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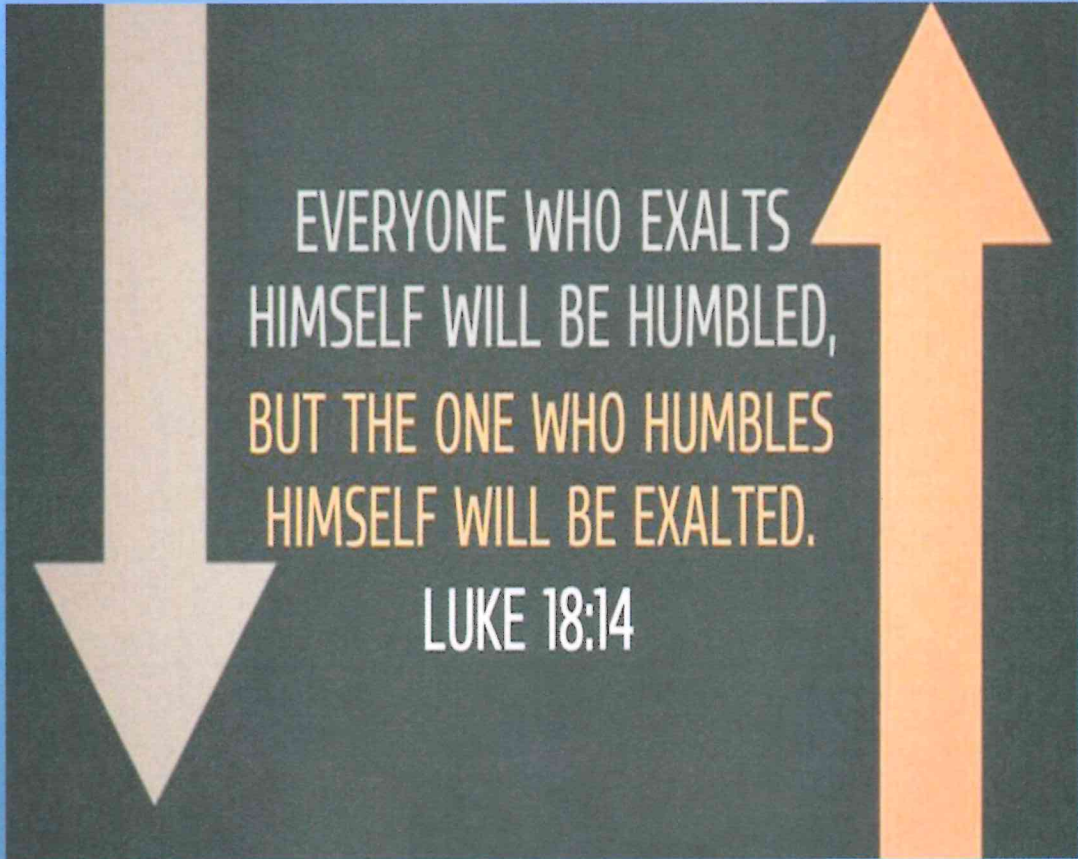
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EVERYONE WHO EXALTS
HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED,
BUT THE ONE WHO HUMBLLES
HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED.
LUKE 18:14

THE LORD'S DAY
February 23, 2025
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:**

"Humble Praises, Holy Jesus"

GsH 484:1-2

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"What He's Done"

Vs:1-3

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord"**

GH:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 (page 972/1628)

Sermon: **"HUMBLE RIGHTEOUSNESS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

PsH 446:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: GEMS & Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Agnus Dei"

LUYH:1

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Lois Klarenbeek

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

February 23, 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!

TODAY

-- This morning we will be taking part in the Preparatory Exhortation of the Lord's Supper. Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will take part in the distribution of the Lord's Supper. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this Holy Sacrament.

-- March Faith & Life Newsletters are available in the bulletin racks.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

-- *Thank you, congregation, for remembering us in the passing of our brother and uncle, John Van Zanten. We appreciate your care and support. A special thank you to Pastor Matt for your visit and prayers.* -- Albert & Harriett Van Zanten, Ver & Sandy Van Bommel, and Mike Van Zanten

-- *Thank you to all who attended the IGNITE Valentine's Party Supper! It was a fun night of great food and fellowship, and it was a pleasure for all of our students to serve you and entertain you with a game of Friendly Feud! Thank you for your generous and faithful support of our Youth!*

-- *Thank you for supporting Talking Bibles! Because of your generosity last year, 2,275 churches and schools in Tanzania will receive Talking Bibles. That means over 500,000 students will hear God's Word in their own language! Thank you!* -- Talking Bibles Organization

-- *We are deeply grateful for your congregation's generous support of ReFrame Ministries (formerly Back to God Ministries International) through Ministry Shares in 2024. Your faithful contributions and prayers have been instrumental in advancing the Gospel through media. Thank you from all of us at ReFrame Ministries for partnering with us to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord!*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- Please lift your prayers for the Howard & Lynette Altena family as it was discovered this past week on a routine CAT and PET scan that the cancer in Howard's lung and liver has begun to grow. A biopsy has been scheduled for Thursday, February 27 in the Sandford Surgical Center to determine the type of cancer. Please pray the growths are not Mesothelioma related in which case he would need to return to Mayo for treatment, but that the cancer will be able to be treated locally. Pray for clarity for the doctors as they meet to determine the course of action, and strength for Howard as he adjusts to this new diagnosis and upcoming treatment plan.

