

8/18/2024

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

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" G253

*Songs of Worship: "Goodness of God"
"You Are Worthy of My Praise"

Confession of Sin: Psalm 51:1-5, 10, 11

Assurance of Pardon and God's Will for Our Lives:
Colossians 2:13-15; 3:12-17

Congregational Prayer

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

Ministry of Music

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Message: "Parables in Matthew #3: The Wedding Banquet and the
Wedding Invitation"

Prayer

*Song of Praise: "Holy Forever"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "By the Sea of Crystal" G620:1

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Ministry of Music: Megan and Ryer Greenfield
- Worship Team: Pastor Schuringa; Cara Schmitt (piano); Megan Greenfield, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Ryer Greenfield, Randall Greenfield
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder

- Children's Worship: Kim Greenfield, Heidi Schaver, Troy Hoffman
- Nursery: Phylcia Coda, Kaytlin Ruis, Kase Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

D Scheuers to Neen & Angel
W Scheuers 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.



Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Ann Hoekstra**, strength after recent health challenges.
- **Ray Hofman and Gregg Zonnefeld**, health and healing.

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

There is an update from **Heytsi Family in Ukraine** on the table in the narthex.

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.

Our annual Neighborhood block party is this 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.

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 2nd and 4th 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

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.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites friends and supporters to the opening **Convocation for the 2024-2025 academic year on Wednesday, August 28, at 7:00 PM** at Lynwood United Reformed Church, 1990 Glenwood Dyer Rd., Lynwood, IL. The event will feature Dr. Alan Strange

delivering an Interim President installation address titled "Steady as She Goes" based on Psalm 27. Those unable to attend in person can join via livestream, with the link to be provided in the coming weeks.

Thriving Essentials Overview - Online August 22 - Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full course involves including discussions on four key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Sign up to attend this preview on August 22 (3PM EDT) and discern if the full course is right for your church: crcna.org/Essentials

Job Opening! Donor Relations Manager Resonate Global Mission - The successful candidate will develop relationships and implement a strategy with existing and potential donors that will increase financial support and resources, engage current constituents and cultivate potential donors in support of the ministry. This is a full time, hybrid position based in Grand Rapids, Mich. Apply by August 22 at <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/postings/f0f6792d-a239-4674-a82e-7d0d71a58e94>

Groundwork: God Makes All Things New - The fourth major theme of the Bible is that of consummation, the time when God will complete his redemptive plan and make all creation new. Join Groundwork as we study Revelation 21:1-5, Matthew 19:28, Romans 8:18-21, and Ephesians 2:19-22 to see a future where God's presence eradicates suffering and evil, and brings justice and eternal joy and to discuss what it means for us now. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calendar

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

Next Week - Outdoor

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Nursery

Becca Vree, Beth Schlieve, Troy Hoffman

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Bob Mulder

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)

Goodness Of God

Verse 1: I love You Lord – Oh, Your mercy never fails me - All my days
I've been held in Your hands - From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head - I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful - All my life You have been so, so
good - With every breath that I am able - I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2: I love Your voice - You have led me through the fire - In darkest
night - You are close like no other - I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend - I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge: Your goodness is running after - It's running after me
Your goodness is running after - It's running after me
With my life laid down - I'm surrendered now - I give You everything
Your goodness is running after - It's running after me

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You're Worthy Of My Praise

Verse 1: I will worship (I will worship)

With all of my heart (all of my heart)

I will praise You (I will praise You) - With all of my strength (all my strength)

I will seek You (I will seek You) - All of my days (all of my days)

And I will follow (I will follow) - All of Your ways (all Your ways)

Chorus: I will give You all my worship - I will give You all my praise

You alone I long to worship - You alone are worthy of my praise

Verse 2: I will bow down (I will bow down)

Hail You as King (hail You as King)

I will serve You (I will serve You) - Give You everything (give You everything)

I will lift up (I will lift up) - My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)

I will trust You (I will trust You) - I'll trust You alone (trust You alone)

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Holy Forever

Verse 1: A thousand generations falling down in worship

To sing the song of ages to the Lamb - And all who've gone before us

And all who will believe - Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus: (Jesus) Your name is the highest - Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all - All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions - Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1: And the angels cry Holy - All creation cries Holy

You are lifted high Holy - Holy forever

Verse 2: If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb - We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2: Hear Your people sing Holy - To the King of Kings Holy

You will always be Holy - Holy forever

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Monthly Ministry Report from Neen and Angel

Hope all is well with you. We are grateful for the constant goodness of God, especially during challenging times. We continue to be thankful for His guidance and provisions, allowing us to share the message of Jesus Christ with the prisons and others.

This month has been particularly tough for many in the island and rural areas who rely heavily on farming, especially during the rice planting season. The rising food costs have impacted them significantly, but Angel and I are doing our best to support them with their food needs.

Your continued support for our ministry here is truly a blessing and a testament of God's love and mercy working through you. We are sincerely grateful for your partnership.



Please keep the people we serve here in your prayers, some struggles with health issues and as they navigate through these difficult times.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and we want to share some pictures of the people we have been able to help and minister here. Your support has made a significant difference in their lives and they are truly grateful.

Thank you for your continued

generosity in our ministry.

May God bless you and your family always

In Christ, Neen and Angel

Sermon Notes