

3/10/2024

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 YouTube (First CRC Waupun) and view the bulletin on our website: 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.



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: "O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good" G187

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

God's Will for Our Lives: Matthew 22:37-40 (G1018) and 1 Cor. 13

Songs of Worship: "Come, People of the Risen King"

"Knowing You" "How Deep"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Dodge County Pregnancy Center

Song of Worship: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" G568

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

*Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-12

Message: "Faith Practices for Spiritual Renewal #3: Love"

Prayer

*Song of Devotion: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" R90:1-3

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" R90:4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Laura Ten Pass (piano); Rachel Hofman, Michelle Mulder, Pete Vander Werff (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Ryer Greenfield, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits

- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Cassidy Ritzema, Levi Holbach
- Nursery: Jenna Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass, Kase Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Andy Schlieve

Missionary Letters

B Hoekstra to Neen*
M Hoffman 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 (Dodge County Pregnancy Center for March), 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 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: \$74,937.79 (94%) raised of estimated \$80,000.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Noralyn Durni**, the recent passing of her father.
- **Kathy Kamphuis**, cancer treatments.
- **Pat Loomans**, hip fracture recovery and therapy.
- **Dewey Pausma**, heart surgery recovery. He is having a rough time getting his breathing back and was back at Froederdt on Wednesday.
- **Laura Ten Pass**, new treatment plan scheduled for March 18.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, brain surgery recovery and next steps.

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement following my surgery. After a visit to oncology, I don't need radiation! God is good. Thanks to Pastor Greg for his visit and calls and Ray Hofman for his calls. We have a wonderful church family; you are all great!

- Allegra Bossenbroek

The Elders joyfully accepted the memberships of Cayden Ruis and Todd Van Herwaarden this past Wednesday.

Meal Train. If you or another member are in 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

- March 17: Conclusion of Lenten Sermon Series: "Faith Practices for Spiritual Renewal."
- March 24: Palm Sunday; no Sunday School or Catechism
- March 28, Thursday, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Service including Lord's Supper in worship.
- March 31: Easter Sunday, no Sunday School or Catechism

Nominations for Elders and Deacons will happen at the March 20 Council meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, please talk to an elder or deacon.

Oops! Jen mistakenly announced March 20 as the Youth Group Spaghetti Supper night but that is a GEMS night! Please mark your calendars for our annual high school youth group spaghetti supper, Wednesday, April 24.

We'd like to extend a humble thank you the people of First CRC for your recent contribution to the **Luke Society**. We are reminded during this Lenten season of how Christ gave up the riches of heaven to come down to earth and suffer a humiliating death on the cross for us. In a similar way, many of our directors have given up status and wealth as doctors to serve the least of these brothers through servant leadership. Your gifts will support the continued work of these men and women as they bring that Gospel message across the world through physical and spiritual healing.

Camp Calvin 2024 registration will open on March 20! Camp Calvin is a Christian overnight summer camp for youth entering 4th-9th grades. Camp Calvin will be held June 16-21, 2024, at Spencer Lake in Waupaca, WI. For more information, photos, questions, or to register, please visit www.CampCalvin.com.

Church Email List: If you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

Community News

Community Prayer Service – Join us for a Community Prayer Service as we draw closer to God through prayer and worship TODAY at 7 PM at Alto Reformed Church, N3697 Cty Rd EE, Waupun.

The ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast for the month of March has been cancelled. Because of our annual conference in Green Lake and the busyness of March, we decided to cancel this breakfast. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday, April 13. Be sure to mark your calendars!

CWC By-Law Constitution Proposal: Over the past couple of years, the Board of Directors has studied the operating By-Laws of Central Wisconsin Christian. Denominational changes have made it necessary for By-Law changes to be adopted. Proposals for changes, an informational video, and FAQs are posted on our website

<https://www.wearecwc.org/about/association-updates-2024.cfm>. An open forum available to you as members of the Association will be held in the Cornerstone Learning Center on Monday, March 11, at 6:30PM. Enter at Door #1 on the North Entrance. These proposals will be voted on March 18th. Proxy votes are also available. Call the school at 920-324-4233 or stop in if you need copies of the materials.

CWC Elementary Musical: The 4K–5th grade students of CWC are busily preparing their annual spring musical on March 15, 2024, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM in the Crusader Centre and we would love for all of you to join us. This year we will be performing “Called” by Mark Burrow. Through Called, children will discover how God can and will call anyone. Please enter at door 8 (East) OR door 11 (South). Our offering this year will be designated for a missionary family that works for King's Kids in Nigeria.

