

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.

Sunday School and Catechism for K – 12th graders is currently on summer break.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" "Only a Holy God"

*Song of Confession, Assurance, and Dedication: "O Great God"

God's Will for Our Lives: Exodus 20:1-17

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Elim Christian School

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

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Message: "The Book of Ephesians, God's Great and Gracious Plan for You, #2 – So That You May Know Him Better"

*Song of Response: "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace" G495

*Benediction

*Doxology: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" G471:1, 4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Rachel Hoffman, Michelle Mulder, Tyler Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Lois Mulder, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Casey Homan, Tirzah Ritzema
- Nursery: Aubryn DeJager, Kaytlin Ruis, Elliana Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

D Jansen to Neen/Angel

T Jansen 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 (Elim Christian School for May),



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:

- **Rachel Hoffman**, double mastectomy surgery is scheduled for May 27.
- **Leanne Johnson**, hospitalization.
- **Margaret Miedema**, cervical spine surgery rescheduled for June 3.
- **Dan Montsma**, recovery from knee surgery and pain and infection.
- **Gardie Ten Pas**, recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- **Bob West**, car accident recovery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, after brain surgery, starting therapy for right side weakness and lack of feeling, and waiting on news about a possible treatment plan.

Pastor Greg Schuringa will be on his second and final week of study for the past year starting tomorrow.

Bethel/First Summer Serve. Allana Vree 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 at 28avree@wearecwc.org or 920-392-2569.

2025 Graduates: We plan to honor **ALL our** recent graduates during an upcoming service. **Please submit** a picture, graduation details, and future plans to the church office **by May 22**.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- May 18—Scott Ritzema preaching
- May 25—Professions of Faith in Worship
- June 1—Lord's Supper in Worship
- June 8—Outdoor Worship and All-Church Potluck in West End Park
- June 15—Profession of Faith in Worship
- June 22—Installation of New Officebearers

The Council, with gratitude and great joy, recently heard the professions of faith of the following students: Jaxon Buteyn, Ryer Greenfield, Taylor Hoffman, and Sophia Schuringa. They will be making profession of their faith in worship at First in the near future.

We're looking for a few more people willing to serve as ushers. Please let Lois know if you are willing to be added to the schedule.

Friendship Club (Ministries) is a local organization supported by First CRC and Bethel, that seeks to help disabled individuals stay closer to Christ. Friendship is currently seeking passionate individuals to help with this program. Males are encouraged to help out. If this is your calling, please contact Jean Jansen

Summer may seem far away, but it's closer than you think. That means it's time to think about the **Summer Bag Lunch Program**. Beth Schlieve has volunteered to head up this project again this summer and is looking for a partner. If you are interested in helping her, please talk to Beth. We will be providing bag lunches the week of July 14. Watch for future announcements to find out how you can help.

Are you missing a cake pan, a bowl, plate, or even a water bottle, please check the kitchen counter in the basement. There are several items waiting to be claimed by their owners.

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 TODAY!

Community News

The CWC Music and Arts Departments will present its annual Celebration Concert **Wednesday, May 14**. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM in the Crusader Centre and includes the high school choirs, band, and New Generation Singers. Come out and enjoy a time of musical praise!

Bethel CRC will be hosting a hymn sing on Sunday, May 18, at 6 PM. Pastor Roger Sparks will be leading us in worship, we'll have a performance from the United Men of Praise, other special music, and a time of congregational singing. We would love to have you join us for a time of prayer and praise!

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County is hosting its 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.

High School Commencement: The CWC Board will present the high school class of 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Crusader Centre on **May 23**.

Mr. Mark Buteyn will address the seniors and encourage them as they prepare to begin the next chapter of their life, thanking God for his faithfulness and asking Him for continued guidance. Our students appreciate your support!

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast: The Central Wisconsin Christian Booster Club invites you to join in as we celebrate the start of summer with our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday, May 26. The menu includes pancakes, your choice of regular or loaded scrambled eggs, sausage links, beverages and more. We are serving from 7-9:30 AM at CWC in the Commons and Crusader Centre (please use Event Entrance). The Booster Club has donated over \$25,000 to the new weight room and we hope to pledge more through this event's proceeds. Get your holiday started off right! GO CRUSADERS!

Benvenuto's in Beaver Dam and the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County partner again for a Dining Day on **Monday, June 9**, from 11 AM to 10 PM. Treat yourself by kicking off summer with dinner out on the town. No need to cook! Sit down – relax – order in or out – enjoy a tasty meal with family and friends. **Mention the PSCDC and Benvenutos will donate 20%** of your purchase to PSCDC.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel
Thursday	7:00 PM	ONE Waupun Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Al and LeAnne Holden

Children's Worship

Stacy Schaver, Emily Aalsma,
Sophia Schuringa

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Emily Aalsma,
Jonah Mulder

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Katie DeJager

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ryer Greenfield, Andy Schlieve

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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Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord - Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You - I want to see You

Verse: To see You high and lifted up - Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love - As we sing holy, holy, holy

Bridge: Holy, holy, holy – Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy - I want to see You

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Only A Holy God

Verse 1: Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles - Only a Holy God

Verse 2: What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice - Only a Holy God

Chorus: Come and behold Him - The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy - Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3: What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead

What other name remains undefeated - Only a Holy God

Verse 4: Who else could rescue me from my failing

Who else would offer His only Son - Who else invites me to call Him Father

Only a Holy God - Only my Holy God

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O Great God

Verse 1: O great God of highest heav'n - Occupy my lowly heart

Own it all and reign supreme - Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r

Let no vice or sin remain - That resists Your holy war

You have loved and purchased me - Make me Yours forever more

Verse 2: I was blinded by my sin - Had no ears to hear Your voice

Did not know Your love within - Had no taste for heaven's joys

Then Your Spirit gave me life - Opened up Your word to me

Through the gospel of Your Son - Gave me endless hope and peace

Verse 3: Help me now to live a life - That's dependent on Your grace

Keep my heart and guard my soul - From the evils that I face

You are worthy to be praised - With my ev'ry thought and deed

O great God of highest heav'n - Glorify Your Name through me (REPEAT)

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Sermon Notes