

11/26/2023

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

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Thanksgiving: "Now Thank We All Our God" R788:1, 2
"Give Thanks" R170

*Songs of Worship: "Forever" "Come, Oh Redeemer Come"

God's Will for Thankful Living – 10 Commandments G1013

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Waupun Food Pantry

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

Song of Worship: "How Firm a Foundation" G500:1, 2, 4, 5

*Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1 – 2:6

Message: "Old Testament Heroes of the Faith #9: Nehemiah—The
Glorious City of God Built Out of the Rubble"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "The Solid Rock" R526:1, 2, 4

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Now Thank We All Our God" R788:3

*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); Rachel Hoffman, Pete Vander Werff (vocals)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Cody Van Herwaarden, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits

- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Jenna Schouten, Levi Holbach
- Nursery: Phylicia Coda, Jessica Ten Pass, Tirzah Ritzema
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian O'Donovan, Andy Schlieve

Missionary Letters

G Bossenbroeck to Neen

A Bossenbroeck 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 (Waupun Food Pantry for November; Operation Christmas Child for December), 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:

- **Ken Ten Pas**, home, more doctoring, artery blockage that needs clearing.
- **Shirley Otto**, knee replacement recovery.
- **Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Wanda Van De Griend and family**, passing of Pastor Ken.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- December 3, 10, 17—Advent Sundays
- December 3—Communion
- December 10, 5 PM—Community Service of Lessons and Carols at City Hall (hosted by the Waupun Ministers' Association). Any singers who would like to join a community choir, directed by Emma De Vries and accompanied by Georgene Antos, for the event are invited to rehearsals on Monday, Dec. 4. at 7:00 PM and/or Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 PM. Both rehearsals will be at the Waupun United Methodist Church at 199 E. Jefferson (enter on Forest St. across from Werner-Harmsen Funeral Home). Either come to the rehearsals (music will be provided) or call Pastor Steve Miller (920-324-9721) for more information.
- 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

There is no Catechism or Sunday School today.

A Night in Bethlehem - December 3, 4:30-6:00 PM

The time is getting closer to wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Be sure

to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. When you arrive, you are asked to bring canned food as your tax payment to enter the city of Bethlehem. Please consider being involved by caroling, as we are in need of more. Please pray that this will point people to the true meaning of Christmas and pray that we have favorable weather. If you have questions, talk to Kristi Zonnefeld.

Those involved in A Night in Bethlehem:

- If you are a character, please find your costume in the lower level TODAY.
- If you signed up to bring food, please bring those items to church on the morning of December 3.

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. Thank you!

Communion next Sunday. If you watch First CRC services online and are not able to be in worship next Sunday for Communion due to being shut-in or in poor health, you can reach out to your care group elder to bring you the elements ahead of time to participate in Communion with the congregation remotely.

Update on the Church Parking Lot resurfacing Project: \$7,960 raised of estimated \$80,000. There will be a special offering taken on December 10 for the Parking Lot resurfacing Project.

Community News

Many of you look forward to shopping on Black Friday and ordering on Cyber Monday. Central Wisconsin Christian invites you to be generous this year on Giving Tuesday! We value you as Kingdom investors in the lives of our students and encourage you to experience the joy of giving on Tuesday, November 28. Whether you stop by our campus to make your gift in person or give online at WeAreCWC.org you are helping in our mission to prepare kids to glorify God and serve in His world, training and shaping the next generation of our families, churches, and communities.

#WhereChristIsCentral

Chili Supper: The Youth Group at First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting a Chili Supper & Cake Auction (silent auction) on Wednesday, November 29, beginning at 5:00 PM. A freewill offering will support the Youth Group's activities.

Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 3, at 6 PM. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and also enjoying musical performances by a variety of soloists along with The New Generation Singers and The United Men of Praise. A freewill offering will be shared equally with Awaken Kids and REACH, both Waupun organizations that support the youth of our communities.

Hey Kids! Join us for “A Morning in Bethlehem” on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9-11 AM, at Trinity Church (524 Carrington St, Waupun). We are heading back in time to Bethlehem the morning after Jesus was born where we will visit shops in the market, help the shepherds herd their sheep, and visit the stable where Jesus was born. A pancake breakfast will be served from 8:30-9 AM (Optional). This experience is for kids ages 3 through 5th grade.

Emanuel Lutheran Church (107 S Prairie St, Brandon) is having a Homemade Cookie and Candy Sale on Saturday, December 9, 2023, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The Sale will be held in Emanuel's basement Their elevator or stairs will be available to use.

Hosanna in Excelsis: A Candlelight Carol Service - Let's join the Heavenly Hosts in praising our Savior! Sunday, December 10, 6:30 PM at Second CRC, Randolph. Music by the 2CRC Rejoice Choir and Children's Choir, Milena Gonzalez, Lakeisha Heeringa, Deb Huizenga, Jill Huizenga, Randy and Mary Paul, Sue Reichhoff, and Teresa Wiersma. Treats after. Bring your friends and neighbors!

FREE Christmas Concert - Sat., Dec. 16, @ 6:30PM. Living Hope Community Church of Fox Lake invites you to an inspirational Christmas concert. The concert will feature Christmas music from across the ages performed in JEAN WATSON's unique "celtic" style. It is sure to be an evening not to be forgotten! Jean is classically trained in voice and violin, and plays the keyboard. So beloved is she in Ireland, one of her videos featured the cast of "Game of Thrones". She has worked with some of the biggest names in Christian music (Billy Smiley, Phil Keaggy, Michael W Smith, Peter Furler and others).

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday:	9:30 AM	Care Group 1 Seniors Coffee Time w/ Keith
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	1:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study – lesson 10 (upper room)

Sunday: 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting
 7:00 PM Youth Group – Shark Tank Competition at Bethel
 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

Coffee

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Children’s Worship

Lyn Mulder, Kolten Buwalda, Tirzah Ritzema

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Nursery

Lynnae Franken, Casey Homan, Cassidy Ritzema

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)

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

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Come Oh Redeemer Come

Chorus: Come, oh Redeemer come - Grant us mercy
Come, oh Redeemer come - Grant us peace

Verse 1: Father enthroned on high – Holy, holy
Ancient eternal light - Hear our prayer

Verse 2: Lord, save us from the dark - Of our striving faithless
And troubled hearts - Weighed down

Verse 3: Look now upon our need – Lord, be with us
Heal us and make us free - From our sin

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Sermon Notes

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WISCONSINRIGHTTOLIFE

Michael J. Wolfe
ANNUAL PRO-LIFE
EXHIBITION

~ offered to freshmen, sophomore, junior
and senior high school age students residing in
Fond du Lac County

**Submit an original written essay, photo collection,
sculpture, or other creative artwork,
that supports your pro-life belief.**

CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

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*This exhibition is in memory of Michael J. Wolfe, a Fond du Lac teenager who had  
a right-to-life belief that he put into action during his short time here with us.  
Michael had written a pro-life essay shortly before his death which prompted us to  
establish this program.*

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Deadline to submit items - December 27, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION

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Email: fondywrtl@gmail.com – Phone: 920-921-5517**