

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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WHY IS LIGHT GIVEN TO  
THE MISERABLE, AND LIFE  
TO THE BITTER OF SOUL,

- *JOB 3:20*

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**March 10, 2024**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"Wonderful Words of Life"**

CH:1-2

Reading of God's Law: Romans 13

**Song of Salvation:**

**"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"**

CH:1,2,4

Public Profession of Faith of Logan Van Engen & Kayla Van Engen

(Form No. 2 - page 134, back of Psalter)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"My Worth is Not In What I Own"**

GH:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Job 3 (page 468/791)

Sermon: **"QUESTIONS OF LIFE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"**

GH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Community Impact & Classical Quotas

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Agnus Dei"**

LUYH:1

\*Organ Postlude

**Organist:** Ranae Kooistra

\*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA  
March 10, 2024 - Profession of Faith Sunday**

*WELCOME!*

*We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises & prayers, celebrate and witness Public Profession of Faith, 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**

-- This morning, as a congregation, we have the privilege to celebrate and witness the Public Profession of Faith of Logan Van Engen & Kayla Van Engen. May God continue to bless and strengthen Logan & Kayla in their faith and their personal walks with Christ.

-- Adult Choir will be held this morning in the Sanctuary.

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

-- *Thank you to the Worship Committee for the time of fellowship and cake last Sunday. Thank you too to the Congregation for the beautiful bouquet of flowers, for the cards and gifts, and all the kind words that were said. It has been a joy and a privilege to be a part of our services for all these years.*

-- *Dee Faber*

-- *Thank you to all who remembered me and for praying for me!*

-- *Betty Hoogendoorn*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Arnold Kempema, as his sister, Glenda Vollink of LeMars, passed away on February 29 at the age of 77. Her funeral was held this past Wednesday, March 6, at Calvin CRC in LeMars. May God in His great mercy comfort all those who mourn and remember Glenda.

-- Please be in prayer for all those traveling and serving in Guatemala March 17-23: Ady Blankespoor; Brian & Amera Faber; Colton, Kristi, & Ezekial Harthoorn; Keith & Jaydn LeLoux; Rashana Mulder; Vern Van Beek; Jeff & Harper Van Bommel; Brea Van Kley; Jenna & Kayla Van Otterloo; and Mark & Deb Van't Hul. Pray for traveling mercies, guidance, protection, and for God's blessings to be seen and known for all as they serve.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Community Impact**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Classical Quotas**. The offerings for next week will be for Hope Haven and Siouxland Unity.

-- **Our Prayer Day Service is this week *Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00pm.***

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

- The Jr. High (6th-8th) Minn-I-Kota Retreat is being held April 19-21 at Inspiration Hills. The registration forms have been placed in your Church mailbox. If your child will be attending, please complete both sides of the form and return to the Church office by this week **Wednesday, March 13**. There are limited registrations accepted again this year; therefore, it is important to turn in your completed forms promptly to reserve a spot for your child. Church will cover the registration fees and forms will be submitted with the payment. If you have any questions, please contact Kim in the Church office.
- Pastor Haan will be out of his study March 15-21. Please contact your Care Group Elder for any needs or concerns during this time.
- Next week Sunday, March 17, we will welcome Rev. Duane Tinklenberg as he leads our morning worship service, and Rev. Dave Van Kley as he leads our evening worship service.
- Youth Group will be holding a **Bingo Night and Ice Cream Sundae Social** for all those aged 55+ on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00pm!
- Cadet-O-Rama is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, March 27.
- Our Maundy Thursday/Communion service will be held Thursday, March 28 and our Good Friday service will be held Friday, March 29, both at 7:00pm. The Easter Sunrise community service is scheduled for 6:45am on Easter morning, March 31, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Our Church Easter services will be as normally scheduled at 9:30am morning service & 6:00pm evening service.
- Mission Committee Opportunity - We have another opportunity to work at the Kingdom Boundaries Apartments in Sioux Falls on Saturday, March 30. We will be working from 9:00am-3:00pm. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Contact Leonard Hoekstra with any questions.
- CEC is looking for ground beef donations for the upcoming **Taco Supper**, which will be held *Wednesday, April 3*.
- Our Youth Group has an opportunity to travel to The Black Hills for an Impact Trip with "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks" (ACMNP) May 30 - June 2. Please contact a Youth Group Leader with any questions. **Sign-up by April 1!**
- Book Club: The book "No One Ever Asked" by Katie Ganshert is available on the Narthex table and at the Rock Valley Public Library. Discussion night is scheduled for Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm.
- Monthly Newsletter Request - If you have any uplifting news/changes in your life with your family or relatives and would be willing to share, please notify Carla Jansma. Some examples: new grandchildren, new job, retirements, marriages, etc. Some events are celebrated in our newsletter within our Church family, but if you have family or relatives from afar that you would like to celebrate, please share!
- 2nd Grade RVCS Cook Books are available for purchase on the table in the Narthex.

