

6/5/2022

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 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 (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

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" G425

*Songs of Worship: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"
"Who You Say I Am"

Congregational Prayer

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

*Scripture: Acts 2:1-8, 12-13; John 14:15-27

Message: "How the Holy Spirit Helps You"

*Song of Preparation: "All Who Are Thirsty"

Meaning of Communion

Celebration of Communion

Songs During Communion

"Eat This Bread" G312

"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire" G485

*Song of Praise: "Beautiful Savior" G461:1-3

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Beautiful Savior" G461:4

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Violinists: Aubryn DeJager, Nicole Durni
- Vocalists: Aubryn DeJager, Nicole Durni, Rachel Hoffman, Cara Schmitt
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Lois Mulder, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder

- Children's Worship: Arent Venhuizen, Jaxon Buteyn
- Nursery: Hailey Buteyn, Lynnae Franken, Heidi Schaver
- Ushers: Brad Schouten, Neil Venhuizen

Missionary Letters

Dewey Pausma to Neen*
Don Pausma 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 (PAVE [Protect, Advocate, Validate, Educate] for June), 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 Harold Greenfield, Brenda Merhalski, Larry Pluim, Laura Ten Pass, and Harry Venhuizen all dealing with cancer.

Church News

Church office hours this week will be on Friday from 10:00 – 2:30.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night at 6:30 PM. The agenda includes the following:

- A non-binding vote for women as deacons. The information will then be used by the council to make a decision.
- Nominations for Elder are Keith Buwalda, Bob Mulder, Dave Rens, Scott Ritzema, Dan Scheuers, and Al Venhuizen.
- Nominations for Deacon are Adam Franken, Mike Hoffman, Tyler Jansen, and Mitch Vree.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please put your absentee ballot in a **signed** and sealed envelope and place it in the "Return" mailslot by the church mailboxes or give it to a Council member. If you will be proxy voting for someone else, their name should be on the envelope and you should sign the ballot as the proxy.

Elders Meeting Notes:

- Membership transfer of Nikki and Noralyn Durni have been accepted.
- June 12 Outdoor worship; everyone is encouraged to bring and sit in lawn chairs.

Worship notes and dates to remember:

- June 19 – Pulpit supply - Ben Verhulst
- July 3 – Pulpit supply - Zach Flipse
- July 9 – Elder/Deacon training
- July 10 – Elder/Deacon Installation
- July 13, 20, 27 (6:30-8): Kidz Night Zone

- July 17 – Outdoor worship
- August 27 (4-8): Neighborhood Block Party
- August 28 – Outdoor worship

Those who have children enrolling in CWC for the 2022-23 school year are asked to meet in the sanctuary on June 12 after the morning service for an informational meeting regarding the **Covenantal Education Plan**. Covenant Plan Application forms and the CWC 2022-23 tuition schedule were put in the mailbox of families with returning students. If you need those forms, additional copies are on the shelf by the bulletin board in the basement and will be available at the meeting. The application must be completed and can be turned in at the meeting next week or returned to the church office.

The **Bethel and First CRC Young Adults Group will be meeting tonight, June 5, at 7:30 at Bethel CRC**. We will be studying the book of James throughout the summer as well as having nights of fellowship. All young adults who have graduated high school or older are welcome to join in on this study. Please consider coming and bring a friend or two if you'd like.

Camp Calvin Registration reimbursement: Parents, when you register your child for Camp Calvin, pay the registration fee and submit your receipt to the **church office by June 26 for reimbursement**.

Council Training by Rev. Sam Hamstra on Saturday, July 9, 8 AM – noon. All current and incoming Council members should save the date. But also, anyone in the church is welcome to join in, men and women. Whether you anticipate perhaps serving as an elder or deacon in the future, or you have served in the past, or whether you simply want to learn more about church life and leadership. The next day, Sunday, July 10, we are planning on our new elder/deacon installation in worship. You can sign up via Sign-Up Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C45AF2CA7F94-council>) or on the sign-up sheet on the coffee counter.

We have five couples planning to get married in 2022: Kaytlin Smits & Cayden Ruis, Olivia Schuringa & Isaac Dykema, Harm Venhuizen & Anneke Roberts, Hailey Mischler & Joe Bresser, and Hailey Buteyn & Brent Wagner. Help us celebrate with them by placing donated household goods or gift cards in the bins (available next week) in the narthex by **Sunday, June 26**. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of that would show these couples that they are loved.

Summer Outdoor Services! We are planning to have outdoor services once a month this summer: June 12, July 17, and August 28. We're doing this to enjoy God's outdoors, but especially to be a visible and audible presence in the community in our worship. The households around the church will be specially invited for outdoor worship through our Outreach Committee and snacks will be planned after each service for fellowship and connections. If the weather is poor, we will automatically go inside that Sunday and plan on going outdoors the following Sunday. We plan to meet on the lawn between the church building and the parsonage. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Like our regular worship services, we plan on Livestreaming these outdoor services.

