

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

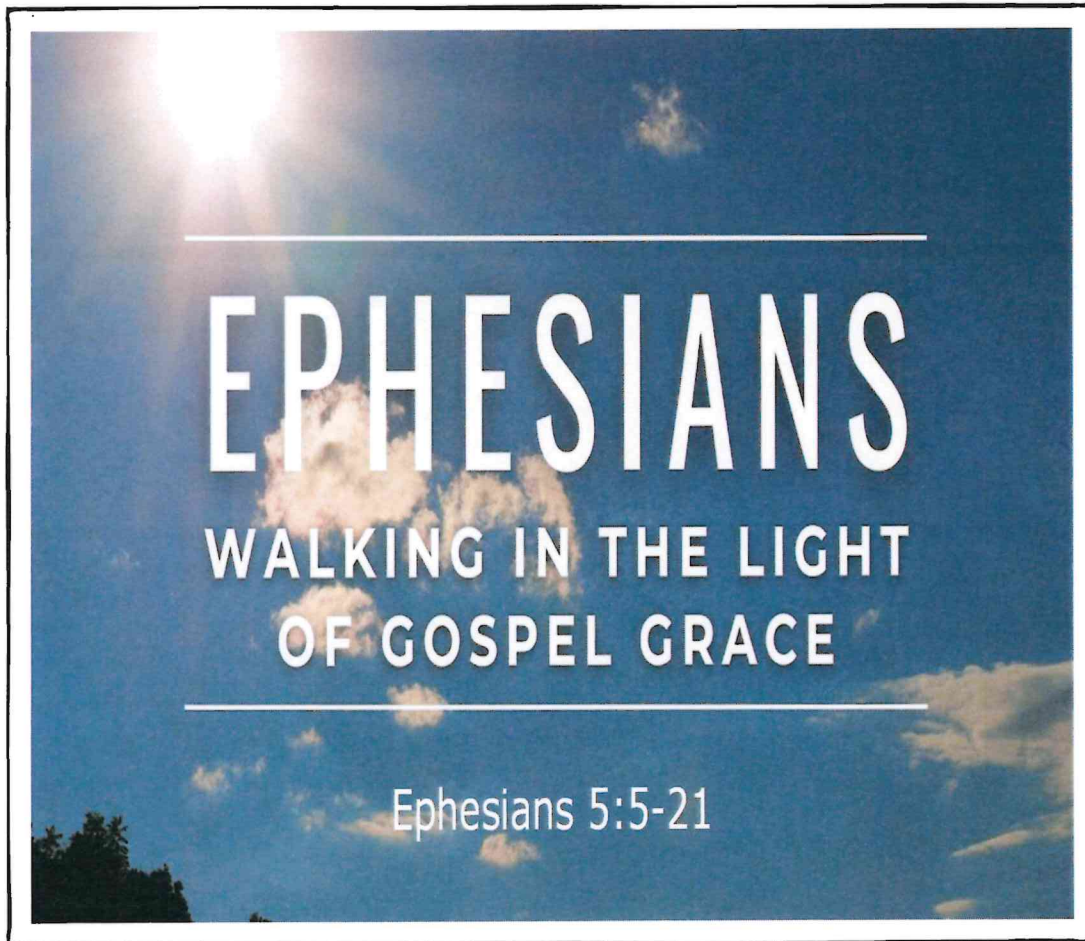
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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**April 21, 2024 - Christian Education Sunday**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship - "Kids of the Kingdom" & "A Great Big God" - Children's Choir

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"O Praise the Name"**

Reading of God's Holy Word

**Song of Salvation:**

**"His Mercy is More"**

Vs:1,3

Ministry of Music - "Goodness of God" - Adult Choir

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Holy Spirit"**

GH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-21 (page 1085/1822)

Sermon: **"PREPARING TO MARRY: LIFTING THE VEIL"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"The Light of the World Is Jesus"**

TH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Sioux City Gospel Mission &

Missionaries: Rev. Sosthene & Kara Malentoungou

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "O How Good It Is"**

GH:3

\*Piano Postlude

**Pianist:** Carisa Maassen

\*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA  
April 21, 2024 - Christian Education Sunday**

**WELCOME!**

*We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises & prayers, 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**

-- Today we recognize Christian Education Sunday. We give thanks for all of the teachers, staff, parents, and students from our congregation.

