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THE LORD'S DAY
April 14, 2024
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"** LUYH:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation: "Children of the Heavenly Father" GsH:1-4

Public Profession of Faith of Trevor & Lexi Koedam

(Form No. 2 - page 134, back of Psalter)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Kylah Jo Koedam

(Form No. 3 - page 129, back of Psalter)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Sanctuary"** PH:1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-7 (page 1084/1822)

Sermon: **"PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE: PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"** PH 3:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: The Genesis House & Classical Quotas

--Moment for Missions & Missions Video - Leonard Hoekstra

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Agnus Dei"** LUYH:1

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Alyssa Bos

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

April 14, 2024

WELCOME!

*We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among
His people today as we bring our praises & prayers,
witness Public Profession of Faith, celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,
and hear His Word proclaimed!*

*If you are a visitor with us today and would like additional materials from First CRC, they are located in the "Visitor" mailboxes.
If you currently do not have a church home and desire information about church membership, please contact the church office.*

TODAY

-- This morning, we as a congregation, have the joy and privilege to witness and celebrate the Public Profession of Faith of Trevor & Lexi Koedam, and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of their daughter, Kyla. May God bless Trevor, Lexi, and Kyla in their faith, and may we welcome them with our prayers, support, and encouragement!

-- Children's Choir will meet in the Sanctuary following the morning service, and the Adult Choir will practice in the Sanctuary at 11:00am after the Children's Choir.

-- **Care Groups #3 & #5** will be serving at the *Sioux City Gospel Mission on Monday, April 22. Care Groups #1 & #8* will be serving at the *Sioux Falls Gospel Mission on Tuesday, April 23. A meeting with each group assigned together, led by each group's Chair, will be held **TODAY** immediately after the morning worship service. Groups 3 & 5 meet in the **Church Secretary's Office** and Groups 1 & 8 meet in the **Library**.*

-- **Missions Presentation Night** will be held after our evening worship service. Come and hear about the many experiences of God's blessings both locally & internationally. Cookies, coffee, & juice will be served.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

-- *A special thank you to Robin Te Slaa for blessing us with your piano accompaniment during our evening worship service. We are grateful to you for sharing your gift of music!*

-- *We would like to thank all of those who remembered Don with your prayers, cards, and phone calls on his 90th birthday. Thank you for being such a caring Church family!*

-- *The family of Don Postma*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- Continue to uplift Carol De Boer in your thoughts and prayers as she was anticipating hip surgery on April 16, but it has been delayed for the time being.

-- Please be in prayer for Brindy Vander Ziel, daughter of Kelly & Lisa Vander Ziel and grand-daughter of Alvin & Sue LeLoux, as she will undergo open heart surgery to repair a heart valve. The surgery will take place in Denver, CO on April 23. Pray for God to provide His overwhelming peace to Brindy and her family as they anticipate this surgery, clarity for the doctors, success with the procedure, and patience during her recovery.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Clarence & Esther De Roon, as Esther's brother, Manuel De Jong of Des Moines, IA, passed away on Tuesday, April 9. May God provide His comforting peace to the entire family in their time of sorrow.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **The Genesis House**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Classical Quotas**. The offerings next week will be for the Sioux City Gospel Mission and Missionaries: Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou.

-- It is our turn to deliver Meals on Wheels this week. Thank you to the faithful volunteers signed-up to deliver. You are a blessing to those you serve!

-- Next week Sunday, April 21, we will welcome Rev. Dave Van Kley, as he will be leading our evening worship service.

-- *Newsletter Articles are due next week. Parents & Graduates* of 8th grade, high school, college, and/or graduate school, please submit your picture and a brief description of your future plans for school and/or work for our May Graduate Newsletter **by April 21!** Please timely submit your information directly to Carla Jansma - djansma@alliancecom.net.

