

9/1/2024

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

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Come, Thou Almighty King" G246

*Songs of Confession, Assurance and Commitment:

"Jesus, Take All of Me (Just As I Am)"

"I Will Delight" "Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"

Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 1

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and REACH Waupun

Song of Worship: "Thy Word" R184

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:1-14

Message: "Parables in Matthew #5: Jesus Cares for the Sheep who Get Lost in the Fold"

Prayer

*Song of Dedication: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" R688:1-3

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "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, Hollie Ganz, Pete Vander Werff, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Ryer Greenfield, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Tirzah Ritzema, Joy Mulder

- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Emily Aalsma, Adrianna Schuringa
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

B Schouten to Neen & Angel
M Schouten 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 (REACH Waupun for September), 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:

- **Brian Bresser**, knee replacement recovery and rehabilitation.
- **Keith Buwalda**, open heart surgery recovery.
- **Ann Hoekstra**, health and strength.
- **Ray Hofman**, next steps in treatment.
- **Dewey Pausma**, surgery recovery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

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

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped, donated, or attended our **Fifth Annual Block Party!** We are thankful to be a light for Jesus in our neighborhood and community. At our first block party in 2019 we had about 80 people in attendance with 15 neighbors. This past year we had over 210 people in attendance with at least half of them community people. We can't do this event without the help of many! A special thanks to Classis Wisconsin for the \$750 donation for this Outreach Event!

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 sometime in September—date to be determined.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets every Wednesday at Bethel CRC and will be starting back up on Sept. 11 at 9 AM. We will be studying the book of John. All are welcome to join!

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 grow in their faith from this Bible Study, but of course men of all ages are welcome and would benefit! Please let Pastor Greg or Lois in the office know 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 is on the table in the narthex. The tickets for this event are \$45 per individual. If you are interested in getting a ticket, please contact Bonnie Vander Berg.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Worship Committee (lower level)
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting (upper room)
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Building Committee (upper room)
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

Coffee

Al and LeAnne Holden

PPT

Lois Mulder

Children's Worship

Lyn Mulder, Sophia Schuringa,
Lenny Aalsma

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Nursery

Jenna Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass,
Heidi Schaver

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ryer Greenfield, 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)

Jesus Take All Of Me (Just As I Am)

Verse 1: Just as I am without one plea - But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee - O Lamb of God I come I come

Verse 2: Just as I am though toss'd about - With all my conflict all my doubt
Fightings and fears within without - O Lamb of God I come I come

Chorus: Jesus take all of me - I run to You I run to You
I lay ev'rything at Your feet - Let my life be Yours

Verse 3: Just as I am Thou wilt receive - Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve
Because Thy promises I believe - O Lamb of God I come I come

Verse 4: Just as I am Thy love unknown - Has broken ev'ry barrier down
Now to be Thine yes Thine alone - O Lamb of God I come I come

Ending: Let my life be Yours - Let my life be Yours

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I Will Delight

Verse: I will delight in the law of the Lord - I will meditate day and night
Then like a tree firmly planted I'll be - Grounded in Your Word

Chorus: Blessed is the one who follows
The way of the Lord - Blessed is the one

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Holy Spirit

Verse 1: Holy Spirit living Breath of God - Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole

Cause Your word to come alive in me - Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity - Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2: Holy Spirit come abide within - May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin - In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace - Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Verse 3: Holy Spirit from creation's birth - Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise - Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ - May be clear for all the world to see

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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