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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

SANCTITY
OF
HUMAN
LIFE



YOUTH
SUNDAY

THE LORD'S DAY
January 19, 2025
Youth Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Ministry of Music - *Children's Choir - Preschool thru 3rd Grade*

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" & "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Call to Worship - Psalm 1 - *Caleb Johnson*

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise: "Goodness of God"**

Bethel Music

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Change My Heart O God"

PH:1

Congregational Prayer - *Benjamin Haan*

***Song of Preparation: "Cornerstone"**

WH:1-2

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination - *Brock Mulder*

Scripture: Luke 16:16-31 (page 970/1626) - *Amera Faber*

Sermon: **"WHAT MAKES LIFE VALUABLE?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word - *Jaydn LeLoux*

***Song of Response:**

"Be Thou My Vision"

CH:1-3

Offertory Prayer - *Mason Van't Hul*

-- Offering: Alpha Center & IGNITE Youth Group

-- Offertory Accompaniment - *Jennessa VR*

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Be Thou My Vision"**

CH:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Rachelle Vanden Bos

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
January 19, 2025 - Youth Sunday/Sanctity of Life**

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

-- Today we celebrate all of our covenant youth and the blessing they are to our Church congregational family, as we have promised to help train, guide, and encourage their lives of faith in Christ.

"You are the light of the world - like a city on the hilltop that cannot be hidden... Let your light shine."

Matthew 5:14-16

-- Today we also recognize Sanctity of Life Sunday. This day we memorialize each year and pray for an end to abortion worldwide. On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, 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

-- Newsletter Articles are due today.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

-- As part of our celebration of Youth Sunday, we thank our IGNITE Youth Group members for greeting, ushering, and participating in our morning worship service. Thank you to the leaders for your time and commitment poured into the lives of those involved in IGNITE! Please remember these covenant youth and all of their dedicated leaders in your prayers.

-- A special thank you to the Children's Choir for singing for our Youth Sunday morning service! Thank you to Jackie Rus & April De Kam for leading the choir and to Lisa Pollema for your piano accompaniment.

-- We rejoice with Tim & Kendra Van Tilburg in the birth of their daughter Faith Briella on Friday, January 10! Both mother and baby are doing well. Welcoming her home is her big sister Brooke. May God bless Tim & Kendra as they train Faith and their family together to grow in the light of God's Holy Word.

PRAYER CONCERN

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Gerrit & Kay Vis and Jeff & Kacie Van Bommel & family, Delanie, Davis & Aubrie, Hadlie, Ryder, & Harper, in the passing of their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Gert Vis. Gert went to her heavenly home in glory on Monday, January 13 at the age of 101 after a short time in hospice. Her funeral was held on Saturday, January 19 in our Church. May God comfort the entire family and loved ones as they mourn, remember, and celebrate her life and cherish the memories they were blessed to share with her.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for the **Alpha Center** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **IGNITE Youth Group**. The offerings next week Sunday will be for Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou and our Building Fund.

-- **Family Faith Visitation** - *All members of Care Groups 1-4 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 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.*

-- **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 the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls by our Community Impact Committee.

-- **Meals on Wheels** - *Thank you to those who have volunteered to deliver meals to the elderly of our community this week -January 20-24. You are a blessing!*

-- A **Profession of Faith Class** will begin this week Tuesday, January 22. If you are interested in joining this class, please contact Pastor Matt.

-- Next Sunday, January 26, we will celebrate **Cadet Sunday**. Please have your Cadet wear their uniform and be at Church by 9:10am to greet, usher, sit together, and participate in our morning worship service.

-- Next week Sunday, January 26, Rev. Sosthene Maletoungou will be visiting and speaking during our evening worship service. There will be a time of fellowship with him prior to the service at 4:45pm. A meat and cheese tray and chips will be available for snacking during the gathering. If you plan to attend, please contact Tammy Baartman at 470-2687.

-- **The Banquet** - Our IGNITE Youth Group, which includes kids & leaders from First CRC and Calvin CRC, and our Mission Committee, are teaming up together to serve at both locations at *The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, January 29. We are looking for your help! We would like more volunteers to sign-up to help prepare and serve at the Downtown location.* There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex in which you can choose what shift works for you - *please sign-up by January 22.* The shift for preparing the meal is from 2-5pm. The shift for serving the meal is 5:15-8:00pm. *Youth Group members will be serving at both locations and volunteers from Calvin will be preparing at the West site. Please note: Youth Group members should meet at Church by 4:00pm to ride to Sioux Falls together. (A later ride may be possible to arrange if some can't make it by 4:00pm, but could come later - contact a leader by January 22 if this is the case.)* This was a great time spent together last year preparing and serving alongside our Youth, and we look forward to doing this again and blessing all those who come to receive a meal!

