

First Christian Reformed Church



Who We Are

Welcome to First CRC! We're glad you're here to worship with us today! By God's grace, we're a family of believers that has been gathering to worship God and serve others for some 100 years. We were established out of nearby Alto CRC, in 1921, and later in 1961, Bethel CRC in Waupun, started from members of First.

At First CRC, in Sunday worship and during the week, you'll find many historic and biblical practices of the Christian faith. Our leadership, elders and deacons and pastor, seek to keep these vibrant and relevant to Christians living in today's world.

Child Care and Student Ministries on Sunday Mornings

During worship, we have nursery care for children ages 0-2, and Children's Worship for children ages 3 through 4K. Children's Worship kids are dismissed halfway through the worship service. After worship parents should pick up their children on the upper level where these ministries take place. If you need to take a child out of the worship service for a bit, you may go to our Lower Level where there are two couches and a nearby bathroom. By the couches a TV is playing the service live.

Sunday School and Catechism for K – 12th graders is currently on summer break.

What We Believe

We subscribe to the historic Christian faith; the Bible is our final authority in faith and life; we also look by grace through faith alone to Christ alone for our salvation. For more details about what we believe and how we live out the faith, please visit our website (waupuncrc.com) or our denomination's website (crcna.org).

Our worship services are broadcast on our YouTube channel. Regular, large-print, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. Contact Lois Mulder in the office (waupuncrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com) for anything else related to First CRC, including membership, our ministries, as well as what we believe and practice. Please join us for coffee and conversation near our main entrance each Sunday before and after worship.

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

Professions of Faith: Ethan Homan, Owen Mulder,

Cody Van Herwaarden

God's Will for Our Lives

*Songs of Worship: "Holy Forever"

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the Local Budget and ONE Waupun

Children ages 3 through 4K are invited to Children's Worship

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:20-24

Message: "Ephesians #12: The School of Christ"

Prayer

Song of Response: "Teach Me O Lord, Your Way of Truth" G276"1-3, 5

*Benediction

*Doxology: "My Friends May You Grow in Grace"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Lois Mulder (piano); Hanna Marra (percussion); Grace Bruins, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Beth Schlieve, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie Mulder, Taylor Aalsma, Heidi Schaver
- Nursery: Hollie Ganz, Kaytlin Ruis, Noralyn Durni
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

C Ruis to Neen/Angel*

D 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 of the month 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. Online 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.

Numbers reflect 7/2/2025-7/31/2025	July	Fiscal YTD	YTD Budget	% of YTD Budget
General Fund	\$29,173.27	\$29,173.27	\$29,323.25	99.48%
Classical	\$553.82	\$553.82	\$2,166.67	25.56%
Denominational	\$413.90	\$413.90	\$2,166.67	19.10%
Faith Promise	\$1,465.23	\$1,465.23	\$1,300.00	112.72%
Most Needed	\$2,977.70	\$2,977.70	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$278.92	\$278.92	N/A	N/A
Mission Backpack (Monthly Cause)	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00	N/A	N/A
Total *	\$37,406.84	\$37,406.84	N/A	N/A

* Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed above

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Brian Bresser**, recovery at home after a farming accident and surgery.
- **Sue Buwalda**, meniscus surgery this past Wednesday; prayers that recovery goes quickly.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **Norm Jansma**, treatments.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, September 29 surgery to relieve her pain.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemo continues every other week.

We have another wedding coming up soon. Miranda Vander Berg and Peter Zambo will be getting married in a few weeks. Help us celebrate this couple by placing donated household goods or gift cards in the tote in the narthex by September 7. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of to show they are loved.

There is cake after church this morning to honor the young men who are making Profession of Faith. Please come down to the lower level for some cake and fellowship.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- September 21—Commissioning of Teachers for the start of Sunday School and Catechism
- October 5—Lord's Supper in Worship

There will be a brief meeting after the worship service **TODAY** for **volunteers and staff in child and youth** activities to sign the Code of Ethics.

Profession of Faith Bibles. We plan to leave the three profession of faith Bibles on the table in the narthex through Sunday, August 31, for you to highlight your favorite Bible verses as a way for Ethan, Owen and Cody, to be encouraged in the Word by their church family as they move forward in faith from their profession of faith on August 24. The Bibles will be handed to them in worship, then after worship put back on the table through August 31. Please use this opportunity to encourage these young men in their faith!

First CRC Youth Group: A new year of Youth Group is here again. We plan to have our first meeting at Noah and Kenny's house for a bonfire at 6 PM on Sunday, September 14. There will be hot dogs and s'mores provided. Please bring your Bibles and lawn chairs with you as well. Looking forward to a great night! Hope to see you there!

