

5/26/2024

# First Christian Reformed Church



**We welcome our guests** and hope that you will be blessed by worshipping 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](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**

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**PO Box 32, Waupun**

9:30 AM Worship Service  
\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 48:9-14

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "My Tribute" R54

"Bless His Holy Name" R55      "To God Be the Glory" R56

Confession and Assurance: Preparatory G976

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Worship: "I Love You, Lord" R77

Offering: Local Budget and Elim Christian School

Ministry of Music: "Dedication"

*Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship*

\*Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:13-16

Message: "Longing for a Better Country"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Faith of Our Fathers" R404

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "All Hail King Jesus" R103

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Sermon and Worship Leader:  
Pastor Evan Tinklenberg
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Worship Leader: Al Venhuizen
- Ministry of Music: Troy Hoffman
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff,  
Beth Schlieve, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Children's Worship: Stacey  
Schaver, Kolten Buwalda, Heidi  
Schaver

- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Hailey  
Wagner, Taylor Hoffman
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Andy  
Schlieve

**Missionary Letters**

A Montsma to Neen  
D Montsma 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 (Elim for May; PAVE of Dodge County for June), 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.



## Our Family

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- **Ray Hofman**, brain surgery recovery and next steps.
- **Arky Navis**, radiation.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, treatment pause and strength.

## Church News

**The Worship Committee** would like to add one or two new members who are passionate about worship at First CRC. Please talk to Pastor Greg or Renae Venhuizen if you are interested and for more information on the tasks of the Worship Committee.

**Please note** that there will **not be any office hours for the next two weeks** and bulletin announcements should be in by noon on Wednesday.

## Upcoming Worship Highlights

- June 2: Lord's Supper in Worship; acknowledgement of our 2024 graduates.
- June 9: New Generation Singers (from Central Wisconsin Christian) will lead us in worship.
- June 16, July 14, August 25: Outdoor Worship Services.
- June 23: Professions of Faith.
- June 30: Installation of newly elected elders and deacons.
- August 3: All Church Leadership Training Seminar.
- August 4: Lord's Supper and Baptism.

**REMINDER: If you are scheduling a meeting at church**, please make sure to let the office know so it gets on the church calendar. Thank you.

**The Outreach Team** is planning their annual community free car wash for Saturday, June 1, and we need your help! We are in need of several car washers and some people to help serve brats. Please prayerfully consider

where you might be able to serve. You can sign up via the link in the email that was sent out or talk to Gladys Montsma.

**Save the Date: The third Life Group Olympics** will take place on Sunday, June 23, 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. Your life-group leader will email you more details as the date gets closer. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please talk to Gary, Katie, Mike, or Bonnie.

**Parents**, if you are registering your child for **Camp Calvin** this summer, please get your receipt to Keren Derksen so you can be reimbursed.

**Crossroads Church, Madison**, will be concluding its 65-year ministry next Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 AM. You're invited to join them for a service of gratitude as they celebrate the Lord's Supper together with former members, friends and the churches of Classis Wisconsin who have supported and served the Lord with them through the years. Crossroads Church is located at 3815 S. Dutch Mill Rd., Madison, WI. Following worship, a light lunch will be served.

**Bethel CRC will be hosting a hymn sing** on Sunday, June 9, at 6 PM. The United Men of Praise and the Alto Men's Chorus will be leading us in worship. We'd love to have you join us for a time of prayer and praise!

### **Community News**

**Emanuel Lutheran Church in Brandon** is having their **Annual Strawberry Festival** on Sunday, June 9, from 11-1. Menu is hot turkey and sloppy joe sandwiches, chips, potato salad, pickles, ice cream and strawberries with cake or torte, coffee, lemonade, soft drinks, milk and water. Free-will offering.

### **June Benefits for the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County:**

- Tuesday, June 11: Day of dining with **Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant** in Beaver Dam. Just mention PSCDC and Benvenuto's will donate 20% of your purchase to PSCDC. This offer applies to dine-in, carry-out, and/or delivery.
- Saturday, June 22: **Brat Fry from 9-2 at Food Pride** in Beaver Dam (609 N Spring St).

## Calendar

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
**Saturday:** 10:00 AM Car Wash and Brat Fry  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

## Next Week

### **Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

### **Livestream**

Gladys Montsma

### **Coffee**

George and Karen Aalsma

### **PPT**

Cassidy Ritzema

### **Children's Worship**

Sarah Schuringa, Jenna Schouten,  
Jules Mulder

### **Sound System**

Joe Bresser

### **Nursery**

Jessica Ten Pass, Phylicia Coda,  
Noralyne Durni

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Tom Jonker and Ryer Greenfield

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)

## **Sermon Notes**

## April Update from Neen and Angel, BBO in the Philippines

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. I am writing to give you an update on both our ministry and my health condition.