Community News

Help Needed: The Community Table at the Waupun Food Pantry is in urgent need of volunteers to prepare and serve meals to the community. Please consider this opportunity and call Terri Respalje at the Waupun Food Pantry to sign up for a date or dates at 920-324-4000 Monday - Thursday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

Golf Outing: Get your team together for CWC's annual TeeltUP event! It will be held at The Rock Golf Club in Waupun on Friday, June 24. To register and/or be a sponsor go to bit.ly/TeeltUpCWC . We filled up with 36 teams last year, so don't wait!!! All proceeds go to help fund our CWC Athletics. If you have questions, please email our team at TeeltUp@WeAreCWC.org.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	7:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
Monday:	6:30 PM	Congregational Meeting
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Outdoor Worship Service

Next Week

Worship Leader

Craig Slings

Children's Worship

Emily Mulder, Elise Ritzema

Coffee Time

Karen Aalsma

Nursery

Beth Schlieve, Jenna Mulder,
Kolten Buwalda

Ushers

Cody Van Herwaarden
Brian O'Donovan

Livestream

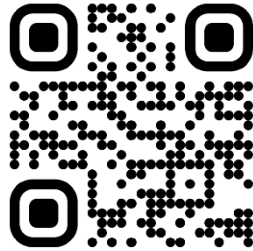
Scott Ritzema

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

<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)

Honor God
Serve Others
Transform Lives



Sermon Notes

Update from New Life Church in Tyachiv, Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Tyachiv, Ukraine. It has now been 90 days since Russia first invaded Ukraine on February 24th. What an experience we've had these past three months! What started out as shock and chaos, working non-stop with refugees fleeing, has in time, led to order, balance and teamwork, as we work together, as a church and with the refugees. We can now see that we are in a period of blessing, despite the war, as we are growing and seeking together God's Kingdom. We are seeking the Lord together every morning through prayer and petition. We are seeking to further God's Kingdom together, using street evangelism, Bible studies for adults, teens, youth and even toddlers. Despite the fact that we were all strangers (our small church and all the refugees) a few months ago, we now enjoy love and fellowship through the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for all the Lord has been teaching us these past months.

New Life church continues to feed about 150 refugees each day. As God enables, we continue to send help to Christians in Karkiv and other hard hit cities. The Lord has been so faithful in taking care of His Church here. Praise God! Right now we are trying to prepare for the food shortages and possible coming famine. We, as a church have planted a field of potatoes, and everyone that has the opportunity, has planted gardens. We are also raising ducks and chickens for eggs and meat.

We ask for your continued support through prayer. Please pray for God to bless our crops and gardens with much needed rain. Please pray for wisdom for us, as we learn how to live in these difficult times. Although we are sure of God's goodness and faithfulness, we also need wisdom in how to help with all the various needs we meet daily. It is very difficult to buy gasoline and diesel. Last week, I traveled to Romania to fill up our van. Today, all of our salt has disappeared from the stores (We have learned that two main cities that mine salt and export a lot of salt, have come under Russian occupation or are being targeted by missiles). Each day we face different struggles, but also see God's blessings as well. Through these difficulties, we see that God helps loosen our grasp that we have for this world. We should not try to hold on to this world, but long for Him. We are thankful to Him as it helps turn our eyes to Him, the author and perfecter of our faith. We definitely see that there is not much time before our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ returns for His Church! Evil is increasing, but at the same time, there are many who are wise and shining brightly like the heavens, and leading many to righteousness, just like it says in the book of Daniel.

We hear so many stories of God's goodness! A brother from our church that was drafted since the beginning of the war, is serving in the army and witnessing to many. (Even though he is a pacifist, and against carrying

weapons, he is using this time to serve God). The men that he serves with in the army always ask him to pray, and they all agree that it is because of God answering these prayers, that they are still alive today. We are witnessing God answering prayer!

One morning, one refugee brother witnessed a miracle and shared it with us in the prayer meeting. Anton had talked to a Christian brother that morning, who was trying to leave the Russian occupied town that he was living in. This Christian brother and his family had to go through 13 Russian check points before getting to Ukrainian territory. Each checkpoint lasted at least 2 hours. At the final checkpoint, the Russians did not want to let the brother and his family through. They even talked about shooting them. This brother was constantly praying for safe passage through the checkpoints. Suddenly, for no reason, the Russian soldiers started arguing among themselves, fighting and hitting each other. This Christian brother quickly started his car, and drove through the checkpoint. What a miracle! I don't think there has ever been so many prayers being said in Ukraine as there are now. I often hear of many people testifying to God's gracious hands!

Please continue to pray for New Life Church here and the entire country of Ukraine. Please pray that God's will is done and that many more people will be saved. We are praying for a revival that will go throughout the entire world! Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

With love in Christ,
Vasya and Maranda Heytis
New Life Church