## **First Christian Reformed Church**



We welcome our guests and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping 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 <a href="https://www.waupuncrc.com">www.waupuncrc.com</a> 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: <a href="mailto:pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com">pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com</a>.

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

Welcome and Announcements

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Lord Most High" "Hymn of Heaven"

Confession and Assurance: Psalm 51:1-7, Ephesians 2:1-10

Song of Worship: "It is Well with My Soul" R705

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and One Waupun Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship

\*Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Message: "All It Takes is All You've Got"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Love the Lord Your God"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

\*Postlude

#### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader: Al Venhuizen
- Sermon and Worship Leader: Matt Hofman
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Cara Schmitt (piano and vocals); Hollie Ganz, Michelle Mulder (vocals)
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Cassidy Ritzema, Mike Vander Berg
- · Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield

- Children's Worship: Sarah
   Schuringa, Jenna Schouten, Jules
   Mulder
- Nursery: Lynnae Franken, Aubryn DeJager, Tirzah Ritzema
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

### **Missionary Letters**

D Schaver to Neen & Angel\* E Schaver 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 (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.

	July	Fiscal YTD (7/1 to 7/31)	YTD Budget (7/1 to 7/31)	% of YTD Budget
General Fund	\$19,734.00	\$19,734.00	\$29,586.42	66.70%
Building Fund	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$2,747.50	17.11%
Classical	\$645.00	\$645.00	\$2,077.75	31.04%
Denominational	\$1,925.00	\$1,925.00	\$2,083.33	92.40%
Faith Promise	\$1,432.00	\$1,432.00	\$1,200.00	119.33%
Most Needed	\$1,903.00	\$1,903.00	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$210.00	\$210.00	N/A	N/A
Mission Backpack (Monthly Cause)	\$881.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total *	\$36,732.00	\$36,732.00	N/A	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed above

#### **Our Family**

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

- Ann Hoekstra, strength after recent health challenges.
- Kathy Kamphuis, cancer treatments.
- Ray Hofman, off treatments now, feeling ok!
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, thankful for a recent good report from the doctors!

**Pastor Greg Schuringa** is on a time of vacation with family. He plans to resume his usual duties on Thursday.

**Thank you to the congregation** for their visits, cards, and calls. A special thanks to Pastor Greg for his calls and Elder Dan Scheuers. It was much appreciated.

- Arky and Helene Navis

**We Want to Say Thank You!** We are so thankful for the support of First CRC congregation for the donations to the wedding tote we have received. It will definitely help stock our apartment. We would also like to invite

anyone from the congregation to watch via live stream our wedding ceremony this Saturday, August 17, at 4:00 PM. Our wedding will take place at Hope CRC in Hull, Iowa. The live stream link is <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@Cadenbubz/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@Cadenbubz/streams</a>.

- Josh Schouten and Sydney Stiemsma

**Gluten Free?** If anyone needs gluten free bread for Communion, please let Lois in the church office know.

#### **Church News**

#### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- August 25: Outdoor Worship Service.
- October 6: World Communion Sunday, Lord's Supper in Woship.
- October 13: Baptism

We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for the junior high class (6-8 grade) for this fall. If you are interested, please talk to Brian O'Donovan.

**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!

We are looking for a few antique, classic or special cars, trucks or motorcycles to be displayed at our Neighborhood Block Party, Sat., Aug. 24, 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.

**If you are interested in membership at First CRC**, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

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 your 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 will be Saturday, September 14, from 8:45 – Noon on the lower level of the church building. 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. Breakfast-type snacks and food 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. You can sign up via the link or on the registration sheet in the narthex by the coffee.

