

3/3/2024

# 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](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 and Opening Prayer

\*Song of Worship: "Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

Confession and Assurance

Songs of Worship: "This is Amazing Grace" "Goodness of God"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Faith Promise Fund

Song of Worship: "Ancient Words"

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

\*Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Message: "All is Grace"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Pastor Aaron Baart
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Cara Schmitt (piano and vocals); Nikki Durni (acoustic guitar and vocals); Hanna Marra (percussion); Kevin Buwalda, Heidi Smits (vocalists)
- Congregational Prayer: Ken Homan
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Beth Schlieve, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Al and LeAnne Holden

- Children's Worship: Kim Greenfield, Kolten Buwalda, Jonah Mulder
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Emily Aalsma, Noralyn Durni
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Brian O'Donovan

**Missionary Letters**

J Groenewold to Neen  
D Heeringa 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.

	<b>February</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD (7/1 to 2/29)</b>	<b>YTD Budget (7/1 to 2/29)</b>	<b>Percentage of YTD Budget</b>
General Fund/ Building Fund	\$18,461.00	\$242,747.61	\$249,786.66	97.18%
Parking Lot Project	\$2,790.00	\$74,937.79	\$80,000.00	93.67%
Classical	\$1,065.00	\$7,440.00	\$14,899.60	49.93%
Denominational	\$1,345.00	\$10,640.00	\$15,333.34	69.39%
Faith Promise	\$825.00	\$16,351.05	\$9,600.00	170.32%
Most Needed	\$14,573.00	\$36,838.92	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$1,042.00	\$6,208.06	N/A	N/A
Beautiful Response (Monthly Cause)	\$763.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total *</b>	<b>\$42,979.00</b>	<b>\$450,504.87</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

## Our Family

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

- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Pat Loomans**, hip fracture recovery.
- **Dewey Pausma**, recovery from surgery.

**Pastor Greg** plans to return to his regular duties this Tuesday after a week of study.

**We welcome Rev. Aaron Baart** to First CRC today! Aaron was a featured speaker at the annual ONE Waupun Men's Conference in Green Lake yesterday and will be preaching here today. He is Chief of Staff and Dean of Chapel at Dordt University in Sioux Center, IA.

**We would like to thank** the congregation for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and the delicious food and meals brought to our home during Judy's recovery from hip replacement surgery. It was all so appreciated. We have felt such a warm welcome here at First CRC and it is a great blessing to belong to such a loving and caring church family. May God richly bless us all as we grow together in His love and faithfulness. - Judy & Curt Groen

**We want to thank** the congregation for the calls, cards and especially the prayers that sustained us through the long ordeal of surgery, recovery and adjusting to a new "home." Thanks to those who helped us move. It was really appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Greg and Dan Scheuers for their many visits and prayers. And thanks to those who provided transportation for us. We thank God for all of you!! - Louie & Nancy

## **Church News**

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- March 10 & 17: Lenten Sermon Series: "Faith Practices for Spiritual Renewal."
- March 24: Palm Sunday
- March 28, Thursday, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Service including Lord's Supper in worship.
- March 31: Easter Sunday

**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.

**Thank you** to everyone who came out for fun night of fellowship at our Youth Group "Never Too Old To Be Young" game night at Bethel CRC this week. It was a joy to relax during a busy school season for a couple hours of food and fellowship and realize that we're supported, loved, and lifted in prayer by such a great group of grandparents, parents, and congregants.

**An afternoon ladies Bible study** is planning to start again March 20. We plan to meet every Wednesday afternoon starting at 1:00 PM and study Power of Forgiveness. If you haven't already signed up, please let either Sue Buwalda or Linda Pausma know that you want to join us. Please meet at the front of the sanctuary after the service today to receive your book.

**Camp Calvin 2024 registration** will open on March 20! Camp Calvin is a Christian overnight summer camp for youth entering 4th-9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.CampCalvin.com).

