

9/22/2024

# 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](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**

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**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: "Great Are You Lord" "Sovereign Over Us"

Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26, 27, 28

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and REACH Waupun

Song of Worship: "Let All Things Now Living" G453

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

\*Scripture Reading: Genesis 40

Message: "Joseph—Our Father's Focus on His Family #3: I Know He Cares for Me"

Prayer

\*Song of Commitment: "His Eye is on the Sparrow" R624:1-3

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "The Blessing"

\*Postlude

**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg;  
Brenda Hofman (piano); Kevin  
Buwalda, Hollie Ganz, Kim  
Greenfield, Heidi Smits (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Beth  
Schlieve, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander  
Berg

- Children's Worship: Mackenzie  
Mulder, Olivia Vander Werff, Levi  
Holbach
- Nursery: Casey Homan, Hollie  
Ganz, Morgan Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van  
Herwaarden

**Missionary Letters**

K Ten Pas to Neen & Angel\*

B Ten Pass 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; Gideons for October), 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 recovery.
- **Dewey Pausma**, surgery recovery, Christian Home rehab.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

**Over the past four weeks we have seen how God blesses us** in ways we can't imagine. The outpouring of love shown to us by the many prayers, cards, texts, phone calls, meals, visits, rides to and from Madison has once again reminded us of the importance of a healthy church family. Thank you also to Pastor Greg and elders Brad and Mike for their counsel.

- Keith and Susan Buwalda

**Christmas is Coming! The Schuringa Life Group is planning a time of Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 11.** Anyone is welcome to join 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.

**Mark your calendars:** The Council is planning a pastor appreciation lunch for Sunday, October 13. Watch for more details next week.

## Church News

### Upcoming Worship Highlights

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

There is an update from **World Renew: Responding to the Ukraine Crisis** on the table in the narthex.

**Please Pray for Classis Wisconsin** as it meets at First CRC in Oostburg this Tuesday. Classis is our region of Christian Reformed Churches, with elder, deacon, and pastor delegates from each congregation. Our Council is sending Pastor Greg, Elder Darrall Schaver and Deacon Tyler Jansen as delegates.

**Sunday School and Catechism** start TODAY! Teachers for this year: PreK: Andrea Buwalda; K/1<sup>st</sup>: Phylicia Coda; 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>: Ben Homan; 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: Dave Rens; 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Jon Mulder; 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>: Kevin Buwalda; 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>: Sarah Schuringa/Al Venhuizen.

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

**Ladies, do you enjoy a time of fellowship with friends?** We're still in need one more woman to join the high school youth group team helping mentor our high school freshman girls and lead their 10:24 small group Bible study! Please prayerfully consider giving of your time. For more information contact Jen Vlietstra, Bryant Greenfield, or Tyler Ten Pass. Our 10:24 Small Groups start THIS afternoon, and we really need your help.

**The high school youth group will be doing a Food Pantry Drive** for our local food pantry this week Wednesday, September 25, so be on the lookout for some excited teens at your front door! We will also have a table set up in the narthex so you can drop off your donations anytime between today and Thursday morning.

**Summer is on its way out the door and fall is just around the corner.** In October, the high school youth group will help you decorate your front lawn with a traveling SERVEcrow (aka scarecrow) to raise funds for our summer mission trip. If your lawn is decorated, you can either:

- Pay \$5 and move the SERVEcrow to another congregation members lawn within 24 hours or
- Pay \$15, text Jen Vlietstra @ 507-227-1859 and a youth group student will decorate a friend's lawn of your choosing or
- Want to avoid the SERVEcrow decorating your front lawn? You can contact Jen Vlietstra and purchase SERVEcrow insurance for \$30 protect your lawn from visitors!

**Middle School Youth Group Family Potluck** is TODAY 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.

**Afternoon Women's Bible Study:** A continued study of Genesis, The Story of God's Promises. If you haven't received your study material on Genesis, please see Sue Buwalda after the service in front of church. Thank you and see you Wednesday at 1:00.

**Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study** will begin this Wednesday and will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM here at 1st CRC in the upper classroom.

**Men's Bible Study starts this Wednesday.** We'll meet on the lower level from 6:30 to 8 PM. We'll be using the book *The Titus Ten: Foundations for Godly Manhood*. The book should be in your church mailbox today if you said you intended on joining. If it's not there and you were expecting to be part of the Bible Study, please talk to Pastor Greg. We'll plan to discuss the first chapter this Wednesday.

## **Community News**

**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 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.

**Immanuel United Methodist Church** (401 W Fond du Lac St, Ripon) is having a Salad Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 4, 11 AM to 1 PM. They will be serving cold salads, desserts and beverages; \$12/person (6- to 10-year-olds/ \$6). Buy your ticket in advance! Proceeds benefit IUMC Community Meal.

**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.

**Benvenuto's Italian Grill in Beaver Dam and the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County** partner for a Day of Dining on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 11 AM to 10 PM. Just mention the PSCDC and Benvenuto's will donate 20% of your purchase to the PSCDC.

**The Tribute Quartet** will be performing at **Bethel Church in Brandon** on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 6 PM. There will be a freewill offering.

### Calendar

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism  
12:00 PM Middle School Youth Group Potluck at Bethel  
4:00 PM Youth Group @ Bethel CRC

**Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC  
1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (upper room)  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (upper room)  
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study (lower level)

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Catechism  
9:30 AM Worship Service

### Next Week

#### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

#### **Coffee**

Randall and Kim Greenfield

#### **Children's Worship**

Becca Vree, Morgan Buwalda, Kase Buwalda

#### **Nursery**

Mackenzie Mulder, Lynnae Franken, Jules Mulder

#### **Livestream**

Scott Ritzema

#### **PPT**

Katie DeJager

#### **Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

#### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

#### **Ushers**

Andy Schlieve, Brad Schouten

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)

## Great Are You Lord

**Verse:** You give life You are love - You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken - And great are You Lord

**Chorus:** It's Your breath in our lungs - So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise - It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

**Bridge:** And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing - Great are You Lord (REPEAT)

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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 (REPEAT)

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

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## **The Blessing**

**Verse:** The Lord bless you - And keep you - Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you - The Lord turn his  
Face toward you - And give you peace

**Chorus:** Amen – Amen - Amen

**Bridge:** May his favor - Be upon you - And a thousand generations  
And your family - And your children - And their children - And their children

**Bridge:** May his presence - Go before you - And behind you - And beside you  
All around you - And within you - He is with you - He is with you

**Bridge:** In the morning - In the evening - In your coming - And your going  
In your weeping - And rejoicing - He is for you - He is for you

**Tag:** He is for you - He is for you

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## **Sermon Notes**