-- The **Cadet Pinewood Derby** is scheduled for Friday, January 31.

-- **CEC Fundraiser** - CEC is selling *Jolly Time Koated Kernels Popcorn!* Extra order forms are available by the order return box on the table in the Narthex. Please return your order forms with all payments payable to First CRC CEC by February 2! *Thank you for your support!*

-- **First CRC Book Club** - The next book for reading is Saving Grayson by Chris Fabry. Two copies will become available once they arrive. Discussion night will be Monday, March 3.

-- **Reading the Bible in a Year** - Three types of reading plans are still available on the table in the Narthex to assist you in daily Bible reading. Select one to start yet in January to guide you throughout the year 2025!

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

January 19, 2025 - Youth Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

AM: *IGNITE Youth Group:*
Jaydn L, Harper VB, Addi VH,
Lydia G, Kaysha A, Brielle J,
Benjamin H, Kayla VE
PM: Tricia M, Ashley VO,
Jack VB, Mer VO

GREETERS:

AM: *IGNITE Youth Group*
PM: Evan & Rhonda L
Gene & Carla L
Keith & Jacque L

OFFERING:

AM: Alpha Center
PM: Youth Group

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Rev. Haan
Maletoungou: Mike H
Klompens: Eddie H

USHERS:

AM: *IGNITE Youth Group:*
East: Carson G, Cole VDB
West: Teeghan V, Brody S
PM: *East:* Jeff E, Rick D
West: Joe M, Gene L

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

PIANIST:

AM: Rachelle VB/Jenessa VR
PM: Robin TS

VIDEO: Carter VB **SOUND:** Mike B **PPT:** Aiden VR

NURSERY:

AM: Amy B, Shannon B,
Kayla VE, Quincy E
PM: Tammy B, Addison VH

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Taryn VH *Helper:* Kennedy VH

January 26, 2025 - Cadet Sunday

SONG LEADER:

James VB

GREETERS:

AM: *Cadets*

OFFERING:

AM: Missionaries:
Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou
PM: Building Fund

USHERS:

AM: *Cadets*
PM: *East:* Cody D, Mike B
West: Cole VDB, Taylor K

PM: Joe & Jill M
Brian & Tricia M
Darin & Lisa P

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Leonard H
Maletoungou: Steve H
Klompens: Betty H

NURSERY:

AM: Allison B, Kelsi B,
Kennedy H, Tessa B
PM: Em D, Kaysha A

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

PIANIST: Carisa M

VIDEO: Brian F **SOUND:** Evan VB **PPT:** Benjamin H

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Taryn VH *Helper:* Addison VH

"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@firstccrv.org

-- Serve at the Banquet - January 29 from 5:15-8:00pm; please meet at Church by 4:00pm to ride together. Contact a leader by January 22 if you need to arrange a later ride.

-- Next Lesson meeting - Wednesday, February 5



-- **Cadets** - Cadet Sunday - Sunday, January 26 - Wear uniforms/Arrive 9:10am
- Pinewood Derby - Friday, January 31
- 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 and fill in the open timeslots first. More dates in January/February are available as well.**

