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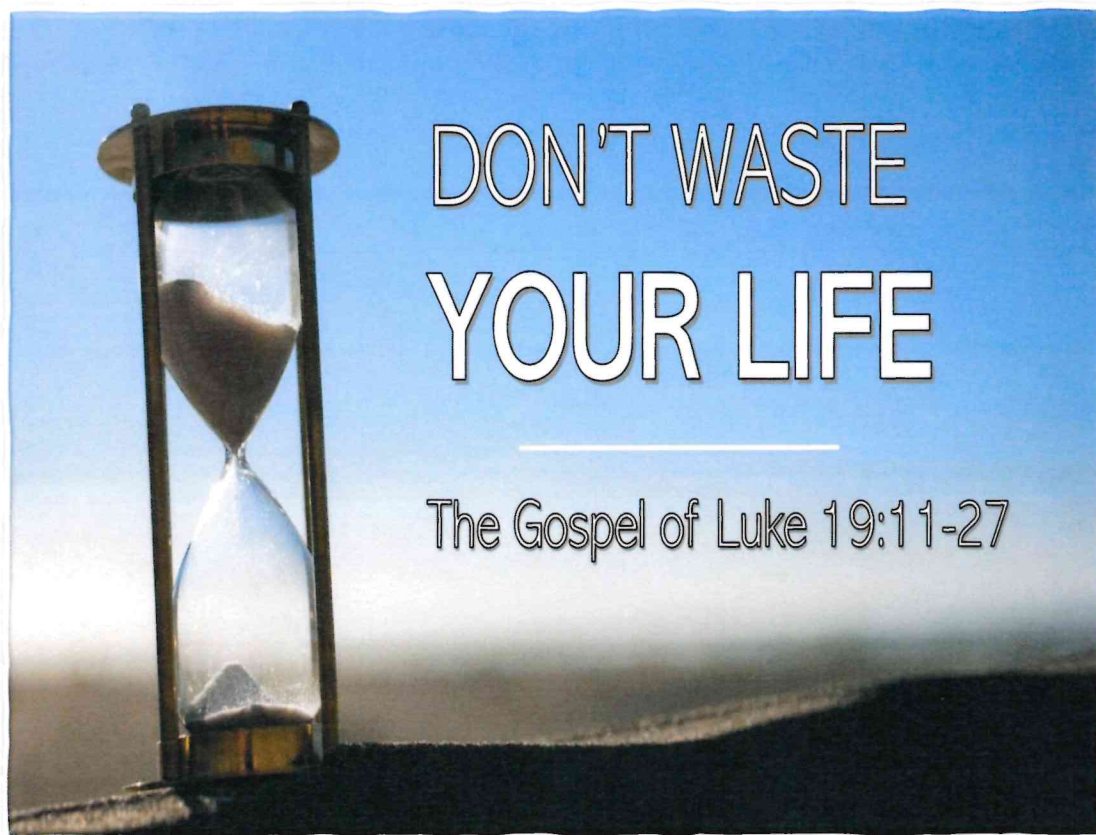
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THE LORD'S DAY
April 6, 2025
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise:**

"O Word of God Incarnate"

GH:1,3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

PsH 450:1,3,4

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"**

GH:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 19:11-27 (page 973/1631)

Sermon: **"GIFTS PUT TO USE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"The Servant Song"

CH:1,3,4,6

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Tuition Assistance & CEC

*Benediction

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

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
April 6, 2025**

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

-- The Fellowship Committee is hosting a **Spring Church Potluck** this morning after Sunday School and Catechism conclude. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share and your own tableware. The Committee will provide the rest! We look forward to this time of fellowship together!

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

-- *Thank you for all the cards and well wishes for our birthdays. It was very much appreciated and enjoyed. Thank you also for the cards in remembrance of our sister-in-law Esther.*
-- *John and Carol De Roon*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Tuition Assistance** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings next Sunday will be for Orphan Grain Train and Classical Quotas.

-- **REMINDER: Care Groups 6 & 7 is leading the service at the Sioux City Gospel Mission this week Tuesday, April 8! If you are in these Care Groups, please plan to attend.** If you would like to carpool, meet at Church at 5:45. Otherwise, meet at 6:45pm at the Gospel Mission located at 500 Bluff Street, Sioux City. Please contact your Care Group's Mission Chair Eric Breuer or Dan Bloemendaal if you have any questions.

-- Adult Choir and Children's Choir will be singing the Call to Worship for our Palm Sunday service next week Sunday morning, April 13. Please meet in Classroom 5 by 9:10am.

-- **Easter services** - Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 13; Maundy Thursday Communion Service - Thursday, April 17; Good Friday Service - Friday, April 18; and Easter - Sunday, April 20. There will be no Sunday School or Catechism held on Easter Sunday. The Community Sunrise Service is on Sunday, April 20 at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 6:45am.