-- **Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Challenge!** Our Fellowship Committee invites you to "Grab a team of 4" for a night of competition on **April 25 at 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall! Who will be the first team to form a 300 piece puzzle AND finish a large pizza and a liter of pop?! Name your team, sign-up each member, and pick your flavor of pop and pizza. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. *Entries are due Sunday, April 21.* Any questions, please contact Alli Den Boer, Brenda Postma, Jill Miller, or Patty Haak.

-- The final week of Sunday School and Catechism classes for this season will be *Sunday, April 28*, which is Christian Education Sunday.

-- **Book Club** has decided to try to meet more frequently! The next book we will discuss is *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns, which is more of a classic than a contemporary read. *Cold Sassy Tree* has been described as 'a book about love and death both funny and deeply touching.' There are two books available to read on the table in the Narthex, along with a longer description of the book. Books are also available to checkout at the RV Public Library. We will be meeting on *Monday, May 6*.

-- We have added a new page to our Church website. Under the Members Area is a list of **Bible Study/Devotional Resources** available for your reference, **including free access to RightNow Media**. Simply go to the Members Area and login or copy the following link: <https://www.firstcrrv.org/members-area/additional-bible-study-resources.cfm>.

-- **Care Group #2** - The I Will book is being passed around throughout our group. Please cross off your name in the front of the book and place it back in Elder Randy Vande Kamp's mailbox once you have finished reading it. We would like to keep it circulating until everyone has had a chance to read it. *Thanks! --Randy VK*

April 14, 2024 - Profession of Faith & Baptism

SONG LEADER:

Rachelle VB

USHERS:

East: Josh B, Mike VZ

West: Dan B, Darin P

NURSERY:

AM: Sharla VR, Taryn VH

Kayla VE, Tad M

PM: Kelsey VB, Brennan VK

GREETERS:

AM: Eric & Tracy B

Josh & Katie B

Mitchell & Kelsi B

PM: Cody & Em D

Rick & Bonnie D

Kevin & Diana DG

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

OFFERING:

AM: Genesis House

PM: Classical Quotas

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Kyle H

Maletoungou: Rob J

Klompiens: Travis J

PIANIST:

AM: Alyssa Bos

PM: Robin Te Slaa

April 21, 2024

PRAISE TEAM:

Breya VK, Pat B,

Jack VB, Nolan VO

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE

West: Benjamin H, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Leah W, Jamie Z,

Breya VK, Ava VO

PM: Tammy B, Jenessa VR

GREETERS:

AM: Zach & Jamie DJ

Steve & April DK

Tyler & Alli DB

PM: Justin & Lisa DW

Carl & Melissa E

Jeff & Steph E

NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

OFFERING:

AM: Sioux City Gospel Mission

PM: Missionaries:

Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Dick J

Maletoungou: Kevin J

Klompiens: Sara J

PIANIST: Carisa Maassen

Remember

Do a spiritual check-up of your heart today. Are you willing to learn?

Are you tender and soft before God?

If so, there is no limit to what He can do in and through you.

“Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law

and keep it with all my heart.”

Psalm 119:33-34

SERMON NOTES:

April 14, 2024

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Baptism/Profession of Faith
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism - (Children's Choir meet in Sanctuary)
Care Groups 3 & 5 - Meet in Secretary's Office
Care Groups 1 & 8 - Meet in Library
11:00 AM: Adult Choir practice - Sanctuary
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service
7:00 PM: Missions Presentation Night

MON: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Sharla Van Roekel
7:00 PM: ABC Bible Study

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Galatians - Lesson 7
11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels - Deb Van't Hul

