, through March 27. Call the ADRC of Fond du Lac County (920-929-3466) to register.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Fond du Lac County is sponsoring an Insight Exchange: Creating Impact Together Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, Feb. 5, starting at 11 AM. It is aimed for older adults to help you understand how to use your voice to advocate for program and services for the aging population in Wisconsin. See the flyer on the table in the narthex for more information.

Denominational News

Technology Support Volunteer Opportunity in Nicaragua - Do you have IT skills and a heart for service? Tesoros de Dios, a ministry in Nicaragua serving children and youth with disabilities, is seeking a volunteer to help improve their technological systems. Tasks include updating databases, cleaning and securing computers, improving networks, and training staff in technology. This flexible opportunity ranges from 1 week to 3 months. Basic Spanish is preferred. Visit resonateglobalmission.org/technology to learn more and apply!

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	5:00 PM	Ben Homan's Life Group (Lower Level)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Small Groups (3) @ Bethel
Monday:	6:30 PM	Technology Committee Meeting (LL)
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel
	5:30 PM	Youth Group Fiesta Fundraiser Supper @ Bethel
Thursday:	9:00 AM	Church open to drop off bars (main entrance)
Sunday:	8:30 AM	11 th & 12 th Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Randall and Kim Greenfield

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Grace Bruins,
Adrianna Schuringa

Nursery

Hailey Wagner, Jessica Ten Pass,
Rynn Aalsma

Livestream

Randall Greenfield

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Andy Schlieve, Brad Schouten

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Andy Schlieve (2027)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Darrall Schaver (2027)	Andy Schlieve (2027)

Forever

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord - Our God and King

His love endures forever - For He is good He is above all things

His love endures forever - Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2: With a mighty hand - And an outstretched arm

His love endures forever - For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever - Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus: Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus: Forever God is faithful - Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us – Forever, forever

Verse 3: From the rising to the setting sun - His love endures forever

And by the grace of God - We will carry on

His love endures forever - Sing praise sing praise

Holy Forever

Verse 1: A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb - And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe - Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus: (Jesus) Your name is the highest - Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all - All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions - Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1: And the angels cry Holy - All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy - Holy forever

Verse 2: If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb - We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2: Hear Your people sing Holy - To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

Tag: You will always be Holy - Holy forever

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1: When I fear my faith will fail - Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail - He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold - Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold - He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast - He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so - He will hold me fast

Verse 2: Those He saves are His delight - Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight - He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost - His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost - He will hold me fast

Verse 3: For my life He bled and died - Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied - He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life - He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight - When He comes at last

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Sermon Notes