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Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24



THE LORD'S DAY
April 28, 2024
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise:**

"Christ Shall Have Dominion"

GsH:1,3,4

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

BsH 437:1-2

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

BsH 487:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 5:22-24 (page 1085/1823)

Sermon: **"PREPARING TO MARRY: SUBMITTING TO CHRIST"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

GH:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Meals on Wheels & Building Fund

*Benediction

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

GH:3

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

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April 28, 2024

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 will be the last week of Sunday School and Catechism classes for this season.
- 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 APPRECIATION

- *We would like to thank Rev. Haan, Elder Vern De Boer, and members of the congregation for your prayers, cards, and kind words said in the passing of Esther's brother, Manuel De Jong. -- Clarence & Esther De Roon*
- *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*
- *Thank you to all those in Care Groups #3 & #5 for leading the service at the Sioux City Gospel Mission this past Monday evening, and to those in Care Groups #1 & #8 for leading the service at the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission this past Tuesday evening. Your participation and attendance is appreciated and is always a blessing to all those present for the service!*

PRAYER CONCERNS

- We express our Christian sympathies to Dick Morlag, Al & Harriett Van Zanten, Mike Van Zanten, and Verlyn & Sandy Van Bommel & family, as their dear wife, sister, and aunt, Albertha Morlag, was called to her heavenly home on Tuesday, April 24. Pray for God's comfort and peace to surround the entire family.
- *We extend our Christian sympathies and prayers to the congregation of Grace Community Church in Rock Valley, as their Pastor since 1987, Rev. Joe Terrell, was tragically murdered last weekend while away visiting family. Please pray for their Church family and the loved ones of Rev. Terrell as they mourn his sudden earthly loss. May God, in His great mercy, provide His comforting peace and assurance during this time of sorrow and remembrance.*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for **Meals on Wheels**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Building Fund**. The offerings next week will be for GEMS and Crossroads Bible Institute.
- The Elders/Deacons will have a Council meeting tomorrow evening, Monday, April 29, at 6:30pm.
- We will observe Ascension Day on Sunday, May 5. The actual date for Ascension Day is May 9.
- **GEMS Sunday will be held next week Sunday, May 5!** GEMS girls and leaders please wear your gray GEMS shirts. Gather at Church by 9:00am to greet. All GEMS and leaders will sit together in Church and recite a GEMS litany during the service.
- **Children's Bell Choir** will play next week Sunday, May 5, for our morning service Call to Worship. Parents of *K-6th Grade*, please have your children meet in Classroom #5 by 9:10am to practice with the bells. *GEMS girls please join us to line-up after you are done greeting.*
- The Book Club discussion meeting for the book Cold Sassy Tree will be held on *Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm in Classroom #6.*
- Graduate Sunday will be held Sunday, May 19. 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 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.
- The Missions Committee has provided an updated listing of the Guatemala individuals and families who remain in need of extra support. This list can be found on our Church website with the following link: www.firstcrv.org/grow-with-us/guatemalaspport.cfm. Please prayerfully consider supplying the needs listed and blessing them with your continuous prayers and support!
- 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.firstcrv.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*

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SONG LEADER:

James VB

USHERS:

East: Arnold K, Bob G

West: Jace M, Keith L

NURSERY:

AM: Amy B, Allison B,

Abby A, 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

ORGANIST: Ranae K

May 5, 2024 - Ascension Day Observed /GEMS Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

Kelsi B, Julie VO,

Andy VR, Benjamin H

USHERS:

East: Jeff E, Rick D

West: Joe M, Gene L

NURSERY:

AM: Em D, April DK,

Addison VH, Kaysha A

PM: Allli DB, Aftyn B

GREETERS:

AM: Bob & Cherie G

Marva H

Austin & Rachel H

PM: Kelly & Patty H

Mike & Tammy H

Eddie & Lanae H

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

OFFERING:

AM: GEMS

PM: Crossroads Bible Institute

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Pat K

Maletoungou: Brett K

Klomprens: Arnold K

PIANIST: Krista VE

GEMS ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- 6th Grade GEMS will host a Community Impact Tip Night at Pizza Ranch in Rock Valley on Wednesday, May 1, from 5:00-8:00pm! Come and enjoy some pizza while the GEMS girls clean-up after you! Remember to invite your friends and family! Dine-in or carry out are both welcome. *Thank you for blessing the Rock Valley GEMS through your support of this event!*

-- GEMS FUNDRAISER: Our GEMS group is selling Eileen's Frosted Cookies. These frosted sugar cookies are a favorite and freeze really well. You can place your order with one of the GEMS girls, send your order direct to rockvalleygems@gmail.com, or text Tracy at 470-3740. Orders need to be turned in on May 10th. Delivery/pickup will be the first week of June. *Thank you for your support!*

SERMON NOTES:

April 28, 2024

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism - Final session for season
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

MON: **6:30 PM:** Council Meeting

THURS: **6:30 PM:** RVCS K-5th - Concert/Artwork Display(K-8) - held here at First CRC

PRAYER REMINDERS

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

Sympathies

- ◆ Dick Morlag, Albert & Harriett Van Zanten, Mike Van Zanten, Verlyn & Sandy Van Bommel, and Grace Community Church Congregation & the Terrell Family

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 Maletougou - West Africa
- ◆ Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompier - classically supported missionaries in Nepal



Classical Missions

- ◆ Lakeview CRC - Valentine, NE

Denominational News

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

Denominational Requests

- ◆ (World Renew) *Ukraine* - Today, more than two years after the outbreak of war in Ukraine, the conflict continues. Ask God for provision for the hungry, safety and shelter for the displaced, and healing for all. May God continue to guide us, our supporters, and our partners to share hope and love with vulnerable people struggling from hunger, poverty, and injustice.
- ◆ Continue to be in prayer for Israel.

HOW ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR FIRE OF FAITH?



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

Monday - Harper Van Bommel, Leah Walls

Tuesday - Jenessa Van Roekel, Wanda Vanden Bosch

Wednesday - *the Scott Koedam's*

Thursday - *the Mitchel Van't Hul's*

Friday - Donna Bakker (84), Kim Van Otterloo, Jack Ver Burg

Saturday - *the Brett Kirkley's*

FUTURE DATES

May 5 - Ascension Day Observed/GEMS Sunday

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:

◇ SC RIP Orders due - Monday, April 29 - 9:00am

◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, May 1

◇ K-5th Music & Art Show - Thursday, May 2 @ First CRC - 6:30pm - All are welcome! Come early to check out the art displays. Refreshments will be provided.

◇ ARROWS Prayer Warriors - Friday, May 3 - 8:30am - Come pray with us!

◇ *Upcoming Events:*

- 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, May 1

◇ *Upcoming Events:*

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

◇ Spring Drive at Western Christian - We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Western Christian Spring Drive. Please contact Brad Vis by phone at 605-359-5704 or by email at brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or if you have any questions. Thanks for your ongoing support!



Rock Valley Community School:

◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, May 1

◇ Pre-School Open House - Thursday, May 2

◇ *Upcoming Events:*

- Graduation - Tuesday, May 14 - 6:30pm
- Last Day of School - Thursday, May 23

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

CH:1,3

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

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

GH

The Belgic Confession - Article 10 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"He is Lord"

Vs:1-3

"Ancient Words"

LUYH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Samuel 6 (page 250/426)

Sermon: **"WHEN THE LORD RETURNS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application: "In Christ Alone"**

GH:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

*Benediction

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

GH:4

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

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**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 or Megan at mribbens@gmail.com)

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

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompien-Nepal (mklompien@crcna.org)