

3/20/2022

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 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

God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Prince of Peace" and "Living Hope"

God's Will for Our Lives

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love. —based on *Matthew 22:37-40*

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. —*Colossians 3:12-15*

Congregational Prayer

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

*Songs of Preparation: "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" G46:1-3

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" R592:1, 3, 4

*Scripture: Galatians 5:22-25; John 14:27 and 16:33

Message: "Bearing Fruit in the Land #3: Perfect Peace"

*Song of Response: "When Peace Like a River" G489

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Go Now in Peace" G317

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass
- Violin: Aubryn DeJager, Nichole Durni
- Vocalists: Aubryn DeJager,
Nichole Durni, Rachel Hoffman,
Josie Venhuizen
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff,
Katie DeJager, Randall Greenfield
- Coffee: Mike & Bonnie Vander
Berg

- Children's Worship: Jessica Ten
Pass, Adrianna Schuringa
- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Aubryn
DeJager, Jenna Schouten
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Arent
Venhuizen

Missionary Letters

B Merhalski to Neen
M Miedema 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 (Beautiful Response [educating students in Haiti and Uganda] for March), 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.

Council Notes

- **The Elders** received the membership transfer of Brad & Lyn Mulder and Johanna and Owen from the Palos Heights, Illinois, Christian Reformed Church. We joyfully welcome them to First CRC!
- **The Council**, with much thanks and praise to God, heard and received the professions of faith this past Wednesday of Aubryn DeJager, Megan Greenfield, Emma Hoffman, Casey Homan, Hailey Mischler, Caleb Slings, and Carter Slings. We look forward to hearing their public professions on a future Sunday during worship!
- **Prayer & Praise Service at First CRC:** We plan to gather for a special prayer service at 6:00 PM on Sunday, April 24. The plan will be for some of our members to lead us in prayer and have a hymn sing that evening. We will invite other congregations to join in and you can invite others as well. Please reach out to Pastor Greg if you would be open to leading one of the prayers.

The **Deacons** would like to make you aware of a few opportunities to provide help to those **in Ukraine**:

- As many of you know, Jen Vlietstra's sister Maranda and her family are missionaries serving at New Life Church in Ukraine. Although their church is non-denominational, they are heavily supported by CRC and RCA churches in the Midwest. New Life Church is currently feeding, clothing, housing and helping as many refugees as possible. As you can imagine, they are in great need of funds to support their work. A short video from Maranda will be played during the morning service. We will be taking a special offering as well on Sunday to support Maranda and her church's mission to serve and help the many refugees in Ukraine.
- You may have also seen that the Waupun area has started a Ukrainian refugee drive with Orphan Grain Train. There are more details on the back of the bulletin and a list of needed items to be brought to Pella Lutheran Church here in Waupun by March 30. Their goal is to fill an entire semi-trailer! If you have additional questions talk to Sue Buwalda.
- At the Classis meeting this past week, delegates were informed that World Renew is also partnering with agencies already in the area offering support to those in Ukraine. If you would like to help out through the efforts of World Renew you can do so through our regular offerings. Just indicate on your check that you would like to designate your donation to World Renew - Ukraine. We will then pass on the funds to them.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Harold Greenfield, dealing with cancer.
- Brenda Merhalski, chemotherapy treatments.
- Larry Pluim, chemotherapy treatments.
- Laura Ten Pass, dealing with cancer.
- Steve Tjepkema, scheduled to come home from the hospital this past Thursday.

Church News

YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI SUPPER: Please book your calendars for **Wednesday, March 23**, for a spaghetti supper at Bethel CRC! Serving from 5:00-7:30 PM. Look for a social media announcement and church announcement shortly. Thanks! – First and Bethel Youth Groups

Youth Ministry Opportunities: We are looking for a couple of adults to help out with SWAT, the middle school group that meets once a month at

Bethel. If anyone is interested, please contact Joe Durant. Youth Group is also looking for leaders.

ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP FUN NIGHT IS BACK! Please book your calendars for a night of food, fun, and fellowship on Saturday, April 9, at CWC! Starting at 4:30, a free-will donation supper will be available along with a volleyball tournament that has been a hit in the past! Please let Bryant Greenfield, Logan Ganz, Lydia Greenfield, Jacob Smith, Tyler Ten Pass, or Noah Mulder know if you would like to put a team together. We are also asking for donations of baked goods, which will go towards our auction, starting hopefully at 6 PM. All donations and baked goods proceeds will go towards our summer mission trip we are currently planning.