WED: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Lyle & Joyce Van Engen

THURS: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Malorie Kirkley

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathy

◆ Clarence & Esther De Roon

Health, Healing, & Peace

◆ Carol De Boer, Brindy Vander Ziel, Bill Laman, Pastor Dan De Groot

Our Care Center Residents

Whispering Heights

Esther De Roon

Violet Haak

Jennie Maassen

Grace Teunissen

Joan Van Maanen

Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo

Alvina Van't Hul

Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra

River View Ridge

Nathan Dorhout

LeRoy & Jane Koedam

Henrietta Vanden Bosch

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk

Crown Pointe - SC

Harriet Vande Kamp

Missionaries

- ◆ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ◆ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ◆ Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompier - classically supported missionaries in Nepal



Classical Missions

- ◆ New Roots Ministry

Denominational Requests

- ◆ (Thrive) *Gather: Minneapolis* - Pray for organizers as they prepare for the inaugural Gather event taking place in Minnesota later this month - April 19-21. In this first of ten planned events, five Christian Reformed classes are coming together to bear witness to God's work in their local contexts and to discern where God may be leading them into renewed ministry and mission.

HOW ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR FIRE OF FAITH?



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - *the Eric Van Surksum's*

Monday - Darwin Hoogendoorn, *the Joe Miller's*

Tuesday - Jane Koedam (85), Samantha Van Otterloo

Wednesday - Wyatt Zomer, *the John De Roon's (56)*

Thursday - Kylie Davelaar

Saturday - Mike Kooistra, Jonah Van Surksum, *the Nate Van Kley's*

FUTURE DATES

April 22 - SC Gospel Mission-Care Groups 3 & 5

April 23 - SF Gospel Mission-Care Groups 1 & 8

April 25 - Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Night hosted by Fellowship Committee

April 28 - Christian Education Sunday/Last session SS/Catechism

April 29 - Council Meeting

May 5 - GEMS Sunday/Ascension Day Observed

May 6 - Book Club Discussion Night

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ Christian Education Week - April 15-19
- ◇ SCRIP Orders due - Monday, April 15 - 9:00am
- ◇ Orchestra Extravaganza (3rd-6th) - Tuesday, April 16 - 7:00pm @ Western
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 17
- ◇ RVCS Open House will be held April 24 from 5:30-7:00pm. A light meal will be served. Come and go as you please!



Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, April 17
- ◇ Spring Society Meeting - Thursday, April 18 - 6pm
- ◇ We invite you to attend the Annual Western Christian Foundation Luncheon. This will be held at noon on Wednesday, April 24, in the Western Christian Event Center. Mr. Brad Van Heuvelen, Chief Wealth Management Officer at Peoples Bank will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be provided by Beyer Catering and Amie Smit and the Western Christian Orchestra will provide special music. Please RSVP to Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or reach him by cell phone - 605-359-5704 if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there.

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 17

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please check our Church website for community events & announcements.

www.firstccrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LUYH:1,2,4

***The Nicene Creed** (in unison)

***Song of Response: "The Lord is My Salvation"**

GH

The Belgic Confession - Article 9 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Show Us Christ"

LUYH:1-2

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

GH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Samuel 5 (page 250/425)

Sermon: **"THE LORD AS HIS OWN WITNESS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"O For a Closer Walk with God"

PsH 453:1,2,5

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Rise Up, O Church of God"**

CH:1

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Robin Te Slaa

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
2024 COUNCIL**

**MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN**

ELDERS:

Evan Vanden Bosch, President '25 - (470-1022)
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
Randy Byl, Vice-President '24 - (470-2259)
James Vanden Bos '24 - (470-3682)
Vern De Boer '24 - (470-2830)
Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)
Scott Koedam '25 - (470-7037)
Ron LeLoux, Vicar '26 - (470-2426)
Nate Van Kley, Clerk '25 - (470-2348)

----- Care Group 1 -----
----- Care Group 2 -----
----- Care Group 3 -----
----- Care Group 4 -----
----- Care Group 5 -----
----- Care Group 6 -----
----- Care Group 7 -----
----- Care Group 8 -----

DEACONS:

