

8/4/2024

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 Deep" "Living Waters"

*Song of Praise: "Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven" G115:1, 2, 4

Baptism of Gracie Ann Franken

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and One Waupun

Song of Dedication: "Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer" G270

Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Message: "Parables in Matthew #2: Are You Prepared for Jesus' Coming"

Prayer

*Song of Worship: "Into My Heart"

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 66, 75, 78, 79

Prayer

*Song of Worship: "Our Father"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"Jesus, I Come" R491 *(during the passing of the bread)*

"Oh, for a Closer Walk with God" G551 *(during the passing of the cups)*

Song of Praise: "By the Sea of Crystal" G620

(During this song, the deacons will receive an offering for our church's Benevolent Fund. As God has met us in our greatest need—the need for a Savior—we in turn want to help others in need like God's people have always been called to do.)

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

• Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa

• Accompanist: Lois Mulder
• Worship Team: Pastor Schuringa;
Nikki Durni (acoustic guitar and

- vocals); Kevin Buwalda, Kim Greenfield, Rachel Hoffman (vocals)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Cody Van Herwaarden, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Stacey Schaver, Hailey Bresser, Ellie Mulder

- Nursery: Hailey Wagner, Jessica Ten Pass, Rynn Aalsma
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Tom Jonker

Missionary Letters

D Schaver to Neen & Angel*
 E 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 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.
- **Kathy Kamphuis**, cancer treatments.
- **Ray Hofman**, treatments concluded; chemotherapy planned again in early September.
- **Lori Venhuizen**, recovering after knee replacement.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

We want to say Thank You to our church family for all of your support over these past few months. We really appreciate each expression of love and concern for us, prayers, meals, visits, texts and cards! Thanks to Pastor Greg, Keith, Dan & Bob for spending time with us as well.

- Sincerely, Ray and Brenda Hofman

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- August 25: Outdoor Worship Service.

We are in need of a Catechism teacher for the middle school class (6-8 grade) for this fall. If you are interested, please talk to Brian O'Donovan.

Save the Date: Our annual Neighborhood block party will be 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.

First Facebook and Website: Whether you are newer to First or a longtime member, our Facebook page and website are available to provide important all-church communications and help keep us connected mid-week and when you may miss a Sunday or two. You'll find our bulletins, videos of our worship services, the church calendar and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/1stcrcwaupun> and <https://www.waupuncrc.com>.

Community News

Gospel Singing Group – Come see the gospel group, The Whisnants, during the evening entertainment at the Alto Fair on Wednesday, August 7, at 7 PM. Admission is free. The Whisnants have performed across the nation and around the world including numerous appearances at the National Quartet Convention.

Come and enjoy an old-fashioned church service at the Alto Old Stone Church (4042 Amity Rd, Brandon) on Sunday, August 11, at 2 PM. Refreshments will follow the service and a free-will offering will be taken.

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!

Join us for Mid-America Reformed Seminary's **2024 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference!** Mark your calendars for October 11-12 and join us at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, to be inspired by plenary speakers sharing insights on reaching our local communities and the nations with the gospel message. Discover more details at midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

The ADRC of Fond du Lac County has two events coming up!

- Savvy Caregiver Class: A family/friend caregiver training program for those taking care of someone with dementia. It a FREE 6-week class that can improve daily life as a caregiver, starts September 10.
- Care Giving Conference at Community Church in Fond du Lac on Sept. 26. There will be free hearing screens and blood pressure checks as well as a variety of breakout sessions.

Brochures and flyers are on the table in the narthex.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday: 6:30 PM Elders Meeting

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Coffee

Randall and Kim Greenfield

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Jenna Schouten,
Jules Mulder

Nursery

Lynnae Franken, Aubryn DeJager,
Tirzah Ritzema

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

PPT

Cassidy Ritzema

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ben Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

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)

How Deep

Verse 1: You were broken that I might be healed - You were cast off that I
might draw near - You were thirsty that I might come drink
Cried out in anguish that I might sing

Chorus: How deep is Your love - How high and how wide is Your mercy
How deep is Your grace - Our hearts overflow with praise to You

Verse 2:: Oh, You knew darkness that I might know light - Wept great tears
that mine might be dried - Stripped of glory that I might be clothed
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own

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Living Waters

Verse 1: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken - Peace unspoken - Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2: Christ is calling - Find refreshing - At the cross of living waters

Lay your life down - All the old gone - Rise up in these living waters

Chorus: There's a river that flows - With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God - There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore - Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3: Spirit moving Mercy washing - Healing in these living waters
Lead your children - To the shoreline - Life is in these living waters

Bridge: Ooh, Ooh, Ooh, Ooh, Ooh, Ooh

Verse 4: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness - Vast and boundless - Christ He is our living waters

