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THE LORD'S DAY

**January 18, 2026 - Baptism & Sanctity of Life Sunday
9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship - "Do Lord, Remember Me" & "Jesus Loves Me" - *Bell Choir*

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"Cornerstone"

WH:1-2

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"There Is a Redeemer"

PH 20:1-3

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Riggs Alan Koedam

(Form No. 3 - page 129, back of Psalter)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "The Potter's Hand"**

WH:1-2

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 17:14-23 (page 910/1525)

Sermon: **"SAVING THE GENERATIONS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"We Will Extol You, God and King"

LUYH 562:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: The Alpha Center & General Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"We Will Extol You, God and King"

LUYH 562:4

Piano Postlude:

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

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January 18, 2026

Baptism Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday

We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises & prayers, celebrate & witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and hear His Word proclaimed!

WELCOME!

TODAY

-- This morning we have the joy & privilege to witness & celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Riggs Alan Koedam, infant son of Trevor & Lexi Koedam. May the Lord equip Trevor & Lexi to train Riggs to grow in the light of His Holy Word.

-- Today we recognize Sanctity of Life Sunday. This day we memorialize each year and pray for an end to abortion worldwide. We cherish and celebrate the sacred gift of life.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." Jeremiah 1:5

-- Children's Choir please meet in the Sanctuary for practice this morning.

-- Newsletter articles are due today.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

-- *Thank you to our Children's Bell Choir for your ministry of music this morning, and thank you to Andy & Sharla Van Roekel for leading the choir!*

-- *Thank you for all the prayers and words of encouragement prior to and after my knee surgery. Thanks for all the food and visits and many phone calls before and after as well. Praising and thanking God for His care for us. Special thanks to Rev. Haan and Care Elders Evan Vanden Bosch & Merlin Van Otterloo. Thankful for such a caring church!*

-- *Gert and Mike Van Regenmorter*

-- *Thank you for your donation to Cornerstone Prison Church. We are grateful for your support of this church behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. We are blessed to have churches such as yours who give us financial and prayer support so we can continue to bring the gospel to the men in this prison. -- In Christ, Cornerstone Prison Church Board*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Harlan & Priscilla Driesen as Harlan's brother, Arlo Driesen of Alton, passed away on January 14 at the age of 67. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 19 from 10:00-11:00am and the funeral will follow at 11:00am, both at Oolman Funeral Home in Orange City. Pray for the entire Driesen family as they mourn and remember Arlo.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Betty Hoogendoorn as her brother-in-law, Gilbert Hoogendoorn, passed away on January 10 at the age of 88. He was a resident at Whispering Heights. His funeral was held on Wednesday, January 14 at the Netherlands Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Please pray for Betty and the entire Hoogendoorn family as they mourn and remember Gilbert.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Bob Kooima and Jim Driesen as their sister-in-law, Margene Kooima married to Jim Kooima, passed away on January 6 at the age of 84. Her funeral was held on Monday, January 12 at Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley. May God comfort and uphold the family of Margene during this time of mourning and remembrance.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **The Alpha Center**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **General Fund**. The offerings next week will be for CADETS and our Building Fund. *Please remember our Narthex Expansion Project.*

-- **Reminder: If you are bringing a drink into the Sanctuary, please be sure you are using a lid to prevent spills resulting in stains to the pews and carpet.**

-- **Community Impact** - As we continue to recognize *Sanctity of Human Life* throughout the month of January, a baby cradle is located in the Narthex for donations of baby clothes and supplies. Donations will be delivered to Guiding Star of Siouxland in Orange City and The Alpha Center in Sioux Falls by our Community Impact Committee.

-- **Family Faith Visitation** - *All members of Care Groups 5-8 will meet with the Elders this year. Thank you to those that have signed-up so far.* The sign-up schedule is available on the table in the Narthex. If you are a member of Care Groups 1-4 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. **The current week schedule is available on the Sermon Notes page of this bulletin insert.*

-- Next week **Sunday, January 25** is CADET Sunday. Reminder: Cadets please arrive early to greet and usher and remember to wear your uniforms. Cadets & leaders will sit together during the morning service.

-- **The Banquet** - Our IGNITE Youth Group and our Mission Committee are teaming up together to serve at *The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, January 28. We are looking for your help as well! We would like volunteers to help prepare and serve at the downtown site.* Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the Narthex indicating shifts and times. This was a great time spent together last year and we look forward to doing this again! Our prayer is that we bless and share the love of Christ with all those who come to receive a meal at The Banquet!

-- The Cadet Pinewood Derby is scheduled for **Friday, January 30**.

-- Pastor Matt will be starting a Profession of Faith Class at the **beginning of February**. If you are interested, please contact him directly.

-- Guatemala Mission Trips - The first of two Mission groups headed to Guatemala will be traveling during the week of **February 8-14**. Those attending this trip include Mike & Tammy Haverhals; Leonard & Deb Hoekstra; Damon, Jackie, Owen & Parker Rus; Joel Baartman, Carter Vanden Bos, Levi Vanden Bos, Kilee Van Beek, & Tyler Van't Hul.

