

# 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

\*Song of Praise: "How Great Thou Art" R147:1, 3, 4

\*Call to Worship: R120 (Responsively)

\*Songs of Worship: "How Majestic is Your Name" R121

"It Is Well With My Soul" R705:1-4

God's Will for Our Lives (Responsively)

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the Local Budget and Mission Backpack

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

\*Song of Worship: "Rock of Ages" R342:1-2

**Verse 3:** Nothing in my hand I bring - Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress - Helpless look to thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly - Wash me Savior or I die

\*Scripture Reading: Numbers 5:1-4 (NKJV)

Message: "Christ and Our Defilement"

\*Song of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Glory Be to the Father" R812

\*Postlude

### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader: Al Venhuizen
- Congregational Prayer: Ken Homan
- Worship Leader and Sermon: Grant Kemink
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Ryer Greenfield, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Hailey Bresser, Jules Mulder
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Jenna Mulder, Jonah Mulder

- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

### Missionary Letters

N Mulder to Neen/Angel

Arky Navis 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 (Mission Backpack for July), 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.



	June	Fiscal YTD (7/1 to 6/30)	YTD Budget (7/1 to 6/30)	% of YTD Budget
General Fund	\$20,883.95	\$317,160.05	\$355,035.80	89.33%
Building Fund	\$282.83	\$8,629.07	\$32,970.00	26.17%
Classical	\$1,686.84	\$12,479.79	\$24,933.00	50.05%
Denominational	\$1,771.94	\$14,295.07	\$25,000.00	57.18%
Faith Promise	\$1,248.41	\$15,667.15	\$14,400.00	108.80%
Most Needed	\$3,741.50	\$81,150.59	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$1,666.53	\$33,770.69	N/A	N/A
PAVE (Monthly Cause)	\$2,409.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total *	\$34,665.20	\$575,190.31	N/A	N/A

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

## Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **Elaine Homan**, brother Harold Holman passed away on June 30, our deepest sympathy.
- **Norm Jansma**, treatments for chronic lymphocytic leukemia.
- **Margaret Miedema**, still no voice and still has pain after surgery.
- **Shirley Otto**, recovery from a sprained back.
- **Rhonda Schouten**, knee replacement surgery recovery.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, recovery from foot surgery this past Friday.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, epidural isn't working yet to reduce her pain.

- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, finished his radiation treatment this past Thursday. He will continue to have chemo infusions every other week.

**Pastor Greg Schuringa** officiated at a wedding in his former congregation and took a vacation week this past week. He plans to be back in the office tomorrow.

## Church News

### Upcoming Worship Highlights

- July 27—Outdoor Worship service on the church lawn, with ice cream served after the service.
- August 3—Lord's Supper in Worship
- August 24—Professions of Faith in worship

**We would like to have a few more teachers for our Children's Worship** program. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve as a Children's Worship teacher. This important and fun role allows you to share your faith and nurture the spiritual growth of our youngest members. Contact Mackenzie Mulder if you're interested or have any questions.

**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.

**Mark your calendars! Our Annual Block Party is Saturday, August 23, 4-8.** There are so many activities packed in one day—wagon rides, bounce houses, miniature golf, face painting, chicken chuck contest, live music, pork meal, car show, lawn games, and **new this year-balloon animals!** This is all free! There is something for everyone so invite your friends and family!

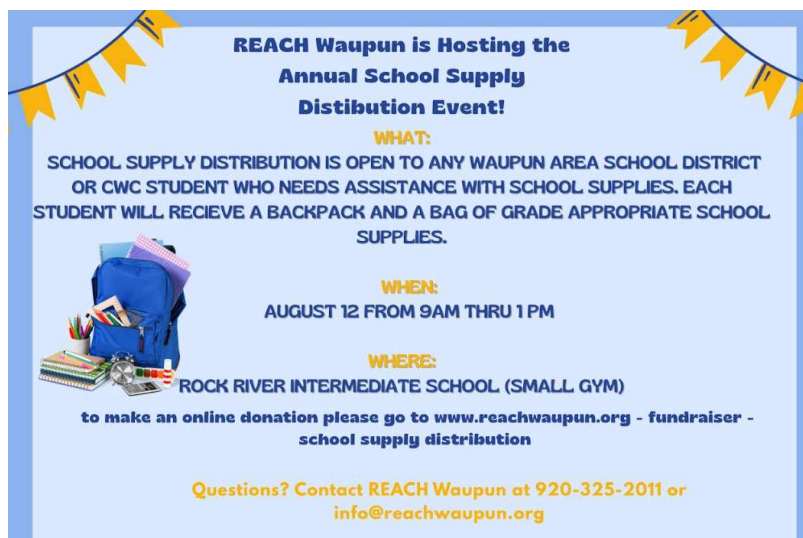
**Classis Wisconsin offers the Leadership Development Network (LDN)** to people in Classis who desire to expand their knowledge and experience in lay ministry. Whether you are on council, a youth worker, small group leader or involved in any type of ministry in your church, LDN will help enrich your understanding and competency while serving God and others. This year's focus is practical ministry from church health, witnessing, pastoral care, small groups and other aspects of ministry. The program runs from Sept. to May and meets one Sunday afternoon a month at MarshView Ministries in Horicon. If you have interested in more information, contact Pastor Dave Katsma at [pastordlk@gmail.com](mailto:pastordlk@gmail.com) or 920-296-1448

**We are looking for a few antique, classic or special cars, trucks, tractors** or motorcycles to be displayed at our Neighborhood Block Party, Sat., Aug. 23, 4-8 PM. If you or someone you know is willing to do so, please call or message Tom Jonker at 920-602-5689. Thank you.

