

12/12/2021

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 basket on the table on the way out, 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 or email the church office at 920-324-2898. 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.



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

*Opening Songs of Praise: "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"
"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Song of Christ's Coming: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" G329

Congregational Prayer

Children ages 3-6 are dismissed for Children's Worship

Song of Preparation: "Word of God Speak"

*Scripture: John 1:1, 14

Message: "The Christ of Christmas #3: Jesus is the Word"

*Song of Response: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" G340:1, 3, 4

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Benediction"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Worship Leader: Gregg
Zonnefeld
- Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass
- Advent Readers: Caleb Slings,
Neil Venhuizen
- Vocalists: Kevin Buwalda, Heidi
Smits, Kristi Zonnefeld
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass,
Beth Schlieve, Rachel Hoffman

- Coffee: Mike & Bonnie
Vander Berg
- Children's Worship: Sarah
Schuringa, Jaxon Buteyn
- Nursery: Andrea Buwalda, Casey
Homan, Jenna Schouten

Missionary Letters

M Buteyn to Daryl Pfantz*
V Buteyn to Neen
K Buwalda 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 leave your donation in the basket on the table in the narthex. All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering (Gideons for December), 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.

Our Family

December Birthdays

Eden Homan	12
Hannah Marra	12
Sharla Slings	13

December Anniversary

Dick & Barb Heeringa 18

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Keren Derksen, in recovery from back surgery.
- Harold Greenfield, dealing with cancer.
- Pat Loomans, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Brenda Merhalski, dealing with cancer.
- Wilma Navis, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Larry Pluim, dealing with cancer.
- Laura Ten Pass, dealing with cancer.
- Sam Vander Galien, recovery from surgery.
- Nancy Wierenga, doing physical therapy for back pain.

Church News

Schedule for the Live Nativity:

- 4:00-5:15 Live Nativity, Narration, and Caroling outside
- 4:00-5:15 Meal in the basement
- 5:30-6:00 Music in the sanctuary
- 6:00 Sunday School Christmas Program

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!! If you are involved in **caroling**, please be at church by 3:45. People involved in the **Live Nativity** should be at church by 3:30 and go to the larger upstairs room to get your costume.

Calling all Choir Members: The choir will be practicing on Sunday, December 19, after the service to prepare a couple songs to sing at the Christmas Eve service. These should be relatively familiar songs. If you would like to sing in the choir for this special Christmas service, we would love to have former/current choir members and new faces too!

We will **be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army** December 17 and 18 at Piggly Wiggly. Arky Navis is looking for people to fill two-hour slots from 10-6 on both of those days.

Our **Christmas Eve service** will be on Friday, December 24, at 7 PM.

Council is planning to have **ushers** again in the very near future. If you are willing and able to serve in this way, please contact Lois via the office phone (920-324-2898) or the church email (waupuncrc@gmail.com).

Update from Chaplain Hofman: I have been engaged in some very fruitful and rewarding ministry in Egypt. I preach every Sunday and recently baptized two Soldiers in the Red Sea. I have developed a pastoral relationship with the New Zealand Commanding General (please keep him and his wife Kristin in your prayers as they are not believers and Kristin is battling stage four cancer). I've also visited museums and went on a four-wheeler trek into the wilderness. On December 11, I will run a half marathon around the Pyramids in Cairo. My wife Kristi and the kids have been busy with sports, school and home projects in Florida. Thank you for your prayers as I near the halfway mark of this year-long assignment.

Community News

ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast -- Are you looking for a great way to fellowship with other Christian men in our community? Join us for breakfast, a powerful video and some great fellowship on Saturday, December 18, from 7:30 - 8:30 AM. We will be meeting in the ONE Waupun room at W7185 Hwy 49. ONE Waupun is an inter-denominational community of Christian men who desire to allow the gospel to permeate our lives through authentic relationships.

Central Wisconsin Christian (CWC) Middle School & High School

Christmas Concert: On Monday, December 13, our Middle and High School students will be performing their Christmas Concert. Groups included in the concert are 5th/6th Choir, 7th/8th Choir, Jr Choir, Sr Choir, New Gs, 6th grade band, 7th/8th band and the HS band. Please come out and help us begin Celebrating the Newborn King!

CWC Elementary Christmas Program: Our elementary students are working hard on preparing their Christmas Program! We will be sharing the Christmas message to you on Tuesday, December 21, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Please come to whichever time works best for you. We look forward to seeing you and sharing our music with you!

CWC (Waupun) is seeking applicants for a bookkeeper/HR coordinator.

This position is part time with potential to grow to full time depending on applicant abilities. Applications will be taken through January 15, with a start date of February 15. A complete job description and application form can be found at WeAreCWC.org/about/employment.cfm. For more information, contact Administrator Mark Buteyn at 920-324-4233, ext 311 or by email at mbuteyn@WeAreCWC.org.

Would you like to put a smile on someone’s face and be very helpful? **The Christian Home and Homestead needs volunteers!** Do any of these sound like something you could do:

- Read to resident (mail or book).
- Help a resident with a craft project.
- Help residents find pages in their hymnal during hymn sing or church.
- Take a resident on a sight-seeing tour of the building in their wheelchair.
- Help serve at a social.
- Discuss a picture with a resident.
- Help a resident put together a puzzle or color with them.
- Pour coffee before a meal and chat with the residents.
- Play a table game (cards, dice) with residents.
- Play piano for church services.

We could use some bingo prizes such as knick-knacks, perfume, jewelry, mini flashlight, small lotion, or individually packaged food (need to watch expiration dates). Carolers and choirs are welcome to sing from the chapel. We will broadcast your singing into the lounges and resident rooms so residents can hear you even though it won’t be in person. If interested, please call Linda, Activity and Volunteer Coordinator, at 324-7648.

CHRISTMAS DINNER! We will again serve a home-cooked meal for anyone who has no plans for Christmas at the Wesley Center in Waupun on Saturday, Dec. 25. To allow for COVID concerns we will serve buffet style and seating will be spaced for safety. We will serve at 11:30 AM and 12:45 PM. **Please call 920-928-3310 for reservations...**and state which time slot you want to attend. There is no charge for the dinner.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:00 PM	Live Nativity
	6:00 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children's Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Emma Hoffman

Coffee Time

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Nursery

Emily Mulder, Aubryn DeJager, Kolten

Buwalda

Livestream

Lori Venhuizen

PPT

Cassidy Ritzema

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Steve Smits (2023)	Noah Mulder (2023)
7	Ben Homan (2023)	Pete Vander Werff (2023)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

Sermon Notes