

10/23/2022

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.



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

*Songs of Worship: "The Power of Your Love"
"Blessed Be the Name"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Gideons

*Song of Worship: "Christian, Do You Struggle?" G575

Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship at this time

*Scripture: 2 Peter 3:1-7

Message: "Our Precious Faith #7: The Case Against the Scoffers"

Prayer

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Song of Worship: "Lead On, O King Eternal" G555

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Benediction"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Guitar: Nikki Durni
- Vocalists: Aubryn DeJager, Nikki Durni, Cayden Ruis, Cara Schmitt
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema,
Carter Slings, Randall Greenfield
- Coffee: Kim Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder,
Avery Slings, Tirzah Ritzema

- Nursery: Becca Vree, Emily Aalsma,
Olivia Vander Werff
- Ushers: Brian O'Donovan, Ryer
Greenfield

Missionary Letters

G Zonnefeld to Neen*

Geoff Aalsma 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 month's special offering (Gideons for October; Waupun Food Pantry for November), 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

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- Harold Greenfield, Kathy Kamphuis, Brenda Merhalski, Larry Pluim, and Laura Ten Pass, all dealing with cancer.
- Cal Flegner, Heidi Smits' father, in Madison recovering from heart surgery.
- Lois Pausma, in recovery from surgery at home.

Church News

Upcoming Dates

- October 30, 9:30 AM: 5th Sunday, Dan Dykstra, Guest Pastor
- October 30, 3 – 6 PM: "Imprisoned for Christ," Voice of the Martyrs virtual event to remember the persecuted church
- November 6, 9:30 AM: Gregg Zonnefeld, preaching, Pastor Greg taking Study Week #1
- November 13, 9:30 AM: Ruth sermon series begins
- November 20, 9:30 AM: Ruth series continues
- November 23, 6:30 PM: Thanksgiving Eve worship service

We are still in need of adults to help with the **SWaT middle school youth group**. SWaT only meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. **Please consider** helping with this important ministry.

Christmas is fast approaching. We have a Christmas program leader, but she is in need of helpers. Please talk to Sunday School Director Brian O'Donovan or Nikki Durni if you are willing to help or have any questions.

It is time to start thinking about **Operation Christmas Child!** This is a way to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The children receive a box with fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Every shoebox gift is delivered in Jesus' Name to give a child in need a glimpse of God's love. Our life group will be collecting items, filled shoeboxes, and money until **Sunday, November 13.** We will have boxes available if you want to take one or more and pack and bring back. Please talk to Bonnie Vander Berg if you have any questions!

Parents with recent high school grads, post-high/college students, and young adult children in their 20s, we would really appreciate it if you would get their contact information to us: mailing address, cell number and

email address. We are working on building a new young adult ministry and would like to reach out to them, enfold them, and encourage them in their faith. Please email Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net with this information.

Our church is hosting a Voice of the Martyrs virtual event called “Imprisoned for Christ” on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 3 – 6 PM. We will hear from three inspiring speakers from different restricted nations dominated by Islam, each was arrested, interrogated, and imprisoned. While all three struggled to find God’s purpose in their suffering, they ultimately recognized His faithfulness and love amid desperate circumstances. In addition to their firsthand testimonies, you will enjoy an engaging panel discussion moderated by VOM Radio host Todd Nettleton as well as inspiring worship music from Dove Award–winning artist Natalie Grant. Refreshments will be provided. Please mark your calendars today and plan to join us at our church on Oct. 30. If you have any questions, contact Mike Vander Berg.

The **Bethel/First SWaT middle school youth group** will be raising money over the next month to buy Christmas gifts and birthday gifts for local underserved kids within our community. If you have an odd job that you’d like their help with (cleaning windows, raking leaves, cleaning in the garage, baking for you), please reach out to the parents of a 6th, 7th or 8th grade student or Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net or text me 507-227-1859. Our goal is for each student to raise \$20 by our next meeting on Nov. 9.

Women’s Wednesday afternoon Bible Study will be meeting on Nov. 2. Prepare lessons 9 and 10.

Community News

The CWC High School band and Choirs will host their first concert of the year on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we use our God given talents to worship His Holy name.

St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church (N5680 Towne Rd, Rosendale) is having their annual **Chili Supper on Thursday, Oct. 27**, serving from 4-7:30 PM. All you can eat chili, cheese, crackers, bread, dessert, and beverage, for a free-will donation in honor of their 125th anniversary.