-- IGNITE Youth Group will be hosting their annual Valentine's Supper on **Wednesday, February 14** at 6:30pm at Calvin CRC. ***RSVP is required by February 10!*** Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

-- First CRC Book club will meet on **Monday, March 2**. We have selected to read and discuss the book *Left to Tell* by Imaculée Ilibagiza. *Left to Tell is the true story of Immaculée Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Immaculée endured fear, loss, and unimaginable trauma while nearly a million people—including most of her family—were killed. More than a story of survival, this memoir is a powerful reflection on faith, forgiveness, and the resilience of the human spirit. This book invites us to listen, reflect, and consider what it truly means to forgive—even in the face of great injustice.* Two copies of the book will be available to borrow as soon as they arrive.

-- **Reading the Bible in a Year** - Two types of reading plans are available on the table in the Narthex to assist you in daily Bible reading. Select one to start yet in January and guide you throughout the year 2026!

-- **Society Treasurers** - *CEC and Youth Group* - please turn in your 2025 financial reports to the church office as soon as possible.

-- **Israel 2027** - Experience the Holy Land with Pastor Matt & Holly January 12-21, 2027, which includes an Israel tour and optional Egypt extension. If you have any questions and/or are interested in attending this trip, please contact Pastor Matt.

January 18, 2026 - Baptism Sunday & Sanctity of Life Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

Tricia M, Julie VO
Andy VR, Ryan Z

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE
West: Charlie P, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Kendra J, Jaelyn K, Andrew H
PM: Kristin J, Alison L

GREETERS:

AM: Larry & Pam M

Joe & Jill M

Brian & Tricia M

PM: Darin & Lisa P

Mike & Niki P

Kyler & Maddie P

OFFERING:

AM: The Alpha Center

PM: General Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Mike K

Maletoungou: Matthew L

Klompiens: Alvin L

PIANIST: Carisa M

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Taryn VH *Helper:* Jaelyn K

SOUND: Mike H **VIDEO:** Alex K **PPT:** Tammy B

January 15, 2026 - CADET Sunday

SONG LEADER:

Andy VR

USHERS:

AM: CADETS

PM: *East:* Arnold K, Bob G

West: Benjamin H, Keith L

NURSERY:

AM: TaMae K, Harper VB, Jordyn K

PM: Jessica K, Tad M

GREETERS:

AM: CADETS

PM: Brad & Brenda P

Rich & Lynnette R

Damon & Jackie R

NARTHEx: Ron & Darletta

OFFERING:

AM: CADETS

PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Evan L

Maletoungou: Gene L

Klompiens: Ron L

PIANIST: Krista VE

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Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org



- Serve at The Banquet - Wednesday, January 28
- Meeting - Wednesday, February 4 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Valentine's Supper - Wednesday, February 18 - 6:30pm at Calvin CRC

- Cadet Sunday - Sunday, January 25 - Wear uniforms & arrive by 9:10am
- Pinewood Derby - Friday, January 30 - 6:30pm-weigh-ins at RVCS
- Meeting - Wednesday, February 11 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 - 7:00pm at First CRC



- Meeting - Wednesday, January 28 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, February 11 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

FAMILY FAITH VISITATION SCHEDULE

***Please check the schedule on the table in the Narthex and fill in the open timeslots first. More dates in January/February are available as well.**

Monday, January 19 - At Church

6:15 PM - Harm & Bonnie Wiersma
6:45 PM - Andy & Sharla & Aiden Van Roekel
7:15 PM - Alvin & Sue LeLoux
7:45 PM - Levi Vanden Bos

Monday, January 19 - At Church

6:15 PM - Marva Haak
6:45 PM - Lynette Altena
7:15 PM - Mary Van't Hul
7:45 PM - _____

Tuesday, January 20 - At Church

6:15 PM - Mike & Judy Van Otterloo
6:45 PM - Travis & Kendra Jansen
7:15 PM - Kyler & Maddie Pollema
7:45 PM - _____

Tuesday, January 20 - At Church

6:15 PM - _____
6:45 PM - _____
7:15 PM - _____
7:45 PM - _____

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

MON: 6:15-8:15 PM: Family Faith Visitation

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Exodus 2 #3
6:15-8:15 PM: Family Faith Visitation

WED: **7:00 PM:** CADETS - Open Workshop

THURS: **1:30 PM:** L.I.F.T. Bible Study - Lesson 8 - Lunch: Sue L & Kay V

PRAYER REMINDERS



Baptism

- ♦ Trevor, Lexi, Kylah, & Riggs Koedam

Sympathy

- ♦ Harlan & Priscilla Driesen, Betty Hoogendoorn, Bob Kooima, & Jim Driesen

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ The Kirkley Family (CG#2), Mer Van Otterloo (CG#8), Gerrit Kats (CG#4),
Nate Van Kley (CG#1)

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

- Terese Oostra (CG#6)
- Don & Lois Postma (CG#3)
- Whispering Heights**
- Clarett Lobbes (CG#5)
- Grace Teunissen (CG#8)
- Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)
- 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)
- John Lobbes (CG#5)
- 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

