

# 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](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 Easter Sunday Worship Service

\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Call to Worship: "The Night Before Easter"

Welcome and Announcements

Easter Litany

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Resurrection: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" G389

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" G391:1-4

Congregational Prayer

Al Venhuizen

\*Songs of Worship: "Living Hope"

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Offering for the Local Budget and Central Wisconsin Christian School

Song of Worship: "Low in the Grave Christ Lay" G396

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

\*Scripture Reading: John 20:1-9, 19-23

Message: "Easter is Now!"

\*Song of Response: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" G388:1-4

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "The Hallelujah Chorus" (Walk-up Choir)

\*Postlude

### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Soloist: Norm Jansma
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Grace Bruins, Megan Greenfield, Cayden Ruis (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Beth Schlieve, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg
- Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Hailey Bresser, Lenny Aalsma

- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass, Noralyn Durni
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Ben Mulder

### Missionary Letters

B Homan to Neen/Angel\*

E Homan 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 (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.



	March	Fiscal YTD (7/1 to 3/31)	YTD Budget (7/1 to 3/31)	% of YTD Budget
General Fund	\$34,699.77	\$256,312.89	\$266,276.86	96.25%
Building Fund	\$812.83	\$7,773.31	\$24,727.50	31.44%
Classic	\$508.49	\$8,975.87	\$18,699.75	48.00%
Denominational	\$598.54	\$10,745.97	\$18,750.00	57.31%
Faith Promise	\$1,206.07	\$11,905.93	\$10,800.00	110.24%
Most Needed	\$24,771.50	\$63,670.69	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$1,322.54	\$28,681.68	N/A	N/A
Dodge County Pregnancy Center (Monthly Cause)	\$2,035.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total *</b>	<b>\$68,118.94</b>	<b>\$465,551.31</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:**

- **Carol Greenfield**, surgery recovery.
- **Leanne Johnson**, hospitalization.
- **Margaret Miedema**, heart health and severe cervical spine pain.
- **Gardie Ten Pas**, recovery from knee replacement surgery going well.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, recovery from brain surgery this past Friday.

**Ray Hofman passed away** last Sunday morning after two months in hospice care. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Brenda; to his mother, Phyllis Hofman; Brenda's parents, Sam and Sylvia Vander Galien; Ray's sisters and brothers who are members at First: Gretchen (Darrall) Schaver, Shelly (John) Bronkhorst, Vanessa (Paul) Buteyn, Rev. Peter (Kristi) Hofman, Abby (Jeff) Vree; and the rest of his siblings, and nephews

and nieces. Funeral and Graveside services were held on Saturday. Jesus says to us in John 14:19, "Because I live, you also will live."

**Summer Serve. Allana Vree** is the only high school student from First going on the Bethel/First Summer Service Project, and is excited about doing service projects for First members to earn money toward going on the service project. If you'd like to support her, please contact her at [28avree@wearecwc.org](mailto:28avree@wearecwc.org) or 920-392-2569.

## Church News

### Upcoming Worship Highlights

- April 27—GEMS Sunday
- May 1, 6 PM—Waupun Ministers' Association National Day of Prayer Service at City Hall
- May 4 AM—Central Wisconsin Christian New Generation Singers in worship
- May 4, 6 PM—Prayer and Praise Service

**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.

**There is no Sunday School or Catechism today.**

Summer may seem far away it's closer than you think. That means it's time to think about the **Summer Bag Lunch Program**. If you are interested in heading up this opportunity to bless the children in our community with a free lunch, please let the office know.

**Wednesday, April 23, the youth group seniors** will be helping ARYA in Fond du Lac move into a new home @ 6:30. Bryant will text details to the students.

**Sunday, April 27, the high school youth group** will wrap up their study, *Facing Anxiety* and have Senior Send-Off, where the seniors will star in our opening devotions and share their words of wisdom & encouragement with the younger students.

**Wednesday, April 30, the high school youth group** will wrap up the year with a fun night of bowling at Ledgeview Bowling in Fond du Lac, watch your email for details.

**Friday, May 9, we will wrap up SWaT** with a fun night out at Badger Sports Park, watch your email for details.

**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 Allana Vree. Orders are due, Sunday, April 27!

## **Community News**

**The Randolph Community Choir** will be presenting "**King of Kings**," an Easter musical, tonight at 7 PM at Bethel CRC. Please join us for a night of celebration and a time of fellowship afterwards.

**CWC Annual Meeting:** Central Wisconsin Christian will host its Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, April 23**, at 6:30 PM in the Crusader Centre. This meeting will include approval of the annual budget and board nominees. All supporters of CWC are encouraged to attend and vote. Materials for the meeting will be available online and from the school office.

**CWC Grandparents/Special Guest Day:** Grandparents and Special Guests please join us for a fun day on **Friday, April 25**. The day will start with classroom visits and snacks from 8-10:00 AM and a program of praise will follow. We will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

**Retirement Open House:** We would like you to join us in honoring two teachers that will be retiring after this year. Dianne Buteyn has blessed us with 38 years and Renae Venhuizen with 29 years. They are retiring at the end of the school year, ending careers of faithful service to students, staff, and families. You are invited to join us for an Open House in their honor on **Saturday, May 3**, from 10-noon in the CWC Commons. *Well done, good and faithful servants!!!*

**The Waupun Area Christian Ministerial Association (WACMA) will again** offer a National Day of Prayer worship service at 6 PM on Thursday, May 1, at the Waupun City Hall. 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, 6 PM** at the Waupun United Methodist Church. 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.

**The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County** is hosting it's annual open house on Saturday, May 17, from 10 AM to 2 PM at 108 Parallel St.,

Beaver Dam. You can meet the Director, tour the Center, have a brat at the Brat Fry, and check out the Bake Sale and the Plant Sale.

**Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
**Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break @ Bethel  
 1:00 PM Women’s Bible Study (Upper Room)  
 6:30 PM Men’s Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Youth Group Seniors helping ARYA move  
**Thursday** 7:00 PM ONE Waupun Men’s Bible Study (Lower Level)  
**Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism  
 9:30 AM Worship Service

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

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday  
 Phone: 920-324-2898 - email: [waupunrcrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupunrcrc@gmail.com)  
 PO Box 32, Waupun, WI 53963

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

**Livestream**

Brad Mulder

**Coffee**

Randall and Kim Greenfield

**PPT**

Ryer Greenfield

**Children’s Worship**

Jenna Mulder, Grace Bruins, Jenna Schouten

**Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

**Nursery**

Lynnae Franken, Casey Homan, Kolton Buwalda

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Ushers**

Owen Mulder, Brian O’Donovan

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)

## Living Hope

**Verse 1:** How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb - In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul - The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Verse 2:** Who could imagine so great a mercy

What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame - The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own - Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Chorus:** Hallelujah praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me - You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name - Jesus Christ my living hope

**Verse 3:** Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe - Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

**Ending:** Jesus Christ my living hope - Oh God You are my living hope

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## Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

**Verse 1:** What is our hope in life and death - Christ alone Christ alone

What is our only confidence - That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand - What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end - The love of Christ in which we stand

**Chorus:** O sing hallelujah - Our hope springs eternal - O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess - Christ our hope in life and death

**Verse 2:** What truth can calm the troubled soul - God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known - In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise - Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh - Unto the shore the rock of Christ

**Verse 3:** Unto the grave what will we sing - Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring - Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord - Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy - When Christ is ours forevermore

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## **Sermon Notes**