

9/15/2024

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: "It is Good to Sing Your Praises" G171

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise, Confession, Assurance, Dedication and Hope:
"Your Grace is Enough" "Closer" "On that Day"

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Commitment

Offerings for the Local Budget and REACH Waupun

Ministry of Music: "Jesus Paid it All" (String Trio)

Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship

*Scripture Reading: Genesis 39

Message: "Joseph—Our Father's Focus on His Family #2: Faithful Living
in a Faithless Land"

Prayer

*Song of Commitment: "Be Thou My Vision" R562:1-3

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Be Thou My Vision" R562:4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Scripture Reading: Laura Venhuizen
- Ministry of Music: Aubryn DeJager, Nikki Durni, Kathy Westra
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Hanna Marra (percussion); Grace Bruins, Rachel Hoffman, Cayden Ruis, Jessica Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Cody Van Herwaarden, Randall Greenfield

- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Children's Worship: Jenna Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa, Jonah Mulder
- Nursery: Hailey Bresser, Emily Mulder, Elsa Homan
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Owen Mulder

Missionary Letters

S Smits to Neen & Angel
B Te Grootenhuis 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 and rehab.
- **Ray Hofman**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **LeAnne Holden**, surgery on Tuesday.
- **Dewey Pausma**, surgery recovery, hospitalizations.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

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

Christmas is Coming! The Schuringa Life Group is planning a time of Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 11. Anyone is welcome to join in with us. Please contact Pastor Greg or Sarah if you want to join in with us and we'll let you know the details as we get closer to the event.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- October 6: World Communion Sunday, Lord's Supper in Worship.
- October 13: Baptism

Sunday School and Catechism are scheduled to start on September 22. Teachers for this year: Pre K: Andrea Buwalda; K/1st: Phylicia Coda; 2nd/3rd: Ben Homan; 4th/5th: Dave Rens; 6th/7th/8th: Jon Mulder; 9th/10th: Kevin Buwalda; 11th/12th: Sarah Schuringa/AI Venhuizen.

- Pre-K – 5th grade starts in the upper room for a time of singing. Those classes will meet in the various upstairs classrooms after singing time.
- 6th-10th grade classes will meet in the lower level.
- 11th-12th grade meet before church in the upper room.

There will be a brief meeting in the lower level after the service **TODAY** for **all members who are in any way involved with the youth** of our church (Sunday School/Catechism, nursery, children's worship, youth group) to sign a Code of Ethics.

Youth Ministry kick off is here! We're blessed to be able to announce our high school youth group mentor teams are almost full. We're still in need one more guy and one more woman to join the team helping mentor our high school freshman 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 Ten Pass. Our 10:24 Small Groups are scheduled to start next week Sunday, September 22, and if we cannot find a couple more leaders, we will need to move back our small group study start.

Middle School Youth Group Family Potluck is next Sunday, September 22, from Noon to 1:00 in the east fellowship hall @ Bethel. Paper supplies, sandwiches and punch will be provided. Last names starting with A-K, please bring a side to share. L-Z last names please bring a sweet treat/dessert to share. This will be a time of fellowship, introduction, and Q&A if you have any questions. Please text Jen Vlietstra at 507-227-1859 by Saturday morning to RSVP if you're able to attend!

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.

ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast: Our next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 21, from 7:30 – 8:30 AM. Since this will be our first men's breakfast of the season, we are going to have a special breakfast at a different location with a live speaker. We will be meeting at the Main Street Bistro at 5 West Main Street here in Waupun. Todd Cupery will be making us something special. Be sure to join us for this wonderful free breakfast and live speaker!

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.

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

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.

Volunteer Department Manager for Toys: Bargains Galore Thrift Store (BGTS) is looking for one or two energetic individuals who will be the Department Manager(s) for our toys department. This includes sorting, cleaning, pricing and stocking shelves once a week with the assistance of other volunteers as needed. If interested in joining the Bargains team, please contact Bailey Smits or Sue Soodsma.

Clothing Sorter: This paid part-time paid position with flexible hours (approx. 16 hours/week). This candidate will have interest in clothing fashion and knowledge of current clothing styles and brands. This position sorts thru all the donated clothing received. If interested in joining the Bargains team, please contact Bailey Smits or Sue Soodsma.

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County We'd love to have you join us for our Fall Benefit on **Saturday, September 21**, at the Juneau Community Center. There is still time to purchase your ticket; however, we need them TODAY! Bring family, friends, neighbors for food, fun and an opportunity to support families through our mission of CARE ~ COUNSEL ~ COMPASSION! If you are interested in getting a ticket, please contact Bonnie Vander Berg.