### **March 10, 2024 - Profession of Faith Sunday**

**SONG LEADER:**

Tricia M

**USHERS:**

*East:* Arnold K, Bob G

*West:* Benjamin H, Keith L

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Alli DB, Steph E,

Sam VO, Erica VR

*PM:* Cherie G, Kennedy VH

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Fred & Karla VK

Nate & Laurie VK

Colton & Ashley VO

*PM:* Mer & Cindy VO

Mike & Judy VO

Nolan & Julie VO

*NARTHEX:* Vern & Ellen

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Community Impact

*PM:* Classical Quotas

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Galen G

*Maletoungou:* Irene G

*Klomprens:* Brad G

**ORGANIST:**

Ranae Kooistra

### **March 13, 2024 - Prayer Day Service**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

Holly H, Tracy B,

Andy VR, Benjamin H

**USHERS:**

*East:* Jeff E, Rick D

*West:* Joe M, Gene L

**NURSERY:**

Priscilla D, Addison VH

**GREETERS:**

*PM:* Warren VO

Colton & Leah VS

Mike & Gert VR

**OFFERING:**

Missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens

**PIANIST:**

Rachelle VB

### **March 17, 2024**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

LaRae VDB, Julie VO,

Jack VB, Randy VK

**USHERS:**

*East:* Cody D, Mike B

*West:* Cole VDB, Colton VO

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Deb H, Kristin J,

Brielle J, Taryn B

*PM:* Jessica K, Aftyn B

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Andy & Sharla VR

Eric & Erica VS

Alyssa VH

*PM:* Chad & Sandra VH

Carol VH, Mary VH

Loy & Janice VH

*NARTHEX:* Harlan & Priscilla

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Hope Haven

*PM:* Siouxland Unity

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Bob G

*Maletoungou:* Marva H

*Klomprens:* Austin H

**PIANIST:**

*AM:* Alyssa Bos

*PM:* Carisa Maassen

# Remember

God is just. He always wins. And that energy it would take to fight,  
it can be put to use in resting in His embrace as He goes to battle for you.

*"The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent."*

*Exodus 14:14*

## **SERMON NOTES:**



**March 10, 2024**

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

**MON:**       **3:45 PM:** GEMS - 3rd-6th  
              **7:00 PM:** ABC Bible Study

**TUES:**       **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Galatians - Lesson 3

**WED:**       **7:00 PM:** Prayer Day Service  
                  Cadets

### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

#### **Sympathy**

- ♦ Arnold Kempema

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

- ♦ Paula Kats, Pastor Dan De Groot

#### **Missions**

- ♦ Guatemala Team: Ady Blankespoor; Brian & Amara Faber; Colton, Kristi, & Ezekial Harthoorn; Keith & Jaydn LeLoux; Rashana Mulder; Vern Van Beek; Jeff & Harper Van Bommel; Brea Van Kley; Jenna & Kayla Van Otterloo; and Mark & Deb Van't Hul

#### **Our Care Center Residents**

##### Whispering Heights

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

##### Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra  
  
River View Ridge  
Nathan Dorhout  
LeRoy & Jane Koedam  
Henrietta Vanden Bosch

##### Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk

##### Crown Pointe - SC

Harriet Vande Kamp

#### **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**

- ♦ New Roots Ministry

#### **Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (Resonate) *North America* - Resonate and the denomination helped to plant eleven new churches within the past year throughout Canada and the United States. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw people into these faith communities. Pray for open doors into communities so that these churches may share the love of Christ.