- Thank you! – FIRST CRC AND BETHEL CRC YOUTH GROUPS

CAMP CALVIN is a Christian summer camp for students in 4th-9th grades, at Spencer Lake in Waupaca, WI. This is a fun week filled with many activities and experiencing God's great creation! Twice-daily worship sessions are all about connecting with Jesus through amazing singing, worship, and challenging guest speakers. Please visit our website www.CampCalvin.com for more information.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for Camp Calvin. We are searching for volunteers to work alongside us, who love Jesus and share our passion and joy for serving Jesus, by serving our campers. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them complete an online Volunteer Application at <https://www.campcalvin.com/volunteer.php#volunteer>.

Community News

The Randolph Community Choir is practicing on Sundays at **3:30-5:00 PM** at the 1st Reformed Church in Randolph with "Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb," the cantata we started two years ago. If you enjoy singing, please join us for this Easter celebration? If you have questions, please call Mary at 920-326-2665 (during normal business hours).

April 9, 2022 – Randolph Christian School Auction: Join us for the Randolph Christian School Auction, "Mission Possible," for a night of food, fellowship, and fun! Dinner and Silent Auction beginning at 4:30 with Live Auction at 7:00. For a complete list of items or for more information visit www.randolphchristian.org/auction. Thank you for supporting Christian education!

One Stoplight Town is a story about people from a town so small that you might drive through without taking a second look. But if you stopped for just a moment, you might see a young boy and girl fall in love, a cantankerous

grocery store owner coping with change, a son returning home while a daughter thinks about leaving, and a handyman taking it all in while he fixes what is broken. These stories and more are filled with fun characters, lots of humor, plenty of heart and the theme that change comes for us all, whether we are ready or not. The **Central Wisconsin Christian 8th graders are working on a performance of "One Spotlight Town"** by Tracy Wells. Please join us for this event on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 PM.

The Community Table is Reopening on Friday, April 8, 2022. The doors at the Community Table will be open at 10:00 AM and the actual meal will again be offered from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Fridays. We really count on you to make this meal available to our community. In the past, many of you scheduled for two Fridays. We would greatly appreciate your willingness to continue your generosity for the remainder of 2022. To schedule for mealtimes, simply call 920-324-4000 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday. If you have questions about operation or amount of people to plan on, call Ron Schaalma at 920-948-8069. Thanks so much for your service!

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	5:00 PM	Youth Group Spaghetti Supper at Bethel CRC
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children's Worship

Emily Mulder, Ryer Greenfield

Coffee Time

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Kaytlin Smits,
Heidi Schaver

Ushers

Bob Mulder, Neil Venhuizen

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

PPT

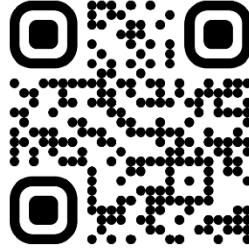
Lois Mulder

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



Sermon Notes

Orphan Grain Train-WISCONSIN BRANCH

"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS; I WILL COME TO YOU," John 14:18

March 14, 2022

Re: Ukrainian Crisis

Dear Friends and concerned people,

Orphan Grain Train, a humanitarian relief organization, will be air transporting needed supplies, with sea containers to follow. The expense of air cargo and medical supplies will be high, but these poor people need our help now. Below is a list of needed supplies.

- Hygiene items: soap, towels, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, combs, band-aids, shampoo, nail clippers, creams and lotions
- Thermal underwear for kids through adults
- Men's clothing and work boots
- Quilts and blankets
- Diapers and powdered baby formula
- Medical trauma kits
- New socks and underwear

All items must be clean and in good condition. **Please bag or box all like items, mark and drop off at Pella Lutheran Church by March 30.** These will then be packed and taken to the Orphan Grain Train Warehouse in Westfield.

Our greatest need is monetary for shipping and needed medical supplies. If you wish to make a donation, please send it to OGT Treasurer, Marlyn Muller, at N1459 Castle Drive, Medford, WI 54451, marked Ukrainian Crisis.

I pray together we can make a difference in the lives of these previous people. May the Lord give us wisdom, resources, and direction as we bring hope to the helpless. Please pray for this mission and the refugees of Ukraine.

Many blessings to you and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Karla Ceman

Pella Lutheran Church volunteers for Orphan Grain Train

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