-- This evening we welcome Rev. Dave Van Kley as he leads our worship service. *Thank you for being with us Rev. Van Kley!*

-- Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Challenge entries are due **TODAY!**

-- *Newsletter Articles are due TODAY. Also, 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 TODAY to Carla Jansma - [djansma@alliancecom.net](mailto:djansma@alliancecom.net).*

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

-- *Thank you to the Children's Choir for singing and opening our morning service with your praises to God for our call to worship, and to Jordyn Kats, Hudson Pollema, Peyton Rus, and Andrew Haan for your special parts in the songs. Thank you to Taryn Van't Hul, April De Kam, and Laurie Van Kley for leading and helping with the choir, and to Dee Faber for your piano accompaniment!*

-- *Thank you to the Adult Choir for blessing us with your song of praise during our morning worship service! Thank you to Rachelle Vanden Bos for faithfully leading the choir!*

-- *We would like to thank Rev. Haan for his prayers and visits and Elder Scott Koedam for his prayers and visits and delivering the worship service DVDs and bulletins. Thank you for all the expressions of care and concern received; we are grateful for your many prayers.*

*-- Harold & June Driesen*

-- *In light of Christian Education Sunday, we want to say "THANK YOU" for the many ways you have supported the Christian Education Chapter in the past year through your prayers, generous offerings, and attending & participating in our many events and fundraisers, including this past Monday's fieldwork project and our upcoming Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast! Above all, we praise God for faithfully providing!*

*--Christian Education Chapter*

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT**

-- The Council is pleased to announce that Josie Faber has accepted the position of Youth Ministries and Education Administrator. She will begin her position on June 1.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Please uphold Don Postma in your prayers as he was hospitalized this past week in Sioux Falls with excess fluid and blood pressure concerns. Pray for him as he awaits some testing and for healing and strength.
- Tammy Baartman will undergo surgery on her thyroid this week Thursday, April 25, in Sioux Falls. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors, success with the surgery, and healing and peace throughout her recovery.
- Continue to 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 this week Tuesday, April 23 in Denver, CO. 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.
- Please uphold in your prayers, Bertha Van Den Top, mother of LaRae Van Der Brink, as she was transferred by ambulance to Sioux Falls this past week. She has experienced a rapid decline in her strength in the past 10 days and will undergo continued testing to pinpoint the cause. Pray for strength and for clear answers and guidance with her health.
- Please be in prayer for Bastiaan Van Ginkel, newborn son of Caleb & Katie Van Ginkel, grandson of Mike & Judy Van Otterloo, as he was hospitalized this past week but has since returned home. Pray for his continued growth, health, and strength.
- Continue to pray for the family of Collin Kats, nephew of Jonathon & TaMae Kats, after his ATV accident. Pray for God's mercy and comforting peace to surround the family.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The *first* offering received today will be for the **Sioux City Gospel Mission**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Missionaries: Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou**. The offerings next week will be for Meals on Wheels and our Building Fund.
- **Care Groups #3 & #5** will be serving at the *Sioux City Gospel Mission tomorrow, Monday, April 22*. Please meet at 5:30pm at Church if you want to carpool.
- GEMS will have their year-end meeting/points auction tomorrow, Monday, April 22, from 3:45pm-5:15pm. *Reminder: GEMS Sunday will be held Sunday, May 5.*
- Coffee Break's final lesson and year-end Luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 23.
- **Care Groups #1 & #8** will be serving at the *Sioux Falls Gospel Mission on Tuesday, April 23*. Please meet at 5:30pm at Church if you want to carpool.
- Youth Group Senior Farewell will be held this week Wednesday, April 24, at Great Shots in Sioux Falls. The group will ride together by bus. Please meet at Church at 5:30pm sharp!
- Cadets will walk ditches and have their year-end points auction this week Wednesday, April 24. Please plan to meet early at 6:30pm.
- L.I.F.T. will have their last Bible study session for the season on Thursday, April 25.
- Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Night hosted by our Fellowship Committee will be held this week *Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm*, in the Fellowship Hall! *Be the first team to solve a 300 piece puzzle, and finish a large pizza and liter of pop!* Any questions, please contact Alli Den Boer, Brenda Postma, Jill Miller, or Patty Haak.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

-- Next week Sunday, April 28, will be the last week of Sunday School and Catechism classes for this season.

