First Christian Reformed Church



We welcome our guests and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping 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 YouTube (First CRC Waupun) 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.



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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Great Things" "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" "How Deep" "Sanctuary" R655

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Beautiful Response

Song of Worship: "More Love to Thee" R634

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

*Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-13; Matthew 6:9-13

Message: "Faith Practices for Spiritual Renewal #1:

Prayer as Last Resort?"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Take Time to Be Holy" R656

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Step by Step"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Hanna Marra (percussion); Hollie Ganz, Kim Greenfield, Michelle Mulder, Cayden Ruis (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten pass, Lois Mulder, Randall Greenfield
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder

- Children's Worship: Stacey Schaver, Olivia Vander Werff, Kase Buwalda
- Nursery: Phylicia Coda, Kaytlin Ruis, Tirzah Ritzema
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Ben Mulder

Missionary Letters

G Greenfield to Neen R Greenfield 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. 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.

Update on the Church Parking Lot Resurfacing Project: \$72,188 (90%) raised of estimated \$80,000.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass, cancer treatments.
- Pat Loomans, hip fracture recovery.
- Margaret Miedema, blood clot and pain in the abdomen and weakness.
- Dewey Pausma, surgery to replace his pacemaker on Friday.
- Sarah Schuringa, hip replacement recovery.
- Louie Wierenga, rehab in the Christian Home.

Meal Train. If you have need of meals for a time due to sickness or recovery after surgery or having a baby, please contact your care group elder or deacon or the church office. They will contact the deacons who can set up the Meal Train for you, where church members can prepare meals for you and your household, whether daily for a while, or even a couple times a week—whatever is most helpful for you.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- February 25, March 10 & 17: Lenten Sermon Series: "Faith Practices for Spiritual Renewal."
- March 3: Rev. Aaron Baart, Chaplain at Dordt University.
- March 24: Palm Sunday
- March 28, Thursday, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Service including Lord's Supper in worship.
- March 31: Easter Sunday

Copies of the Resonate Global Mission January/February 2024 Newsletter are available on the table in the narthex. There is an Education Committee meeting on Wed., Feb. 21, at 6:30 PM.

If you are interested in being part of the media team (PPT, livestream, sound), please let the office know and we will get you connected to the right person. We are also looking for someone who **enjoys photography** to take pictures at church events. Talk to Lois Mulder if you are interested.

Community News

We still have room for you at the ONE Waupun Men's Conference! This free conference will take place on Saturday, March 2, from 8:30–3:30. Learn more about the conference and register today at www.onewaupun.com.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry every Friday starting Feb. 2 thru March 29 at the St Joseph Parish Center (26 N Division St, Waupun). Dine-in or carryout dinner includes 12 oz of beer-battered cod, choice of French fries or potato salad, cole slaw, tartar sauce, dill pickle spear, and a slice of marble rye bread, all for \$14.

Don't forget, friends! Comedians Andy Beningo and Des Mulrooney will be appearing at Horace Mann PAC (North Fond du Lac High School) on Saturday, March 2, at 7:00. The show is completely free, and is provided by the Fond du Lac Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. Donations are accepted and appreciated. Tickets are available at https://www.hometowntickets.com/events/comedian-andy-beningo. A ticket will guarantee a seat, others are first come, first serve. Enjoy a sample of Andy's comedy at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2b9fl0mnCk&t=17s Thank you for your interest in attending. Bring all your friends.

The ADRC of Fond du Lac County is offering two health classes:

- Mind Over Matter, Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder (March 13 April 10 | 1:00 3:00 PM at the ADRC): This workshop is for women over age of 50 who experience issues with bladder or bowel control. The workshop is designed to give women the tools they need, exercises and dietary changes to practice at home. The class is 3, 2-hour sessions.
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers (April 9, 6-week class | 5:00 7:30 PM): This 6-week class gives you tools to help reduce stress, improve selfconfidence, solve problems and committee in challenging situations. By taking care of your own health and well-being you become a better caregiver.

