

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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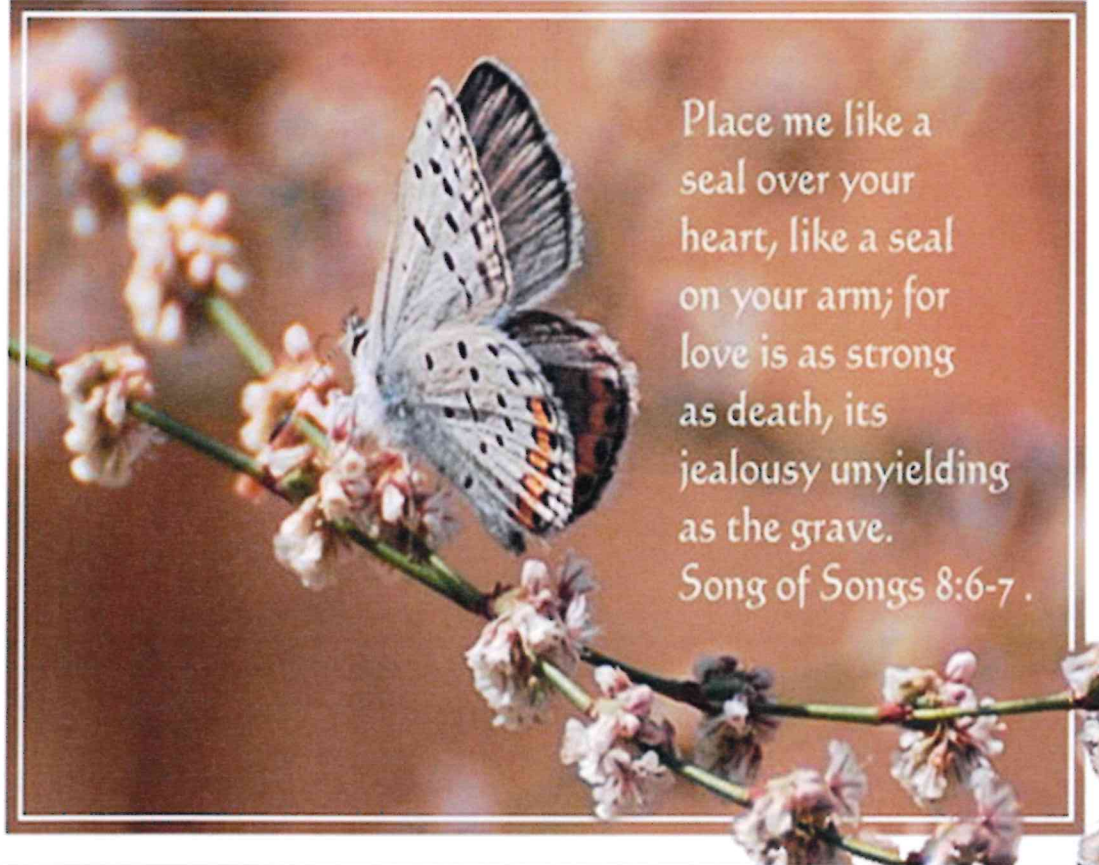
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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**August 3, 2025**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship - *Psalms 45*

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**Song of Praise:**

**"May the Peoples Praise You"**

GH:1-4

Reading of God's Law

**Song of Salvation:**

**"How Shall the Young Direct Their Way"**

GsH 584:1-2

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

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

PsH 404:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Song of Songs 7-8 (page 631/1056)

Sermon: **"THE SOUNDTRACKS OF LOVE: THE CONTINUAL REFRAIN"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"The Tender Love a Father Has"**

BsH 205:1,2,4,5

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Tuition Assistance & CEC

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song:**

**"My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"**

Vs:1

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

\*Please stand if you are able

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**August 3, 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!*

**EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION**

*-- We rejoice with Austin & Allison Bliet as they were blessed with the birth of a healthy baby boy, Monty Alan, on Wednesday, July 23. Mother and baby are doing well. Welcoming him home are his excited siblings, Emeri, Gentry, & Janie.*

*-- We want to thank Rev. Haan and members of the congregation for your prayers, cards, and food in the passing of my brother John. -- Clarence P. De Roon & family*

