

8/20/2023

# 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](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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: "Great Things" "You Are My All in All" R583

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we know that you are our strength, our All in All, the Bread of Life, and the Cup of Salvation.

**Forgive us for looking other places for strength in our lives, and when we are weak and lacking, forgive us for trying to fill our spiritual hunger and quench our spiritual thirst in ways other than turning to you.**

Bring us back to you, the source of all good and the fount of every blessing.

**Forgive us our sins and bring us back to You, our All in All, and to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and who is indeed worthy, our precious Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Micah 7:18-20)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and One Waupun

Song of Worship: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" G280

*Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship while we sing*

\*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Message: "2 Corinthians #13: Why Christian Stewardship Advances God's Kingdom"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" G296

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "The Blessing"

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

• Worship Leader and Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

• Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass

• Worship Team: Pastor Greg;

Laura Ten Pass (piano); Kim

and Megan Greenfield (vocals)

• Media Team: Joe Bresser, Cody Van Herwaarden, Rachel Hoffman

• Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

• Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda, Morgan Buwalda

- Children's Worship: Kim Greenfield, Olivia Vander Werff, Tirzah Ritzema
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Arent Venhuizen

### **Missionary Letters**

G Schuringa to Neen\*  
C Ruis 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:**

- **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 Afternoon Bible Study:** If you are interested in an afternoon Bible study, please plan to meet after the morning service TODAY in the front of

the sanctuary. If you can't make it, please talk to Linda Pausma or Sue Buwalda.

**Men's Bible Study.** We're planning a 10 session Men's Bible Study at First using the book *Finishing Strong: Going the Distance for Your Family* by Steve Farrar. This study has been a blessing to many Christian men over the years. We believe this study will benefit men of all ages as well as the people around us---our families, friends, coworkers, and fellow church members. Please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com) or the church office (waupuncrc@gmail.com) by September 15 for more information and to register.

**Juniors and Seniors:** Catechism will begin on September 10, at 8:30 AM. If you have any questions, please talk to Al Venhuizen or Sarah Schuringa.

**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 two copies 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 2 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. This year our high school youth group will be meeting every Wednesday with small group Bible studies, large group activities, or split as First/Bethel groups. 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 prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and reach out to Noah Mulder, Tyler & Jessica Ten Pass, Dan Scheuers, or Jen Vlietstra at [cjvliet@charter.net](mailto:cjvliet@charter.net) if you'd like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity!

Summer Newsletters from the **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County** are 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](http://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.

**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](http://www.badgerlandyfc.org), or call 920-923-1416.

**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.

Check out the **Welsh Weekend Events at Peniel Welsh Chapel** this upcoming weekend. Lots of activities on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27. See the handout on the table in the narthex for more information.

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County Fall Benefit is Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Juneau Community Center. There will be a dinner buffet, speaker, and silent auction. You must register ahead of time. See more details and the registration form on 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](mailto: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.

**Prayer Request for Hawaii Wildfires** - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) requests prayers for those affected by wildfires on Maui, Hawaii. The fires were fueled by wind from Hurricane Dora, which passed south of the islands, and persistent dry conditions across the area. Pray for God's presence to be known among those who have lost homes and loved ones. Pray for those who are injured and for medical personnel on the islands. Please pray for safety for emergency crews and search and rescue teams. You can find out more about World Renew's work at [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net)

## Calendar

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
**Saturday:** 4:00 PM Neighborhood Block Party  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service

## Next Week – Outdoor Worship

### **Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

### **Livestream**

Gladys Montsma

### **Nursery**

Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda,  
Morgan Buwalda

### **Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

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)

## **Great Things**

**Verse 1:** Come let us worship our King - Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things - See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes - He has done great things  
He has done great things

**Chorus:** O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave - You free every  
captive and break every chain - O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive - O Jesus our Savior Your name  
lifted high - O God You have done great things

**Verse 2:** You've been faithful through every storm - You'll be faithful  
forevermore - You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again - For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things - God You do great things

**Bridge:** Hallelujah God above it all - Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things (REPEAT) - You've done great things

**Ending:** You have done great things - O God You do great things

## **The Blessing**

**Verse:** The Lord bless you - And keep you - Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you - The Lord turn his  
Face toward you - And give you peace

**Chorus:** Amen – Amen – Amen

**Bridge:** May his favor - Be upon you - And a thousand generations  
And your family - And your children - And their children - And their children

**Bridge -** May his presence - Go before you - And behind you  
And beside you - All around you - And within you  
He is with you - He is with you

**Bridge:** In the morning - In the evening - In your coming  
And your going - In your weeping - And rejoicing  
He is for you - He is for you

**Tag:** He is for you - He is for you

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## **Sermon Notes**