

# 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://waupuncrc.com)) or our denomination's website ([crcna.org](http://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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Greg Schuringa ([pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com](mailto: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 Worship: "Come, Thou Almighty King" G246

God's Will for Our Lives: Colossians 3:1-14

\*Songs of Worship: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

"Draw Me Close"

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

Ministry of Music: "Still Waters"

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

\*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:17-19

Message: "Ephesians #11: The World We Live In"

Prayer

\*Song of Preparation: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" G557

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Song of Worship: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" R688 *(during the passing of the cups)*

Song of Thanksgiving: "Beautiful Savior" G462:1-3

*(the deacons will receive our gifts for the Benevolent Fund during this song)*

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Beautiful Savior" G461:4

\*Postlude

### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Special Music: Rosalie, Lindsey, Jocelyn, and Liam Huizenga
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Nikki Durni (violin); Grace Bruins, Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Lois Mulder, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Rachel Hoffman, Joy Mulder
- Nursery: Hailey Wagner, Mackenzie Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

## **Missionary Letters**

D Pausma to Neen/Angel

L Pausma 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.



## **Council Notes**

- Council approved motion to renew licensure to exhort for Al Venhuizen and Scott Ritzema.
- Mike Vander Berg to be Elder delegate to Classis Wisconsin Sept. 30.
- Decision made to have meeting August 3 with Education Committee, middle and high school parents and students since Bethel CRC will no longer be having a joint ministry with our church.
- Discipleship Committee: New Life groups will be organized by Oct. 1.
- Technology Committee: Final wiring for security system to be completed July 24.
- The Outreach Committee announced the August date of our Annual Neighborhood Block Party and are looking for volunteers to help make that a success.

## **Our Family**

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- **Judy Groen**, sympathy on the passing away of her brother in Minnesota this past week.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **Norm Jansma**, fatigue, three more once-a-month treatments.
- **Margaret Miedema**, after surgery pain is much less, but still no voice.
- **Congratulations to Cayden and Kaytlin Ruis** on the arrival of their baby, Kyla Joy, on July 24!
- **Nancy Wierenga**, pain continues, likely back surgery in the future.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, radiation treatments complete, chemo continues every other week.

## **We have another wedding coming up soon. Miranda Vander Berg will be**

### **Church News**

**There will be no specific office hours this week!**

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- August 17—Bible Presentations for Second Graders
- August 24—Professions of Faith in worship
- September 21—Commissioning of Teachers for the start of Sunday School and Catechism

**Lord's Supper in Worship Today.** If you are a guest with us, you are invited to participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper this morning if you are a member in good standing of another Bible believing church. If you are not, we encourage you not to participate, but to pray about whether God is calling you to take next steps forward in your faith journey by joining a church that stands on the historic Christian faith, centered in Jesus Christ, as we read about in the Bible, and even to consider joining First CRC!

**First CRC Youth Ministry Update.** We were informed this summer by Bethel CRC that their Council made a decision to no longer have a joint Middle School and High School Youth ministry with First CRC. GEMS and Cadets will remain unaffected by Bethel's decision. After our "new" Council was organized and we had Council and Education Committee and youth leader discussions about this in July, we decided a good next step would be to meet with all middle school (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades) and high school parents and students after worship on August 3 (TODAY) in the sanctuary. The Education Committee has some thoughts about next steps to start a First CRC high school youth group and would like to have a discussion about that. We feel for this important matter that going forward we should as much as possible all be on the same page and want to take everyone's input into consideration. If you cannot attend the August 3 meeting, please share any thoughts you have about this with one of the following Education Committee members: Elders Al Venhuizen or Brian O'Donovan, or Rachel Hoffman or Jenna Mulder, or feel free to talk with Pastor Greg Schuringa."

**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.

**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.

**Mark your calendars!** Our **Annual Block Party is Saturday, August 23, 4-8**. There are so many activities packed in one day—wagon rides, bounce houses, miniature golf, face painting, chicken chuck contest, live music, pork meal, car show, lawn games, and **new this year-balloon animals!** This is all free! There is something for everyone so invite your friends and family!

**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](http://crcna.org/ministryshares).

**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](mailto:pastordlk@gmail.com) or 920-296-1448

**We are looking for a few antique, classic or special cars, trucks, tractors** or motorcycles to be displayed at our Neighborhood Block Party, Sat., Aug. 23, 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.

## **Community News**

**30th Annual RCS Golf Outing** - August 8 at the Fox Lake Golf Club  
- Gather your friends, and join us for a great day of food, fun, and fellowship while taking in a round of golf! RCS is hosting our Annual Golf Outing at the Fox Lake Golf Club on August 8, with registration starting at 9:00 AM and shotgun start at 10:00 AM. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To register a team or for sponsorship information, please contact the RCS Office at 920-326-3320 or Alex Cooper at 920-326-9291 by JULY 31.

**Memorial Bench for the Unborn at Calvary Cemetery** (686 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI). Fond du Lac Right to Life invites us to attend the dedication of their memorial bench for the pre-born on August 14, 6 PM.

**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.

**Denominational News**

**World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS)** - Are you someone with time on your hands that is passionate about service towards God’s kingdom? It’s not too late to repair homes in a disaster-impacted community this fall by volunteering with World Renew DRS! Our reconstruction teams in Sarasota, Florida, and Windsor, North Carolina, have a spot waiting for you. Contact Diana Marquez, our Volunteer Program Manager, at [dmarquez@worldrenew.net](mailto:dmarquez@worldrenew.net) or 616-224-0701 for more information.

**Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Youth Ministry Meeting (Sanctuary)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**  
Cara Schmitt

**Livestream**  
Randall Greenfield

**Coffee**  
Steve and Heidi Smits

**PPT**  
Katie DeJager

**Children’s Worship**  
Lyn Mulder, Casey Homan, Lennette Aalsma

**Sound System**  
Scott Ritzema

**Nursery**  
Becca Vree, Emily Aalsma, Tirzah Ritzema

**Transportation**  
Bob Mulder

**Ushers**  
Kolton Buwalda, Brad Schouten

**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)  
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## **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

**Verse 1:** What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer - There is no more for heaven now to give - He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus - For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Verse 2:** The night is dark but I am not forsaken - For by my side the Saviour  
he will stay - I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed - To this I hold my Shepherd will  
defend me - Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Verse 3:** No fate I dread I know I am forgiven - The future sure the price it has  
been paid - For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave - To this I hold my sin has been  
defeated - Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Verse 4:** With every breath I long to follow Jesus - For he has said that he will  
bring me home - And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne - To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him - When the race is complete still my lips shall  
repeat - Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Ending:** When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me - Yet not I but through Christ in me

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## **Draw Me Close**

**Verse:** Draw me close to You never let me go - I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend - You are my desire no one else will do  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place - To feel the warmth of Your  
embrace - Help me find the way bring me back to You

**Chorus:** You're all I want - You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want - Help me know You are near

**Ending:** Help me know You are here

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**Sermon Notes**