

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: "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" G169

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "By Faith" "Closer" "Teach Us Your Ways"

Congregational Prayer

Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Offering for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

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

*Scripture Reading: I Timothy 4:8

Message: "That Old Time Religion #5: Tried and True Practices of the Faith—Strengthening Your Inner Person

Prayer

*Song of Dedication: "When We Walk with the Lord" G548

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Shine On Us"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Lois Mulder (piano); Grace Bruins, Kevin Buwalda, Heidi Smits (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Jake Van Herwaarden, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Al and LeAnne Holden
- Children's Worship: Kim Greenfield, Emily Aalsma, Troy Hoffman
- Nursery: Hailey Wagner, Andrea Buwalda, Ellie Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

M Hoffman to Neen/Angel*
G Hofman 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.



Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Josie Buiter**, granddaughter of Steve and Heidi Smits, is home now in recovery.
- **Carol Greenfield**, surgery recovery at home.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, a double mastectomy surgery is scheduled for May 27.
- **Ray Hofman**, under hospice care at home.
- **Leanne Johnson**, hospitalization.
- **Shirley Otto**, broken ankle recovery.
- **Gardie Ten Pas**, recovery from knee replacement surgery going well.
- **Bob West**, car accident.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, another brain surgery is scheduled for April 18.

We would like to thank the congregation for the many cards, phone calls, visits and food brought to our home after my recent hip replacement surgery. It was all much appreciated. It is a blessing to be part of such a loving and caring church. - Judy and Curt Groen

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and other expressions of sympathy after the passing of my mom. Special thanks to Pastor Greg and Elder Darrall for checking in with me. - Lois Mulder

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.

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. Please contact her if you'd like to support her.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- 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

New Locks for Church Entrances. This past week the locks were changed on the church building entrances, and so the old keys will no longer work. If you are a person who needs access to the church building during the week and would like a new key, please contact Keith Buwalda, chair of Church Property. Thank you!

Ladies: The Bible Study books for the Wednesday afternoon study are here! Please pick one up from Sue's mailbox. The study starts Wednesday at 1 PM.

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!

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 TODAY at 7 PM at Alto Reformed Church, N3697 County Road EE, Waupun.

Join us for an exciting evening at the **Randolph Christian School Spring Auction** on **Saturday, April 12, 2025!** The **Silent Auction** opens at **4:30 PM**, with **dinner catered by LeRoy Meats and served from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**. The **Live Auction** begins at **7:00 PM**, featuring a variety of fantastic items generously donated by our community. Don't miss our **Upscale Bake Sale**, offering delicious homemade treats. New items are being donated every day! We are also excited to announce that **RCS Cookbooks are back**— available for **\$20 each or all three for \$50**. Preorder yours before they sell out by emailing auction@randolphchristian.org. Mark your calendar and come ready to bid, buy, and support Christian education at RCS! Pre-register online or at the door. Meal tickets are \$15/person.

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.

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 10:00-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 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.

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:	8:30 AM	11 th /12 th Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Small Groups @ Bethel
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel
	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
	6:30 PM	SWaT Worship Night @ Bethel
Thursday	6:30 PM	Executive Committee Meeting (Upper Room)
	7:00 PM	ONE Waupun Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
Sunday:	8:30 AM	11 th /12 th 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: waupunrc@gmail.com
PO Box 32, Waupun

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

Coffee

Steve and Heidi Smits

PPT

Katie De Jager

Children's Worship

Emily Mulder, Taylor Aalsma, Joy Mulder

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Nursery

Beth Schlieve, Phylicia Coda, Rynn Aalsma

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

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)

By Faith

Verse 1: By faith we see the hand of God - In the light of creation's grand design - In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2: By faith our fathers roamed the earth - With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts - Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise - We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward - Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3: By faith the prophets saw a day - When the longed-for Messiah would appear - With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4: By faith the church was called to go - In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost - To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Verse 5: By faith the mountain shall be moved - And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail - For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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Closer

Verse 1: Search me oh God and know my thoughts - Nothing is hidden from You - Lead me along Your path of life - That I may walk in truth

Chorus: Bring me closer, closer - Closer to You my Lord
Bring me closer, closer to Your ways - To Your will to Your heart

Verse 2: Create in me a clean heart - Renew a right spirit in me
Make of me Lord a servant - Who walks in humility

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Teach Us Your Ways

Verse 1: Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways - As we learn from one another - Learn to love each other - Teach us Your ways

Verse 2: Teach us to give, teach us to give - Give ourselves for one another
Learn to love each other - Teach us to give

Verse 3: Teach us to weep, teach us to weep - Let us weep with one another
Learn to love each other - Teach us to weep

Verse 4: Hallelujah, hallelujah - Let us learn from one another
Learn to love each other - Teach us Your ways

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Shine On Us

Verse 1: Lord let Your light - Light of Your face shine on us
Lord let Your light - Light of Your face shine on us
That we may be saved - That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night - Let Your light shine on us

Verse 2: Lord let Your grace - Grace from Your hand fall on us
Lord let Your grace - Grace from Your hand fall on us
That we may be saved - That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night - Let Your grace fall on us

Verse 3: Lord let Your love - Love with no end come over us
Lord let Your love - Love with no end come over us
That we may be saved - That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night - Let Your love come over us
Let Your light shine on us

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Sermon Notes