*-- Thank you to everyone for the calls, texts, cards, and prayers for our family the past several weeks as we navigated treatment, a hospital stay, and surgery complications. We are grateful for our church family. -- Michael & Jamie Ellenberger*

*-- Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for hosting the night at the ballpark at the Sioux Falls Canaries game on July 25th. It was a great night of watching baseball and spending time together as a group! Thank you for providing fun events for all ages all throughout the year!*

*-- I just wanted to reach out to say thank you to the Rock Valley IGNITE Youth group for gifting our children's ministry with brand new adventure Bibles! We are grateful for their service during their missions trip week!*

*-- Rachel Schintz - Kids Ministry Director at Egan Hills Alliance Church*

**PRAYER CONCERN**

*-- Continue to pray for Bob Kooima and his daughter Lisa and son-in-law Rob Niellssen as Rob has been placed on hospice from his battle with bladder cancer. Pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

**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 week will be for Crossroads Prison Ministries and our General Fund.*

*-- IGNITE Youth Group will be hosting their annual Burger Feed this week Saturday, August 9 in Bicentennial Park during Rally in the Valley. Delicious burgers & fries will be served from 11:30am-1:30pm. Come & enjoy dinner in the park while supporting our Youth! A sign-up sheet requesting your help with donations for this event is available on the table in the Narthex. Monetary donations can be placed in the box provided. Non-perishable donations can be brought to the Youth Group room anytime, and perishable items please place in the kitchen refrigerator. *Thank you!**

***REMINDER: Youth Group students please meet at 8:30am on Saturday morning at Church to help prepare for the event.***

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

- Next week Sunday, August 10, we will have the privilege to celebrate & witness the Reaffirmation of Faith of Maddie Pollema during our morning worship service.
- Next Sunday, August 10, there will be a Rally in the Valley Community Worship Service in Bicentennial Park at 11:00am, after our morning service.
- Next week Sunday, August 10, we will welcome Mr. Thomas Soodsma as he leads our evening worship service.
- Our 2nd Grade Bible Presentation will be held on Sunday, August 24, 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 Sunday, August 24, after our morning worship service.
- 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.
- **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.
- **Streaming Services** - For those who stream our services live through a phone or computer, there is an ongoing issue with certain internet providers, including Premier Communications, where our live stream is really choppy or un-watchable. The Tech Committee is working with Premier to find a resolution. If you have other options available, like watching through a Roku, or using a different internet provider like Verizon, that often resolves the issue. Otherwise, watching the recorded service later typically works fine.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Children's Choir is in need of a **Co-Leader/Helper** for the coming season, please notify Damon Rus if you are willing and able to help out the current Children's Choir leaders.
- Reminder: All 3 year olds are welcome to attend Sunday School, even if they are attending Children in Worship also. Contact Pam Maassen or Laurie Van Kley with any questions. *If you have a child that you plan to begin attending the Preschool Sunday School Class, and/or if you have a child that will move from Preschool to Kindergarten, please let Kim in the Church office know - [secretary@firstcrrv.org](mailto:secretary@firstcrrv.org).*

### **August 3, 2025**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

Jamie E, Ashley VO,  
James VB, Mike B

**USHERS:**

*East:* Cody D, Mike B  
*West:* Cole VDB, Titus H

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Jamie DJ, Harper VB, Ezra H  
*PM:* Kendra J, Brennan VK

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Rick & Bonnie D  
Kevin & Diana DG  
Zach & Jamie DJ  
*PM:* Erin De Kam  
Steve & April DK  
Jaden & Katlien DB

*NARTHEX:* Ron & Darletta

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Tuition Assistance  
*PM:* CEC

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Jack VB  
*Maletoungou:* Gerrit V  
*Klompens:* Harm W

**PIANISTS:** *AM:* Jackie R  
*PM:* Carisa M

**VIDEO:** Brian F   **SOUND:** Blake Z   **PPT:** Benjamin H

### **August 10, 2025**

**SONG LEADER:**

Mer VO

**USHERS:**

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

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* April DK, Jenessa VR, Ada K  
*PM:* Michelle K, Addison VH

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Tyler & Alli DB  
Zach & Lucy E  
Jeff & Steph E  
*PM:* Jesse & Amber E  
Brian & Renae F  
Justin & Josie F

*NARTHEX:* Eric & Tracy

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Crossroad Prison Ministries  
*PM:* General Fund

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Blake Z  
*Maletoungou:* Ryan Z  
*Klompens:* Evan A

**PIANIST:** Krista VE

**VIDEO:** Rich R   **SOUND:** James VB   **PPT:** Carla J

## *Remember*

People are hungry to be seen, known, and loved for who they are.

