

8/25/2024

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

*Songs of Worship: "How Majestic is Your Name" R121

"Hear O Lord" "Great Things"

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

God's Will for Thankful Living (from Worship Sourcebook, 2nd ed.)

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and One Waupun

Song of Preparation: "Take My Life and Let It Be" G288

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Message: "Parables in Matthew #4: "You've Got Talent!"

Prayer

*Song of Dedication: "We Give You But Your Own" G296

*Benediction

*Doxology: "We Will Glorify" R105:1, 4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Brenda Hofman
(keyboard); Nikki Durni (acoustic
guitar and vocals); Rachel
Hoffman, Heidi Smits, Jessica Ten
Pass, Pastor Greg (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Gladys
Montsma

- Nursery: Becca Vree, Beth
Schlieve, Troy Hoffman
- Transportation: Bob Mulder

Missionary Letters

A Schlieve to Neen & Angel*
J Schmitt 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; REACH



Waupun for September), 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.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Brian Bresser**, knee replacement on Thursday.
- **Ann Hoekstra**, health and strength.
- **Ray Hofman**, upcoming doctor appointment.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

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

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- September 8: Joseph sermon series begins.
- October 6: World Communion Sunday, Lord's Supper in Worship.
- October 13: Baptism

Sunday School and Catechism are scheduled to start on September 22.

Youth Ministry kick off is just a couple weeks away! We're blessed to be able to announce our high school youth group mentor teams are almost full. We're still in need of a couple more men & women to join the team and help mentor our high school students and lead their 10:24 small group Bible studies! Please prayerfully consider giving of your time. For more information contact Jen Vlietstra, Bryant Greenfield, or Tyler TenPass. The high school youth group will be moving their meetings to Sunday afternoons at Bethel from 4:00-5:30 PM.

Parents, do you have a recent high school graduate?! If your son or daughter is a post high graduate within the last five years, we'd love their contact information so that we can stay in touch with them! Please email Jen Vlietstra at youth.ministry@waupunbethelcrc.com with their mailing address and cell number so that we can bless and encourage them.

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.

Men's Bible Study led by Pastor Greg using the book *The Titus Ten: Foundations for Godly Manhood*. We plan to begin on Wednesday evening, September 25, and go forward from there to meet most 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30–8 PM discussing a chapter of the book—and characteristic of godly manhood—each session. Pastor Greg feels younger men in particular would benefit from this Bible Study, but of course men of all ages are welcome! Please let Pastor Greg or Lois in the office know as soon as possible if you plan to join in, so we can buy enough books for everyone.

Community News

Labor of Love fundraising event for the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County is taking place on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, in

Randolph. SO, if you are looking for something to do on Labor Day, if you like to run/walk a 10K or 5K, if you want to help support the Pregnancy Support Center, THEN this is the activity made with you in mind. There is also a Stuff the Crib at this event. More information can be found on the table in narthex.

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!

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.

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.

Calendar

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

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Livestream

Brad Mulder

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

PPT

Ryer Greenfield

Children's Worship

Emily Mulder, Tirzah Ritzema, Joy Mulder

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Nursery

Jen Ritzema, Emily Aalsma, Adrianna Schuringa

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Brad Schouten

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)