

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: Psalm 90:1-2

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Confession and Assurance

We read in 1 John 2, My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God in a time of silent prayer.

*Songs of Worship: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

"Turn Your Eyes"

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the Local Budget and Mission Backpack

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

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16

Message: "Ephesians #10: Working Hard for Church Unity, Part III—
A Blueprint for Church Ministry"

Prayer

*Benediction

*Doxology: "O Church Arise"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (keyboard); Hanna Marra (percussion); Rachel Hoffman, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Scott Ritzema
- Nursery: Andrea Buwalda, Phylcia Coda, Jules Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Ben Mulder

Missionary Letters

B O'Donovan to Neen/Angel*

S Otto 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; One Waupun for August), 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.



Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **Norm Jansma**, fatigue, three more once-a-month treatments.
- **Margaret Miedema**, after surgery pain is much less, but still no voice.
- **Rhonda Schouten**, knee replacement surgery recovery.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, recovery from foot surgery this past Friday.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, pain continues, likely back surgery in the future.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, radiation treatments complete, chemo continues every other week.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- August 3—Lord's Supper in Worship
- August 17—Bible Presentations for Second Graders
- August 24—Professions of Faith in worship

First CRC Youth Ministry Update. Last month we were informed by Bethel CRC that their Council made a decision to no longer have a joint Middle School and High School Youth ministry with First CRC. GEMS and Cadets will remain unaffected by Bethel's decision. After Elder, Council, and especially Education Committee and current youth leader discussions about this, we would like to meet with all middle school (6-8th grades) and high school parents and students after worship on August 3 in the sanctuary. The Education Committee and our current youth leaders have some thoughts about next steps for First's youth group and would like to share those ideas and have a discussion about them. We feel it's important that going forward

we are all on the same page and want to take everyone's input into consideration. If you cannot attend the August 3 meeting, please share any thoughts you have about youth ministry at First related to Bethel CRC's decision with one of the following Education Committee members: Elders Al Venhuizen or Brian O'Donovan, or Rachel Hoffman or Jenna Mulder, or feel free to talk with Pastor Greg Schuringa.

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 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 **TODAY, 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).

30th Annual RCS Golf Outing - August 8 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 8, 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 Alex Coooper at 920-326-9291 by JULY 31.

Denominational News

Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change - Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. 100 riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and help raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers worldwide with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! For more information and to register, visit worldrenew.net/ridetorenew.

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Thursday:	12:00 PM	WIEU Lunch after Site Visit (Lower Level)
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting (Upper Room)
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

Children’s Worship

Emily Mulder, Rachel Hoffman, Joy Mulder

Nursery

Hailey Wagner, Mackenzie Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Lois Mulder

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Owen Mulder, Brian O’Donovan

All Creatures of Our God and King (Public Domain)

Verse 1: All creatures of our God and King - lift up your voice with us and sing: alleluia, alleluia! - O burning sun with golden beam - and shining moon with silver gleam - O praise him, O praise him - alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2: O rushing wind so wild and strong - white clouds that sail in heaven along - alleluia, alleluia! - New rising dawn, in praise rejoice - you lights of evening, find a voice - O praise him, O praise him - alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 4: Earth ever fertile, day by day - bring forth your blessings on our way alleluia, alleluia! - All flowers and fruits that in you grow - let them his glory also show - O praise him, O praise him - alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 5: People and nations, take your part - sing praise to God with all your heart - alleluia, alleluia! - Let all things their Creator bless - and worship him in lowliness - O praise him, O praise him - alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

For the Beauty of the Earth (Public Domain)

Verse 1: For the beauty of the earth - For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth - Over and around us lies

Chorus: Christ, our Lord, to you we raise - This our hymn of grateful praise

Verse 2: For the wonder of each hour - Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower - Sun and moon and stars of light

Verse 3: For the joy of human love - Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above - For all gentle thoughts and mild

Verse 4: For yourself best gift divine - To the world so freely given
Agent of God's grand design - Peace on earth and joy in heaven

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Verse 1: How deep the Father's love for us - How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son - To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One - Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2: Behold the Man upon a cross - My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice - Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there - Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished

Verse 3: I will not boast in anything - No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ - His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward - I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom

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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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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose

again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

O Church Arise

Verse 1: O church arise and put your armour on - Hear the call of Christ our Captain - For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given - With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies - An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2: Our call to war to love the captive soul - But to rage against the captor - And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour - When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure - And Christ will have the prize for which He died - An inheritance of nations

Verse 3: Come see the cross where love and mercy meet - As the Son of God is stricken - Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen - And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave - This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4: So Spirit come put strength in every stride - Give grace for every hurdle - That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful - As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace - We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

⁸ This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."

⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Ephesians #10, Working Hard for Church Unity, Part III—
A Blueprint for Church Ministry
Ephesians 4:7-16**

1. What is the Purpose of this Unity?

2. How is this Unity Accomplished?

3. What does the Church look like when it engages in its Mission?