

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.

Before and after worship we have catechism classes for students from Middle School through High School, and Sunday School Classes for K – 5th 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 (waupunrc.com) or our denomination's website (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) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (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

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

*Songs of Worship: "Our God Reigns" R372

"Because He Lives" R358

"We Believe"

Confession and Assurance

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Pregnancy Support Center of
Dodge County

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

*Scripture Reading: John 15:1-17

Message: "The True Vine"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "How Great Thou Art" R147

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Benediction"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Richard Britton
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Brian Ten Pass
(worship leader); Cara Schmitt
(piano); Hollie Ganz, Jessica Ten
Pass, Tyler Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff,
Lois Mulder, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Sarah
Schuringa, Casey Homan, Jules
Mulder

- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder,
Lynnae Franken, Joy Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brian
O'Donovan

Missionary Letters

B Heeringa to Neen/Angel

B Hoekstra 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 (Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County for March; Central Wisconsin Christian School for April), 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:

- **Josie Buiter**, young granddaughter of Steve and Heidi Smits, heart surgery recovery.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, after more detailed cancer scans, is planning to have a double mastectomy likely in May.
- **Ray Hofman**, under hospice care at home.
- **Shirley Otto**, broken ankle recovery.
- **Gardie Ten Pas**, recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, surgical biopsy this past week. Any next steps depend on the results.

Pastor Greg plans to be back in the office after a time of vacation tomorrow, March 31.

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating Harry Venhuizen's 90th birthday with an Open House at the Event Center at Werner Harmsen on April 12 from 2 - 4.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- April 6—Conclusion of That Old Time Religion Lent sermon series.
- April 13—Palm Sunday, with Children singing
- April 18, 6:30 PM—Good Friday Tenebrae service with Lord's Supper and Men's Chorus
- April 20—Easter, with choir
- April 27—GEMS Sunday
- May 1—Waupun Ministers' Association National Day of Prayer Service at City Hall, 6 PM
- May 4 AM—Central Wisconsin Christian New Generation Singers in worship
- May 4 PM—Prayer and Praise Service, 6 PM

There is no Sunday School or Catechism this week due to Spring Break!

Ladies: The Bible Study books for the Wednesday afternoon study are here! Please pick one up from Sue's mailbox. The study will start April 9, 1 PM, in the upper room.

Based on a request to the elders for another profession of faith class in the near future, the elders are going to hold a class this summer. Pastor Greg will be doing the scheduling, so please reach out to him if you'd like to participate.

Worship Team. The First CRC Worship Team is always looking for more people to get involved in leading the several songs we sing each worship service. Please contact Pastor Greg if you are interested in participating, whether with your voice or instrument or both!

Looking for a little help with spring cleaning or yard projects? The Belize Mission Team students would love to help you! On Saturday, April 5, from 9 AM-4 PM, they will be doing a Work-a-Thon Fundraiser to help pay for their summer mission trip. To reserve a pair of students for two hours, please reach out to Jen Vlietstra at 507-227-1859 or cjvliet@charter.net. Spots are filling up fast!

The Belize Mission Team students are raising funds not only to help pay for their trip but to bless the people of Corozal, Belize and New Jerusalem Church. To do that, we are selling "Go Tell It" Isaiah 52:7 insulated 20 oz tumblers, 32 oz water bottles, hats, and t-shirts. If you're interested in ordering, please contact Jen Vlietstra, one of the team members going to Belize, or you can see our table set up by the mission trip board at Bethel for details, to see a demo tumbler and sign up.

Do you have a heart for youth in our community and church family? Our youth groups are looking for new team members for the 2025-2026 school year and would love to have you join us! To learn a little more about youth ministry, we invite you to join us and check it out. The next middle school youth group (SWaT) night is Wednesday, April 9, @ Bethel from 6:30-7:30 or you can hang out with the high schoolers for a 10:24 (small group study) night on Sunday, April 6 or April 27 @ Bethel from 7:00-8:30. Reach out to Jen Vlietstra, Tyler Ten Pass, or Bryant Greenfield to learn more about this fun opportunity!

Community News

Alto Reformed Church Men's Chorus Program - You're invited to attend the Men's Chorus Program on Sunday, April 6, at 7 PM at Alto Reformed Church, N3697 County Road EE, Waupun.

The Randolph Community Choir will be presenting "**King of Kings**," an Easter musical, on Sunday, April 13, at 6 PM at 1st Reformed Church in Randolph, 406 S High St, and also on Sunday, April 20, at 7 PM at Bethel CRC. Please join us for a night of celebration and a time of fellowship afterwards.

The Waupun Area Christian Ministerial Association (WACMA) will again offer a National Day of Prayer worship service on the 1st Thursday in May, May 1, at the Waupun City Hall, beginning at 6:00 PM. Singers from the area are invited to join an ecumenical choir for one song during that worship service: "Heal Our Land," words by Orrin G. Hatch, music by Janice Kapp Perry, and choral setting by Jack Schrader. Sandee Alsum will accompany the choir with Dianna Gedamke directing. Rehearsals are scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, and Thursday, April 24, at the Waupun United Methodist Church, at 6:00 PM. Let the Christian community come together to pray for our nation, especially in this choir. Questions can be directed to Pastor Steve Miller: 920-324-9721. Music will be provided or you can request an advance copy by email.

Thursday, April 3, will be a great night to enjoy Noodles & Company in Beaver Dam for your dinner while **supporting Church Health Services**. They will benefit with 25% of qualifying purchases from both online orders and in-house orders placed 4-8 PM. When checking out for online orders, use the code GIVING25!

Connections Breakfast: Just a reminder that our next ONE Waupun Breakfast for men is scheduled for April 12 at 7:30 AM at the Main Street Bistro location. Be sure to take along a friend!

Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant in Beaver Dam and The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County are partnering for a Dining Day on Monday, April 14, from 11 AM to 10 PM. Just mention PSCDC and Benvenuto's will donate 20% of your purchase to PSCDC.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Small Groups @ Bethel
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ The Union
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting in the Upper Room
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Al and LeAnne Holden

Children's Worship

Kim Greenfield, Emily Aalsma, Troy Hoffman

Nursery

Hailey Wagner, Andrea Buwalda, Ellie Mulder

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

PPT

Jake Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Brad Schouten

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)

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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We Believe

Verse 1: In this time of desperation - When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation - We believe we believe
In this broken generation - When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation - We believe we believe

Chorus: We believe in God the Father - We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit - And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion - We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection - And He's coming back again
(We believe)

Verse 2: So let our faith be more than anthems - Greater than the songs we sing - In our weakness and temptations - We believe we believe

Bridge: Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save - We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail - For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail - We believe we believe

Ending: He's coming back again - He's coming back again
We believe we believe

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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