

# 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. If you need to take a child out of the worship service for a bit, you may go to our Lower Level where there are two couches and a nearby bathroom. By the couches a TV is playing the service live.

Sunday School and Catechism classes for K – 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet after the morning worship service.

## 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](http://waupunrc.com)) or our denomination's website ([crcna.org](http://crcna.org)).

Our worship services are broadcast on our YouTube channel. Regular, large-print, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. Contact Lois Mulder in the office ([waupunrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupunrc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Greg Schuringa ([pastorgreg@waupunrc.com](mailto: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.

## 9:30 AM Worship Service

\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Your Name" "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

God's Will for Our Lives

\*Song of Commitment: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Beautiful Response

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

\*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

Message: "Ephesians #20: The Christian Warfare, Part II"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" G46:1, 3, 4

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" G46:5

\*Postlude

### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg;  
Brenda Hofman (piano); Nikki  
Durni (violin); Kevin Buwalda,  
Michelle Mulder, Abby Vree  
(vocalists)
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Lois  
Mulder, Gladys Montsma
- Children's Worship: Grace Bruins,  
Joy Mulder
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Hailey  
Wagner, Noralyn Durni
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben and Jonah Mulder

### Missionary Letters

J DeJager to Neen/Angel\*

R DeMaa 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 (Beautiful Response for February; Heartbeat International for March) the remaining Sundays, 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.

	January	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD	% of YTD Budget
General	\$21,470.24	\$237,125.57	\$235,595.79	100.60%
Most Needed	\$8,252.50	\$39,006.50	N/A	N/A
Faith Promise	\$1,346.43	\$11,605.61	\$9,100.00	127.50%
Classical	\$2,142.31	\$11,051.62	\$15,166.66	72.86%
Denominational	\$1,649.36	\$11,374.02	\$15,166.66	74.90%
Benevolent	\$5,824.67	\$13,041.67	N/A	N/A
Total*	\$40,667.51	\$323,204.99	N/A	N/A

\*Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed above

## Our Family

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- **Jim Groenewold and Dick Heeringa**, in hospice care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, in rehab at the Christian Home.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, doctoring for continued pain.

## Church News

### Upcoming Worship Highlights

- March 8, Guest Pastor Aaron Baart from Dordt University, New Generation Singers in Worship
- March 15, Guest Pastor, Rev. Tim Vanden Langenberg, Chaplain at Dodge Correctional Institution
- March 22, Baptism
- March 29, Palm Sunday, Children singing
- April 3, Good Friday Worship with Lord’s Supper, 6:30 PM
- April 5, Easter Sunday

### **Bible Reading Plan for Lent (Wednesday, February 18 – Easter Sunday).**

Copies of the Bible reading plan for Lent are still available on the table in the back of the sanctuary, as well as on our website under “Bulletin.” If you didn’t start this past Wednesday, you can catch up by reading the first four Matthew readings listed. You can use the questions for group discussion or personal reflection as you read through the gospels until Easter.

**Coffee Break at Bethel CRC** will begin a new study called “Discover Nehemiah: The Promise to Rebuild” on February 25. All ladies are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 9 AM!

**The Church Office is looking for its adjustable three-hole punch. If you borrowed it, please return it.**

**This past year, World Renew** walked alongside families and communities as they responded to crises, found solutions to overcome poverty, and pursued justice and renewal. **Thank you for supporting this transformation around the world!** Here’s a glimpse at what we accomplished together in 2025:

- **720,633 total participants** worldwide were equipped to bring about meaningful change through our programs.
- In disaster response, we assisted **382,018 people** who experienced natural and human-caused disasters in 22 countries last year.
- **340,982 participants** improved their food security, health, or economic livelihoods through our community development work.
- World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) volunteers repaired or rebuilt **209 homes** across North America last year, serving **2,367 individuals**.

Behind every one of these numbers is a story of hope—like a farmer harvesting crops again after years of drought, or entire communities rebuilding after devastating storms.

If you are interested in hearing an update from the **Heytsi family in Ukraine**, there is a letter from them available on the table in the narthex.