The Bethel Church of Brandon Junior High Soup Supper and Cake Auction will take place on Wednesday, September 25, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. The cake auction will start at 6:00. Carry outs available by using drive through service. Soups: chili, stuffed pepper, cheesy potato ham, chicken noodle. Come join us for a wonderful night of fellowship and great food. All proceeds will benefit the youth group.

Stand for Life Sunday sponsored by the Fond du Lac County Right to Life on Sunday, October 6, 2024, 2-3 PM at the corner of W. Johnson and Peters Ave. in Fond du Lac. Stand with us for one hour of silent prayer for the unborn and vulnerable.

Registration will be closing soon for Mid-America Reformed Seminary's **2024 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference!** Be sure to sign up by Friday, October 4, 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.

Kids Corner: Heart Checkups - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. As you sit in church or go to Sunday School, try to listen for something you can do during the week to come. God does not wait to use you until you are older, so as you are listening for something you can do, listen for someone you can encourage this week as well! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Church in Action comic book.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
Monday: 6:30 PM Outreach Meeting
Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
6:30 PM Council Meeting
Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th/12th Catechism
9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

Coffee

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Children's Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Olivia Vander Werff, Levi Holbach

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Casey Homan, Hollie Ganz, Morgan Buwalda

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

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)

Your Grace Is Enough

Verse 1: Great is Your faithfulness, O God - You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart - You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus: (So) remember Your people

Remember Your children - Remember Your promise, O God

Chorus 1: Your grace is enough - Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2: Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob - You use the weak to lead the strong - You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus 2: Your grace is enough - Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me - Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love - Your grace is enough for me, for me

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Closer

Verse 1: Search me oh God and know my thoughts - Nothing is hidden from You - Lead me along Your path of life - That I may walk in truth

Chorus: Bring me closer, closer - Closer to You my Lord
Bring me closer, closer to Your ways - To Your will to Your heart

Verse 2: Create in me a clean heart - Renew a right spirit in me
Make of me Lord a servant - Who walks in humility

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On That Day

Verse 1: I believe in Christ risen from the dead
He now reigns victorious His kingdom knows no end
Through His resurrection death has lost its hold
I know on that final day I'll rise as Jesus rose

Chorus: On that day - We will see You shining brighter than the sun
On that day - We will know You as we lift our voice as one
'Til that day - We will praise You for Your never-ending grace
And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

Verse 2: What a blessed hope though now tired and worn
We will spend eternity around our Saviour's throne
Though we grieve our losses we grieve not in vain
For we know our crown of glory waits - Beyond the grave

Bridge: Hallelujah what a day it will be - For at home with You my joy is complete - As I run into Your arms open wide I will see
My Father who is waiting for me

Tag: My Father who is waiting for me

Tag: And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

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August Update from Neen and Angel

Praise God for His goodness

I recently visited the prison and was so blessed the committed lives of the men to the Lord. They were so thankful and joyful that I came to share the message of Jesus with them. They are even sharing it with their families when they visit. I'm truly grateful for the privilege of sharing the goodness with them. They were also thankful for the sanitation kits and treats we brought. Which were a big help, especially for those men whose families live far away and can't visit. Thank you for your help in making this possible. Thank you for being part of this ministry.

Angel and I were able to visit and minister to some of the people we are helping-those who are sick, elderly, disabled, and mentally ill. Thank you for your prayers, continued support for us and most especially for your concern about their relationship with the Lord.

Last week, we had heavy rain due to a typhoon, causing flooding in some areas especially in Luzon. Many people were affected particularly their crops and property. We are keeping them in our prayer. Thankfully, we've had sunny days for the past three days. We're glad we can finally do some work outside, visiting people, sweeping the yard and drying out laundry outside.

Praise God for healing me almost everyday. While I'm not fully healed yet and still have a breathing problems, it may be from my asthma or from my thyroid condition. I'm grateful to have the strength to do some work. I'm gaining weight due to my thyroid condition (Hypothyroidism), which isn't good for my heart. However, I'm trying to manage it and continue seeing my doctor for regular check-ups. I'm still on the same medication. I pray that my next cardiogram test will show that my heart is okay and I will no longer need medication.

I am grateful to God for providing our needs. Thank you for your prayers and continued support. May the Lord shower you with His blessings in return.

In Christ
Neen and Angel

Thought for this month: If ye continue in faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and

which was preached to every creature which is under heaven, where of I Paul am made a minister. Colosians 1:23

Our email address: neenbobphilippines@yahoo.com

Question welcome as we thank the Lord because you stand with us and help meet our needs.

Those wishing to donate to BBO Philippines please send check made out to First Christian Reform Church 20 Bly St. Waupun WI 53963 USA. Put BBO Philippines in the memo line. Thanks for being part of the ministry.

Here are some of the pictures of the people we are helping here and our Bible Study in the prison. They are very grateful for your help. Thank you so much for your continues support with our work here.



Sermon Notes