And it's no mistake that God made us to be encouragers for that very reason.

*"Encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called 'Today.'"*

*Hebrews 3:13*

**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!**

**SERMON NOTES:**



**August 3, 2025**

**TODAY: 9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service  
**6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service

**SAT: 11:30 AM-1:30PM:** IGNITE Burger Feed at Bicentennial Park

### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

#### **Baby Blessings**

- ♦ Austin & Allison, Emeri, Gentry, Janie, & Monty Alan Blik (CG#5)

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

- ♦ Rob Niellssen - son-in-law of Bob Kooima (CG#1); Carol De Boer (CG#3); Laura Van Kalsbeek (CG#8); Jaydn LeLoux (CG#3); Ruth Koedam (CG#2); Maggie Jade Jansen - granddaughter of Rob & Karen Jansen (CG#4); Paula Kats (CG#1); Howard Altena (CG#5); Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6); Rev. Dan De Groot; Jason Davelaar - father of Cody Davelaar (CG#5), Alexis Rust (CG#8), Brayden Davelaar (CG#6)

#### **All those dealing with storm damage & clean-up from the recent storms**

#### **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**

- ♦ Cornerstone Prison Ministry

**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**

- ♦ (Resonate Global Mission) *Iowa* - "Pray for our summer programs and events—asking that God will use them to make new connections and continue to build on existing ones," ask Brett & Leigh Ann Erickson, Resonate partner campus ministers at Geneva Campus Ministry, University of Iowa.

#### **Outreach**

- ♦ Orphan Grain Train

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

**Sunday** - *the Matthew Haan's*

**Monday** - John De Wit

**Tuesday** - Roger Kempema, Dylan Petitt, *the Fred Van Kley's (55)*

**Wednesday** - Kim Altena, *the Harm Wiersma's*

**Friday** - Lexi Koedam, *the Glenn Walls'*

**Saturday** - Julianna Van Otterloo

## **FUTURE DATES**

**August 10** - Reaffirmation of Faith Sunday for Maddie Pollema

**August 10** - Rally in the Valley Community Worship Service in Bicentennial Park - 11AM

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

**September 2** - Council Meeting

**September 7** - Sunday School/Catechism Begins

**September 14** - Communion

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

◇ Late Registration - August 4 - 3:00-7:00pm

◇ **RVCS Golf Tournament** - Friday, August 22 - \$150/person for golf & steak dinner; \$30/person for steak dinner only - Scan to register.

◇ 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

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

◇ First Day of School - Monday, August 25

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

◇ Open House - Thursday, August 21 - 4:00-6:00pm

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

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



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

*How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?*





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

Piano Prelude

**Hymn Sing**

**"Awesome God"**

**"Behold Our God"**

SG:1-3

Call to Worship - *Psalms 121*

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise: "Forever Jesus"**

GH:1,3

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

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

CH:1

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 27 Q/A 72-74** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Come to Jesus (Untitled Hymn)"**

WH:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 6 (page 771/1291)

Sermon: **"FACING THE MOUNTAINS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application: "Goodness of God"**

BM

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Forever Jesus"**

Vs:2

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

\*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:

----- Care Group 1 ----- Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)  
----- Care Group 2 ----- Mitchell Byl, *Special Offerings* '26 - (470-2920)  
----- Care Group 3 ----- Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)  
----- Care Group 4 ----- Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)  
----- Care Group 5 ----- Blake Zomer, *Vicar of Deacons* '27 - (460-2552)  
----- Care Group 6 ----- Myron Bleyenbergh, *President* '25 - (605-359-8574)  
----- Care Group 7 ----- Ryan Zomer, *Building Treasurer* '25 - (712-441-3970)  
----- Care Group 8 ----- 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](mailto:mribbens@crcna.org) or Megan at [mribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mribbens@gmail.com))

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