

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

# BiBle Presentation

*Kya Kirkley, Penny Ver Burg, Tenley Zomer*

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."  
Mark 10:14*



**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**August 24, 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:**

**"He Knows My Name"**

LUYH:1-2

**Responsive Reading of God's Law**

**Song of Salvation:**

**"Gracious God My Heart Renew"**

BsH 95:1-2

2nd Grade Bible Presentation

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"**

PsH 404:1,2,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 10:24-48 (page 1019/1709)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD SPEAKS, DO YOU FOLLOW?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"For the Cause"**

GH:1,2,5

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Crossroads Bible Institute & Teacher's Garden

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"**

LUYH:1

Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

\*Please stand if you are able

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

## ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

August 24, 2025

### *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!*

### **TODAY**

- Today our 2nd Grade Bible Presentation will be held during our morning worship service. Our 2nd Grade students are Kya Kirkley, Penny Ver Burg, and Tenley Zomer.
- The Fellowship Committee will host our annual Back-to-School Social today after our morning worship service. Please join us for treats as we celebrate the start of the upcoming school year!
- IGNITE Youth Group Parent & Student meeting will be held today after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall.
- This evening we welcome Rev. Cliff Hoekstra as he leads our worship service. *Thank you for being with us Rev. Hoekstra!*
- Newsletter Articles are due today.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION**

- *We rejoice with Jerad & Hannah Kats as they were blessed with the birth of a healthy baby boy, Kolter Matthew, on Wednesday, August 20! Mom and baby are both doing well. We pray for God's blessings for their family!*
- *Thank you to Pastor Matt and Elder Evan Vanden Bosch for the calls and prayers in the passing of my son-in-law Rob. Thank you also to the congregation for your care and expressions of sympathies. Your thoughts & prayers are greatly appreciated. -- Bob Kooima*
- *Our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness for the beautiful ways you have shown your love and support to our family during Howie's cancer journey and in his recent passing. Prayers have provided strength and comfort, continually reminding us of what a caring church family we have! Meals, cards, visits, and comforting words have touched our hearts deeply. Eternal gratitude is given for the compassion shown and unwavering fellowship given. A special thank you is extended to Pastor Matt & Holly and Elder Leonard & Deb Hoekstra for your texts, calls of concern, visits, & prayers. May God bless you as you have blessed us! -- Lynette Altena & Family*

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Nate Van Kley has been recently diagnosed with tongue cancer. Please be in prayer for Nate & Laurie and their whole family as further treatment plans will be made in the coming days.
- Darwin Hoogendoorn underwent same-day surgery on his hand this past Tuesday. The surgery placed a plate/screws in the 5th metatarsal (under pinky) hand bone that he broke the week before. Pray for proper healing and for patience for Darwin during recovery.
- We express our Christian sympathies to Elaine Bolkema as she mourns the loss of her sister, Joan Van Maanen. Joan was called to her heavenly home on Friday, August 15. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral on Monday, August 25 at First CRC from 9:30-10:30am. The funeral will begin at 11:00am. May God provide His comfort and peace to the family and loved ones of Joan as they mourn her loss and cherish the memories they were blessed to share with her.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS CONTINUED**

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Jeff & Kacie Van Bommel & family and Mike & Niki Pollema & family as they mourn the sudden loss of their brother-in-law, Dirk Rozeboom on August 14. Dirk was married to Jeff & Niki's sister, Brittany, and he was overjoyed to become the adoptive father of her three children Tobey, Maci, & Tate. Dirk's funeral was held on Friday, August 22 at Trinity CRC. Please pray for Brittany and her children and the families and loved ones as they struggle through the heartbreak and loss that they are facing. May the peace and assurance of Christ be their comfort and strength.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Pastor Matt, Holly, and family as they mourn the sudden loss of their 4 month old nephew, Jacob Charles Haan, this past Monday afternoon, August 18. Jacob is the son of Luke and Christa Haan of Sioux Falls. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 25 from 5:00-7:00pm, and the funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 10:00am, both at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Falls. Follow Miller Funeral Home in Sioux Falls for more information. May God, in His great mercy, wrap His loving arms around the family, and provide for them all that they stand in need of as they grieve his short life here on earth, and may they be comforted knowing Jesus holds him now.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Crossroads Bible Institute**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Teacher's Garden**. The offerings next week will be for The Banquet and our Building Fund.

-- Meals on Wheels - Our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community will be the week of September 8-12. Please consider volunteering your time to deliver meals. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

-- The Fellowship Committee is hosting a **Garden Tour at Van Grouw Acres** on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm. Come and pick fresh flowers and put together a beautiful flower arrangement! Light refreshments will be provided. Sign-up on the sheet provided in the Narthex by Sunday, September 14. Contact Kendra Jansen or Patty Haak with any questions.

