First Christian Reformed Church



We welcome our guests and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping 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 Easter Worship Service * Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: "You Are My All in All" R583

"This Little Light of Mine"

"How Great is Our God"

"I Love You, Lord" R78

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Faith Promise Fund Song of Worship: "This is My Father's World" G36 Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship

*Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1 – 5:1 (Legacy Standard Bible)

Message: "We Do Not Lose Heart"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "He Leadeth Me" G452

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Grant Kemink
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Congregational Prayer: Laura Venhuizen
- Worship Team: Jon, Jules, and Joy Mulder
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Beth Schlieve, Scott Ritzema
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder

- Children's Worship: Stacey Schaver, Jenna Schouten, Kase Buwalda
- Nursery: Beth Schlieve, Emily Mulder, Kolten Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

K Homan to Neen*
P 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 and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (CWC for April), 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: \$76,382.79 (95%) raised of estimated \$80,000.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- Kathy Kamphuis, cancer treatments.
- Pat Loomans, next steps after therapy at the Christian Home.
- Dewey Pausma, challenges in recovery from heart surgery, dealing with an infection too now.
- Kaytlin Ruis, knee surgery recovery.
- Laura Ten Pass, radiation treatments.
- Gregg Zonnefeld, surgery recovery, radiation treatments to start on April 9.

Meal Train. If you have need for meals for a time due to sickness or recovery after surgery or having a baby (or want to make sure someone else gets some meals), please contact your care group elder or deacon or the church office. A Meal Train will get set up 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

- April 14: "Miracles in Matthew" sermon series begins.
- April 28, 6 PM: Praise and Prayer Service
- May 2: Thursday 6 PM, National Day of Prayer Service at Waupun City Hall auditorium with Waupun Churches.

Waupun Churches' Choir for the National Day of Prayer Service—all are welcome to join in! The Choir rehearsals are scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, and Tuesday, April 30 – both at 6 PM at the Waupun United Methodist Church (enter off of Forest Street across from Werner-Harmsen).

Did you know that we have an exciting summer SERVE trip planned for our high school youth group students? This summer, July 27 - August 3, we will have 19 students and 4 adults (ages 21 or older) traveling to the Greater Minneapolis/Saint Paul area on SERVE and blessing the community with the love of Christ. **But we cannot do it without you! We need one more woman and two men to join us as youth leaders for the week.** If you're interested, please reach out to Jen Vlietstra, Noah Mulder, or Bryant Greenfield THIS WEEK! Registration is due April 15.

The Bethel/First CRC high school youth group is hosting a Wall O'Giving fundraiser! Funds will go towards SERVE and summer missions. To help our students and their families, pick an envelope from the back of church with the corresponding dollar amount you'd like to donate. Then put your money in the envelope and drop it in the donation box or the offering plate. Checks can be made out to BYPS. The fundraiser runs from Monday, April 1, through Monday, April 15. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please mark your calendars for our annual high school youth group spaghetti supper, Wednesday, April 24, serving from 5:30-7:00 PM or until we run out of food! Dine-in or carry out. Funds from the supper go towards funding our annual youth group expenses such as lessons, activities, and food!

REGISTRATION for Camp Calvin 2024 is officially open! Please register online today. 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 CampCalvin.com.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for Camp Calvin. We are searching for volunteers to work alongside us, who love Jesus and share our passion and joy for serving our campers. Anyone interested in serving at Camp Calvin can complete an online campcalvin.com/Volunteer Application.

Community News

Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant in Beaver Dam, and the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County are partnering up for a Dining Day on Tuesday, April 9, from 11 AM to 10 PM. Just mention PSCDC. Benvenutos will then donate 20% of your purchase to PSCDC. This offer applies to dinein, carry-out, and/or delivery. We hope to see you there!

The next **ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast** is on Saturday, April 13, at 7:30 AM. Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

Our Home Christian Ministries is a ministry of Christian Adult Family Homes in Oostburg, Wisconsin, for adults with developmental disabilities. Our Home is hiring a full-time resident manager to provide care for four adults with developmental disabilities. Benefits include salary, housing, and utilities. Job description includes care of residents, cooking, cleaning, leadership, medication administration, etc. Training provided. We are looking for someone with strengths in communication, compassion, leadership, paperwork, organization and teamwork. Unique opportunity for doing ministerial work at home. Please contact Kristin Rozenboom at 920-564-6933 for office@ourhomecm.com for more information.

Your help is needed! The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Fond du Lac is beginning the process of gathering community input to help them develop the areas of focus in the 2025-2027 Fond du Lac County Aging Plan. The State requires that they attempt to gather as much community feedback as they can to refine and prioritize the 3-year aging plan goals so they are focused on improving programs and services for residents as they age. Surveys are available on the table in the narthex. Pick one up!

You can support the **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County** on Monday, April 22, from 4-8 PM at the Pizza Ranch in Beaver Dam. All tips and a percentage of sales will go to PSCDC.

Randolph Christian School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Cross-Categorical Special Education Teacher and a Middle School Math and Science Teacher, both are full-time positions. Please visit our website randolphchristian.org/employment to fill out an application. You may also send a resume to Laura Westra at lwestra@randolphchristian.org. Please call the office at 920-326-3320 if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

Seize the opportunity for **early bird registration** by April 30th for Mid-America Reformed Seminary's 2024 **Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference!** Mark your calendars for October 11-12 and join us at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, to be inspired by plenary speakers sharing insights on reaching our local communities and the nations with the gospel message. Discover more details at midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

Denomination News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Following Jesus, Henri Nouwen wrote, "Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high." How might you become more aware of the moment-by-moment

blessings you receive each day? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Kids Corner: I Wonder - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus' friends were filled with wonder when they witnessed his miracles and teachings. When he told stories, he painted a picture in their imaginations of a better world where there would be no more pain or sadness, a world where people with their whole hearts would love God and love their neighbors. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

The Annual Banner Appeal is Underway! The 2024 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

<u>Calendar</u>

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
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10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC

1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (Lesson 3)
6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study (Upper Room)
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
7:00 PM Youth Group Split – Jr/Sr Supper

Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th & 12th Grade Catechism

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism

Next Week

AccompanistLivestreamLois MulderGladys Montma

Coffee PPT

George and Karen Aalsma Ryer Greenfield

Children's Worship Sour

Sarah Schuringa, Kolten Buwalda, Heidi Schaver

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Nursery Becca Vree, Jenna Mulder, Elliana

Becca Vree, Jenna Mulder, Elliana Mulder Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

TransportationBob Mulder

Ushers

Owen Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

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)

This Little Light Of Mine

Chorus: This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine

Ev'ry day ev'ry day

I'm gonna let my little light shine

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How Great Is Our God

Verse 1: The splendor of the King - Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice - All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light - And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice - And trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God - Sing with me - How great is our God And all will see how great - How great is our God

Verse 2: And age to age He stands - And time is in His hands Beginning and the End - Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one - Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb - The Lion and the Lamb

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Sermon Notes