

10/29/2023

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 or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (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.

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

You can watch our services live on Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is 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.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**
WAUPUN, WISCONSIN

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

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

*Song of Praise: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" G501:1-4, 6, 7

*Songs of Worship: "O Come to the Altar" "Sovereign Over Us"

Profession of Our Faith: The 5 *Solas* of the Reformation

*Song of Praise: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Gideons

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

WIEA Sharing by Pastor Robin Knoll and Sarah Schuringa

*Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 18:16-21

Message: "Old Testament Heroes of the Faith #6: Elijah"

Prayer

*Song of Commitment: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" R602:1-3

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "To God be the Glory" G632

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Nikki Durni (acoustic guitar and vocals); Hanna Marra (percussion); Michelle Mulder, Cara Schmitt, Tyler Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Ryer Greenfield, Gregg Zonnefeld
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield

- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Cassidy Ritzema, Troy Hoffman
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Kaytlin Ruis, Adrianna Schuringa
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

J Vree to Neen

M Vree 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 (Gideons for October; Waupun Food Pantry for November), 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 go to our website and click on "Give" at the top of the page. 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:

- **Leanne Johnson**, sister-in-law in Michigan.
- **Lori Venhuizen**, surgery recovery.
- **Shirley Otto**, knee surgery recovery.
- **Eden Homan**, spinal surgery recovery at home.
- **Sandy Greenfield**, passing and funeral.
- **Carol Greenfield**, healing at home.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! There are so many different ways (cards with personal messages from each member of your household, meals, gift cards) we can show our appreciation for Pastor Greg and his family—please remember them in prayer and let them know how/why you appreciate their ministry here at First CRC.

In honor of Pastor Schuringa and his family, we will have a potluck meal on Sunday, Nov. 5, at Central Wisconsin Christian, beginning at 5 PM. Buns and pork will be provided, along with dessert and table service. Please bring a side dish, hot or cold, to pass, along with your drinks. Join us as we together express our thanks to Pastor Greg.

Church News

Last Sunday at the Congregational Meeting, Council's motion to replace the current parking lot with a new one, likely in late Spring or early Summer 2024, passed. Thank you to all who participated!

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- November 3—Gregg Zonnefeld preaching; Pastor Greg at Living Hope to preach and lead Lord's Supper
- November 22—Thanksgiving Worship at 6 PM
- December 3, 10, 17—Advent Sermon Series, "Christmas in the Old Testament"

- December 3—Communion
- December 10, 5 PM—Community Service of Lessons and Carols at City Hall (hosted by the Waupun Ministers' Association)
- December 17—Kids' Christmas in Worship
- December 24—9:30 AM, Christmas service; 5 PM, Christmas Eve Hymn Sing
- December 31—Old Year/New Year Worship with Matt Hofman

Mark your calendars for a date night out or relaxing family night in! On Wednesday, Nov. 8, the Beaver Dam Benvenuto's will be helping our high school students raise funds for the Bethel/First Youth Group with all dine-in and carryout orders that mention our Bethel/First Youth Group. So, plan a fun lunch with friends, date night out, or a cozy family night in and let Benvenuto's take care of the menu! Just make sure you mention our Bethel/First Youth Group when you order so they give our group credit.

Youth Group sub sales have begun. Please reach out to one of the high school students, youth group mentors, or Jen Vlietstra @ 507-227-1859 if you'd like to place an order; \$6 each or \$30 per half dozen. Orders are due November 1 and will be made and ready for you to pick up on Wednesday, November 15, at Bethel from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Do you know what the middle school youth group's name, S.W.a.T., means? It stands for Serve, Witness and Train! Each month we look to incorporate at least one of those areas into our meeting. Next month in addition to our regular meeting, our middle school youth group students will be hosting our freewill donation SWaT Dinner and a Movie at Bethel on Friday, Nov. 10. This will be a fun way for our middle school students to serve our families, friends, and community, plus raise funds for their Christmas service project. So, join us for a night to chillax with family n friends. Supper will be served from 5:30-6:45 (or until we run out) and the movie will start at 7:00. Further details coming soon!

GEMS is selling Tastefully Simple for their one and only fundraiser! There are catalogs in the narthex or find the Waupun GEMS group on Facebook or ask a GEMS girl for the links to order and support our awesome group! We have had quite few more girls the last few years, but have not received more orders, so if you could help us out and place an order, that would be great! Please contact Annie Syens with any questions (920-318-2289).

