

# 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 ([waupuncrc.com](http://waupuncrc.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 ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Greg Schuringa ([pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com](mailto:pastorgreg@waupuncrc.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

\*Song of Praise: "I Come with Joy"

Litany: "The Love of Christ"

\*Song of Worship: "Come to the Savior Now" G535

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Elim Christian School

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

Song of Worship: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" R526:1, 3, 4

\*Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11

Message: "The Significance of a Story"

\*Song of Response: "I Love to Tell the Story" R444:1-4

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "God of Mercy, God of Grace"

\*Postlude

### **Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Scott Ritzema
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Litany Leaders: Kevin Buwalda, Kase Buwalda, Troy Hoffman
- Congregational Prayer: Kevin Buwalda
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Katie DeJager, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: Al and LeAnne Holden
- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver, Emily Aalsma, Sophia Schuringa
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Emily Aalsma, Jonah Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Andy Schlieve

### **Missionary Letters**

N Jansma to Neen/Angel\*

T Jonker 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:**

- **Our sympathy to Allegra and Glenda Bossenbroek and Gary Bossenbroeck** and their family in the passing away a week ago of their Helen. Services were held in Michigan this past week.
- **Carol Greenfield**, recovery at home after surgery.
- **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.
- **Shirley Otto**, recovery from a sprained back.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, strength and wellness.
- **Bob West**, car accident recovery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, therapy for right side weakness and lack of feeling, and upcoming treatment plan.

**Pastor Greg** will return to his usual pastoral duties in the office tomorrow after a week of study.

**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](mailto: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 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.

**Save the Date: The third Life Group Olympics will take place on Sunday, June 22 at 4:00.** The whole family is invited for a variety of games that will offer some friendly competition for all levels and supper afterwards. We will provide paper products, brats, hot dogs, and drinks. We are asking life group members to bring food as well. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please talk to Gary, Katie, Mike, or Bonnie.

**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!

**You are doing more than you know. Thank you!** The agencies and institutions of the Christian Reformed Church in North America are so grateful for your gifts to the ministry shares program. Together, we are doing what God called us to do - proclaim the gospel and disciple new believers in Christ here at home and around the world. Learn more at [crcna.org/ministryshares](http://crcna.org/ministryshares).

## **Community News**

**Bethel CRC will be hosting a hymn sing TONIGHT 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!

**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 Benvenuto's will donate 20%** of your purchase to PSCDC.

**The Association for the Advancement of Dutch American Studies** is having their 24<sup>th</sup> biennial conference June 26-28 at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. **The theme is Post-WWII Dutch Immigration to North America.** To find out more pick up a flyer from the table in the narthex.

## **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM	ONE Waupun Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service

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

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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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)

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

### **Livestream**

Randall Greenfield

### **Coffee**

Steve and Heidi Smits

### **PPT**

Cody Van Herwaarden

### **Children's Worship**

Sarah Schuringa, Taylor Aalsma,  
Adrianna Schuringa

### **Sound System**

Cayden Ruis

### **Nursery**

Jen Ritzema, Hailey Bresser, Heidi  
Schaver

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Tom Jonker, Ben Mulder

## **I Come with Joy**

**Verse 1:** I come with joy a child of God - Forgiven loved and free  
The life of Jesus to recall - In love laid down for me

**Verse 2:** I come with Christians far and near - To find as all are fed  
The new community of love - In Christ's communion bread

**Verse 4:** The Spirit of the risen Christ - Unseen but ever near  
Is in such friendship better known - Alive among us here

**Verse 6:** Together met together bound - By all that God has done  
We'll go with joy to give the world - The love that makes us one

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## **God of Mercy, God of Grace (Ratisbon)**

**Verse 1:** God of mercy God of grace - Show the brightness of your face  
Shine upon us Savior shine - Fill your world with light divine  
All your saving health extend - Unto earth's remotest end

## · Neen and Angel – Ministry Monthly Report for April 2025

Greetings in Christ precious Name,



I hope this message finds you well. We praise God for His continued goodness and protection. He truly is a loving father who cares for His children.

We are thankful for the opportunity to continue serving the Lord through our prison ministry and outreach to the needy. We are blessed to see men come to know and accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour during our Bible studies, while we have mixed emotions about the release of some faithful men, we rejoice that they can be reunited with their families. Please pray that they will continue to live out their faith and share Christ with their loved ones.

Please also pray for the sick men in prison - those suffering from tuberculosis, diarrhea and high blood pressure. We are grateful for your support in providing them with soap. While we cannot meet all their needs, they are deeply thankful for the Word of God. Please also remember in your prayer the elderly, mentally ill and widowed individuals we are assisting.

We are eternally grateful for your continued prayers and support for the ministry.

May God bless you always.



In Christ  
Neen and Angel

## **Sermon Notes**