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Grow where you have been planted.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

THE LORD'S DAY
April 27, 2025 - Christian Education Sunday
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:

"You Are My All in All"

PH:1-2

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Purify My Heart"

PH 97:1

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Be Thou My Vision"**

CH:1-4

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-14 (page 730/1221)

Sermon: **"GROW WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN PLANTED"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

PsH 462:1,4,5,6

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Sioux City Gospel Mission & Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Agnus Dei"**

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
April 27, 2025 - Christian Education Sunday**

WELCOME!

*We pray that all 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 is Christian Education Sunday.
- We welcome Rev. Mike Molenaar as he leads us in our morning and evening worship services.
Thank you for being with us Rev. Molenaar!
- Today is the final session of the season for Children in Worship/Sunday School/Catechism.
- Reminder: Care Groups 2 & 8 will be serving at the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission this week Tuesday, April 29. A preparation meeting with all members of both Care Groups will take place **TODAY** immediately after the morning worship service in Classroom #1. Please plan to attend if you are part of these Care Groups.
- May Faith & Life Newsletters are available in the bulletin racks. *If you are a graduate and have not yet turned in your picture and future plans for our Graduate Newsletter, please do so ASAP to Carla Jansma at djansma@alliancecom.net.*

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

- *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! Above all, we praise God for faithfully providing! Please make plans to attend our upcoming Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast! --Christian Education Chapter*
- *We want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and food brought in after my surgery and treatments. Thanks to Pastor Matt for his visit and calls. Test results last week were very favorable. Thanks again! -- Marv & Dee Faber*
- *Thank you for attending our Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Night this past Thursday evening! It was a fun and entertaining challenge completing our puzzles and enjoying great food and fellowship together! --Fellowship Committee*

PRAYER CONCERN

- We express our Christian sympathies to Larry & Pam Maassen, Jacob & Amanda Maassen, and Brent & Carisa Maassen family in the passing of their beloved mother and grandmother, Jennie. Jennie passed away on Saturday, April 19 at the age of 94. Her funeral was held Friday, April 25 at First CRC. May God wrap His loving arms around the family during this time sorrow and remembrance of dear Jennie.

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 **Building Fund**. The offerings next week will be for our Benevolent Fund and our CEC.

-- Next week Sunday, May 4 is GEMS Sunday. All GEMS girls and GEMS leaders from our Church please plan to greet prior to the morning worship service and sit up front as a group together. Please wear your GEMS shirts.

-- The Adult Sunday School class led by Rev. Haan will begin next week Sunday, May 4 at 11:00am in Classroom 5. The class will be studying and applying the book I Will, which the congregation has been encouraged to read for Family Faith Visitations that took place the past 2 years. Review Chapters 1 & 2 prior to the first class. Please let Pastor Matt know if you plan to attend.

-- **The Elders/Deacon's Council Meeting has been postponed to Monday, May 5.**

-- Ladies! Plan to attend the Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends, which will be held here at our Church on Monday, May 5. Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30am and the featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem. Join us for this FUN event!

-- **Meals on Wheels** - Our next week for delivering is May 12-16. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Please consider blessing the elderly of our community by delivering them a meal. Your help is appreciated!

-- Graduate Sunday will be held Sunday, May 18. The Fellowship Committee will be providing cake and refreshments following the morning worship service. *A list of our graduates will be available soon!*

-- The CEC Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner! Please make plans to attend! Breakfast will be served from 7:00-10:30am in our Church Fellowship Hall.

-- Book Club's next book is When Crickets Cry by Charles Martin. Two copies will be available to borrow once they arrive. Discussion night will be June 16.

-- **Nursery Requirement:** Due to insurance requirements, safety measures need to be actively enforced whenever our nursery services are provided. This means the sign in/out sheet needs to be completed by parents when utilizing the nursery for your children. Please remember to sign your child in when you bring them in to the nursery during a service and sign them back out when you pick them up again. The sign-up sheet has always been provided; it is important to remember to use it for documentation. *Thank you!*

MISSIONS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

-- Are you interested in serving the people of Guatemala with Bethel Ministries Int'l? We have two weeks scheduled for our church for 2026: February 8-14 & March 15-21 which is YG/parents week. There is room for 20 people per trip and we want to plan early. It will require a \$200 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Checks payable to: First CRC Mission Fund. Please contact Tammy Haverhals - 712-470-6607 for the February trip & Deb Van't Hul - 712-470-4360 for the March trip.

