

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

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "How Lovely is Your Dwelling" G243:1, 3
"Behold Our God" "Living Hope"

Confession and Assurance: Preparatory for Lord's Supper

Song of Worship: "And Can It Be" G267

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and Mission
Backpack

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

*Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 4 (ESV)

Message: "Building Our Wall"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" G170

*Benediction

*Doxology: "We Receive Your Blessing"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Al Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Lois Mulder, Scott Ritzema
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Morgan Buwalda, Kase Buwalda
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Casey Homan, Elliana Mulder

- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Andy Schlieve, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

S Ritzema to Neen & Angel

C Ruiz 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; One Waupun for August), 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:

- **Kathy Kamphuis**, cancer treatments.
- **Arky Navis**, radiation treatments.
- **Ray Hofman**, radiation and chemotherapy treatments.
- **Lori Venhuizen**, total knee replacement surgery tomorrow (Monday).
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

Pastor Greg plans to return to his regular pastoral duties tomorrow after a time of vacation.

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!

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

Life is all about choices. There are so many ways that you can fill your cup. It is important to daily observe how you are filling it. What are you pouring for yourself? What are you pouring for others? Is it the fruit of the Spirit? Or is it anger, jealousy, envy, and other things that are not of God? What you pour should leave people wanting a refill! **Please join us in prayer as 4 leaders and 19 youth group students SERVE in the Twin Cities this week** 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. If you'd like to email them a note of encouragement, you can send them an email at: faithcrcmn.org/serve.

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 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.

Church Email List: If you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

Community News

All are invited to attend the Welsh/English Hymn Sing at the Wild Rose Presbyterian Church, 501 Jackson Street in Wild Rose TODAY at 2 PM. The Gymanfa Ganu will be directed by Rev. Joe Corbin from Omro and accompanied on the reed organ by Rev Tom White from North Fond du Lac. Special music will be provided by Ann Lemmenes and Chris Cutts. The Church is air conditioned but not barrier free. Te Bach (refreshments will follow).

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.

Join us for Mid-America Reformed Seminary's **2024 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference!** Mark your calendars for October 11-12 and join us at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, to be inspired by plenary speakers sharing insights on reaching our local communities and the nations with the gospel message. Discover more details at midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

The ADRC of Fond du Lac County has two events coming up!

- Savvy Caregiver Class: A family/friend caregiver training program for those taking care of someone with dementia. It a FREE 6-week class that can improve daily life as a caregiver, starts September 10.
- Care Giving Conference at Community Church in Fond du Lac on Sept. 26. There will be free hearing screens and blood pressure checks as well as a variety of breakout sessions.

Brochures and flyers are on the table in the narthex.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

Children's Worship

Stacey Schaver, Hailey Bresser,
Ellie Mulder

Nursery

Hailey Wagner, Jessica Ten Pass,
Rynn Aalsma

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

PPT

Cody Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Ryer Greenfield

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)

UPDATE from Waupun Youth for Christ

Thank you so much for your partnership in sharing Christ with lost teens in our community! We've had 50 unchurched kids walk through our doors in our City Life program this past school year:

- 45 of those unchurched kids are in relationships with our leaders who are learning their stories
- 20 of those unchurched kids have heard and connected to God's story. Because of you we've been able to keep up connections with unchurched kids, feed our kids healthy snacks, and start a small group that goes over the Basics of Christianity with kids who have said "yes" to Jesus over this summer!
- **Prayer Request:** Please join us in praying over the kids in our community and for the leaders that serve them.
- **Volunteer opportunity:** We're looking for someone or a group of people to volunteer to clean at the Union.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jess Niemeyer our City Life Director via email: Jess@badgerlandyfc.org

Behold Our God

Verse 1: Who has held the oceans in His hands - Who has numbered every grain of sand - Kings and nations tremble at His voice - All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus: Behold our God seated on His throne - Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare - Come let us adore Him

Verse 2: Who has given counsel to the Lord - Who can question any of His words - Who can teach the One who knows all things - Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Verse 3: Who has felt the nails upon His hands - Bearing all the guilt of sinful man - God eternal humbled to the grave - Jesus Savior risen now to reign

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Living Hope

Verse 1: How great the chasm that lay between us - How high the mountain I could not climb - In desperation I turned to heaven - And spoke Your name into the night - Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul - The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 2: Who could imagine so great a mercy - What heart could fathom such boundless grace - The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame - The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own - Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus: Hallelujah praise the One who set me free - Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me - You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name - Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 3: Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe - Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending: Jesus Christ, my living hope – Oh, God, You are my living hope

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We Receive Your Blessing

Chorus: We receive Your blessing - We receive Your grace
As we walk in the light - Shining from Your face
May the peace that You give - Change the way that we live
We receive Your blessing - As we leave this place (REPEAT)

Bridge: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above you heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and praise the Holy Ghost

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Sermon Notes