

9/10/2023

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 Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is 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.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**
WAUPUN, WISCONSIN

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: "I Will Call Upon the Lord" R530

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Blessed Be Your Name"

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight." (Psalm 51:1-4b).

We give praise and thanks to the Lord that "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

*Songs of Commitment & Confidence: "I Will Delight"
"Sovereign Over Us"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and REACH Waupun

Song of Worship: "It is Good to Sing Your Praises" (G171)

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

*Scripture Reading: Genesis 4

Message: "Heroes of the Faith #1—Abel: He is Able!"

Prayer

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Song of Praise: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" G504:1, 3

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" G504:4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

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| • Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa | Buwalda, Kim Greenfield, Renae Venhuizen, Kristi Zonnefeld (vocals) |
| • Scripture Reading: Laura Venhuizen | • Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Ryer Greenfield, Randall Greenfield |
| • Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass | |
| • Worship Team: Pastor Greg;
Laura Ten Pass (piano); Kevin | • Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder |

- Children’s Worship: Becca Vree, Kolten Buwalda, Troy Hoffman
- Nursery: Lynnae Franken, Aubryn DeJager, Cassidy Ritzema
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Andy Schlieve

Missionary Letters

T Ten Pass to Neen
K Van Buren 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 go to our website and click on “Give” at the top of the page. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.

REACH Waupun Vision and Mission: REACH strives to bring about positive, lasting change in the lives of Waupun area youth. REACH commits to improving the physical, social, emotional, and economic health and well-being of Waupun area youth through building relationships and providing opportunities.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Sarah Schuringa**, hip surgery recovery.
- **Carol Greenfield**, recovery from fall.
- **Margaret Miedema**, effective treatments.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Eden Homan**, wisdom for doctors and Ben and Alyssa on a surgery.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- **Today:** New Sermon Series begins—**Old Testament Heroes of the Faith.**
- **September 24: WIEA** (Wisconsin Inmate Education Association) Update in Worship
- **October 1: Communion** (World Communion Sunday)

The youth group leaders are looking for people within our church that are willing to help us with childcare for our children. This will be on Wednesday nights when we have youth group from 6:30-9:15. If you are willing to help, please contact Noah Mulder or Tyler and Jessica Ten Pass. Thank you!

Men's Bible Study. *Finishing Strong: Going the Distance for Your Family* by Steve Farrar. We'll be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays starting at 6:30 PM (the same time as the Women's evening Bible Study) beginning on September 27. This study will benefit men of all ages as well as the people we influence around us. Please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com) or the church office (waupuncrc@gmail.com) by September 15 to register.

TODAY, after the service, there is a Code of Conduct meeting for all those involved with our youth. If you have questions, please talk to Brian O'Donovan.

Sunday School and Catechism for grades 10 and under will start next week Sunday, September 17.

Life Group Reshuffling - After two great years of having life groups, it is now time to restructure all of the groups. All of you will find a note in your mailbox with more information. If you currently are not part of a life group, this would be an excellent time for you to join in on the fun. Please fill out the bottom of the sheet or sign up online by Sunday, September 24. If you have any questions, talk to Gary and Katie or Mike and Bonnie.

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another..." Hebrews 10:23-2. **The high school youth group is looking for some energetic adults to join our team! The school year is starting soon, and we are still in need of 3 men and 1 woman to join our team as we mentor and disciple our high school students to become living sacrifices that have a vibrant and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.** This year our high school youth group will be meeting every Wednesday with small group Bible studies, large group activities, or split as First/Bethel groups. As a high school youth group mentor, you'll enjoy small group Bible study with the students, walking alongside them as they grow in their faith, praying for them, pointing them to Christ, helping them with life's challenges and struggles, as well as fun activities and service projects. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and reach out to Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net, Bryant

Greenfield at bryant.greenfield@gmail.com, Noah Mulder at swdnoahmulder@gmail.com or one of the church education team members if you'd like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity!

With the beginning of the school year comes a new youth ministry season. The high school youth group is excited to kickoff the new school year with a get together at Bryant & Liz Greenfield's at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13! And the SWaT middle school youth group will be hosting their kickoff and registration night Wednesday, September 13 as well, at Bethel CRC from 6:30-8:00 PM. Please have your son or daughter bring along a lawn chair for their evening festivities.

The Women's Wednesday afternoon Bible Study will meet every Wednesday beginning September 13, at 1:00, in the upstairs classroom. We will be using the 12-week study from Faith Alive, "Discover: Genesis, The Beginning of the Story." Please contact Linda Pausma or Sue Buwalda if you're interested in joining us.

PLEASE NOTE: We have two First Aid kits in the church building; one in the Nursery and one in the kitchen.

Community News

The ONE Waupun Connections Breakfasts will start up once again in September. Our next breakfast will take place in the ONE Waupun room on Saturday, September 16, at 7:30 AM. This is a great way for men to connect with other believers in our community!

Auction Countdown is On!!! The list is growing daily and the plans are being finalized as we head to the Wild, Wild West Central Wisconsin Christian Harvest Auction 2023. We're excited to experience a great night of fellowship and friend/fundraising. The online silent auction will open up on September 17, with the live event set for Friday, September 22. Please register, order your meal, or make your donations at cwcauction.com, where you can watch the list grow and see all of the details. Bake sale items can be dropped off the morning of the event prior to 11 AM. Once you register, we'll prepare your personalized auction packet and have you ready to roll when you arrive. Don't miss this great night—wear your western-themed costume, and take along some friends as together we impact the lives of the kids.

The **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County Fall Benefit** is Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Juneau Community Center. There will be a dinner

buffet, speaker, and silent auction. You must register ahead of time. See more details and the registration form on the table in the narthex.

Calendar

- Today:** 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism
 9:30 AM Worship Service
- Wednesday:** 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
 6:30 PM SWaT (middle school) @ Bethel CRC
 6:30 PM Youth Group @ Bryant & Liz Greenfield
 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
- Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Livestream

Gregg Zonnefeld

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

PPT

Cassidy Ritzema

Children's Worship

Stacey Schaver, Cassidy Ritzema,
 Kase Buwalda

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Emily Mulder, Kaitlyn Ruis, Olivia
 Vander Werff

Ushers

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1: Blessed be Your name - In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name

Verse 2: Blessed be Your name - When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus: Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll - Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord - Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3: Blessed be Your name - When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be - Blessed be Your name

Verse 4: Blessed be Your name - On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name

Bridge: You give and take away - You give and take away
My heart will choose to say - Lord blessed be Your name

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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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Sovereign Over Us

Verse 1: There is strength within the sorrow - There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning - With a love that casts out fear

Verse 2: You are working in our waiting - Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding - You're teaching us to trust

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper - You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood - Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us

Verse 3: You are wisdom unimagined - Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens - Reaching down in endless grace

Verse 4: You're the lifter of the lowly - Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me - And Your promises are my delight

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil - You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good - And for Your glory
Even in the valley You are faithful - You're working for our good
You're working for our good - And for Your glory

Ending: Faithful forever perfect in love - You are sov'reign over us

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Sermon Notes