-- Book Club will meet on Monday, September 22 to discuss the current book for reading, The Keeper of the Hidden Books. Two copies of the book are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex. Books are also available at the public library.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The Fall Season of Sunday School/Catechism/Children in Worship will begin Sunday, September 7. \*6th-12th Graders please pick-up your book from your assigned classroom.

-- Children's Choir is in need of a **Helper/Co-Leader**. Please contact Damon Rus if you can help.

## **CEC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- **CEC Envelope Challenge Fundraiser** continues during this month and our **Church Prayer Warriors for Students** slips are still available! A table is set up in the Narthex. Your participation in the fundraiser and prayers for our students are a blessing as we begin another year!

-- **Harvest** - The CEC reminds all of our farm families that we are willing and excited to be able to help out your operations again this year by covering your silage piles! *Please contact Jill Miller to arrange times/locations - 712-441-0136*. \*Another way to help at the silage piles! The CEC Committee invites you to provide bars, chips, and drinks for those that are volunteering on the silage piles.

-- **CEC Annual Auction** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15! Each CEC family is asked to donate 2 or more items. Youth Group please start thinking of the items/services that you will be contributing as well! The CEC is asking for 40lbs of ground beef for the auction meal. We are also looking for corn donations! Please call Brad Grevengoed at 712-541-7617. Thank you for your donations!

## **August 24, 2025 - 2nd Grade Bible Presentation/Back-to-School Social**

### **SONG LEADER:**

Tracy B

### **USHERS:**

*East:* Arnold K, Bob G

*West:* Benjamin H, Keith L

### **NURSERY:**

*AM:* Jill M, Kaysha A, Faith K

*PM:* Jackie R, Aftyn B

### **GREETERS:**

*AM:* Marva H

Kelly & Patty H

Mike & Tammy H

*PM:* Eddie & Lanae H

Steve & Sue H

Kyle H

*NARTHEX:* Larry & Yvonne

### **OFFERING:**

*AM:* Crossroads Bible Institute

*PM:* Teachers Garden

### **LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Austin B

*Maletoungou:* Elmer B

*Klomprens:* Karl B

**ORGANIST:** Ranae Kooistra

**VIDEO:** Ron L

**SOUND:** Leonard H

**PPT:** Tammy B

## **August 31, 2025**

### **SONG LEADER:**

James VB

### **USHERS:**

*East:* Taylor K, Rich D

*West:* Joe M, Gene L

### **NURSERY:**

*AM:* Ashley VO, Teeghan B, Sloan M

*PM:* Kelsey VB, Noah DK

### **GREETERS:**

*AM:* Rob & Karen J

Travis & Kendra J

Dick & Carla J

*PM:* Kevin & Kristin J

Sara J

Jonathon & Tamae K

*NARTHEX:* Vern & Ellen

### **OFFERING:**

*AM:* The Banquet

*PM:* Building Fund

### **LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Eric B

*Maletoungou:* Josh B

*Klomprens:* Mitchell B

**PIANIST:** AM: Rachelle VB

PM: Julia VV

**VIDEO:** Aiden VR

**SOUND:** Jack VB

**PPT:** Jaydn L



-- IGNITE Youth Group Parent & Student meeting will be today, Sunday, August 24, after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

-- Kick-Off Event will be held Wednesday, September 3 at Rivers Bend Campground.



-- **CADETS** - Because of retirements, the Rock Valley Cadet Club is in need of two new Counselors for the upcoming year. The Cadet year runs from the end of August through late April. Typically, there are two meetings per month. Currently, men who are full-time Cadet Counselors will not have their names put up as potential office bearers. Please contact Merle Wynia (712-460-2237) or Kevin Jansma with any questions.

-- Cadet Kick-off/Flag Ceremony - Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm



-- GEMS Kick-Off - Wednesday, September 10 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

**SERMON NOTES:**



**August 24, 2025**

**TODAY: 9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - 2nd Grade Bible Presentation  
**10:45 AM:** Back-to-School Social/IGNITE Youth Group parent meeting  
**6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service - Guest Pastor - Rev. Cliff Hoekstra

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**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**2nd Graders & All Students & Teachers beginning the school year**

- ♦ Kya Kirkley (CG#2), Penny Ver Burg (CG#3), Tenley Zomer (CG#4)

**Baby Blessings**

- ♦ Jerad, Hannah, & Kolter Matthew Kats (CG#2)