**Afternoon Women's Bible Study**: A continued study of Genesis, The Story of God's Promises, will begin September 3. If you are interested, please contact Sue Buwalda (920-424-3929) before August 18 so that the materials can be ordered on time.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study will begin September 25 and will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM here at 1st CRC in the upper classroom. All are welcome! This fall, we will be studying *Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life* by Melissa Spoelstra. Whether it's because of distractions, busyness, or a case of the blahs, we can experience a drift toward indifference in our spiritual lives. We have a need for an ongoing spiritual awakening if we want to become more aware of God's presence and activity in our everyday lives. In this 6 session study, you will journey with the first followers of Jesus and witness the birth and growth of the early church through spiritual awakening to the power of God's Spirit, message, freedom, grace, mission, and direction. Contact Sarah Schuringa by September 18 to register.

Pastor Greg will be leading a men's Bible Study every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evening 6:30 – 8:00 starting September 25. We will be discussing the book, The Titus Ten, which gives us 10 characteristics of a Christian man from the book of Titus. Please let Pastor Greg or Lois know if you would like to join and we will order your book. Men of all ages welcome!

#### **Community News**

Come and enjoy an old-fashioned church service at the Alto Old Stone Church (4042 Amity Rd, Brandon) on Sunday, August 11, at 2 PM. Refreshments will follow the service and a free-will offering will be taken.

Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant in Beaver Dam and the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County are partnering for a day of dining on Tuesday, August 13, from 11 AM to 10 PM. Just mention PSCDC and Benvenuto's will donate 20% of your purchase to PSCDC.

#### **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!

Convocation / Channel Lock Reveal set for August 19: The 77th year of faith learning at Central Wisconsin Christian will begin with Convocation at 6:30 on Monday, August 19. Worship begins by spending time singing and a meditation from Kurt Ritsema from Bethel CRC on this year's theme Renewed Minds, Transformed Hearts. We treasure your partnership in our ministry and would love to have you join us for this special time of gratitude and praise. The event will be held on the west side of the school, so please bring your lawn chairs. After Convocation, come and see the completed upgrade in the shop from the Channel Lock Reveal in the AgProTech addition.

Hawaiian Luau Countdown is On!!! The list is growing daily and the plans are being finalized as we head to the *Hawaiian Luau* Central Wisconsin Christian Harvest Auction 2024. We're excited to experience a great night of fellowship and friend/fundraising. The online silent auction will open on September 15, with the live event set for Friday, September 20. Please RSVP, order your meal, or make your donations at cwcauction.com, where you can watch the list grow and see all the details. Bake sale items can be dropped off the morning of the event prior to 11 AM. Tickets-Required this year: RSVP only \$0 / Meal \$15 / Meal at the door \$20. Once you RSVP or

order a meal ticket, we'll prepare your personalized auction packet, which will be your ticket and have you ready to roll when you arrive. Don't miss this great night—wear your Hawaiian shirts, and take along some friends as together we impact the lives of the kids.

Attend the Welsh Weekend on Sat & Sun, Aug 24 & 25, at the historic Peniel Welsh Chapel. On Saturday, 1 PM is a time to explore family histories; 3 PM is Welsh dancing; 4:30 PM enjoy a Welsh/American meal\*; 6 PM listen to a beautiful concert by the Covenant Bell Choir along with the Peniel Men's Quartet. On Sunday at 11:30 AM Pastor Mary Austin will lead a worship service; 12:30 PM lunch\*; 2:15 PM Piper Dylan-Life Wind Bagpiping; 2:30 PM the 102nd annual Welsh/English Hymn Sing will be led by Ann Lemmenes, with refreshments following. Call 920-858-0320 to RSVP meals or ask questions. \* \$10 donation. Peniel Chapel W9644 Zoar Rd. Oshkosh

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County is hosting its Fall Benefit 2024 on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Juneau Community Center. The doors will open at 5 PM, dinner buffet at 6 PM, consisting of pecan crusted chicken with maple brown butter compound, roast beef with demi-glace potato medley hash, glazed carrots, strawberry shortcake, chocolate cake pops, rolls, coffee and water. Bar and silent auction close at 7 PM. There will be guest speakers and music. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for PSCDC. Call the Center at 920-219-9305 to register or if you have questions about how you could make a donation. More information on the table in the narthex.