-- Book Club - The next book we will discuss is *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns. There are two books available to read on the table in the Narthex, along with a longer description of the book and a book notes sheet. Books are also available to checkout at the RV Public Library. The discussion meeting will be held 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.firstcrcrv.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 21, 2024 - Christian Education Sunday**

#### **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  
*Klomprens:* Sara J

**PIANIST:** Carisa M

### **April 28, 2024**

#### **SONG LEADER:**

James VO

#### **USHERS:**

*East:* Arnold K, Bob G  
*West:* Jace M, Keith L

#### **NURSERY:**

*AM:* Amy B, Allison B,  
Addison VH, Erica VR  
*PM:* Shannon B, Kennedy VH

#### **GREETERS:**

*AM:* Brian & Renae F  
Justin & Josie F  
Marv & Dee F  
*PM:* Bob G & Arnold K  
Brad & Nanci G  
Galen & Elsie G

*NARTHEX:* Harlan & Priscilla

#### **OFFERING:**

*AM:* Meals on Wheels  
*PM:* Building Fund

#### **LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Galen K  
*Maletoungou:* Gerrit K  
*Klomprens:* Jonathon K

**PIANIST:** Krista VE

**SERMON NOTES:**

## **April 21, 2024 - Christian Education Sunday**

**TODAY:** 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service  
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism  
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service - Pulpit Supply - Rev. Dave Van Kley

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**MON:** 3:45 PM: GEMS Finale - 3rd-6th  
7:00 PM: Sioux City Gospel Mission - Care Groups #3 & #5 (5:30 carpool)

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**TUES:** 9:45 AM: Coffee Break - Galatians - Lesson 8 & 9 - End of Year Luncheon  
7:00 PM: Sioux Falls Gospel Mission - Care Groups #1 & #8 (5:30 carpool)

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**WED:** 5:30 PM: Youth Group - Senior Farewell - Great Shots (everyone meet at Church)  
6:30 PM: Cadets - Walk Ditches/Points Auction

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**THURS:** 1:30 PM: L.I.F.T. Bible Study - Final Session  
6:30 PM: Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Night - Fellowship Hall

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### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

#### **Christian Education Sunday**

##### **New Church Staff**

- ◆ Josie Faber - Youth Ministries and Education Administrator

##### **Health, Healing, & Peace**

- ◆ Don Postma, Tammy Baartman, Carol De Boer, Brindy Vander Ziel, Bertha Van Den Top, Bastiaan Van Ginkel, Collin Kats & family, 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**

- ◆ Cornerstone Prison Ministry

##### **Denominational News**

- ◆ The agenda for synod is available online: <https://crcna.org/synod>

##### **Denominational Requests**

- ◆ (Resonate) *Japan* - Although less than one percent of Japan's population identifies as Christian, Resonate missionaries Ken & Jeannie Lee give thanks that churches in Japan are growing and working hard to share the gospel. Please pray for the Lees as they work with these churches and disciple young leaders.
- ◆ Continue to be in prayer for Israel.