Monday, January 20 - At Church

6:15 PM - Marv & Dee Faber

6:45 PM - Gerrit & Kay Vis

7:15 PM - Darin & Megan Kooima

7:45 PM - Mike, Tammy, & Joel Baartman

Monday, January 20 - At Church

6:15 PM - Vern & Ellen Van Beek

6:45 PM - Rob & Karen Jansen

7:15 PM - Charlie & Samantha Poppema

7:45 PM - Fred & Karla Van Kley

Tuesday, January 21 - At Church

6:15 PM - Alex & Michelle Kooima

6:45 PM - Bob & Cherie Groeneweg

7:15 PM - Betty Hoogendoorn

7:45 PM - Taylor & Jessica Kats

Tuesday, January 21 - At Church

6:15 PM - Jeff & Kacie Van Bommel

6:45 PM - Rick & Bonnie Davelaar

7:15 PM - Ryan & Kelci Zevenbergen

7:45 PM - _____

Tuesday, January 28 - At Church

6:15 PM - Al & Harriett Van Zanten

6:45 PM - Nolan & Julie Van Otterloo

7:15 PM - _____

7:45 PM - _____

Tuesday, January 28 - At Church

6:15 PM - Jonathon & TaMae Kats

6:45 PM - _____

7:15 PM - _____

7:45 PM - _____

January 19, 2025 - Youth Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday

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

MON: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Sharla Van Roekel

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Joshua 2 - Lesson 6
 11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels - Sue LeLoux & Mary Van't Hul

WED: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Harm Wiersma
 6:30 PM: GEMS
 7:00 PM: Cadets Open Workshop

THURS: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Kevin Jansma
 1:30 PM: L.I.F.T. - Session 1 of "Watch Your Mouth" - Lunch: Lynette A & Pat K

FRI: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Larry & Yvonne Haak

PRAYER REMINDERS

Youth Sunday

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Baby Blessings

- ♦ Tim, Kendra, Brooke, & Faith Briella Van Tilburg

Sympathy

- ♦ Gerrit & Kay Vis, Jeff & Kacie Van Bommel & family - Delanie, Davis & Aubrie, Hadlie, Ryder, and Harper

Health, Healing, & Peace

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

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

- ♦ Amistad Cristiana

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Thrive) *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday* - Lord, grant wisdom and compassion to all who face hard choices about ending pregnancies. Grant them courage to choose life, and inspire us to be nurturing and enduring communities of support. Gude us also to be allies, advocates, and friends of people with disabilities and people near the end of life, advocating for compassionate care & offering support & love.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Janie Blik, Deb Van't Hul

Monday - Kaysha Altena, Myron Bleyenbergh, Lindsey Van Bemmell, Brennan Van Kley

Tuesday - Elmer Boon, Harlan Driesen (80)

Wednesday - Easton Byl

Thursday - Fred Van Kley

Friday - Hadlie Van Bemmell, Lyle Van Engen

Saturday - Carla Jansma, Hilaine Kempema, Owen Rus

FUTURE DATES

January 26 - Cadet Sunday/PM: Missionary Visit

January 27 - Council Meeting

January 29 - Service Date at The Banquet

January 31 - Cadet Pinewood Derby

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

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◊ Scrip Orders due - Monday, January 20 at 9:00am
- ◊ Coffee Cuttin' Club - Monday, January 20 at RVCS at 9:30am
- ◊ 2:30 dismissal - Wednesday, January 22
- ◊ Widows/Widowers - Please join us for a time of coffee and fellowship with our 3rd and 4th grade students at RVCS - January 31 from 3:00-3:30pm in the cafeteria. Call RVCS to RSVP at 712-476-2615.
- ◊ Winter Festival - Friday, February 14

Western Christian High School:

- ◊ 9:25am start - Wednesday, January 22
- ◊ The Western Christian High School Chamber Singers will be singing at Immanuel CRC in Sheldon on Sunday, January 19. The service begins at 6:00 PM. They will also be at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley on Sunday, February 2. This service will begin at 5:00 PM. Please join us!
- ◊ 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, January 22

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

Remember

It can be a challenge to live out the love of Jesus when circumstances are testing our emotions and patience. But every time we choose love, everyone wins.

"In speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe."

1 Timothy 4:12

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Seek Ye First"

PH 74:1-2

"He Knows My Name"

LUYH:1-2

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"Zion Founded on the Mountains"

BsH 166:1-3

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 3 - Q/A 6-8 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Lord I Need You"

Vs:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 3 (page 701/1173)

Sermon: **"SIN THAT WE CONSTANTLY SEEK"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Oh Come All You Unfaithful"

SS:1-5

Offertory Prayer/Offering: IGNITE Youth Group

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Shine On Us"

BH:2

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Robin Te Slaa

*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)

----- Care Group 1 -----
----- Care Group 2 -----
----- Care Group 3 -----
----- Care Group 4 -----
----- Care Group 5 -----
----- Care Group 6 -----
----- Care Group 7 -----
----- Care Group 8 -----

DEACONS:

Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)
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Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)
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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	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
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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 Klompier-Nepal (mklompier@crcna.org)

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