#### **Denominational and Classis News**

Classis Wisconsin offers the Leadership Development Network or LDN. It is offered to help congregation members to be informed and exposed to a wide range of theological and practical training for lay ministry and leadership in the local church. LDN gathers as a group one Sunday a month for 9 months, September thru May from 1:30 to 5 PM. The group consists of people throughout the churches of Wisconsin and meets at MarshView Ministries in Horicon. This year we will be learning about Church history and the Confessions of the Reformed Faith. If you would be interested in more information, talk with Pastor Dave Katsma by phone, 920-296-1448 or email at pastordlk@gmail.com.

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 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 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Pray for People Affected by Tropical Storm Debby - As Tropical Storm Debby swamps the US East Coast, World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) asks for your prayers for those most affected by the storm. After hitting the Florida panhandle as a Category-1 hurricane last weekend, Debby continued across Georgia, the Carolinas, and beyond. More than a foot of rain fell in some locations, forcing evacuations, creating significant flood risks, and causing six deaths. Please pray for safety for those who must evacuate or shelter in place. Pray for wisdom and strength for volunteers and emergency responders. Ask God to protect 500 residents in Sarasota, FL, who were evacuated last week due to flooding, even as DRS continues to respond to Hurricane Ian needs there from 2022. You can find more about the work of World Renew DRS in responding to 2024 hurricanes and other North American disasters at worldrenew.net/drs

## **Calendar**

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday: 6:30 PM Education Committee Meeting

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

#### **Next Week**

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Coffee

Bob and Michelle Mulder

Children's Worship

Kim Greenfield, Heidi Schaver,

Troy Hoffman

Nursery

Phylicia Coda, Kaytlin Ruis, Kase

Buwalda

Livestream

Randall Greenfield

**PPT** 

Ryer Greenfield

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

**Transportation** 

**Rob Mulder** 

Ushers

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

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)

#### **Lord Most High**

**Verse:** From the ends of the earth (ECHO)

From the depths of the sea (ECHO)

From the heights of the heavens (ECHO) - Your name be praised

From the hearts of the weak (ECHO)
From the shouts of the strong (ECHO)

From the lips of all people (ECHO) - This song we raise Lord

Chorus: Throughout the endless ages - You will be crowned with praises

Lord Most High - Exalted in every nation

Sovereign of all creation - Lord Most High be magnified

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## Hymn Of Heaven

Verse 1: How I long to breathe the air of Heaven Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets To look upon the one who bled to save me And walk with Him for all eternity

**Chorus 1:** There will be a day - When all will bow before Him There will be a day - When death will be no more Standing face to face - With He who died and rose again Holy, holy is the Lord

Verse 2: And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation The songs of faith - We sang through doubt and fear In the end we'll see that it was worth it When He returns to wipe away our tears

**Verse 3:** And on that day we join the resurrection And stand beside the heroes of the faith With one voice a thousand generations

Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2: So let it be today - We shout the hymn of Heaven With angels and the Saints - We raise a mighty roar Glory to our God - Who gave us life beyond the grave Holy, holy is the Lord – Holy, holy is the Lord – Holy, holy is the Lord

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#### Love The Lord

**Verse 1:** Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind - And with all your strength (REPEAT)

Chorus 1: With all your heart with all your soul - With all your mind with all your strength - Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind - And with all your strength

**Chorus 3:** With all my heart with all my soul - With all my mind with all my strength (REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart - With all my soul with all my mind And with all my strength (REPEAT 2X)

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#### Salvation Belongs To Our God

**Verse 1:** Salvation belongs to our God - Who sits upon the throne And unto the Lamb - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks Honour and power and strength

**Chorus:** Be to our God forever and ever - Be to our God forever and ever Be to our God forever and ever - Amen

**Verse 2:** And we the redeemed shall be strong - In purpose and unity Declaring aloud - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks Honour and power and strength

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# **Sermon Notes**