April 27, 2025 - Christian Education Sunday

SONG LEADER:

Jack VB

USHERS:

East: Josh B, Mike VZ

West: Dan B, Darin P

NURSERY:

AM: Jessica K, TaMae K,
Jenessa VR, Tessa B

PM: Michelle K, Addison VH

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Hadlie VB *Helper:* Harper VB

GREETERS:

AM: Steve & Sue H

Kyle H

Rob & Karen J

PM: Travis & Kendra J

Dick & Carla J

Kevin & Kristin J

NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

VIDEO: Aiden VR **SOUND:** Rich R **PPT:** Tammy B

OFFERING:

AM: Sioux City Gospel Mission

PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Mike P

Maletoungou: Charlie P

Klompies: Brad P

PIANIST: Krista VE

May 4 - GEMS Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

Lanae H, Ashley VO,
James VB, Randy B

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE

West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Malorie K, Rhonda L,
Kaysha A, Ezra H

PM: Jill M, Kennedy VH

GREETERS:

AM: Sara Johnson

Galen & Paula Kats

Jonathon & TaMae Kats

PM: Taylor & Jessica Kats

Brett & Malorie Kirkley

Ruth Koedam

NARTHEX: Harlan & Priscilla

VIDEO: Carter VB **SOUND:** Leonard H **PPT:** Aiden VR

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund

PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Don P

Maletoungou: Rich R

Klompies: Damon R

ORGANIST: Ranae K



"Community in Christ"

Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org

-- April 30 - End of Year Party at RJ's Indoor Golf - meet at Church at 6:30pm

-- May 4 - Youth Sunday at Calvin CRC

-- July 12-17 - Summer Serve Trip to Minneapolis



-- **Cadets** - Memorial Day participation



-- **GEMS** - GEMS Sunday - May 4

Vacation Bible School

-- The Vacation Bible School Committee is looking for more volunteers for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade helpers. Please email rockvalleyvbs@gmail.com if you are interested in helping this year!

SERMON NOTES:

April 27, 2025 - Christian Education Sunday

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Rev. Mike Molenaar
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service - Rev. Mike Molenaar

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Philippians #6
7:00 PM: Care Groups 2 & 8 provide service at Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

WED: **6:30 PM:** Youth Group

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathy

- ♦ Larry & Pam Haak; Jacob & Amanda Maassen; Brent & Carisa Maassen family

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Larry Haak (CG#5), Starla Van Otterloo (CG#1), Howard Altena (CG#5), Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6), Ruth Koedam (CG#2), Rev. Dan De Groot



Minn-I-Kota Jr. High Youth Retreat

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra (CG#6)

Whispering Heights

Don Postma (CG#3)

Grace Teunissen (CG#8)

Alvina Van't Hul (CG#5)

Joan Van Maanen (CG#7)

Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

River View Ridge

Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)

Jim Driesen (CG#6)

Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)

LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)

Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)

Crown Pointe - SC

Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5)

Missionaries

- ♦ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ♦ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

Classical Missions

- ♦ Siouxland Unity CRC

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (World Renew) *Maternal and Child health* - The well-being of mothers, infants, and children can determine the health of the next generation and the future of a community. Please pray for the continuation of maternal and child health training and resources for communities worldwide, that every mother may access the care she needs, and every child may have a healthy start.

Outreach

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train - a non-profit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in America and around the world by gathering donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, & aid.