-- Don Postma has been moved to Whispering Heights. His room number is Meadow Lane #60. Please pray for Don as he adjusts to a new place to call home, and for Lois as she supports him while still residing in Sheldon at this time.

BUILDING & GROUNDS ANNOUNCEMENT

-- As we continue to prepare for the arrival of the new Church pews, which are expected within the next 4-8 weeks, we would like to provide the congregation the opportunity to claim a current pew. If you would like to keep one of our current pews that is being replaced, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the Narthex. Upon arrival of the new pews & carpet, the current ones will need to be removed promptly; therefore at that time, if you are signed up for a pew, help will be provided to load it, but you will be responsible to provide the trailer, haul it home, and unload it. Current pews are free and will be first come, first serve. Any questions, please contact Jeff Van Bommel or Carl Elbers.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **GEMS** and the *second* offering & *evening* offering will be for our **Building Fund**. The offerings next week will be for our Benevolent Fund & our CEC.

-- The Elders/Deacons will have a Council meeting tomorrow, Monday, February 24 at 6:30pm.

-- **First CRC Book Club** book for reading is Saving Grayson by Chris Fabry. Two copies are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex. Discussion night will be Monday, March 3.

-- It is once again our turn to deliver **Meals on Wheels** the week of March 17-21. Please consider delivering meals to the elderly of our community! A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

-- **CEC Taco Supper** - The CEC Annual Taco Supper is scheduled for Monday, March 24. Mark your calendars and come and enjoy a delicious meal! *Thank you for the donations of ground beef that were brought in to help out with the meal! Your faithful support is always greatly appreciated!* We look forward to a great night of fellowship together in support of the youth of our Church!

-- The Spring Classis Iakota meeting will be held Tuesday, March 4, at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. The delegates attending representing our Church will be Pastor Haan, Elder Evan Vanden Bosch, and Deacon Mitchell Byl. Alternates are Elder Darwin Hoogendoorn and Deacon Carter Vanden Bos.

FAMILY FAITH VISITATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 25 - At Church

6:15 PM - Ver & Sandy Van Bommel

6:45 PM - Kelly & Patty Haak

7:15 PM - Brett & Malorie Kirkley

7:45 PM - Larry & Pam Maassen

-- **Minn-I-Kota Ministries** - MIK+ YOUNG ADULTS (19-29 year old singles) is a sister ministry to MIK Youth (6th-8th grades & 9th-12th grades). Both of these ministries are supported by three Christian Reformed Classis (Minnikota, Iakota, and Heartland). MIK Youth has been around a long time, but **MIK+ Young Adults is NEW!** *This is an awesome ministry opportunity for our young adult singles in our regional CR Churches.* Follow the Minnikota Youth Facebook page for more information and updates on events and times going forward, and if you would like to be added to a text list for updates, please send a text to Lee De Groot - 712-470-4244 and provide your name. A tentative upcoming schedule is as follows:

⇒ SATURDAY MARCH 1 - ACTIVITY - RJ GOLF in Sioux Center

⇒ SATURDAY MARCH 22 - Bible Study - book of Leviticus - Hull First CRC Youth Building

⇒ SATURDAY APRIL 5 - ACTIVITY - Escape Rooms in Sioux Falls - Will need to RSVP in advance to pay for tickets in advance.

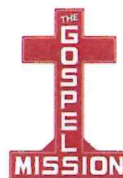
⇒ SATURDAY APRIL 19 - Bible Study - book of Numbers - Sioux Center Hope CRC Youth Building

*To get updates and more detailed information and times for the events follow their Facebook page and request text updates as stated above.



