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 4K. 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 $K-5^{th}$ 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 (waupuncrc.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 (waupuncrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupuncrc.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
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
- *Songs of Worship: "Only a Holy God" "How Deep"
- *Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Beautiful Response Song of Worship: "Break Now the Bread of Life" G282

Children ages 3 through 4K are invited to Children's Worship

Belgic Confession Article 1

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:8-21 Message: "How Great is Our God (II)"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Goodness of God"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Praise the Savior Now and Ever" G400:1, 4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
 Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Hollie Ganz, Kim Greenfield, Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Lois Mulder, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Casey Homan, Morgan Buwalda

- Nursery: Phylicia Coda, Kaytlin Ruis, Kase Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Ben Mulder

Missionary Letters

P De Vries to Neen/Angel K Derksen 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 of the month and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (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, just scan the QR code here. 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.
- **Judy Groen**, hip replacement surgery on February 19.
- Rachel Hoffman, cancer surgery scheduled for February 27.
- Ray Hofman, has begun receiving hospice care at home.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, hospital stay, home now, getting therapy.
- 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. Help us celebrate these couples by placing donated household goods or gift cards in the totes by TODAY. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of to show they are loved.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

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

Grandparents, Seniors & Retirees, since the winter weather Wednesday night caused us to cancel our evening plans, <u>we decided to host Sunday lunch today</u>. We'd love to have you join us for lunch at Noon today @ Bethel for a time of food, fellowship & fun!

Worship Team. Do you play an instrument or sing? The First CRC Worship Team is always looking for more people to get involved in the leading of several songs we sing each worship service. Please contact Pastor Greg if you are interested in participating. You do not have to have been involved on a worship team in the past. Training will be provided.

Classis Wisconsin is meeting this Saturday, February 22, at 2nd Randolph CRC. Representing First CRC will be Pastor Greg, Elder Brian O'Donovan, and Deacon Andy Schlieve.

Interested in going on the Belize mission trip? We'd love to have another adult male join our Thirst Missions Belize team! If you'd like to learn more about the trip, please contact Jen Vlietstra at 507-227-1859 or cjvliet@charter.net to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

A laptop computer was found in the large upstairs classroom that we'd like to use for Children's Worship. However, when booted up the user is waupuncrcmusic@gmail.com and we do not have the password. If you know anything about this laptop, please talk to Randall Greenfield.

The Funeral Committee would like to update the list of volunteers who are willing to help as needed. There is a signup sheet in the narthex.

The Camp Calvin Counselor Application window is *open!* Those interested in serving camp can apply online until February 15. Applications and recommendations can be submitted online at www.campcalvin.com. Applicants can expect to hear back March 1.

In your mailbox you will find a "Share the Love" bag from the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County. If you would like, please put some needed items in the bag and return it to the Pack n Play by the end of February. If you don't want the bag, please return it to the Pack n Play. Thank you for your support.

Youth Group Girls & Guys Night, Wednesday, February 26, from 7:00-8:30. Guys will be meeting at Bethel and the girls will be meeting at Silverback Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Community News

The ONE Waupun Annual Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, at the Green Lake Conference Center. Be sure to mark your calendars! To learn more or to register, you can go to http://conference.onewaupun.com.

ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast – Due to some conflicts, we have rescheduled our monthly breakfast to Saturday, February 22, at 7:30 AM. Even though this is a new date, we will once again have a great breakfast, powerful worship and a time of fellowship. Join us at the Main Street Bistro on February 22.

CWC Sophomore Class Fundraiser Meal - Feb 24: Please join us for a free-will donation meal on Monday, February 24, as the CWC Sophomore

class serves a meal to raise money for their class events. The menu is brats & hot dogs (and all the toppings), baked beans, potato chips, baby carrots w/ ranch, and lemonade. They will be serving from 4:00-6:30 PM. There are basketball games to also enjoy! Let someone else do the cooking!

The RCS Auction Committee is seeking all Randolph Christian School Alumni! We're looking for names and addresses of all former students, families, and faculty of RCS. We're also interested in any school related or generational photos of students and families. Our 2025 auction theme, "Leaving a Legacy," honors the lasting impact of every generation and alumnus. Please send copies of photos, name, address, phone, email and year(s) attended to auction@randolphchristian.org. If you don't have any photos, we'd still love to have your updated addresses and phone numbers. You can also mail them to: Randolph Christian School, Attn: Auction Committee, 457 2nd St., Randolph, WI 53956. Please reply by February 16.

On Thursday, March 6, the Pizza Ranch of Beaver Dam is having a **fundraiser for the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County**. Between 4 and 8 PM, Pizza Ranch will donate 10% of all sales, and ALL the tips will go to PSCDC. Join us in anticipation of daylight-saving time for a great meal any old day of the week.

Faith Alive Temporary Shutdown - IMPORTANT NOTICE: From February 17 to February 26, the Faith Alive call center and website will not be accepting orders. On February 27 their new online store will launch and be ready to serve church resource needs once again!

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism

5:00 PM Pastor Greg and the Montsma Life Groups

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break @ Bethel

6:30 PM Cadets – Snow Tubing 6:30 PM GEMS – Beach Night

6:30 PM Youth Group - Cascade Mtn skiing/snowboarding

Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th & 12th Grade Catechism

9:30 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Grand's Valentine Lunch @ Bethel

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Al and LeAnne Holden

Children's Worship

Lyn Mulder, Emily Aalsma, Hailey

Bresser

Nursery

Becca Vree, Beth Schlieve, Olivia

Vander Werff

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

PPT

Jake Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Owen Mulder

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)

Only A Holy God

Verse 1: Who else commands all the hosts of heaven

Who else could make every king bow down

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles - Only a Holy God

Verse 2: What other beauty demands such praises

What other splendour outshines the sun

What other majesty rules with justice - Only a Holy God

Chorus: Come and behold Him - The One and the Only

Cry out sing holy - Forever a Holy God - Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3: What other glory consumes like fire

What other power can raise the dead - What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God

Verse 4: Who else could rescue me from my failing

Who else would offer His only Son - Who else invites me to call Him Father

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How Deep

Verse 1: You were broken that I might be healed You were cast off that I might draw near You were thirsty that I might come drink Cried out in anguish that I might sing

Chorus: How deep is Your love - How high and how wide is Your mercy How deep is Your grace - Our hearts overflow with praise to You

Verse 2: Oh You knew darkness that I might know light Wept great tears that mine might be dried Stripped of glory that I might be clothed Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own

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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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Sermon Notes