How are you Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

Monday - Gene LeLoux, *the Blake Zomer's*

Tuesday - Harper Van Bommel, Leah Walls

Wednesday - Jenessa Van Roekel, Wanda Vanden Bosch

Thursday - *the Scott Koedam's*

Saturday - Donna Bakker (85), Kim Van Otterloo, Jack Ver Burg

FUTURE DATES

May 4 - GEMS Sunday/Calvin CRC's Youth Sunday

May 5 - Council Meeting

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 12-16 - Meals on Wheels

May 18 - Graduate Sunday/Graduate Reception

May 26 - CEC Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

May 27 - Council Meeting

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders Due - Monday, April 28 - 9:00am
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 30
- ◇ ARROWS Prayer Warriors - Friday, May 2 - 8:30am - Praying 8th Grade & the entire staff
- ◇ Spring Choral Concert & Art Display (K-5th) - May 8 - 6:30pm at First CRC
- ◇ Jog-a-thon - May 9
- ◇ 8th Grade Graduation - May 21 - 6:30pm in the RVCS gym
- ◇ Last Day of School - May 22 - Noon dismissal

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, April 30
- ◇ Graduation - May 20 - 7:00pm
- ◇ Last Day of School - May 30
- ◇ **Spring Drive** - Have you had a chance to consider a gift to the Western Christian Spring Drive? We're so grateful for the many ways our school community supports the mission of Western Christian. Spring Drive information was shared in church mailboxes, included in the recent Western Witness, and is also available on our website at www.westernchristianhs.com. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to Brad Vis at brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might partner with us to equip students to serve and glorify God in all areas of life.

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 30
- ◇ Graduation - May 16
- ◇ Last Day of School - May 22

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrcrv.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: "Glory to His Name"** CH 493:1,2,4

***The Apostles' Creed** (in unison)

***Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's 9&10 Q/A 26-28 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Seek Ye First" PH 74:1-2

"I Surrender All" PH 53:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41 (page 930/1558)

Sermon: **"KEEP JESUS IN THE BOAT WITH YOU"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"He Will Hold Me Fast" GH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "O Church Arise"** Vs:4

*Piano Postlude Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

2025 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

ELDERS:

Evan Vanden Bosch, *President* '25 - (470-1022)
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)
Carl Elbers '27 - (451-8150)
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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, *Special Offerings* '26 - (470-2920)
Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)
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Blake Zomer, *Vicar of Deacons* '27 - (460-2552)
Myron Bleyenbergh, *President* '25 - (605-359-8574)
Ryan Zomer, *Building Treasurer* '25 - (712-441-3970)
Evan Altena, *Missions* '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Executive Committee Pastor Matt, Evan VB (Chr.), Leonard H, Nate VK, Ron L, Myron B, Colton VO
Pulpit Supply Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Evan VB
Bulletin Pastor Matt, Kim A, Evan VB, Nate VK
Church Governance Elders
Sacraments Ron L, Tim VT
Missions Committee Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Randy & Pat B, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT
Family Faith Visitation Committee Darwin H, Randy VK
Worship Committee Pastor Matt, Evan VB, James VB (Chr.), Rachelle VB, Krista VE, Andy VR
Music Coordinator Rachelle VB
Building and Grounds Committee Jeff VB (Chr.), Carl E (Liaison), Ryan Z (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P
Education Committee Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Steph E, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent Damon R
Christian Education Committee Keith & Jacque L (Pres.), Eric & Tracy B, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G,
..... Darin & Megan K, Joe & Jill M, Andy & Sharla VR
Rock Valley Calvinist Board Ron L, Mike P
Youth Group Sponsors Josie F, Evan & Rhonda L, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Kevin & Cheryl DB,
..... Colton & Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (Liaison)
Welcome Committee Roger & Hilaine K (Chr), Harlan & Priscilla D, Eric & Tracy B, Larry & Yvonne H,
..... Ron & Darletta L, Vern & Ellen VB
Memorial Deacons
Head Usher Ron L
Funeral Ushers Roger K (Chr.), Harlan D, Bob G, Dick J
Organists/Pianists Ranae K, Carisa M, Krista VE, Rachelle VB
Nursery Committee Jackie R, Kelsey VB
Tech Committee Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR, Josie F
Sound System Team James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Rich R, Evan VB
Video Recording Team Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Matthew VO
PowerPoint System Team Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Jaydn L, Jenna VO, Kayla VO, Aiden VR
Custodians Rich & Lynnette R (476-5724)
Church Secretary Kim A (Office-476-5902; Cell-712-470-6103) *Present bulletin announcements by **4:00 PM Wednesday***
Prayer Chain Pastor Matt, Evan VB
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
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Scheduling Rides Travis J
Community Impact Committee Mitchell B
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)

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompier-Nepal (mklompier@crcna.org)