

1/23/2022

# First Christian Reformed Church



**We welcome our guests** and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping 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](http://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](mailto: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](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**

**Phone: 920-324-2898    email: [waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

**PO Box 32, Waupun**

9:30 AM Worship Service  
\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Profession of Our Faith from the Contemporary Testimony

\*Songs of Worship: "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

"Great Are You, Lord" "Hear, O Lord"

Baptism of Harper Addison Buwalda

Testimony from Kevin and Andrea Buwalda

Song of Thanksgiving: "He Leadeth Me" G452

Congregational Prayer

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

\*Scripture: Matthew 5:21-26

Message: "Four Ways to Affirm Life"

\*Song of Dedication: "Take My Life and Let it Be" G288:1-4

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Take My Life and Let it Be" G288:5-6

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanists: Brenda Hofman
- Guitar and Vocals: Craig Slings
- Percussion: Adam Franken
- Vocalists: Kim Greenfield, Rachel Hoffman
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Ryer Greenfield, Scott Ritzema
- Coffee: Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

- Children's Worship: Jessica Ten Pass, Cassidy Ritzema
- Nursery: Phylcia Coda, Casey Homan, Tirzah Ritzema
- Ushers: Brad Schouten, Cody Van Herwaarden

**Missionary Letters**

D Heeringa to Daryl Pfantz\*  
B. Hoekstra to Neen  
M Hoffman 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 (REACH Waupun for January), 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

### January Birthday

Morgan Buwalda	17	Calvin Schaver	23
Shelly Bronkhorst	18	Rhonda Schouten	24
Brian Ten Pass	22	Adrianna Schuringa	26
Marcia Buteyn	23		

### As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Keren Derksen, in recovery from back surgery.
- Percy De Vries, in therapy for back pain and experiencing some improvement.
- Harold Greenfield, dealing with cancer.
- Jim Groenewold, as he has been diagnosed with Parkinsonism, further tests are coming, as well as a March 29 neurologist appointment for next steps.
- Brenda Merhalski, beginning another regimen of chemotherapy on Monday.
- Lois Mulder, having a procedure to break up a kidney stone on Thursday.
- Wilma Navis, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Larry Pluim, chemotherapy treatments.
- Laura Ten Pass, dealing with cancer.
- Sam Vander Galien, recovery from surgery.
- Nancy Wierenga, started a new treatment plan for relief from her severe back pain.

We extend our **deepest sympathy** to Nicole Durni in the passing away of her mother, Sandee Bossenbroeck, on Monday, January 17. Sandy was married to Glenda and Allegra Bossenbroek's brother, Gary, and we extend our sympathy to them as well. Arrangements have not yet been made and will likely not happen for a number of weeks to accommodate all the family members.

**Thank you** to everyone for all your prayers, expressions of sympathy, cards, visits, and meals we received with the loss of Marla. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring church family.

- John & Arlene and Gary & Katie and family

We want to take this opportunity to **thank the members of the congregation** and others for their prayers, many cards, and other acts of kindness that have been shown to us. Special thanks to Pastor Greg, Steve Smits and others who have made visits. Our journey started late June when it was detected that Sam had jaundice. Over the next few months it was determined that he would need major surgery, which took place on October 22. The recovery has been slower than expected. The last couple weeks I have improved a lot and hope to get back to normal soon, but I may have to adjust to a "new normal." We still have a way to go on this journey, but we praise God that there was **NO CANCER!!!** Sam and Sylvia

### Church News

There is **no 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade catechism** today and **everyone is invited** to come down to the basement for cake after the service.

**Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Wednesday** this week.

**Next week** Sunday Grant Kemink will lead our worship.

**Plans are being made to have the choir sing** on February 27 as part of Communion Sunday. Practices will be the two Sundays before: February 13 and 20. There are a few more upcoming dates that we are looking for the choir to sing. Watch the bulletin for more information or talk to Cara Schmitt.

### **Council Notes:**

- If members of the congregation have nominations for Elder or Deacons, please give them to the office or an elder or deacon.
- Congregational meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022.
- A new handicap pew is installed. If anyone in the congregation believes we need another one, let an elder or deacon know your thoughts.
- The membership papers for Larry and Joan Pluim were received from Emmanuel Reformed Church.

### **Deacons Report:**

1. We surpassed our goal of collecting an additional \$100,000 for the building fund to completely fund the parsonage remodeling project and the sound system upgrade. We praise God for his faithfulness and once again express our gratitude to all those that gave of their time, talents

and treasures to the project, whether in the planning, construction, purchasing supplies, providing funds or surrounding the project with prayers.

2. Year-end tax receipts have been placed in the church mailboxes for anyone that has a box. For those that did not have a box, they were mailed. Any receipts still in the church mailboxes after Sunday, January 30, will be mailed. If you have any questions or see any issues with your receipt, please contact a Deacon.
3. We are looking for two individuals to assist in organizing our Meal Program. This program provides meals to members of our church that have experienced life events (such as a birth, death or sickness) or are simply in need of a few meals. If you are interested in being a part of organizing this ministry, please contact a Deacon.
4. We want to remind the congregation of our Faith Promise Fund since it has been a while since it has been discussed. Each month the Faith Promise Fund donates nearly \$1,000 in total to these seven ministries.
  - WordPartners (previously Leadership Resources) in support of Ken Van De Griend
  - Wycliffe Bible Translators in support of the Pfantz Family
  - Brother Bob's Outreach
  - The Union
  - Youth for Christ in support of Scott Ritzema
  - Open Hands for the Fatherless (OH4F)
  - Waupun Christian Home Chaplaincy Fund

If you have other ministries you would like to see considered for monthly support, please contact a Deacon.

5. Reminder that any funds designated for Classical or Denominational ministry shares are paid in full to the Classis or Denomination each quarter.
6. Provided are a couple financial highlights for the first six months of our fiscal year:
  - Excluding Parsonage and Sound System Projects, receipts exceed disbursements by \$23,185, aided in part by special year-end giving.
  - The Building Fund will have about \$5,000 available for the general maintenance of the church building after the final parsonage and sound system bills. Please continue to support this fund as there are always ongoing facility needs.
  - Our remaining commitment to CWC for tuition is \$50,694.

### **Community News**

#### **ONE Waupun Men's Conference – "Engaging in the Battle": ONE**

Waupun invites you to attend an unforgettable men's event! Hosted at the

Green Lake Conference Center on Saturday, March 5, “Engaging in the Battle” features live messages from Grant Kemink and Scott Ritzema, recorded messages from Matt Chandler and Louie Giglio and worship with Craig Slings. Sign up today for this FREE conference by going to [www.onewaupun.com](http://www.onewaupun.com).

**Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

**Ushers**

Tom Jonker, Gene Hofman

**Children’s Worship**

Emily Mulder, Avery Slings

**Livestream**

Randall Greenfield

**Coffee Time**

Steve & Heidi Smits

**PPT**

Cassidy Ritzema

**Nursery**

Mackenzie Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass,  
 Morgan Buwalda

**Sound System**

Joe Bresser

<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