## Community News

**Join us as we celebrate Gregg Zonnefeld's faithful years of service** to Central Wisconsin Christian! We invite the entire CWC community to a special celebration honoring his retirement on **Sunday, July 27, from 2:30–4:30 PM** at CWC. To help us make this a meaningful celebration, we're collecting photos, words of encouragement, special memories, or handwritten notes to share with Gregg. He would especially appreciate the personal touch of a handwritten message! Please mail your contributions to CWC, 301 Fox Lake Rd, Waupun Attn: Kim Greenfield. Contributions can also be emailed to Karysa Helmrick at **khelmrick@wearecwc.org**. If you would like to give a monetary gift online, go to <https://www.wearecwc.org/support/gregg-zonnefeld-retirement.cfm>. Let's come together to thank Gregg for the incredible impact he's had on our school and lives!

**Wisconsin Right to Life – Fond du Lac Chapter** would like to invite you to their Summer Picnic on July 29, 2025, from 6-8 PM at LeMieux Park, 131 N Street, North Fond du Lac. Please RSVP by July 20 (TODAY) by calling Micky Cayen (920-265-8568) or Ann Streblow (920-933-9329).



**REACH Waupun is Hosting the  
Annual School Supply  
Distribution Event!**

**WHAT:**  
SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION IS OPEN TO ANY WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OR CWC STUDENT WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES. EACH  
STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A BACKPACK AND A BAG OF GRADE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES.

**WHEN:**  
AUGUST 12 FROM 9AM THRU 1 PM

**WHERE:**  
ROCK RIVER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (SMALL GYM)

to make an online donation please go to [www.reachwaupun.org](http://www.reachwaupun.org) - fundraiser -  
school supply distribution

Questions? Contact REACH Waupun at 920-325-2011 or  
[info@reachwaupun.org](mailto:info@reachwaupun.org)

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites

of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Eugene Peterson paraphrased part of 1 Corinthians 12 in The Message by saying, "Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful. . . ." Think of a family member or friend. Have a discussion, write a note, or draw a picture for them about how you have seen God work through them. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

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

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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**Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
<b>Monday:</b>	6:30 PM	Education Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	5:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting (Lower level)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service

**Next Week – Outdoor Service**

**Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

**Sound System**

Joe Bresser

**Nursery**

Andrea Buwalda, Phylicia Coda,  
Jules Mulder

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Livestream**

Scott Ritzema

**Ushers**

Tom Jonker, Ben Mulder (if needed)

**Monthly Ministry Report from Neen and Angel**

Grace and Peace be to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and prayers as we continue to serve those people the Lord entrusted to us. Your generosity has been instrumental in enabling us to reach out to those in need.

Our recent Bible study with men at the prison was truly a blessed experience and we are encouraged by the Spiritual growth we've seen among the men. Your contributions have made this vital session possible. Because

of you we can visit them on a regular basis. It helps to enrich their learning in the Bible and for their Spiritual growth.

Furthermore, our recent visitation to the elderly and needy in our community was a resounding blessing to us and to those people. We are grateful to you that we are able to provide their food needs. Bringing them a little comfort and hope in their hard situation. Your generosity has a big impact on their lives. Thank you so much.

However, we also want to share things that are happening here on our Island. A suspected water contamination issue in a nearby village has resulted in many people suffering from stomach aches and diarrhea, especially those who are poor. The community health provider is doing their best to stop the disease. Please keep them in your prayers.

We are thankful for all your prayers and support for us and the ministry it is invaluable to us as we strive to fulfill God's calling in our lives. We invite you to continue to pray for the ministry, trusting in God's guidance and provision, especially for the community facing this health crisis.

May the Lord richly bless you.

In Christ, Neen and Angel

## **Before the Throne of God Above**

**Verse 1:** Before the throne of God above - I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love - Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands - My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands - No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

**Verse 2:** When Satan tempts me to despair - And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there - Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died - My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied - To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

**Verse 3:** Behold Him there the risen Lamb - My perfect spotless  
righteousness - The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace - One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood - My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God - With Christ my Saviour and my God

**Verse 4:** I bow before the cross of Christ - And marvel at this love divine  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed - To make me righteous in God's eyes  
This river's depths I cannot know - But I can glory in its flood  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low - And poured on me His glorious  
love - And poured on me His glorious love

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**Sermon Notes**