**Sympathies**

- ♦ Elaine Bolkema (CG#1)
- ♦ Jeff & Kacie Van Bommel & Family (CG#1) and Mike & Niki Pollema & Family (CG#7)
- ♦ Luke & Christa Haan Family & Pastor Matt & Holly Family (CG#5)

**Health, Healing, & Peace**

- ♦ Nate Van Kley (CG#1); Darwin Hoogendoorn (CG#2); Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6); Mary Van't Hul (CG#6); Carol De Boer (CG#3); Laura Van Kalsbeek (CG#8); Jaydn LeLoux (CG#3); Paula Kats (CG#1); Ruth Koedam (CG#2)
- ♦ Family/Friends of Our Church Family: Judy Wesselink, Maggie Jansen, Rev. Dan De Groot, and Jason Davelaar

**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)

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**

- ♦ Amistad Cristiana

**Classis Iakota** - [www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents](http://www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents) - follow this link for all the information to keep you updated about meetings held and the discussions that take place. Browse the site for additional information to stay informed.

**Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (Indigenous Family Centre) *Community and support* - We give thanks for continued faithfulness in financial support through the CRC. Please pray that we can remain a safe and welcoming place for all community members, offering meaningful fellowship and effective programming. May people continue to be able to connect, share, and thrive here together.

**Outreach**

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train

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

**Sunday** - Laurie Van Kley, Nolan Van Otterloo

**Monday** - *the Brian Mulder's*

**Tuesday** - *the Al Van Zanten's (70), the Leonard Hoekstra's*

**Wednesday** - Wyatt Van't Hul

**Thursday** - Krista Van Engen, Christal Van't Hul

**Friday** - Bonnie Davelaar

**Saturday** - Vern Van Beek, *the Kelly Haak's, the Al Van Grootheest's (65)*

## **FUTURE DATES**

**August** - CEC Envelope Challenge Fundraiser/Prayer Warriors

**August 24** - 2nd Grade Bible Presentation/Back-to-School Social/YG Parent-Student Meeting

**September 2** - Council Meeting

**September 3** - IGNITE Youth Group Kick-Off Event

**September 7** - Children in Worship/Sunday School/Catechism Begin

**September 8-12** - Meals on Wheels

**September 9** - Coffee Break Registration

**September 10** - CCC Bible Study begins/CADETS Kick-off/GEMS Kick-off

**September 11** - LIFT begins

**September 14** - Communion

**September 16** - Coffee Break begins

**September 17** - Men's Society/Together in Faith Bible Study/Profession of Faith Class all begin

**September 18** - Garden Tour at Van Grouw Acres hosted by the Fellowship Committee

**September 29** - Council Meeting

**October 1** - 3D Leadership Bible Study begins

**October 15** - CEC Bake Sale/Auction

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

◇ SCRIIP Orders due - Monday, August 25 - 9:00am

◇ Open House - Monday, August 25 - 5:00-6:30pm

◇ First Day of School - Tuesday, August 26 - Opening Chapel begins at 9:00am in the gym (no morning bus routes); 2:30pm dismissal

◇ **Rock Valley Christian is in urgent need of a van driver for an afternoon route on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.** If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact: Colton Harthoorn at: [ckharthoorn@yahoo.com](mailto:ckharthoorn@yahoo.com) or 712-476-2615.

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

◇ First Day of School - Monday, August 25

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

◇ First Day of School - Monday, August 25 - 1:00pm dismissal

◇ First Day of PK/TK - Tuesday, August 26

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

**"O Worship the King All-Glorious Above"** PsH 315:1,2,4

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

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

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 48 Q/A 123** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Songs of Preparation:**

**"Change My Heart, O God"** PH:1

**"Ancient Words"** LUYH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-29 (page 1119/1877)

Sermon: **"THE VOICE OF GOD"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Blessed Assurance"** PH 39:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Teacher's Garden

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Blessed Assurance"** PH 39:3

\*Organ Postlude Organist: Ranae Kooistra

\*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)  
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, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent .....	Damon R
Christian Education Committee .....	Dan & Shannon B, Pastor Matt & Holly H, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G, Matthew & Autumn L, Keith & Jacque L, Joe & Jill M
Rock Valley Calvinist Board .....	Ron L, Mike P
Youth Group Sponsors .....	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH, Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (Liaison)
Welcome Committ. ....	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, Jackie R, Krista VE, Rachelle VB
Nursery Committee .....	Jackie R, Kelsey VB
Tech Committee .....	Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR
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, Carla J, 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 <b>4:00 PM Wednesday</b> *
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, Jamie DJ, 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))

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

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