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Thrive) *Sanctity of Life Sunday* - Gracious God, for the unborn we ask for your protecting hand over their fragile and hidden lives. Safeguard every child you have knitted together, and may their worth as your image-bearers be honored and upheld. Surround them with communities ready to cherish them, advocate for them, and welcome them with joy. Amen

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - Janie Bliek, Deb Van't Hul
Tuesday - Kaysha Altena, Myron Bleyenberg, Lindsey Van Bemmel, Brennan Van Kley
Wednesday - Elmer Boon, Harlan Driesen (81)
Thursday - Easton Byl
Friday - Fred Van Kley
Saturday - Hadlie Van Bemmel, Lyle Van Engen

FUTURE DATES

A helpful glance in advance of special events encompassing First CRC!

January/February - Family Faith Visitation Meetings

January 25 - CADET Sunday

January 26 - Council Meeting

January 28 - The Banquet Service Date

January 30 - CADET Pinewood Derby

February 8-14 - Guatemala Mission Trip

February 18 - Valentine Supper hosted by our IGNITE Youth Group at Calvin CRC

February 23 - Council Meeting

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◊ SCRIP Orders due - 9:00am - Monday, January 19
- ◊ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, January 21
- ◊ **Attention Grain Farmers!** Please remember the annual Winter Festival Grain Project. The Winter Festival is slated for Friday, February 13th. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*
-- RVCS Board Winter Festival Committee: Jack Ver Burg, Brad Vanden Bosch, Jake Faber

Western Christian High School:

- ◊ 9:25am start - Wednesday, January 19
- ◊ We are excited to invite you to two upcoming opportunities to learn more about the Cornerstone Campaign and the exciting plans for the future of WCHS. Dr. Brian Verwolf and Mr. Brad Vis will be presenting the project, followed by a Q & A session. These sessions are a great opportunity to hear more about the vision behind the Cornerstone Campaign, ask questions, and learn how this project will impact our school community. We hope you can join us!
 - ⇒ *Monday, January 19 - Noon & Wednesday, January 21 - 7:00 PM*
 - ⇒ Both sessions will be held in the Western Christian Event Center.
- ◊ The Bargain Alley Furniture Outlet is in urgent need of volunteers to collect and deliver furniture and mattresses. You do not need to come to the store, just be available to help in your town as needed. Please call 712-439-6802 or 712-441-1270 if you are interested or have any questions. *Thank you!*

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◊ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, January 19

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrcrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"O Praise the Name"

"He Knows My Name"

LUYH:1-2

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "The Solid Rock"**

PH 78:1,4

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

***Song of Response: "We Will Glorify"**

PH 86:4

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 45 Q/A 116-119 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

PH:1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 22:23-33 (page 916/1535)

Sermon: **"PRAYING TO THE LIVING AND INVITING LORD"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"That Easter Day, with Joy Was Bright"

TH 278:1,3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: General Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"That Easter Day, with Joy Was Bright"

TH 278:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
2026 COUNCIL**

**MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN**

ELDERS:

Merlin Van Otterloo, *Vice President* '28 - (470-4622)
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)
Elmer Boon '28 - (470-1634)
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Jeff Van Bemmel '28 - (470-1545)
Ron LeLoux, *Vicar* '26 - (470-2426)
Carl Elbers, *Clerk* '27 - (451-8150)

DEACONS:

Care Group 1 ----- Tyler Den Boer, *Special Offerings* '28 - (470-6354)
Care Group 2 ----- Mitchell Byl, *President* '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, *Secretary* '27 - (460-2552)
Care Group 6 ----- Taylor Kats, *Vicar* '28 - (470-4258)
Care Group 7 ----- Austin Bliek, *Missions* '28 - (540-2768)
Care Group 8 ----- Evan Altena, *Building Treasurer* '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Executive Committee	Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Carl E, Ron L, Mitchell B, Colton VO
Pulpit Supply	Pastor Matt, Merlin VO (Chr.), Leonard H
Bulletin	Pastor Matt, Kim A, Leonard H, Carl E
Church Governance	Elders
Sacraments	Ron L, Tim VT
Missions Committee	Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Mike & Tammy H, 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.), Evan A (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P
Education Committee	Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Elmer B, Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, 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
CADET Leaders	Brian F, Kevin J, Ryan Z
GEMS Leaders	Sharla VR, Alli DB, Shanna L, Bonnie W, Kelci Z
Youth Group Sponsors	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH, Colton & Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Carl E (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, 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, Jack VB, Blake Z
Video Recording Team	Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Aiden VR
PowerPoint System Team	Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Carla J, Jaydn L, Cowan VK, 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, Leonard H
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	Kim A, Brian F, Andy VR
Safe Church Committee	Elmer B (Chr.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, Kim A, Sue L
Scheduling Rides	Blake Z
Community Impact Committee	Austin 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

MISSIONARY LOCATIONS: Johannesburg, South Africa; West Africa; Nepal