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THE LORD'S DAY
February 2, 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:**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

PsH 348:1-2

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)"

PH:1-3

Congregational Prayer

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

GH:1,2,4

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 (page 971/1627)

Sermon: **"THANKFUL FAITH"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole"

BsH 379:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Tuition Assistance & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole"

BsH 379:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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February 2, 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

-- Sunday School Grade 3, led by Jacque LeLoux please meet in **Classroom 6** instead of Classroom 1 until further notice.

-- Parents of IGNITE Youth Group students, please meet in the Fellowship Hall today following the morning service for a brief informational meeting regarding Serve Trip 2025!

-- CEC Popcorn Fundraiser order forms are due today!

-- Today is the last day to bring in baby clothes and supplies for the donations that will be brought to the Alpha Center in recognition of Sanctity of Human Life. Donations received will be delivered by our Community Impact Committee. *Thank you for your generous support!*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Bob Kooima in the passing of his brother-in-law, Con Van Tol of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Con passed away Thursday evening, January 30. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please pray for God's mercy and peace to sustain Bob and the family as they mourn the early loss of Con.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Howard & Lynette Altena, Brian & Tricia Mulder & family, and Evan & Kim Altena & family, in the passing of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Darwyn Klemme of Akron, IA. Darwyn passed away peacefully the evening of Wednesday, January 29 at the age of 90 after a brief stay in hospice. Visitation with the family present will be held from 2:00-5:00pm today, Sunday, February 2, and his funeral will be held Monday, February 3 at 11:00am, both at Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron. May God's peace and assurance be a comforting blessing as they cherish the many memories they have with him.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Albert & Harriett Van Zanten, Ver & Sandy Van Bommel, and Mike Van Zanten, in the passing of their brother and uncle, John Van Zanten. John passed away peacefully at Whispering Heights on Friday, January 24 at the age of 94. His funeral was held on Thursday, January 30 at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. May God's comforting peace surround the family during this time of sorrow and remembrance of John.

-- The following team is traveling to Guatemala February 2-8: Lori Boon, Mike Haverhals, Tammy Haverhals, Leonard Hoekstra, Deb Hoekstra, Jill Miller, Tad Miller, Deb Van't Hul, Mark Van't Hul, Ava Van Otterloo, and Judy Van Otterloo. Those not from our church also attending: James De Jong, Tyler Van't Hul. Please pray for traveling mercies, guidance, protection, and for the team to be blessed as they are a blessing to those they serve. The theme verse for the trip is *Ephesians 3:20-21* - "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

-- Thank you, congregation, for your prayers and sympathies in the passing of our dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Gert. Thank you Pastor Matt and Elder Tim Van Tilburg for your comforting words. We are truly grateful for the love, kindness, and care that was always given to her in her life by her church family. Praise God for the wonderful life she lived and the memories we cherish. -- The family of Gert Vis

-- Thank you to all who volunteered at The Banquet in Sioux Falls this past Wednesday evening. Many people were blessed by the meal prepared and served and the fellowship shared!

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 Sunday will be for Missionaries: Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou and our Classical Quotas.

-- **Family Faith Visitation** - *All members of Care Groups 1-4 will meet with the Elders this year.* The sign-up schedule is available on the table in the Narthex. If you are a member of Care Groups 5-8 you met last year, but if you would still like to meet again this year, please sign-up on the schedule. Extra outlines are available for you on the table. **Current schedule is available on the Sermon Notes page of this bulletin insert.* **Meeting times will now be scheduled for you and you will be responsible to switch if it doesn't work; therefore, please watch for when you are listed on the schedule closely, and be respectful of the Elders time!**

-- **Ice Fishing Event** - The Fellowship Committee will be hosting the First CRC 12th Annual Ice Fishing Event at Lake Pahoja this coming Saturday, February 8. The event will begin at 7:30am with sign-ins and refreshments, and fishing will begin at 8:00am and end at 10:00am with weigh-ins and prizes. To sign-up for the event, please turn in the bottom portion of the flyer that was provided in your Church mailbox. There is a box on the table in the Narthex for your return slips.

