

8/13/2023

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 Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is 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.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**
WAUPUN, WISCONSIN

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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" R210

"I Will Delight" "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Bible Presentation for 2nd Graders

*Song of Dedication: "Thy Word" R184

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and One Waupun

Youth Group Service Project Sharing

Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship

*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Message: "2 Corinthians #12: Apologetics 104—A Word of Caution"

Prayer

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Song of Response: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" R676:1, 2, 4

*Benediction

*Doxology: "He is Exalted" R36

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Hanna Marra (percussion); Rachel Hoffman, Michelle Mulder, Cayden Ruis (vocalists)
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Cassidy Ritzema, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits

- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa, Levi Holbach
- Nursery: Beth Schlieve, Jenna Mulder, Kolten Buwalda
- Ushers: Cody Van Herwaarden, Ryer Greenfield

Missionary Letters

M Schouten to Neen

T Schouten 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 go to our website and click on "Give" at the top of the page. 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:

- **Ruth Buwalda**, sister Sophia Evans passed away on Tuesday.
- **Junice Rens**, brother Glenn Westra passed away last week.
- **Margaret Miedema**, effective treatments.
- **Eilleen Vant Hoff**, hip surgery recovery.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Eden Homan**, wisdom for doctors and Ben and Alyssa on a surgery.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- August 27, 9:30 AM: Outdoor Worship
- September 24, 9:30 AM: WIEA (Wisconsin Inmate Education Association) Update in Worship

Please check the directory pages on the table in the narthex. We want to make sure we have current information for everyone before we print a directory.

It's August...that means it is time for the Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, August 26 (4-8). We will have a hog roast meal, bouncy house, mini-golf, the infamous chicken chuck contest, hay rides, and more. This is a free event so invite your neighbors, friends, and family!

Ladies: If you are interested in an afternoon Bible study, please plan to meet after the morning service on Aug 20 in the front of the sanctuary. If you can't make it, please talk to Linda Pausma or Sue Buwalda.

The funeral lunch committee is looking for volunteers who are willing to help out at funerals—wash dishes, help set up, bring food, etc. You would be called only if needed. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you

would be willing to help out and indicate what you prefer to help with. Thanks for considering.

Final Summer Outdoor Worship Service on the Lawn: August 27. Please bring your own lawn chairs/blankets. If the weather is poor, the service will be moved indoors and we plan to postpone the outdoor service to the following Sunday.

We received a copy of the book **“Your Story is Our Story”** from World Renew. It is on the table in the narthex if you would like to read it. Please return it so others can read it as well.

A new Women's Bible Study is coming this fall! We will be meeting every other Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 here at church in the upper room. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, and we will be studying the Psalms. All are welcome! Contact Sarah Schuringa with questions, or to register.

The high school youth group is looking for a few energetic adults to join our team! The school year is starting soon, and we are still in need of 3 men and 3 women to join us as we mentor and disciple our high school students to become living sacrifices that have a vibrant and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. As a high school youth group mentor, you'll enjoy small group Bible study with the students, walking alongside them as they grow in their faith, praying for them, pointing them to Christ, helping them with challenges and struggles, as well as fun activities and service projects. Please reach out to Noah Mulder, Tyler & Jessica Ten Pass, Dan Scheuers, or Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net if you'd like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity to serve in youth ministry.

The **August Newsletter from Church Health Services** is available on the table in the narthex.

Community News

Convocation / Ribbon-Cutting set for August 21. Final touches are being completed on the campus expansion at Central Wisconsin Christian, and preparations continue for our 76th year. We want to invite you as members of our community to join us for Convocation on Monday, August 21, at 6:30 PM. The event will be held on the west side of the new addition, so please bring your lawn chairs. We will be spending time in worship, a message from Head of School Mark Buteyn on this year's theme Speaking the Truth in Love, and celebrating a ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally open our

31,000 square foot addition. We treasure your partnership in our ministry, and would love to have you join us for this special time of gratitude and praise.

Auction Countdown is On!!! The list is growing daily and the plans are being finalized as we head to the Wild, Wild West Central Wisconsin Christian Harvest Auction 2023. We're excited to experience a great night of fellowship and friend/fundraising. The online silent auction will open up on September 17, with the live event set for Friday, September 22. Please register, order your meal, or make your donations at cwcauction.com, where you can watch the list grow and see all of the details. Bake sale items can be dropped off the morning of the event prior to 11 AM. Once you register, we'll prepare your personalized auction packet and have you ready to roll when you arrive. Don't miss this great night—wear your western-themed costume, and take along some friends as together we impact the lives of the kids.

A Faith-Formation Exploration Workshop is being held at Brookfield CRC on August 19, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Join for an engaging and thought-provoking workshop aimed at exploring the current state and future direction of youth ministry. This event will provide valuable insights into the youth ministry climate, with a particular focus on the influence of identity and the significance of storytelling in faith formation and discipleship. More information is available on the table in the narthex.

YFC Colorado Peach Sale. Youth for Christ Peach Sale is back. Pre-order your delicious Colorado peaches today! Peaches expected Aug 24. All proceeds help YFC share the Gospel with teens throughout the area. For more info or to place your order, visit www.badgerlandyfc.org, or call 920-923-1416.

Something very exciting is about to take place at Brookfield CRC and we hope you will join us! On Saturday, August 19, Ron deVries from the denomination will be at BCRC to lead a workshop aimed at exploring the current and future direction of youth ministry. This workshop is designed for both a general audience of leaders, parents, and anyone interested in youth and adult ministry, and also those who are ministry leaders. There are two sections in the workshop, a morning session (10 to 11:45 AM) and an afternoon session (1 to 2:30 PM). Come to both sessions and join us for lunch! Both the workshop and lunch are free, but it is important that you register using this link by Sunday, August 13!

You are invited to join the Brookfield CRC congregation on the evening of Sunday, August 27, at 5 PM, for a panel discussion on the topic of **Artificial Intelligence**. Artificial Intelligence has already transformed many segments of society. What impact does AI have on our moral understanding of the world? Come and take part in a Christian conversation that dives into the topic of AI and the future of humanity. Panelists include: Dr. Chris Ganski, pastor and theologian; Dr. Josiah Yoder, computer scientist; Dr. Fabrice Jotterand, philosopher and ethicist. Brookfield Christian Reformed Church is located at 14135 W. Burleigh Rd. Brookfield. If you want to read more about this, pick up a flyer from the table in the narthex.

Classis Wisconsin offers the Leadership Development Network (LDN) 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 nine 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. If you would be interested in more information, talk with Pastor Dave Katsma by phone, 920-296-1448 or email at pastordlk@gmail.com. Note that our own Brian Ten Pass graduated from LDN this past May and shared with us about his experience in worship then. You could also talk to Brian to learn more about this unique opportunity Classis Wisconsin offers to grow in the Word and be equipped for service.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

Children's Worship

Kim Greenfield, Olivia Vander Werff,
Tirzah Ritzema

Nursery

Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda,
Morgan Buwalda

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Cody Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Ushers

Ben Mulder, Arent Venhuizen

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

I Will Delight

Verse: I will delight in the law of the Lord - I will meditate day and night
Then like a tree firmly planted I'll be - Grounded in Your Word

Chorus: Blessed is the one who follows
The way of the Lord - Blessed is the one

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1: When I fear my faith will fail - Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail - He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold - Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold - He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast - He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so - He will hold me fast

Verse 2: Those He saves are His delight - Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight - He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost - His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost - He will hold me fast

Verse 3: For my life He bled and died - Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied - He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life - He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight - When He comes at last

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Sermon Notes