## **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Sunday - Zach De Jager

Monday - Stephanie Koedam, *the Mike Van Otterloo's*

Tuesday - Marv Faber, Carson Grevengoed

Wednesday - LaRae Van Der Brink, *the Harold Driesen's (65), the Colton Van Surksum's*

Thursday - Allison Bliet, Jaydn LeLoux, Parker Rus, *the Dan Bloemendaal's*

Friday - Alyssa Bos, Rich Rozeboom

Saturday - Josh Byl, Bob Groeneweg, Jodi Van Beek, Sandy Van Bommel,  
Mike Van Otterloo, *the Brad Postma's*

## **FUTURE DATES**

**April 28** - Last session SS/Catechism

**April 29** - Council Meeting

**May 5** - GEMS Sunday/Ascension Day Observed

**May 6** - Book Club Discussion Night

**May 12** - Mother's Day

**May 19** - Pentecost/Graduate Sunday

**May 27** - Memorial Day-*Cadets Participate*/CEC Pancake Breakfast

**May 28** - Council Meeting

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **Rock Valley Christian School:**

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders due - Monday, April 22 - 9:00am
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 24
- ◇ RVCS Open House will be held April 24 from 5:30-7:00pm. A light meal will be served.

#### *Upcoming Events:*

- K-5th Music & Art Show - Thursday, May 2 @ First CRC - 6:30pm - All are welcome!
- Jog-a-thon - Friday, May 10 - 1:00-3:00pm
- 5-8th Band Pops Concert - Friday, May 17 - 3:00-4:00pm - Playground
- 8th Grade Graduation - Wednesday, May 22 - 6:30pm - RVCS Gym
- Last Day of School - Thursday, May 23

### **Western Christian High School:**

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, April 24
- ◇ Annual Western Christian Foundation Luncheon - Wednesday, April 24, at 12:00pm in the Western Christian Event Center. RSVP to Brad Vis [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com).

#### *Upcoming Events:*

- Spring Concert - Wednesday, May 8 - 7:00pm
- Graduation - Tuesday, May 14 - 7:00pm
- Last Day of School - Friday, May 24

### **Rock Valley Community School:**

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 24

#### *Upcoming Events:*

- HS Band & Vocal Concert - Tuesday, April 30
- Pre-School Open House - Thursday, May 2
- Graduation - Tuesday, May 14 - 6:30pm
- Last Day of School - Thursday, May 23

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** - [www.firstcrrv.org/resources](http://www.firstcrrv.org/resources)



## **6:00 PM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

### **Hymn Sing**

**"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"**

LUYH:1

**"Be Still, for the Presence"**

LUYH:1,3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise: "Cornerstone"**

WH:1-2

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

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

GH

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 23 Q/A 60** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"I Love to Tell the Story"**

PH 412:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (page 1747/1845); Ephesians 2:4-9 (page 1083/1041)

Sermon: **"TRUE FAITH"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Not What My Hands Have Done"**

PsH 389:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Missionaries: Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "By Faith"**

GH:4

\*Piano Postlude

**Pianist:** Carisa Maassen

\*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)

### DEACONS:

----- Care Group 1 ----- Travis Jansen, Secretary '25 - (470-3486)  
----- Care Group 2 ----- Mitchell Byl, Vicar of Deacons '26 - (470-2920)  
----- Care Group 3 ----- Jarod LeLoux, Special Offerings '24 - (460-2515)  
----- Care Group 4 ----- Mike Pollema, President '24 - (470-5223)  
----- Care Group 5 ----- Justin Faber, General Fund Treas. '24 - (460-3053)  
----- Care Group 6 ----- Myron Bleyenbergh, Benev. Treas. '25 - (605-359-8574)  
----- Care Group 7 ----- Ryan Zomer, Building Treas. '25 - (712-441-3970)  
----- Care Group 8 ----- 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  
Video Recording Committee ..... Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Matthew VO  
PowerPoint System Committee ..... Carla J (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Jaydn L, Jenna VO, Kayla VO, Aiden VR  
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  
Newsletter ..... Carla Jansma (editor), Kim Altena  
Library Committee ..... Joyce VE (Chr.), Diana DG, Carol DR, Hilaine K, Lois P, Judy VO  
Website Committee ..... Tracy Breuer (Chr.), Kim Altena, Brian Faber, Kyle Hoogendoorn  
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](mailto:mribbens@crcna.org) or Megan at [mribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mribbens@gmail.com))

*Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou*-West Africa (email [smaletoungou@crcna.org](mailto:smaletoungou@crcna.org))

*Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompien*-Nepal ([mklompien@crcna.org](mailto:mklompien@crcna.org))