

7/21/2024

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 or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (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.

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

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

Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

PO Box 32, Waupun

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

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Songs of Worship: "This is My Father's World" R143:1-3

"Jesus, Name Above All Names" R86

"Fairest Lord Jesus" R87:1, 4

Confession and Assurance from Psalm 19:12-13

Leader: Who can see our thoughts and hidden faults"

People: The Lord can! Keep me from willful sins; don't let them rule over me.

Leader: Thank you, Lord, for your forgiveness. Thank you for making us innocent.

Song of Praise: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and Mission
Backpack

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

Song of Worship: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" G479

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 19

Message: "The Voice of Creation"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "For the Beauty of the Earth" R793:1, 5

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" R107 (twice)

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Scott Ritzema
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Katie DeJager, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: Al and LeAnne Holden

- Children's Worship: Mackenzie Mulder, Olivia Vander Werff, Levi Holbach
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda, Jules Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

Don Pausma to Neen & Angel*

Joan Plum 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 (Mission Backpack for July), 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.



We would like to thank the congregation for their support of the flood relief in Rock Valley, Iowa. We raised \$6,022.

| | June | Fiscal YTD (7/1 to 6/30) | YTD Budget (7/1 to 6/30) | % of YTD Budget |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund / Building Fund | \$22,180.00 | \$338,458.40 | \$374,680.00 | 90.33% |
| Parking Lot Project | \$0.00 | \$80,000.00 | \$80,000.00 | 100.00% |
| Classical | \$860.00 | \$11,030.00 | \$22,349.40 | 49.35% |
| Denominational | \$870.00 | \$13,750.00 | \$23,000.00 | 59.78% |
| Faith Promise | \$1,091.01 | \$20,962.06 | \$14,400.00 | 145.57% |
| Most Needed | \$3,610.00 | \$62,402.92 | N/A | N/A |
| Benevolent | \$6,848.76 | \$17,818.82 | N/A | N/A |
| PAVE (Monthly Cause) | \$1,930.45 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total * | \$38,740.22 | \$598,717.79 | 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:

- **Kathy Kamphuis**, cancer treatments.
- **Arky Navis**, radiation treatments.

- **Ray Hofman**, radiation and chemotherapy treatments.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

Pastor Greg is on a vacation week, followed by a 5th Sunday off (from June) and plans to return to his usual work on July 29. If you have any church or pastoral needs this upcoming week, contact Lois in the church office (waupuncrc@gmail.com; 920-324-2898) or your care group elder, or any elder really.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Summer Bag Lunch Program at the Community Table; donating items or volunteering for the week of July 8. First CRC handed out 691 bag lunches!

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- August 4: Lord's Supper and Baptism.
- August 25: Outdoor Worship Service.

Save the Date: Our annual Neighborhood block party will be Saturday, August 24 (4-8). We will have food, music, mini-golf, bouncy house, wagon rides, face painting, yard games, and of course our famous chicken chuck contest. Please invite your friends and plan to join us!

Please join us in prayer as 4 leaders and 19 youth group students prepare to go on SERVE 2024 in the Twin Cities, July 27 – August 3 to serve as His hands and feet in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and learn what the Bible has to say about what we may need to dump out of our cups before we fill them with the fruit of the Spirit.

Do you enjoy sharing your time with others over a cup of coffee and offering encouragement, get excited about working with others on a fun project, or love telling others about God sightings in your life? Then we have a place for you!! The high school and middle school youth groups are looking for a few adults to walk alongside our students. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time to these amazing students and being a blessing in their lives! Interested but don't have time during the busy week?! **The high school youth group will be moving to meeting on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30!!** For more information, please talk to Jen Vlietstra or Bryant Greenfield.

Our All-Church Leadership training and seminar has been rescheduled from Saturday August 3 to September 14. Still from 8:45 – Noon. If you are an elder or deacon or leader or teacher in Children's and Youth ministry or a Life Group leader this is especially for you, but it's really for everyone involved and serving in all areas of First CRC Life and Ministry. We'll meet

on the lower level of the church building. Breakfast-type snacks and foods will be available when you arrive and during the event. Rev. Dave Beelen will be leading us. He is a retired CRC pastor, currently working part-time at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI, and with *Coram Deo Association*, an organization in the Reformed tradition that seeks to train and multiply leaders. He will lead us in an interactive time of team building and equipping under the theme of Servant Leadership in the Church, focusing on us being Servant Leaders together at First who are 1) Committed, 2) Encouragers, and 3) SMART Planners.