Young Couples Life Group. This fall Pastor Greg and Sarah and Kevin and Andrea Buwalda plan to lead a Life Group for young couples (roughly, those who have been married 0-20 years) focusing on Christian Marriage. We look forward to exploring The Five Love Languages of Marriage on the first Sunday evening of each month starting October 5. Please let Pastor Greg or Sarah or Kevin or Andrea know if you'd like to be included in this monthly time to grow in marriage with others!

Home Visitation Ministry. The First CRC elders are excited about a new ministry they have discussed the last months and that has recently begun. Teams of two church members are visiting people (at least six times a year) who the elders have discerned could use some extra care, especially those who are shut-in, but also others who can't always get to church or who are in poor health, or who could perhaps use more fellowship. Please note that these visits are in addition to regular pastor and elder care group care. The teams report visits to Elder Darrall Schaver as a way of accountability to the elders. We currently have nine teams who are visiting a total of 24 church members. The elders are very grateful for the people they have approached to do the visiting and for their enthusiasm to serve in this way. If you have someone you think could use this type of extra care, or would like to be involved in visiting, please talk to Darrall Schaver.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study plan to start up the first part of September. Genesis 25-50 continues this story of blessing—blessing in the midst of broken families, grief, famine, and other political powers. How will you be blessed in your discovery of God's story in Genesis? Please let Lois Mulder or Sue Buwalda (920-324-3929) know if you are interested in joining.

We would like to have a few more teachers for our Children's Worship program. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve as a Children's Worship teacher. This important and fun role allows you to share your faith and nurture the spiritual growth of our youngest members. Contact Mackenzie Mulder if you're interested or have any questions.

You are doing more than you know. Thank you! The agencies and institutions of the Christian Reformed Church in North America are so grateful for your gifts to the ministry shares program. Together, we are doing what God called us to do - proclaim the gospel and disciple new believers in Christ here at home and around the world. Learn more at crcna.org/ministryshares.

Friendship Club (Ministries) is a local organization supported by First CRC and Bethel, that seeks to help disabled individuals stay closer to Christ. Friendship is currently seeking passionate individuals to help with this program. Males are encouraged to help out. If this is your calling, please contact Jean Jansen.

Classis Wisconsin offers the Leadership Development Network (LDN) to people in Classis who desire to expand their knowledge and experience in lay ministry. Whether you are on council, a youth worker, small group leader or involved in any type of ministry in your church, LDN will help enrich your understanding and competency while serving God and others. This year's focus is practical ministry from church health, witnessing, pastoral care, small groups and other aspects of ministry. The program runs from Sept. to May and meets one Sunday afternoon a month at MarshView Ministries in Horicon. If you have interested in more information, contact Pastor Dave Katsma at pastordlk@gmail.com or 920-296-1448. **There is still time to sign up!**

Community News

Back to School Prayer led by the Waupun Area Ministers Association. Local Pastors will meet at schools in Waupun at 1 PM **TODAY** to pray for our students and educators. Parents, students, teachers, other school staff, please join us at Meadowview Primary, Rock River Intermediate, Waupun Junior/Senior HS, and Central Wisconsin Christian!

Connections Breakfast - Our first ONE Waupun Breakfast for men is scheduled for September 20 at 7:30 AM at the Main Street Bistro location. If you have not attended in the past, please consider starting out your day with a great breakfast, a time of fellowship and a powerful message. We typically finish up around 8:30 AM. Be sure to take along a friend!

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County will be having their Fall Benefit 2025 – **Proclaiming the Gift of Life!** on Saturday, September 20, at the Juneau Community Center. If you would like more information, check out the July 2025 Newsletter on the table in the narthex or call the Center at 920-219-9305.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist
Marlyce Mulder

Livestream
Mike Vander Berg

Coffee
Randall and Kim Greenfield

PPT
Randall Greenfield

Children’s Worship
Becca Vree, Beth Schlieve, Tirzah Ritzema

Sound System
Tyler Ten Pass

Nursery
Lynnae Franken, Jenna Mulder, Troy Hoffman

Transportation
Bob Mulder

Ushers
Ben and Jonah Mulder

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Ken Homan (2028)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O’Donovan (2026)	Cayden Ruis (2028)
3	Joe Durant (2028)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Eric Schaver (2028)
5	Steve Homan (2028)	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)

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM
All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday
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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

Tag: You will always be Holy - Holy forever

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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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My Friends May You Grow In Grace

Verse: My friends may you grow in grace - And in the knowledge
Of our Lord and Savior - My friends may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge - Of Jesus Christ

Refrain: To God be the glory - Now and forever - Now and forever - Amen
To God be the glory - Now and forever - Now and forever - Amen

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Sermon Notes