I am so glad to tell you that I had already my cardiogram result and praise God for answered prayers my heart had improved, God willing I will go back to prison to share God's Word to the men and women there. I really hoped that my medication will be reduced but sadly the doctor still prescribed the same medicines. Still lots of them. But I'm still grateful, not totally healed but my heart is Improving and feeling better.

Thank you for praying for me and Angel and especially for the ministry here.

Thank you also for helping us with our water tank, it is a great blessing to us and to some of our neighbors too, they came to fetch water in our place. Water shortage is still a problem here and many were affected. We are praying that the drought won't last very long, our plants were already dying and rice price is increasing. Thank you for helping us with our needs, we are so grateful.

We are indeed grateful for your continued support for us though I faced health challenges, I find solace in the knowledge that I am prayed by faithful supporters. Your prayers have been a source of great comfort and encouragement to me and Angel. Please continue to keep me and Angel in your prayer as we seek God's guidance in both our ministry endeavors and health journey.

Blessing to you all, from miles away



In Christ's love, Neen and Angel  
[neenbobphilippines@yahoo.com](mailto:neenbobphilippines@yahoo.com)

## Update from Evan Tinklenberg, Geneva Campus

### Grace at the beginning

For the last few weeks, much of what I've been teaching and discussing with students has had to do with work and rest. Skimming the past few newsletters, I'm realizing how prevalent that theme has been since the fall. So it's no surprise that I've long been reflecting on the primacy of rest in the Christian life: Sunday is the first day of the week. For the Christian, the week begins with rest. As Pete Scazzero puts it, this reminds us that, before we've done anything to earn it, we're already loved and accepted by God in Christ.

I've been making use of regular student lunches to discuss various spiritual disciplines and as a way of inculcating a practice of rest for the students. For the last student lunch of the semester, we turned our attention to this very idea, reflecting on Sabbath practices the students can take with them during and beyond their university days. We tried to approach the topic with realism, recognizing, as Dan Allender suggests, that "[f]ew people are willing to enter the Sabbath and sanctify it, to make it holy, because a full day of delight and joy is more than most people can bear in a lifetime, let alone a week." Yet it is this reflective and restful practice that brings full energy and meaning to our work.

### A Summer Summary

Summer is a unique time for campus ministries. Far fewer students occupy the usual spaces (as evinced by the photo above), leaving the days open for other aspects of the work. In my case, these involve four "s" words: *social*, *strategy*, *sermons*, and *Synod*. In order:

#### Social Events

I have a few students who will be around Madison this summer, so I'm working on plans for some fun events to do together. Summer in Madison is, as I'm quickly learning, a beautiful time to be outside exploring. I expect to do some kayaking and other outdoor activities with students, fortifying existing relationships and forging new ones along the way.

#### Strategic Planning

Summer affords a unique opportunity to step back from on-the-ground work and look at what I've accomplished and ahead to what I hope to do. One of my summer goals is to refine my vision of the campus ministry and come up with some concrete plans for the next few years. I'm also looking to critically reflect on the past two semesters and determine what I've learned and how I can grow.

## **Sermons**

I'll be preaching several times this summer, both at Geneva and at churches around Wisconsin. I learned my lesson from March/April, so none of them are so closely clustered together that I am overly busy. Still, I am looking forward to visiting new churches, making new connections across Wisconsin, and further honing my skills as a preacher.

## **Synod**

As a Minister of the Word in the CRCNA, one of the privileges and responsibilities I have is to work for the good of the broader denomination. This year, that means serving as a delegate to Synod, the yearly assembly of representatives from every classis (the local assembly of council representatives, which itself represents each local church). I've got a 600+ page Agenda for Synod to read through, and responsibility on an advisory committee for which I am preparing. It's not light work, but I'm excited to participate in the work of the church in this way.

## **Prayer Requests**

- For the students who are traveling over the summer, whether to other parts of Wisconsin or elsewhere in the world. Pray for safe travels, restful summers (or productive, if need be), and deepened relationships even with those who are not local.
- For the plans I hope to be making over the summer. Pray that I would recognize where I must focus, where I need to say yes or no, and how best to use my abilities and gifts for the sake of the University community. Pray in particular for my increasing involvement with law students, for clarity and focus in that work, and for wisdom as I seek to shepherd those students well.
- For my summer preaching responsibilities. Pray for wholehearted sermons that faithfully expound God's word and lovingly apply it to the people in the room.
- For provision in many ways: relationally, emotionally, spiritually, and financially. Pray for the continued building up of a group of supporters who can pray for this work, and for local relationships that provide encouragement and wisdom where I need it most.