Community News

Bargains Galore is hiring a Store Manager!

If you have a passion for retail and want to make a difference in our community, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Position Responsibilities:

- Supervision and recruitment of staff and volunteers
- Management of store operations
- Financial performance
- Competitive salary based on skill and experience
- Full benefits package

Bargains Galore Thrift Store – Waupun, WI

Contact: Steve Soodsma 920-979-7095

Join our team and make a difference at Bargains Galore!

29th Annual RCS Golf Outing - August 9 at the Fox Lake Golf Club.

Gather your friends, and join us for a great day of food, fun, and fellowship while taking in a round of golf! RCS is hosting our Annual Golf Outing at the Fox Lake Golf Club on August 9, with registration starting at 9:00 AM and shotgun start at 10:00 AM. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To register a team or for sponsorship information, please contact the RCS Office at 920-326-3320 or Jamie Weaver at 920-296-8525 by JULY 31.

4K Teacher - Randolph Christian School is seeking a passionate, inspiring, and Christ-filled educator to teach our 4K students. This part-time position is Monday - Friday from 7:30 - 11:15 AM. Responsibilities include teaching Bible lessons, early math and literacy skills, and cultivating a love for learning. If you would like more information, please contact Laura Westra at 920-326-3320 or lwestra@randolphchristian.org.

Athletic Director - If you are a sports enthusiast, enjoy helping others, and have good communication skills, you could be the next RCS Athletic Director! This is a paid, part-time position with responsibilities that include setting up and breaking down the gym for games, scheduling games, and

scheduling referees for games. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Laura Westra at 920-326-3320 or lwestra@randolphchristian.org.

Denominational News

The Banner Challenge! - This year The Banner has been tasked with a faith challenge to be almost fully reader supported in three years with no more reliance on ministry shares. This step of faith will benefit the other agencies of the CRC (like ReFrame, Resonate, Thrive, etc.) since every ministry share dollar The Banner doesn't use will flow to one of them. Are you up to undertake this faith challenge with us? We need you now more than ever! Please donate now at TheBanner.org/Give

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Livestream

Scott Ritzema

Coffee

Steve and Heidi Smits

PPT

Lois Mulder

Children's Worship

Becca Vree, Morgan Buwalda,
Kase Buwalda

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Casey Homan,
Elliana Mulder

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Andy Schlieve, 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) |

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1: May the peace of God our heav'nly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son - And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

Chorus: And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings

Verse 2: May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of His communion - Make us one in spirit and in heart

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Update from BBO Philippines

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and loved ones are in good health.

Praise be to God for His immeasurable love and mercy.

We have received abundant rainfall recently, which is a blessing for farmers as they begin planting rice. However, the heavy rains have also caused some flooding in other areas.

And dengue fever, transmitted by mosquitoes, has unfortunately returned to our barangay (village). Many people have been hospitalized, and Angel has been helping the needy both in the hospital and by sharing the gospel with them whenever possible. Please remember these people in your prayers.

I am grateful to the Lord for His protection and strength as I continue to share His Word with the men in prison. They are always thankful for the message of God and we praise Him for the new inmates who have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Please pray that that God will continue to bless the prison ministry here.

I will also be sending some pictures of the people we are sharing Jesus and the food here.

Thank you for your continued support of our work here. The needy people are always grateful for your help. It is truly a blessing for all of us.

I am thankful to the Lord for some relief in my heart condition, although it persists and sometimes experience difficulty breathing and weight gain despite eating little due to my hypothyroidism. However, God is still so good, and He strengthens me physically, emotionally and especially Spiritually. His sustaining grace keeps me going. Please keep us in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for us and ministry here. May the Lord bless you and your family always.

In Christ love, Neen and Angel

Our email address: neenbobphilippines@yahoo.com

Question welcome as we thank the Lord because you stand with us and help meet our needs.

Those wishing to donate to BBO Philippines please send check made out to First Christian Reformed Church 20 Bly St. Waupun WI 53963 USA. Put BBO Philippines in the memo line. Thank you for being part of the Ministry

Sermon Notes