-- You're invited to **Ignite Youth Group's Valentine's Day Party!** It will be held on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30pm at First CRC in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by February 11 by text 712-587-8742 or email youth@firstcrcrv.org. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. A donation box will be available the night of the supper; suggested donation is \$20/person.

-- **First CRC Book Club** - The next 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 held on Monday, March 3.

-- **Society Treasurers** - *CEC and Youth Group* - please turn in your 2024 financial reports to the church office as soon as possible.

-- December Receipts: General Fund - \$52,447.04; Benevolent Fund - \$1,500; Tuition Assistance - \$1,160.00; Building Fund - \$13,053.81; Mission Fund - \$616.25.

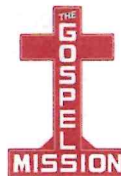
ISRAEL 2026

-- If you are interested in embarking on the next opportunity to travel to Israel, Pastor Matt will be hosting a trip, January 12-22, 2026, which will follow the "Abraham Route of the Holy Land." There is an early bird discount available if you sign-up prior to February 15. If you have any questions or are ready to sign-up for this adventure or know someone who may be interested, please contact Pastor Matt.



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 2, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

Holly H, Julie VO,
Evan VB, Ryan Z

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Jamie DJ, April DK,
Aftyn B, Jaelyn K
PM: Alli DB, Teeghan B

GREETERS:

AM: Mike & Niki P
Brad & Brenda P
Rich & Lynnette R
PM: Damon & Jackie R
Alex & Alexis R
Jeff & Kacie VB
NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

OFFERING:

AM: Tuition Assistance
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Darwin H
Maletoungou: Kyle H
Klomprens: Rob J

PIANIST: Krista VE

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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jill M *Helper:* Alison L

February 9, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Tricia M

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Priscilla D, Steph E,
Kayla B, Ada K
PM: Deb H, Noah DK

GREETERS:

AM: Lindsey VB
Ver & Sandy VB
Dereck & LaRae VDB
PM: Lyle & Joyce VE
Matt & Krista VE
Albert & Grace VG
NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

OFFERING:

AM: Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou
PM: Classical Quotas

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Travis J
Maletoungou: Dick J
Klomprens: Kevin J

ORGANIST: *AM/PM* - Ranae K
AM Offertory Pianist: Jenessa VR

VIDEO: Alex K **SOUND:** James VB **PPT:** Cowan VK

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jill M *Helper:* Alison L

***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@firstcrrv.org

- Lesson meeting - Wednesday, February 5**
- Valentine's Supper - Wednesday, January 19**



-- Cadets - Next meeting - Wednesday, February 12 - 7:00pm



-- GEMS - Meeting - Wednesday, February 5 - 6:30pm

SERMON NOTES:

FAMILY FAITH VISITATION SCHEDULE

***Please check the schedule on the table in the Narthex for a complete list.**

***IF the time scheduled for you does not work, you are responsible to switch with another timeslot. Please be respectful of the Elders time!**