Central Wisconsin Christian's annual Servathon is quickly approaching! On **Friday, Oct. 28, from 8 to noon**, CWC's high schoolers will break out into groups to serve families and businesses throughout Waupun and all of our neighboring communities and towns. Is there something that we can do to help you? Do you know of someone that would be blessed by us helping them? If yes, please reach out to CWC's High School Office at 920-324-4233, ext. 310 or send an email to serve@wearecwc.org. Please be sure we

have your request by Friday, Oct. 21, so we can include it in our scheduling. We are excited to serve within our communities! This will be a great day!

Emanuel Lutheran's Chili Festival Drive-Thru Event: Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 107 S. Prairie St., Brandon, WI. Buy our famous chili by the quart; includes two desserts for just \$7. Convenient drive in and drive out. Happy Fall Y'all!!!

Pella Lutheran Church of Waupun is hosting **The Garms Family for "A Night of Encouragement" live concert** on Friday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 PM. You can learn more about The Garms Family at their website <https://thegarmsfamily.com/>

UPDATE: 11th Annual Beautiful Response Chili Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 4:30-7:00 PM at Bethel CRC. This year we are returning to an in-person event so you can once again enjoy amazing chili and fellowship. However, Beautiful Response has made the decision to change the beneficiary of the Chili Supper from RUHU to our partner organizations in Haiti--Help the Youth (HTY) and Mission: Love Haiti. Currently, there is a serious humanitarian and human rights crisis in Haiti which creates a much greater need for these organizations. The acute food insecurity, gang violence and related sexual violence, fuel crisis, and recent cholera outbreak have brought an already unstable and impoverished country to its breaking point. On a recent phone call with HTY's Executive Director Ticarme, she said, "I went behind my house and sat down in the chair and thought, *we are all going to die.*" Essentially, the cost of food and fuel is so expensive due to the gang blockades and violence that people in Haiti are on the brink of starving. The plan is to use the funds from the Chili Supper to provide money for food and fuel so that they can access and purchase food. This year when you come out and support Beautiful Response, your support means the life-saving gift of food for the kids and families being served by HTY and Mission: Love Haiti. Thank you for making this event such a great success over the past 10 years. We pray that you will wow us once again in support of this great need! The Chili Supper is sponsored by the CWC Boys' Soccer program, and all funds raised will go directly to support the food needs at HTY and Mission: Love Haiti. THANK YOU for your support!

Small Town Christmas Craft & Bake Sale: Mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 4, 4:00–7:00 PM, & Saturday, Nov. 5, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 107 S. Prairie Street, Brandon, WI 53919. Reserve a booth for \$20 by calling Charleen Strook at 920-346-8226. Lunch will be served on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022.

Craft Fair, Nov. 12 (8 AM to 4 PM), and Nov. 13 (8 – 11 AM), at St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center (408 S Spring St, Beaver Dam). Wide

variety of items—all handmade—100s of items to choose from with some items being one-of-a-kind. All proceeds will go to the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County to help offset the PSCDC mortgage.

Calendar

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
- Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study in the Upper Room
 6:30 PM Education Committee Meeting
 6:30 PM Youth Group, “Truth in Love” lesson 1 @ Bethel
- Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism
 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Livestream

Jake Vander Werff

Children’s Worship

Kim Greenfield, Ethan Homan, Kolten Buwalda

PPT

Carter Slings

Coffee

Bob & Michelle Mulder

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Nursery

Jen Ritzema, Hailey Wagner, Jonah Mulder

Ushers

Arent Venhuizen, Owen Mulder

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
6	Steve Smits (2023)	Noah Mulder (2023)
7	Ben Homan (2023)	Pete Vander Werff (2023)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

The Power Of Your Love

Verse 1: Lord I come to You - Let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace - That I found in You
And Lord I've come to know - The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away - By the pow'r of Your love

Chorus: Hold me close - Let Your love surround me - Bring me near
Draw me to Your side - And as I wait - I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You - Your Spirit leads me on - In the pow'r of Your love

Verse 2: Lord unveil my eyes - Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love - As You live in me
Lord renew my mind - As Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day - By the pow'r of Your love

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Blessed Be The Name

Verse 1: I am standing beneath Your wings - I am resting in Your shelter
Your great faithfulness has been my shield - And it makes me want to sing

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be the name of the Lord
I will bless Your holy name for all my days - Blessed be the name of the Lord

Verse 2: I sing praises to Your name oh Lord - For You daily bear my
burdens - Your great faithfulness is my reward - And it makes me want to sing

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Benediction

Verse 1: May the peace of God our heav'nly Father - And the grace of Christ
the risen Son - And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

Chorus: And to Him be praise for His glorious reign - From the depths of
earth to the heights of heav'n - We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings

Verse 2: May this peace which passes understanding - And this grace which
makes us what we are - And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart

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Sermon Notes

Honor God
Serve Others
Transform Lives

