

4/3/2022

## 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 (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](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

Call to Worship

\*Songs of Worship: "Here I Am to Worship" "Christ is Mine  
Forevermore" "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Confession and Assurance

"There is a Fountain" R336:1, 2, 4

Congregational Prayer

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

\*Scripture: I John 1:5 – 2:2

Message: "Light in Darkness"

\*Song of Response: "Shine On Us"

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Lord of the Universe" (Inside back cover of Grey Psalter)

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Scott Ritzema
- Worship Leader: Brian Ten Pass
- Accompanists: Lois Mulder and Laura Ten Pass
- Vocalists: Hollie Ganz, Jessica Ten Pass, Tyler Ten Pass, Brian Ten Pass
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Cassidy Ritzema, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Beth Schlieve

- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Ethan Homan
- Nursery: Hailey Buteyn, Lynnae Franken, Kolten Buwalda
- Ushers: Brad Schouten, Cody Van Herwaarden

**Missionary Letters**

D Montsma to Neen\*  
P Montsma 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 (Elim Christian School for April), 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.

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. If you want to give to New Life Church, please mark your check or envelope.
- World Renew, our denominational world relief and disaster response ministry; 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.
- Peter and Kristi Hofman, as he serves in Egypt and she is home with the children in Florida.
- Brenda Merhalski, chemotherapy treatments.
- Wilma Navis, as she is not able to worship with us.
- Larry Pluim, chemotherapy treatments.
- Laura Ten Pass, dealing with cancer.
- Steve Tjepkema, after surgery and blood clots, getting around better, less pain, and recovering.

Pastor Greg Schuringa will be returning from a week of vacation tomorrow.

The family of Pete Montsma is serving cake after the morning service today to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Please come and help us celebrate and honor him!

## **Updates for the Church Directory:**

Nathan and Phylcia Coda: Phylcia's phone number is 920-948-1090.

Shirley Otto has a new phone number: 920-583-0420.

Tyler and Jessica Ten Pass have a new address: 1005 Maple Ave., Waupun.

## Church News

**There is no Sunday School or Catechism** this week due to Spring Break, as well as April 17, Easter Sunday.

**There will be Choir practice** today and next week after the service to prepare for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

**Youth Ministry Opportunities:** We are still looking for a couple of adults to help with SWAT, the middle school group that meets once a month at Bethel, and the high school youth group. If anyone is interested, please contact Joe Durant.

**Prayer & Praise Service at First CRC:** We plan to gather for a special worship time of prayer and praise at 6:00 PM on Sunday, April 24. The plan is for some of our members to lead us in prayer and a hymn singing that evening. Please reach out to Pastor Greg if you are willing to lead one of the prayers.

**DATE CHANGE: ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP FUN NIGHT IS BACK!** Please book your calendars for a night of food, fun, and fellowship on **Saturday, May 14**, 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](http://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>. There

are cards available on the table in the narthex if you want to share the information with friends.

**Our church is cordially invited to a free showing of the new movie *Roe v. Wade*.** The movie shows the behind-the-scenes maneuverings of the Supreme Court justices and pro-abortion advocates that resulted in over 60 million abortions since 1973. The movie will be shown at the American Legion Hall, 500 Fond du Lac Avenue in Fond du Lac at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 7. Free admission, suggested donation of diapers or wipes for local pregnancy centers.

### **Community News**

**The Randolph Community Choir** will be presenting the cantata "Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb!" Please join us for a night of celebration on April 10 at 6 PM at First Reformed Church in Randolph and April 17 at 7 PM at Bethel CRC in Waupun.

**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](http://www.randolphchristian.org/auction). Thank you for supporting Christian education!

**Groundbreaking:** Come and celebrate the groundbreaking of the next phase of our growing school at Central Wisconsin Christian. A ceremony of praise will be held at 12:30 PM on Monday, April 4, as we begin the three-room addition to the Middle School wing. Join us to celebrate God's gifts!

**CWC HS Presents: "Going Up?"** The show details the hilarious struggles of passengers trapped in three elevators during a New York City power outage. You don't want to miss this fun-filled evening of theater where everyone - except the audience - can't wait to get out! Central Wisconsin Christian High School students will perform the comedy by Steve Franco and Dale Bayless at 6:30 on Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23. You may purchase tickets in advance at the HS office or at the door. Floor seats are \$6 and bleacher seats are \$5.

On **Wednesday, April 20**, at 6:30 PM, Bethel Reformed Church in Brandon will be showing the film, "**American Underdog**," the story of the life of quarterback Kurt Warner. Invite your friends and family. There is NO charge.

**Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
 10:45 AM Choir Practice

**Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC  
 6:30 PM GEMS Club Night – Spring Spree  
 6:30 PM Elders Meeting

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
 10:45 AM Choir Practice

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

**Ushers**

Tom Jonker, Gene Hofman

**Children’s Worship**

Mackenzie Mulder, Sophia Schuringa

**Livestream**

Jake Vander Werff

**Coffee Time**

Karen Aalsma

**PPT**

Cody Van Herwaarden

**Nursery**

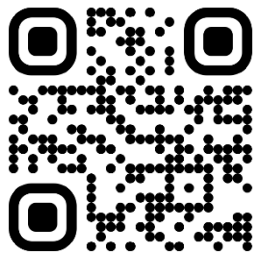
Beth Schlieve, Jenna Mulder,  
Tirzah Ritzema

**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)

Honor God  
 Serve Others  
 Transform Lives



# Sermon Notes