Monday, February 3 - At Church

6:15 PM - Jack & Kelsey Ver Burg

6:45 PM - Gerrit & Kay Vis

7:15 PM - Pat Kats

7:45 PM - Samantha Van Otterloo

Tuesday, February 4 - At Church

6:15 PM - Keith & Jacque LeLoux

6:45 PM - Rob & Karen Jansen

7:15 PM - Gerrit & Esther Kats

7:45 PM - Kelly & Patty Haak

Monday, February 10 - At Church

6:15 PM - Kevin & Diana De Groot

6:45 PM - Shanna LeLoux

7:15 PM - Harlan & Priscilla Driesen

7:45 PM - Davis & Aubrie Van Roekel

Tuesday, February 11 - At Church

6:15 PM - Steve & Sue Hoekstra

6:45 PM - Brett & Malorie Kirkley

7:15 PM - Jarod LeLoux

7:45 PM - Mike Van Zanten

Monday, February 3 - At Church

6:15 PM - Colton & Ashley Van Otterloo

6:45 PM - Mike & Tammy Baartman

7:15 PM - Charlie & Samantha Poppema

7:45 PM - Starla Van Otterloo

Tuesday, February 4 - At Church

6:15 PM - Darin & Megan Kooima

6:45 PM - Albert & Grace Van Grootheest

7:15 PM - Beth Kats

7:45 PM - Matthew & Julianna Van Otterloo

Monday, February 10 - At Church

6:15 PM - Lyle & Joyce Van Engen

6:45 PM - Damon & Jackie Rus

7:15 PM - Trevor & Lexi Koedam

7:45 PM - Larry & Pam Maassen

Tuesday, February 11 - At Church

6:15 PM - Elaine Bolkema

6:45 PM - Sara Johnson

7:15 PM - Jeremy Kooiker & Abbie Eppinga

7:45 PM - Ver & Sandy Van Bommel

February 2, 2025

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

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Shalom - Lesson 1

WED: **6:30 PM:** GEMS - 3rd-6th
 7:00 PM: Youth Group

THURS: **1:30 PM:** L.I.F.T. - Finish Session 1 - Lunch: Kay V & Irene G

SAT: **7:30 AM:** 12th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament - hosted by Fellowship Committee

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathy

- ♦ Bob Kooima
- ♦ Howard & Lynette Altena, Brian & Tricia Mulder family, Evan & Kim Altena family
- ♦ Albert & Harriett Van Zanten, Ver & Sandy Van Bommel, Mike Van Zanten



Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Don Postma, Ruth Koedam, Tate Van Essen, Marv Faber, Addison Van't Hul, John De Roon

Guatemala Team

- ♦ Lori Boon, Mike Haverhals, Tammy Haverhals, Leonard Hoekstra, Deb Hoekstra, Jill Miller, Tad Miller, Deb Van't Hul, Mark Van't Hul, Ava Van Otterloo, and Judy Van Otterloo, James De Jong, & Tyler Van't Hul

Flood Relief, Recovery

Our Care Center Residents:

Whispering Heights

Esther De Roon
Jennie Maassen
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

Don & Lois Postma

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

- ♦ Cornerstone Prison Ministry

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Thrive) *Gather events* - Please pray for the series of Gather events taking place across the United States and Canada. Pray that attendees may experience a renewal of faith and an increased sense of community with other congregations.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - the Larry Maassen's

Tuesday - Laura Van Kalsbeek

Thursday - Ashley Van Otterloo, Starla Van Otterloo

Friday - Mitchell Byl, Kevin Jansma, Colton Van Surksum, Blake Zomer

Saturday - Kendra Jansen, Deacon Pollema, Mark Van't Hul

FUTURE DATES

February 19 - Valentine's Day Supper hosted by Youth Group for the Congregation

February 24 - Council Meeting

March 2 - Communion

March 3 - Book Club Discussion Night

March 12 - Prayer Day Service

March 24 - CEC Taco Supper

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ Scrip Orders due - Monday, February 3 at 9:00am
- ◇ 2:30 dismissal - Wednesday, February 5
- ◇ ARROWS Prayer Warriors - Friday, February 7 - 8:30am - Praying specifically for Kindergarten and the RVCS School Board. All are welcome!
- ◇ Winter Festival - Friday, February 14:



Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, February 5
- ◇ 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 5

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Glorify Thy Name"

Vs:1-3

"The Potter's Hand"

WH:1-2

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "All Hail King Jesus"**

PH

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

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

CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 5 - Q/A 12-15 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Close to Thee"**

CH:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 5 (page 704/1177)

Sermon: **"NO ONE IS UPRIGHT COMPARED TO GOD"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

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

PH 20:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*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, 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 Carl E (Liaison), Jeff VB (Chr.), 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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