A Night in Bethlehem is being planned for December 3. We are putting a new twist on the event we have done in the past. This year we want our guests to walk the streets of Bethlehem and experience the sights and sounds of a bustling village. WE NEED YOUR HELP to create this special event. We will need shop keepers, guides, shepherds, and various other

roles. Look for a Sign-Up Genius and more information to come soon!! Be sure to mark your calendar and consider how you can help share the good news of Christmas!!

Community News

Chili Festival Drive-Thru Event at Emanuel Lutheran Church (107 South Prairie St, Brandon): Sunday, October 29, 11 AM – 1 PM. Convenient drive in and drive out. Buy our famous chili by the quart. Includes two dessert servings for just \$8.

Central Wisconsin Christian will soon be bringing their rendition of Our Town to the stage. This play is a 3-act play written by Thornton Wilder in 1938 and is considered by some to be the best play to ever be written. It is based in a small New Hampshire town and goes through three themes that affect every human being: life, love and marriage, and death. Please join us for one of our performances Nov. 2, 3 or 4 at 6:30. Tickets are available in advance through the main office or at the door starting at 6 PM the night of each performance. We hope to see you there!

“Old Fashioned Hymn Sing” at Friesland Community Church TODAY at 2:00 PM.

Join us for the 12th Annual Beautiful Response Chili Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 4:30-7:00 PM at Bethel CRC! Come out and enjoy some amazing chili and fellowship as you support Beautiful Response in its work to provide the life-changing gifts of education, food, shelter, and medical care to vulnerable and orphaned kids at Raising Up Hope for Uganda (RUHU). Thank you for making this event such a great success over the past 11 years! This chili supper is sponsored by the CWC Boys' Soccer program, and all funds raised go to support the great work being done by RUHU. THANK YOU for your support!

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

All are invited to participate in this year's beautiful Welsh Christmas Hymn Sing at the First Congregational Church in Red Granite, at 877 Bennell Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, November 12, at 2:30pm. The Hymn Sing will be sung in rich 4-part harmony. It will be directed by Ann Lemmenes with Rev. Tom White at the organ and Lori Page will be the

vocal soloist. Refreshments will immediately follow the Hymn Sing. This event is sponsored by the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc. The Church is handicapped accessible.

Waupun UMC Fall Craft/Vendor Fair and Bake Sale is Nov. 4 from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Waupun United Methodist Church and Wesley Center (114 S Forest St, Waupun). FREE admission and lunch available for purchase.

Calendar

- Today:** 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
- Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study – Lesson 7 (Upper Room)
 6:30 PM GEMS Club Night-Dress like a Mom (Bethel CRC)
 6:30 PM Elders Meeting
 7:00 PM Youth 10:24 Small Groups – Sub Sales DUE!
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Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Coffee

Bob and Michelle Mulder

Children's Worship

Stacy Schaver, Sophia Schuringa,
 Kase Buwalda

Nursery

Hailey Wagner, Emily Mulder, Heidi
 Schaver

Livestream

Brad Mulder

PPT

Cassidy Ritzema

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian O'Donovan, Andy Schlieve

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)

O Come To The Altar

Verse 1: Are you hurting and broken within - Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin - Jesus is calling - Have you come to the end of yourself - Do you thirst for a drink from the well - Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar - The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with - The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2: Leave behind your regrets and mistakes - Come today there's no reason to wait - Jesus is calling - Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy - From the ashes a new life is born - Jesus is calling

Bridge: Oh what a Savior - Isn't he wonderful - Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him - For he is Lord of all - Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3: Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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Sovereign Over Us

Verse 1: There is strength within the sorrow - There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning - With a love that casts out fear

Verse 2: You are working in our waiting - Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding - You're teaching us to trust

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper - You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood - Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us

Verse 3: You are wisdom unimagined - Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens - Reaching down in endless grace

Verse 4: You're the lifter of the lowly - Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me - And Your promises are my delight

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil - You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good - And for Your glory
Even in the valley You are faithful - You're working for our good
You're working for our good - And for Your glory

Ending: Faithful forever perfect in love - You are sov'reign over us

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Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Verse 1: What is our hope in life and death - Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence - That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand - What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end - The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus: O sing hallelujah - Our hope springs eternal - O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess - Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2: What truth can calm the troubled soul - God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known - In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise - Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh - Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3: Unto the grave what will we sing - Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring - Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord - Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy - When Christ is ours forevermore

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Sermon Notes