CWC 8th Grade Play: Picture yourself in your own Family Album with this incredibly funny, sometimes touching, always entertaining play. The 8th Grade class at Central Wisconsin Christian presents “Family Album” by Rob Frankel on Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 PM.

Pella Lutheran in Waupun is having a **Mercy Meals packing event** on Saturday, March 23, from 9 to 3. Assemble nutritious oatmeal-based meal packets to be distributed to Ukraine and other parts of the world where there is a need. Volunteers work in assembly-line fashion to pack as many meals as possible. Everyone is welcome to help, for an hour or two, or the whole time. A lunch will be provided.

East Friesland New Covenant Church Women's Event: EFNCC is hosting a video playback of the Answers in Genesis Women's Conference to be held Friday, April 26, from 4-8:30 PM (doors open at 3:30) and Saturday, April 27, from 9-5 (doors open at 8:30). This year's conference is titled, Reclaim: Overcoming the War on Women for the Glory of God. Tickets for this event will be on sale March 17-April 14. They will be \$20 each and will include three speakers, worship time, and a catered meal on

Friday night, along with six speakers, worship time, a catered lunch, and light snacks on Saturday. Tickets must be presented for entry. For questions or to order tickets, please email: secretaryofnewcovenant@gmail.com or call 920-382-6173 with the number of tickets you'd like to order and your mailing address. Due to some sensitive content, we recommend that only ages 13 and up attend and that parental discretion is used. For more information on the content of the conference, please visit <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2024/>.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group (The Union)
Sunday:	8:30 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Coffee

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

Children's Worship

Lyn Mulder, Sophia Schuringa,
Tirzah Ritzema

Nursery

Phylcia Coda, Emily Mulder, Elliana
Mulder

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Cassidy Ritzema

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ryer Greenfield, 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)

Come People Of The Risen King

Verse 1: Come people of the Risen King - Who delight to bring Him praise
 Come all and tune your hearts to sing - To the Morning Star of grace
 From the shifting shadows of the earth - We will lift our eyes to Him
 Where steady arms of mercy reach - To gather children in

Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice
 One heart one voice - O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2: Come those whose joy is morning sun - And those weeping through
 the night - Come those who tell of battles won - And those struggling in the
 fight - For His perfect love will never change - And His mercies never cease
 But follow us through all our days - With the certain hope of peace

Verse 3: Come young and old from ev'ry land - Men and women of the faith
 Come those with full or empty hands - Find the riches of His grace
 Over all the world His people sing - Shore to shore we hear them call
 The truth that cries through ev'ry age - Our God is all in all

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Knowing You

Verse 1: All I once held dear built my life upon
 All this world reveres and wars to own
 All I once thought gain I have counted loss
 Spent and worthless now compared to this

Chorus: Knowing You Jesus knowing You - There is no greater thing
 You're my all nothing less - You're my joy my righteousness
 And I love You Lord love You Lord

Verse 2: Now my heart's desire is to know You more
 To be found in You and known as Yours

To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Verse 3: Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die

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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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February 2024 Update from Neen and Angel

Greetings in Christ's Name!

Not very productive this month because I was not able to visit our brothers behind bars. My health does not permit me to have face-to-face Bible study in the prisons. Been with my cardiologist and he told me to take it easy because my heart is not improving yet. He gave me a double dose of the medicines that I am taking because my chronic cough has contributed to damaging my heart. I am taking lots of medicines and the stronger the doses and the side effects. I still pray and hope that the Lord will heal me totally but still His will be done.

Thank you for helping us, so that I can be able to go to a cardiologist and buy my medicines. God is indeed very good for sustaining our needs through your help. Thank you for being there for us in our trials and burdens. Angel and I are still helping those needy people around us especially older ones that live alone. So sad to think about their situations. Some needy people come to our house for their needs, especially for rice. Rice has been very costly since the previous month because of the El Nino. No more rain and we experience drought now. Many are struggling to survive because everything is very costly now, and the poor are much affected.



We are glad and thankful to you that we are able to help some of them and share the love of Christ with them. Thank you so much for all your help for us and the ministry.

Another thing that burdens us this summer is the shortage of water. We dug a well last year near our house so that can supply us when the water stops running. But unfortunately, the well gets dried too because some of our neighbors are using it too. We don't have a regular water supply for now. Our option is to buy a big tank to store the water to run in our faucet But this needs to be installed.

I am still grateful to God for all the trials that come along. It taught me a lot of things but most of all it taught me to trust him more. Praying and crying to our dear Father in Heaven gives us peace and comfort. Still, I am praying that he will heal me totally so that I can go back to the prison to share His Word. As we are waiting for his return.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and continued support for us and the ministry. May God bless you always

In Christ love, Neen and Angel

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Sermon Notes