Travis Jansen, Secretary '25 - (470-3486)
Mitchell Byl, Vicar of Deacons '26 - (470-2920)
Jarod LeLoux, Special Offerings '24 - (460-2515)
Mike Pollema, President '24 - (470-5223)
Justin Faber, General Fund Treas. '24 - (460-3053)
Myron Bleyenbergh, Benev. Treas. '25 - (605-359-8574)
Ryan Zomer, Building Treas. '25 - (712-441-3970)
Evan Altena, Missions '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Executive Committee Pastor Matt, Evan Vanden Bosch (Chr.), Randy Byl, Nate Van Kley, Ron LeLoux, Mike Pollema, Justin Faber
Pulpit Supply Pastor Matt, Randy Byl (Chr.), Evan Vanden Bosch
Bulletin Pastor Matt, Kim Altena, Evan Vanden Bosch, Nate Van Kley
Church Governance Elders
Sacraments Ron LeLoux, Nate Van Kley
Missions Committee Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Randy (Liaison) & Pat B, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT
Family Faith Visitation Committee Vern De Boer, Darwin Hoogendoorn
Worship Committee Pastor Matt, James VB (Chr.), Deanna F, Krista VE, Rachelle VB, Evan VB, Andy VR
Music Coordinator Rachelle Vanden Bos
Building and Grounds Committee James Vanden Bos (Chr.), Ryan Zomer (Treas.), Steve De Kam, Jeff Van Bommel, Harm Wiersma
Education Committee Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Steph E, Kyle H, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent Damon Rus
Christian Education Committee Andy & Sharla VR (Pres.), Eric & Tracy B (Vice Pres.), Darin & Megan K (Treas.),
Steve & April DK, Keith & Jacque L, Dereck & LaRae VDB
Rock Valley Calvinist Board Ron LeLoux, Mike Pollema
Youth Group Sponsors Evan & Rhonda L, Jeff & Kacie VB, Mark & Deb VH, Mer & Cindy VO, Nate VK (Liaison)
Welcome Committee John & Carol De Roon, Harlan & Priscilla Driesen, Larry & Yvonne Haak, Roger & Hilaine Kempema,
Ron & Darletta LeLoux, Vern & Ellen VB
Memorial Deacons
Head Usher Ron LeLoux
Funeral Ushers Roger Kempema (Chr.), Harlan Driesen, Bob Gilman, Dick Jansma
Organists/Pianists Alyssa Bos, Ranae Kooistra, Carisa Maassen, Krista Van Engen
Nursery Committee Jackie Rus, Kelsey Ver Burg
Sound System Committee James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Carla J, Rich R, Evan VB
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Custodians Rich & Lynnette Rozeboom (476-5724)
Church Secretary Kim Altena (Office-476-5902; Cell-712-470-6103) *Present bulletin announcements by **4:00 PM Wednesday***
Prayer Chain Pastor Matt, Evan Vanden Bosch
Fellowship Committee Bonnie D (Chr.), Tracy B, Katie B, Alli DB, Patty H, Kendra J, Kristin J, Sara J, Steph K, Jill M, Brenda P
Flowers Marva Haak, Karla Van Kley, Carol Van't Hul
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Safe Church Committee Scott Koedam (Chr.), Kyle Hoogendoorn, Sue LeLoux
Scheduling Rides Travis Jansen
Community Impact Committee Mitchell Byl
Care Districts District Elders
School Board Representatives Western Christian - Brenda P, Loy VH, Jr. & Rock Valley Christian - Mike B, Keith L, Andy VR, Jack VB

SACRAMENTS: HOLY BAPTISM - Upon approved request

HOLY COMMUNION - 1st Sunday of Lent, Maundy Thursday, 2nd Sunday of June & September, and 1st Sunday of Advent

MISSIONS: *Rev. Mike & Megan Ribbens*-Johannesburg, South Africa (email Mike at mribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mribbens@gmail.com)

Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou-West Africa (email smaletoungou@crcna.org)

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