

# 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

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Ascension Praise: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" R45:1-3

Time of Confession and Assurance

Songs of Worship: "Your Name" "Teach Us Your Ways"

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

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

\*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Message: "Ephesians #4: How to Celebrate Ascension Day Through the Unity of the Church"

Preparation for Celebrating the Lord's Supper

\*Songs of Preparation: "Jesus Messiah" "You Are My All in All" R583

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Worship: "Eat This Bread" G312

*(sung during the passing of the bread)*

Song of Worship: "O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God" G297:1-3, 5

*(sung during the passing of the cups)*

Song of Thanksgiving and Praise: "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

G409 *(during this song the deacons will receive an offering for our Benevolent Fund, which is used to help people in financial need-as God has helped us in our need, by sending Jesus, we seek, in turn, to help others in their need)*

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" G406:1

\*Postlude

### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Lois Mulder (piano); Grace Bruins, Hollie Ganz, Tyler Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Beth Schlieve, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie Mulder, Hailey Bresser
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Hailey Bresser, Heidi Schaver
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian O'Donovan, Brad Schouten

## **Missionary Letters**

H Marra to Neen/Angel\*

K Jungers 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 (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.



There will be a meeting TODAY after the worship service for all **members who send their children to CWC.**

## **Council Notes—May 7 and 28, 2025, First CRC Council Meetings:**

- The Council joyfully heard the professions of faith of Jaxon Buteyn, Ryer Greenfield, Taylor Hoffman and Sophia Schuringa. Three of these students made public profession of Faith on May 25 and were welcomed as members in full standing at First CRC. One student will be making public profession of faith on June 15. There was also a report on another profession of faith class beginning with three other students expected to come before the Council in a few months.
- Pastor Greg led the Council Equipping time with a discussion of two articles on The Mission of the Church in Our Word Belongs to God, our Contemporary Testimony and their implications for our mission and ministry here at First.
- Council reviewed the upcoming worship schedule, including special worship services as well as guest pastors over the summer.
- Pastor Greg's Pastor's report was received and reviewed by the Council.
- The Elders reported on a new endeavor to create congregational "Visiting Care Teams" as a way to give more care and attention to church members who could use extra care. An elder team has begun working on this.
- Deacons and Finance: report of overall healthy giving, though low giving continues toward denominational and classical ministry funds. An increase in budget is expected this coming year for our Covenant Education Program.

- The Discipleship Committee highlighted the upcoming Life Group Olympics, a large annual event for our Life Groups.
- The Outreach Committee reported on preparations for our church Neighborhood Block Party, our largest and best attended outreach event, planned for Saturday, August 23, this year. As always church members and people from the community are welcome to enjoy good food, games and good connections with others.
- The Council also approved a church budget for the 2025-2026 year, to be presented at our Monday, June 16, 6:30 PM meeting. We will also be electing new elders and deacons to serve a three-year term at this meeting. Council was grateful for the nominees accepting their request to be willing to serve in this special way in the church.

## **Our Family**

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

- **Carol Greenfield**, recovery at home after surgery.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, recovery from successful double mastectomy surgery.
- **Norm Jansma**, diagnosed years ago with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and will begin chemotherapy this Tuesday.
- **Margaret Miedema**, cervical spine surgery scheduled for June 3.
- **Dan Montsma**, more recently some progress with his knee pain and swelling after many weeks of setbacks.
- **Peter Montsma**, made the move to the Homestead this past week and is now settled into Homestead 2, Room 617. This is a big transition, and the family is so grateful for the continued love, prayers, and support. Your kindness means the world during this time. Visits are always welcome.
- **Shirley Otto**, recovery from a sprained back.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, strength and strength.
- **Bob West**, car accident recovery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemo treatments have begun after Gregg's second brain surgery. Radiation is scheduled to begin too, on June 5. To keep up with and encourage the Zonnefelds, follow them at <https://www.caringbridge.org/site/1e96122d-fc5f-11ef-86eb-5719ed4e464a>

**Bibles will remain in the Narthex through June 15 for church members to highlight favorite verses for those who made profession of faith.**

**Our Graduates for 2025:** Jaxon Buteyn (CWC), Ryer Greenfield (CWC), Jolie (Schouten) Hansen (Dordt University), Taylor Hoffman (CWC), Ethan

Homan (CWC), Jo (Johanna) Mulder (Carthage College), Hannah Schuringa (Trinity Christian College), Sophia Schuringa (CWC)  
**After worship this morning, cake will be served on the Lower Level** to celebrate our graduates.

## **Church News**

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- 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
- July 6—New Members welcome

**The Worship Committee is planning a potluck lunch** following our worship service at West End park NEXT WEEK, 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.

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on June 16 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.** Professing members may speak to matters and vote at the meeting. In addition to voting on Council's approved budget for 2025-2026, the Council is bringing forward the following Council nominees, to take the place of elders and deacons retiring from their 3-year service. Elder nominees (3 to be elected): Gary De Jager, Joe Durant, Ken Homan, Steve Homan, Dan Montsma, Scott Ritzema; Deacon nominees (2 to be elected): Eric Homan, Ben Mulder, Cayden Ruis, Eric Schaver.

**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.

**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.

**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**

**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.

## **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Profession of Faith class (Upper Room)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting (Upper Room)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Outdoor Worship Service (West End Park)

## **Next Week – Outdoor Worship at West End Park**

<b>Accompanist</b>	<b>Sound System</b>
Cara Schmitt	Tyler Ten Pass
<b>Livestream</b>	<b>Transportation</b>
Gladys Montsma	Bob Mulder

**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)

## Your Name

**Verse 1:** As morning dawns and evening fades - You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart - And glorify Your Name

**Chorus:** Your Name is a strong and mighty tower

Your Name is a shelter like no other - Your Name let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save - But Your Name

**Verse 2:** Jesus in Your Name we pray - Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You - And glorify Your Name

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## Teach Us Your Ways

**Verse 1:** Teach us Your ways teach us Your ways - As we learn from one  
another - Learn to love each other - Teach us Your ways

**Verse 2:** Teach us to give teach us to give - Give ourselves for one another  
Learn to love each other - Teach us to give

**Verse 3:** Teach us to weep teach us to weep - Let us weep with one another  
Learn to love each other - Teach us to weep

**Verse 4:** Hallelujah, hallelujah - Let us learn from one another  
Learn to love each other - Teach us Your ways

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## Jesus Messiah

**Verse 1:** He became sin who knew no sin - That we might become His  
righteousness - He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

**Chorus:** Jesus Messiah Name above all names

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel - The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven - Jesus Messiah Lord of all

**Verse 2:** His body the bread His blood the wine - Broken and poured out all  
for love - The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

**Bridge:** All our hope is in You - All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God - The Light of the world

**Ending:** Jesus Messiah - Lord of all - The Lord of all

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## Sermon Notes