

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 (waupuncrc.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 (waupuncrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (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: The Apostles' Creed

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Living Waters" "He Knows My Name"

Professions of Faith: Ryer Greenfield, Taylor Hoffman,

Sophia Schuringa

Congregational Prayer

Time of Confession and Assurance and Commitment

*Song of Commitment: "Turn Your Eyes"

Offering for the Local Budget and Elim Christian School

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

Song of Worship: "How Vast the Benefits Divine" G497

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Message: "Ephesians #3: Your Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow
in Christ"

*Song of Response: "Onward Christian Soldiers" G522:1, 2, 4

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Professions of Faith and Preparatory for Communion Responsive Reading: Scott Ritzema
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Hanna Marra (percussion); Kevin Buwalda, Megan Greenfield, Elsa Homan, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Cody Van Herwaarden, Randall Greenfield

- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Taylor Aalsma, Adrianna Schuringa
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Hailey Bresser, Heidi Schaver
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Ben Mulder

Missionary Letters

K Kamphuis to Neen/Angel

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*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; PAVE for June), 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.



	April	Fiscal YTD (7/1 to 4/30)	YTD Budget (7/1 to 4/30)	% of YTD Budget
General Fund	\$17,413.48	\$273,726.37	\$295,863.18	92.52%
Building Fund	\$572.93	\$8,346.24	\$27,475.00	30.38%
Classical	\$798.49	\$9,774.36	\$20,777.50	47.04%
Denominational	\$848.53	\$11,594.50	\$20,833.33	55.65%
Faith Promise	\$1,379.63	\$13,285.56	\$12,000.00	110.71%
Most Needed	\$5,411.70	\$69,082.39	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$2,938.74	\$31,620.42	N/A	N/A
CWC (Monthly Cause)	\$3,744.50	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total *	\$34,887.00	\$500,438.31	N/A	N/A

* Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed above

There will be a meeting **next Sunday, June 1**, after the worship service for **all members who send their children to CWC**.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Carol Greenfield**, recovery at home after surgery.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, double mastectomy surgery is scheduled for this Tuesday, May 27.
- **Sympathy to the Leanne Johnson family**, funeral and graveside services were held on Saturday.
- **Margaret Miedema**, cervical spine surgery rescheduled for June 3.

- **Dan Montsma**, continued knee swelling and pain, negative effects from being on antibiotics for so long, but infection seems to be clearing.
- **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, treatments have begun. You are invited to follow Gregg's journey and encourage the Zonnefelds at <https://www.caringbridge.org/site/1e96122d-fc5f-11ef-86eb-5719ed4e464a>

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.

Today we will hear the public professions of faith of three of our young people and another in a few weeks. Please take the time to highlight your favorite verse(s) in their Bibles, which will be on the table in the narthex through Sunday, June 15. **After worship this morning, cake will be served on the Lower Level** to celebrate with the students who are making profession of their faith today.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- 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

Communion next Sunday. If you or a loved one watch First CRC services online and are not able to be in worship next Sunday for Communion due to being shut-in or in poor health, you can reach out to your care group elder to bring the elements ahead of time to participate in Communion with the congregation remotely.

The Worship Committee is planning a potluck lunch following our worship service at West End park on June 8. Please bring a dish to pass along with your own table service and drinks. Please consider bringing a little extra in case we have some neighbors who would like to stay and join us. We hope to begin eating at 11:30 or shortly thereafter.

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.

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.

A huge thank you to all the youth ministry volunteers this year who faithfully gave of their time to show up and disciple our students and point them to Jesus Christ!

The youth group Belize team leaves in less than a month and it's not too late to support their outreach efforts. Please check out the Signup Genius link for items you can donate to support them and the VBS they will be leading <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B45AFAD28A1F49-56917034-belize>. You can also support them by keeping them in your prayers as they prepare to leave for Belize on June 17. There is a prayer calendar to support them and pray over this trip on the table in the narthex. Please grab one and hang it up in your home.

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

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 24th 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

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
Wednesday 6:30 PM Council Meeting (Lower Level)
Sunday: 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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Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Livestream

Brad Mulder

Coffee

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Children's Worship

Kim Greenfield, Hailey Bresser,
Olivia Vander Werff

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Jen Ritzema, Hailey Bresser, Heidi
Schaver

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian O'Donovan, Brad Schouten

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 Waters

Verse 1: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken - Peace unspoken - Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2: Christ is calling - Find refreshing - At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down - All the old gone - Rise up in these living waters

Chorus: There's a river that flows - With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God - There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore - Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3: Spirit moving - Mercy washing - Healing in these living waters
Lead your children - To the shoreline - Life is in these living waters

Verse 4: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness - Vast and boundless - Christ He is our living waters

Ending: There our hope is secure - Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

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He Knows My Name

Verse 1: I have a Maker - He formed my heart
Before even time began - My life was in His hand

Chorus: He knows my name - He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls - And hears me when I call

Verse 2: I have a Father - He calls me His own
He'll never leave me - No matter where I go

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Turn Your Eyes

Verse 1: Turn your eyes upon Jesus - Look full in His wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Verse 2: Turn your eyes to the hillside - Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Chorus: Jesus to You we lift our eyes - Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh, Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Verse 3: Turn your eyes to the morning - And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone - For we carry His life in our veins

Verse 4: Turn your eyes to the heavens - Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow every tongue will shout - All glory to Jesus alone

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Salvation Belongs To Our God

Verse 1: Salvation belongs to our God - Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

Chorus: Be to our God forever and ever - Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever - Amen

Verse 2: And we the redeemed shall be strong - In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

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Sermon Notes