*Seating is limited for both classes. Call the ADRC at 920-929-3466 for more questions or to reserve your seat!

Denominational News

Kids Corner: Names of God: The Lord Is My Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Can you think of a time when you did not feel worthy enough to do something? Maybe you thought, "Why did they pick me?" or "There's someone else better than me." If so, you know exactly how Gideon felt in Judges 6:11- 24. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Why Jesus Had To Die On A Cross - We begin the season of Lent by slowing down and remembering why Jesus Christ's awful death was necessary. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15, Romans 5:12-17, Isaiah 10:1-3, Habakkuk 1:2-4, and Jeremiah 31:31-34 to reflect on scriptures that answer the question: "Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?" Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

<u>Calendar</u>

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Education Committee (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	GEMS – Father/Daughter Game Night at Bethel
	6:30 PM	Cadets at the Union
	7:00 PM	Youth Group–10:24 (you know where to go)
Sunday:	8:30 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism

Next Week

Accompanist Lois Mulder

Coffee George and Karen Aalsma

Children's Worship Sarah Schuringa, Jenna Schouten, Heidi Schaver

Nursery Becca Vree, Beth Schlieve, Jonah Mulder Livestream Brad Mulder

PPT Cody Van Herwaarden

Sound System Scott 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)

Great Things

Verse 1: Come let us worship our King - Come let us bow at His feet He has done great things - See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes - He has done great things He has done great things

Chorus: O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave You free every captive and break every chain O God You have done great things We dance in Your freedom awake and alive O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high O God You have done great things

Verse 2: You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore - You have done great things And I know You will do it again - For Your promise is yes and amen You will do great things - God You do great things

Bridge: Hallelujah God above it all - Hallelujah God unshakable Hallelujah You have done great things (REPEAT) You've done great things

Ending: You have done great things - O God You do great things CCLI Song # 7111321 - Jonas Myrin | Phil Wickham © 2018 Capitol CMG Paragon; Son of the Lion; Phil Wickham Music; Simply Global Songs; Sing My Songs

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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

Holy Spirit

Verse 1: Holy Spirit living Breath of God - Breathe new life into my willing soul Let the presence of the risen Lord

Come renew my heart and make me whole

Cause Your word to come alive in me - Give me faith for what I cannot see Give me passion for Your purity - Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2: Holy Spirit come abide within - May Your joy be seen in all I do Love enough to cover ev'ry sin - In each thought and deed and attitude Kindness to the greatest and the least

Gentleness that sows the path of peace

Turn my strivings into works of grace - Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Verse 3: Holy Spirit from creation's birth - Giving life to all that God has made Show Your power once again on earth

Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways

Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise - Lead us on the road of sacrifice That in unity the face of Christ - May be clear for all the world to see

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Step By Step

O God You are my God - And I will ever praise You O God You are my God - And I will ever praise You I will seek You in the morning - And I will learn to walk in Your ways And step by step You'll lead me - And I will follow You all of my days CCLI Song # 696994 - David (Beaker) Strasser © 1991 Kid Brothers Of St. Frank Publishing; Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1865451

Monthly Update from Neen and Angel in the Philippines

I apologize for the late updates regarding the ministry here. I was not able to visit the prisons this month because of the complications of my health. I was not feeling better this past month because of a fever, flu, and asthma attacks that haven't gone away since the end of December. Been to the doctor, but

seems the antibiotics don't work so well with me, I am still coughing hard, and harder to breathe. I am hoping it will go away soon so that I can do some ministry work. My immune system is not that strong anymore, and I got easily infected by the seasonal flu.

I am supposed to go back to the cardiologist at the end of the month and Wil needs to get a 2Decho test to see if there is an improvement with my heart with the medication I've been taking for almost 6 months already. I am hoping and praying that my heart is healed. Please continue to pray for me.

I am very grateful to the Lord for all the prayers and continued support for us and the ministry. I know words are not enough to show how grateful we are. Our prayers to you are that our dear Lord will bless you more and more. Thank you for your love and kindness to us and the ministry.

God bless, Neen and Angel

Sermon Notes