### **Community News**

**It is time for Peniel Welsh Chapel Association** to begin the 2024 summer concert season. Our first event will be to celebrate our Welsh Heritage with a St. David's Day Gymanfa Ganu, or Hymn Sing. The Hymn Sing will take place TODAY at 2:30 in the afternoon, at Trinity Episcopal Church 203 Algoma Blvd Oshkosh, WI 54901. The singing will be directed by Rev. Joe Corbin, accompanied by Tim Fale. Special music will be provided by Piper Dylan of Life Wind Bagpiping. Refreshments will follow the singing. For more information call Tom White at 920-266-7739, email [penielchapel1856](mailto:penielchapel1856) or visit [www.wggaw.org](http://www.wggaw.org)

### **Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.**

There is a critical need for blood from all blood types. Please consider donating blood today! Central Wisconsin Christian is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 7, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Enter through Door 8. All donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a pet merchant of choice! Give Blood, treat your pet & make a paw-sitive impact this spring. Plus automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$3K gift card (5 winners!)! Terms: [rcblood.org/Pets](http://rcblood.org/Pets).

**Community Prayer Service** – Join us for a Community Prayer Service as we draw closer to God through prayer and worship on Sunday, March 10, at 7 PM at Alto Reformed Church, N3697 Cty Rd EE, Waupun.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class at Central Wisconsin Christian presents “Family Album” by Rob Frankel on Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 PM.

**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](mailto: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 Elder's Meeting (Upper room)  
6:30 PM GEMS Pajama Night

6:30 PM Cadets at the Union  
7:00 PM Youth Group–10:24 Small Groups (you know where)

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Catechism  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism

## Next Week

### **Accompanist**

Laura Ten Pass

### **Livestream**

Gregg Zonnefeld

### **Coffee**

Steve and Heidi Smits

### **PPT**

Ryer Greenfield

### **Children's Worship**

Emily Mulder, Cassidy Ritzema, Levi Holbach

### **Sound System**

Joe Bresser

### **Nursery**

Jenna Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass, Kase Buwalda

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Ben Mulder, Andy Schlieve

<b>Care Group</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
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 Thou Fount Come Thou King**

**Verse 1:** Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing - Tune my heart to sing Thy  
grace - Streams of mercy never ceasing - Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet - Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it - Mount of Thy redeeming love

**Verse 2:** I was lost in utter darkness - 'Til You came and rescued me  
I was bound by all my sin when - Your love came and set me free  
Now my soul can sing a new song - Now my heart has found a home  
Now Your grace is always with me - And I'll never be alone

**Chorus:** Come Thou Fount, come Thou King - Come Thou precious Prince of  
Peace - Hear Your bride to You we sing - Come Thou Fount of our blessing  
Come Thou Fount come Thou King - Come Thou precious Prince of Peace  
Hear Your bride to You we sing - Come Thou Fount of our blessing

**Verse 3:** O to grace how great a debtor - Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter - Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it - Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it - Seal it for Thy courts above

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## **This Is Amazing Grace**

**Verse 1:** Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

**Verse 2:** Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

**Chorus:** (Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace - This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place - That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life - That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

**Verse 3:** Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory



**Verse 4:** Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

**Bridge:** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain - Worthy is the King who  
conquered the grave - Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave - Worthy is the Lamb who was  
slain - Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain - Worthy, worthy, worthy

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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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## Ancient Words

**Verse 1:** Holy words long preserved - For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart - O let the ancient words impart

**Verse 2:** Words of life words of hope - Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam - Ancient words will guide us home

**Chorus:** Ancient words ever true - Changing me and changing you  
We have come with open hearts - O let the ancient words impart

**Verse 3:** Holy words of our faith - Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice - O heed the faithful words of Christ

**Verse 4:** Ancient words, long preserved – For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart – O let the ancient words impart

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## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

**Verse 1:** Amazing grace how sweet the sound - That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found - Was blind but now I see

**Verse 2:** 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear - And grace my fears  
relieved - How precious did that grace appear - The hour I first believed

**Chorus:** My chains are gone I've been set free - My God my Savior has  
ransomed me - And like a flood His mercy rains - Unending love amazing  
grace

**Verse 3:** The Lord has promised good to me - His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be - As long as life endures

**Verse 4:** The earth shall soon dissolve like snow - The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below - Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine - You are forever mine

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## My Friends May You Grow In Grace

**Verse:** My friends may you grow in grace - And in the knowledge  
Of our Lord and Savior - My friends may you grow in grace  
And in the knowledge - Of Jesus Christ

**Refrain ;** To God be the glory - Now and forever - Now and forever  
Amen - To God be the glory - Now and forever - Now and forever - Amen

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## Sermon Notes