Ending: There our hope is secure - Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

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Into My Heart

Into my heart into my heart - Come into my heart Lord Jesus
Come in today come in to stay - Come into my heart Lord Jesus

Rule in my heart, rule in my heart - O King of my heart, Lord Jesus
Make this your throne, rule there alone - O King of my heart, Lord Jesus

Out of my heart, out of my heart - Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus
Shine out today, shine out always - Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus

O King of my heart, Lord Jesus - Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

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Our Father

Our Father in heaven - Holy is Your name (2X)
Your Kingdom come - Your will be done here (2X)
Give us on this day our daily bread - Forgive us our debts as we forgive
Your Kingdom come - Your will be done here (2X)
And keep us from sin – Oh Lord, we pray.
Power and glory be yours for always.
Your Kingdom come - Your will be done here (4X)

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Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Verse 1: Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone - Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own - In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever - Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

Verse 3: Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me - Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free - Here my Spirit's power filled you - here his tender comfort stilled you - Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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Late Summer Learning – Update from Evan Tinklenberg at Geneva Campus

This is my first summer in campus ministry. As new as I am to all this, I've known that my best source of wisdom comes in the form of experience from other campus ministers. I've gleaned from them that summer just is a strange time for college ministry; regular rhythms are disrupted and it often allows for some time to reflect and prepare for the next ministry year.

I've experienced some of that (including some strategic planning and a broad look at the whole calendar up to next summer), but I've also found much more to do this summer than I anticipated. I've had a few opportunities to preach, and I've enjoyed meeting with students who aren't usually around during the school year. Below I'll write briefly about some of that. There have also been a few book discussions that I've found helpful. In this newsletter, I mostly want to reflect on two of those books, introduce a third, and recommend a few of my recent reads.

Continuing Ministry Preaching

I'm continuing to preach at churches around Classis Wisconsin, and this past Sunday (7/28) I had the privilege of preaching at Christ Community CRC in Sheboygan. As is not



unusual in these visits, the congregation was extraordinarily hospitable, and I'm very thankful for their welcome. It was great as well

to spend time with one of my students who recently graduated and moved to the area. I certainly loved being so near the lake!

Good Connections



I've also been reaching out to students who are in town over the summer, whether they are UW-Madison students or not. It's been a wonderful opportunity to catch people at a (literally) different season, with the stress of the semester and the other burdens that come along with the school year at some remove. It strikes me how, even with much of the student body gone during the summer, it never quite feels empty on campus. There are moments, to be sure, but it is a far cry from the total stillness I experienced in summers during

my undergrad. Even so, that doesn't guarantee lack of loneliness — and my hope is that I can help students see that even in times of greater loneliness or listlessness Jesus is still at work in them by his Spirit. It's something I do well to remember as well, that even when things lull rather than buzz, God is not less active (indeed, those quiet moments often afford clearer attention to the multifarious ways in which he's always already at work).

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the students who are here on campus during the remainder of the summer. Pray that they would find ways of belonging, of deepening communion with others and with the Lord.
- Pray also for the upcoming semester: for new students, returning students, for Theology Breakfast, group meetings, Bible studies, and all of the pastoral relationships I hope to build up over the next year.

- Finally, pray for me and my family, that the Lord would provide the energy and strength to endure seasons of intense busyness, the focus and wisdom necessary to attend to what matters most, and the patience and grace to love each other and those around us well.

***Glittering Vices* by Rebecca Konyndyk-DeYoung**

When I realized how many students were staying in Madison over the summer, I knew I wanted to get them together more often. Specifically, I wanted to take advantage of the (potentially) slower pace of summer to dive into something a bit more introspective. That's why I picked *Glittering Vices*; it's a book that purports to be an interesting exposition of the 'seven deadly sins' but ends up being about spiritual formation and the grace of sanctification. We've been meeting at the Terrace at Memorial Union, which is a lively location for such a discussion!

The first few discussions have been richly stimulating, and have provoked deeper self-reflection and examination of my heart. I've really appreciated the thoughtfulness of the others who've joined along; they've prompted some truly fresh insights and caused me to return again to the text of Scripture and the wisdom God gives in his Son. I'm tempted to do a discussion on this book every year as part of my annual review!

***The Trellis and the Vine* by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne**

Our church's leadership is reading this together. I haven't gotten to read much beyond the first few pages, but I've heard many good things about it! The extended metaphor alluded to in the book's title is already a helpful heuristic: administrative functions are helpful only insofar as they enable the spiritual and relational functions of the local church. If they become the primary focus of attention, the real purpose of the church gets neglected. Nevertheless, vines don't grow up on their own! Structures are necessary for the slower work of discipleship to flourish. I'm looking forward to reading more and discussing it!

Sermon Notes