FUTURE GOSPEL MISSION SERVICE DATES

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



February 23, 2025

SONG LEADER:

James VB

USHERS:

East: Taylor K, Rick D

West: Joe M, Gene L

NURSERY:

AM: TaMae K, Malorie K,
Brielle J, Faith K

PM: Michelle K, Alison L

GREETERS:

AM: Warren VO

Colton & Leah VS

Mike & Gert VR

PM: Andy & Sharla VR

Eric & Erica VS

Alyssa VH

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

VIDEO: Aiden VR

OFFERING:

AM: GEMS

PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Jonathon K

Maletoungou: Pat K

Klompens: Brett K

PIANIST: Lois K

SOUND: Leonard H

PPT: Jaydn L

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Kristin J *Helper:* Kayla VE

March 2, 2025 - Communion

PRAISE TEAM:

Michelle K, Tammy B,
Andy VR, Nolan VO

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B

West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Harper VB, Addison VH,
Jenessa VR, Sloan M

PM: Lisa P, Brennan VK

GREETERS:

AM: Darwin & Tracy H

Evan & Wanda VB

Nate & Laurie VK

PM: Chad & Sandra VH

Carol VH

Mary VH

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

VIDEO: Carter VB

SOUND: Blake Z

PPT: Aiden VR

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund

PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Arnold K

Maletoungou: Roger K

Klompens: Clarence K

PIANIST: Krista VE

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Samantha P *Helper:* Isaac P

***Volunteers to help with our weekly services are always welcome and highly encouraged!**

Please notify the Church office if you are high school age and above and

are willing to help in any of our service opportunities such as:

Praise Team, Usher, Nursery, Video, Sound, PPT, Narthex greeting, Children in Worship, etc.

Where can you help Feed Your Fire of Faith at First CRC? Thank you for serving so faithfully!

"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@firstcrcrv.org

-- Meeting - Wednesday, March 5 - 7:00pm

**IGNITE
YOUTH
GROUP**

CADETS

GEMS

-- Cadets - Wednesday, February 26 - 7:00pm
- Wednesday, March 12 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC

-- GEMS - Wednesday, March 5 - 6:30pm
- Wednesday, March 26 - 6:30pm

SERMON NOTES:

February 23, 2025

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service
 10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Choir
 6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

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

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Shalom - Lesson 2

WED: **7:00 PM:** Cadets
 Men's Society - Lesson 11 - Q/A 1-8
 Together in Faith - Joshua book 2 #3

PRAYER REMINDERS



Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Howard Altena, Don Postma, Ruth Koedam, Addison Van't Hul, John De Roon

Flood Relief, Recovery

Our Care Center Residents:

Whispering Heights

Esther De Roon
Jennie Maassen
Don Postma
Grace Teunissen
Joan Van Maanen
Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo
Alvina Van't Hul

River View Ridge

Elaine Bolkema
Nathan Dorhout
Jim Driesen
Gerrit & Esther Kats
LeRoy & Jane Koedam
Henrietta Vanden Bosch

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk
Crown Pointe - SC
Harriet Vande Kamp

Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra
Sheldon Christian Retirement Home
Lois Postma

Missionaries

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

Classical Missions

- ♦ Amistad Cristiana

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Thrive) *Chaplains* - Several of our chaplains serve as certified supervisor-educators in clinical pastoral education/spiritual care and psychospiritual therapy. Please pray for wisdom and energy as they provide spiritual care, teach, and supervise the training of many other chaplains and psychospiritual therapists to serve in a variety of institutions. Pray also for a chaplain who has started the process of becoming a certified supervisor-educator.

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

Tuesday - Jay Ver Burg

Wednesday - Jace Mulder

Thursday - Jeff Elgersma, Deanna Faber, Kendra Van Tilburg

Friday - Noah De Kam

FUTURE DATES

March 2 - Communion

March 3 - Book Club Discussion Night

March 4 - Spring Classis Iakota Meeting

March 9 - Daylight Savings begins

March 12 - Prayer Day Service

March 17-21 - Meals on Wheels

March 24 - CEC Taco Supper

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders Due - 9:00am - Monday, February 24
- ◇ Full Day - Wednesday, February 26
- ◇ Noon dismissal - Friday, February 28

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, February 26
- ◇ Western Christian's School Board is seeking nominations for new Trustees! Members of Western's society are invited to recommend candidates for board service. Nominations are encouraged by Friday, March 14. To submit your nominations, contact Board President John Vander Haag: john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com.
- ◇ The Bargain Alley Thrift Store and Furniture Outlet would like to welcome more volunteers. Please contact Kari Hoekstra at bargainalleyhull@gmail.com if you are interested in helping at one of the Bargain Alley locations.

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 26

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.org/resources

Remember

Our Shepherd knows the sounds of our desperate cries,
and we instinctively know the sound of His voice.

"He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

Psalms 23:2-3

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

GsH:1,3,4

***The Nicene Creed** (in unison)

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 8 - Q/A 24-25 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Ancient Words"

LUYH:1-2

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

PsH 427:1,2,3,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 8 (page 708/1184)

Sermon: **"AS OUR BONES DIVIDE US"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Songs of Application:**

"In His Time"

PH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

*Benediction

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

PH 20:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Lois Klarenbeek

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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, 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 Klompien-Nepal (mklompien@crcna.org)

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