-- In preparation for our next Communion service which will be our Maundy Thursday evening service on April 17, we would like to inform you that there is a Gluten Free bread option that can be provided to you. *If you would like to have the Gluten Free bread, please notify Kim in the Church office by email at secretary@firstcrcrv.org.* The Elders will provide the Gluten Free Bread, which includes the cup, in your Church mailbox *prior* to the service. Therefore, you will need to remember to retrieve it before the service begins. Also, please remember that the cups that are passed through the rows during the service have grape juice in the center cups and the outer rows of cups are wine.

-- Book Club's next book is Kisses from Katie by Katie Davis. Discussion Night is April 21. Book copies are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- **Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Challenge!** Our Fellowship Committee invites you to gather a team of 4 for a night of competition on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall! Who will be the first team to form a 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. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. *Entries are due Sunday, April 20.*

-- Christian Education Sunday is April 27. This will be the final sessions for the season of Sunday School and Catechism.

-- **February Receipts:** General Fund - \$26,725.70; Tuition Assistance - \$1,173.14; Building Fund - \$6,915.66; Mission Fund - \$5,102.56.

GOSPEL MISSION SERVICE DATES

-- **Care Groups 2 & 8** will be serving at the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission on Tuesday, April 29. A brief meeting for members of both Care Groups will be held on Sunday, April 27 after the morning worship service to prepare for the visit.



- **April 8 - Sioux City - Care Groups 6 & 7 - this week**
- **April 29 - Sioux Falls - Care Groups 2 & 8**
- **June 23 - Sioux Falls - Care Groups 4 & 5**
- **June 24 - Sioux City - Care Groups 1 & 3**



SPRING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

-- Rev. Haan will be leading a 5-week Adult Sunday School Class 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. The class will begin on Sunday, May 4 at 11:00am in Classroom 5.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

-- Are you interested in serving the people of Guatemala with Bethel Ministries International? We have 2 weeks scheduled for our church for 2026: February 8-14 and March 15-21 is the week planned for Youth Group/parents. There is room for a total of 20 people per trip, and because a lot of interest has already been shown, we are wanting to start planning early. We are asking for a \$200 non-refundable deposit with a check made out to: First CRC Mission Fund to secure your spot for either week. If there is availability for either trip after September 15, we will open up the opportunity to others outside of our congregation. Please contact Tammy Haverhals (712-470-6607) if you have any questions or are interested in the February trip, and Deb Van't Hul (712-470-4360) if you are interested in the March trip.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR CARE GROUP ELDER FOR
ANY NEEDS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS!**

Our Church is a family and praying and supporting each other is a blessing!

PRAISE *God* **FROM WHOM**
all blessings flow

April 6, 2025

PRaise TEAM:

Michelle K, Lindsey VB,
James VB, Benjamin H

USHERS:

East: Josh B, Mike VZ
West: Dan B, Darin P

NURsERY:

AM: Kelsi B, Em D,
Amera F, Erica VR
PM: Jamie DJ, Titus H

GREETERS:

AM: Zach & Jamie DJ
Erin DK
Steve & April DK
PM: Jaden & Katlien DB
Tyler & Alli DB
Zach & Lucy E

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

VIDEO: Carter VB

SOUND: Jack VB

PPT: Cowan VK

OFFERING:

AM: Tuition Assistance
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Ron L
Maletoungou: Shanna L
Klomprens: Jacob M

ORGANIST: Ranae K

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Rachelle VB *Helper:* Kennedy VH

April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

SONG LEADER:

Tracy

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE
West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURsERY:

AM: April DK, Alli DB,
Brielle J, Bristyl B
PM: Priscilla D, Alison L

GREETERS:

AM: Jeff & Stephanie E
Michael & Jamie E
Jesse & Amber E
PM: Brian & Renae F
Justin & Josie F
Marv & Dee F

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

VIDEO: Brian F

SOUND: Blake Z

PPT: Benjamin H

OFFERING:

AM: Orphan Grain Train
PM: Classical Quotas

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Larry M
Maletoungou: Faye M
Klomprens: Joe M

PIANIST: Carisa M

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



"Community in Christ"

We covet your prayers for leaders, students, and all others involved as we look forward to a year of fellowship, learning, and growth together.

Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrrv.org

- Meeting - April 16 - 7:00pm
- April 30 - End of Year Party at RJ's Indoor Golf
- May 4 - Youth Sunday for Calvin
- July 12-17 - Summer Serve Trip to Minneapolis



- **Cadets** - 8th Grade meet Tuesday, April 8 - 6:30pm at the Alvord Gun Club
- Meeting - April 9 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Cadet-O-Rama - April 16 - 6:00pm
- Walk Ditches/Points Auction - April 23 (last mtg) - 6:00pm



- **GEMS** - Meeting - April 16 - 6:30pm
- Meeting - April 23 - 6:30pm (last mtg)
- GEMS Sunday - May 4

SERMON NOTES:

April 6, 2025

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service
 10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Choir
 6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service
 7:15 PM: Saved to Serve Bible Study

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Philippians #3
 6:30 PM: Cadets - 8th Grade only - meet at Alvord Gun Club
 7:00 PM: Sioux City Gospel Mission - Care Groups 6 & 7

WED: **7:00 PM:** Cadets - all grades, except 8th
 Men's Society
 Together in Faith - Lessons 6/7

THURS: **1:30 PM:** L.I.F.T. - Lunch: Kim A & Malorie K

PRAYER REMINDERS

Health, Healing, & Peace

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



Flood Relief, Recovery

Our Care Center Residents:

Whispering Heights

Jennie Maassen (CG#2)
Don Postma (CG#3)
Grace Teunissen (CG#8)
Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)
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
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)
Four Seasons
Teresa Oostra (CG#6)

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

- ♦ New Roots Ministry - a ministry that serves in the Sioux Falls area as a social and spiritual resource for people who are new Americans. It equips pastors & Christian leaders of churches, which consist mostly of new Americans, with resources so they can effectively reach the ends of the earth with the Gospel.

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Resonate) *Lithuania* - "Pray for our student leaders who are continuing to grow in faith and to ask meaningful questions about belief. Ask God to continue to soften their hearts toward the good news and that they may have opportunities to discuss their questions often," ask Resonate missionaries Joel and Hailey Altena, who serve at LCC International University.

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.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Kyle Hoogendoorn, Kim Van Tilburg, *the Dick Jansma's*

Tuesday - Jessica Kats, Lexi Rust, Karla Van Kley

Thursday - Andy Van Roekel, Macay Van Wyk

Friday - Mike Haverhals, Clarence Klarenbeek (83)

FUTURE DATES

April 13 - Palm Sunday

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 18 - Good Friday Service

April 20 - Easter/No Sunday School or Catechism

April 24 - Puzzles, Pop, & Pizza Challenge

April 27 - Christian Education Sunday/Final session of Sunday School & Catechism

April 28 - Council Meeting

April 29 - Care Groups 2 & 8 service at Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ No SCRIP this week
- ◇ **Kindergarten Round-Up** - April 8 - 9:00-10:00am and 1:00-2:00pm. If parents have any questions, please reach out to Cindy VDT at cindy.vandentop@rockvalleychristian.com.
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 9
- ◇ Board Meeting - April 9 - 7:00pm
- ◇ 6th-8th Spring Concert - Thursday, April 10 - 6:30pm in the RVCS gym.
- ◇ Chapel for 1st & 5th Grades - Friday, April 11 - 8:30am in the RVCS gym. All are welcome!
- ◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club - Monday, April 14 - 9:30am. All are welcome to help!

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:30am start - Wednesday, April 9
- ◇ We invite you to attend our Spring Society Meeting to be held on Monday, April 21 at 6pm. Our Head Administrator, Mr. Verwolf, will share a State of School Report which includes staffing and program updates for the upcoming school year. Additionally, we have an opportunity as a society to approve the annual budget for the 2025-2026 school year and elect two new board members. More information will be released soon!
- ◇ Grandfriends Day at Western Christian is Tuesday, April 22. We invite all Grandfriends of Senior students to join us from 1-3pm on that day. Our special guests may arrive anytime after 12:30pm.

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, April 9

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstccrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Hymn Sing

"All That Thrills My Soul"

PH:1-3

"In Christ Alone"

GH:1-3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"** PH 104:1-2

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 13 - Q/A 33-34 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

PsH 424:1,2,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26 (page 1080/1815)

Sermon: **"CONSTRUCTING FRUITFUL CHARACTER: JOY"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Now with Joyful Exultation"

PsH 184:1,3,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "There Is a Redeemer"**

PH 20:3

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

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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)
Leonard Hoekstra, *Vice President* '27 - (451-9430)
Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)
Scott Koedam '25 - (470-7037)
Ron LeLoux, *Vicar* '26 - (470-2426)
Nate Van Kley, *Clerk* '25 - (470-2348)

DEACONS:

Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)
Mitchell Byl, *Special Offerings* '26 - (470-2920)
Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)
Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)
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
Flowers Marva H, Karla VK, Carol VH
Newsletter Carla J (editor), Kim A
Library Committee Joyce VE (Chr.), Diana DG, Carol DR, Hilaine K, Judy VO
Website Team Tracy B (Chr.), Kim A, Brian F, Josie F
Safe Church Committee Scott K (Chr.), Kim A, Sue L
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 Klompjen-Nepal (mklompjen@crcna.org)

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