## **Community News**

There’s still room for you at the **ONE Waupun Men’s Conference!** Join us on Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM for a meaningful day of encouragement and connection. Learn more and register today at <http://conference.onewaupun.com>

Eighth graders! Explore what's next at **Central Wisconsin Christian's High School Preview Day** on Wednesday, March 4! Register online: <https://forms.gle/vSGUtrRVvTfe2HHs5>. Preview Day is an on-campus experience that allows 8th grade students to explore what high school life is like at CWC. Throughout the day, students will have the chance to visit classes, meet teachers, engage with current high school students, join in on worship and check out an interactive Activity Fair designed to showcase the exciting opportunities available to them in high school at CWC. Preview Day will run from 8 AM-12:30 PM. If your child is considering CWC as an option for high school next year, we encourage you to take advantage

of this opportunity. If you have questions about Preview Day, please call the CWC Office at **920-324-4233, ext. 324** to speak to Kim Greenfield or email [advancement@wearecwc.org](mailto:advancement@wearecwc.org).

On Thursday, March 5, the **Beaver Dam Pizza Ranch** will host a fundraiser for the **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County**. The Center receives 10% of all sales as well as all cash tips during the hours of 4-8 PM.

**Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM**

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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**Calendar**

**Today:**

- 9:30 AM    Worship Service
- 10:45 AM    Sunday School and Catechism
- 4:27 PM    Youth Group

**Wednesday:**

- 1:00 PM    Ladies Bible Study – 7 (Upper Room)

**Sunday:**

- 9:30 AM    Worship Service

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

**Livestream**

Brad Mulder

**Coffee**

George and Karen Aalsma

**PPT**

Cody Van Herwaarden

**Children’s Worship**

Becca Vree, Lenny Aalsma

**Sound System**

Cayden Ruis

**Nursery**

Jessica Ten Pass, Aubryn DeJager,  
Troy Hoffman

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Ushers**

Tom Jonker, Noah Mulder

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Ken Homan (2028)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O’Donovan (2026)	Cayden Ruis (2028)
3	Joe Durant (2028)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Eric Schaver (2028)
5	Steve Homan (2028)	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)

## Your Name

**Verse 1:** As morning dawns and evening fades - You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart - And glorify Your Name

**Chorus:** Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other - Your Name let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save - But Your Name

**Verse 2:** Jesus, in Your Name we pray - Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord, give us strength to live for You - And glorify Your Name

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## You Are My King (Amazing Love)

**Verse:** I'm forgiven - Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted - You were condemned - I'm alive and well  
Your Spirit is within me - Because You died - And rose again

**Chorus:** Amazing love - How can it be - That You my King  
Would die for me - Amazing love - I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You - In all I do I honor You

**Ending:** You are my King - You are my King  
Jesus, You are my King - Jesus, You are my King

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## 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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## **Ministry Monthly Report – Neen and Angel**

To God be the glory for His abundant goodness.

For many years, His guiding hand has been evident in our ministry. We've witnessed countless lives surrender to the Lord within the prisons, and many in need have been fed. We praise God for His faithfulness in the lives of those we serve, and we pray for His continued blessing upon this work.

As times evolve, so too the systems within the prisons. We are currently in the process of renewing our Memorandum of Agreement to continue our Bible studies there. We are grateful for the helpful assistance of the jail officers in securing the necessary requirements.

The people we serve are profoundly grateful to the Lord and for the help you provide and for the salvation they have received. They are truly thankful. We thank the Lord for His protection during every visit with them especially when the weather was not favorable for travel by sea.

Furthermore, the needy in our community and neighboring villages are deeply appreciative of the help you extend, especially with the rising cost of groceries. Your support makes a significant difference.

In the coming weeks, Angel and I will be returning to Negros Occidental to continue assisting those affected by typhoon. We had a brief pause due to flu and persistent cough, likely brought on by fluctuating weather - cold mornings and nights yet very hot days.

I've had my follow-up checkup and while some laboratory results were slightly elevated, the majority are satisfactory.

Thank you so much for your unwavering prayers and support. We pray for your continued safety and God's protection from the cold. May the Lord's loving arms always embrace you and your family.

God bless and Take care always

In Christ, Neen and Angel

Though for this month: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching there unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Ephesians 6:18

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# Sermon Notes