***HOW ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR FIRE OF FAITH?***



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

Sunday - Sydnee Elgersma, Addison Van't Hul

Tuesday - Brylie Johnson

Wednesday - Kolt Bleyenbergh

Friday - Diana De Groot, Jaden Den Boer, Carl Elbers, Taylor Kats

## **FUTURE DATES**

**March 24** - Palm Sunday

**March 25** - Book Club Discussion Night

**March 27** - YG Bingo Night/Cadet-O-Rama

**March 28** - Maundy Thursday/Communion

**March 29** - Good Friday Service

**March 30** - Kingdom Boundaries Work Day

**March 31** - Easter Services

**April 1** - Council Meeting

**April 3** - CEC Taco Supper

**April 22** - SC Gospel Mission-Care Groups 3 & 5

**April 23** - SF Gospel Mission-Care Groups 1 & 8

**April 28** - Christian Ed. Sunday/Last session SS/Catechism

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

◇ ISASP Testing - March 10-15

◇ SCRIP Orders due - Monday, March 11 - 9am

◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club - Monday, March 11 - 9:30am

◇ Spring Program - 6th-8th Grades - Tuesday, March 12 - 7:00pm @ Calvin CRC

◇ Full Day - Wednesday, March 13/Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 13 - 7:00pm

◇ Jam the Gym -10:00am-12:00pm - Friday, March 15 - Noon dismissal

◇ Looking ahead:

- Spring Break - No School - March 20-22

- Full day - Wednesday, March 27

- Preschool Open House - Wednesday, March 27 - 6:00-6:30pm - Preschool Room

- No School - Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

◇ As the RVCS Annual Meeting approaches in June, the RVCS Board of Directors is seeking individuals with gifts and talents in finance/building/grounds who would be interested and willing to serve a 3-year term on the board. Positions to be filled for 2024 are Partners in Faith, Calvin CRC, Trinity CRC, and an at-large member. To place nominations, please contact Andy Van Roekel at 470-6490 or email at [andy.vanroekel@gmail.com](mailto:andy.vanroekel@gmail.com).

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

◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, March 13

◇ Looking ahead:

- Spring Break - No School - March 18-22

- No School - Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

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

◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, March 13

◇ No School - Friday, March 15 - Teacher In-Service

◇ Looking ahead:

- Parent Teacher Conferences - March 21 & 26 - 4:00-8:00pm

- 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, March 27

- Spring Break - No School - March 28 - April 1



## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Please check our Church website for community events & announcements.

[www.firstcrrcv.org/resources](http://www.firstcrrcv.org/resources)



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

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

LUYH:1,2,5

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

**\*Song of Response: "The Lord is My Salvation"**

GH

**The Belgic Confession - Article 6** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Songs of Preparation:**

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

CH:1-2

**"Show Us Christ"**

LUYH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3 (page 248/423)

Sermon: **"LEADERS NEED DISCERNMENT"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"**

PsH 409:1,3,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Rise Up, O Church of God"**

CH:4

\*Organ Postlude

**Organist:** Ranae Kooistra

\*Please stand if you are able

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

## 2024 COUNCIL

MINISTER:  
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

### ELDERS:

Evan Vanden Bosch, President '25 - (470-1022)  
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)  
Randy Byl, Vice-President '24 - (470-2259)  
James Vanden Bos '24 - (470-3682)  
Vern De Boer '24 - (470-2830)  
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, Vicar of Deacons '26 - (470-2920)  
Jarod LeLoux, Special Offerings '24 - (460-2515)  
Mike Pollema, President '24 - (470-5223)  
Justin Faber, General Fund Treas. '24 - (460-3053)  
Myron Bleyenbergh, Benev. Treas. '25 - (605-359-8574)  
Ryan Zomer, Building Treas. '25 - (712-441-3970)  
Evan Altena, Missions '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

### 2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Executive Committee ..... Pastor Matt, Evan Vanden Bosch (Chr.), Randy Byl, Nate Van Kley, Ron LeLoux, Mike Pollema, Justin Faber  
Pulpit Supply ..... Pastor Matt, Randy Byl (Chr.), Evan Vanden Bosch  
Bulletin ..... Pastor Matt, Kim Altena, Evan Vanden Bosch, Nate Van Kley  
Church Governance ..... Elders  
Sacraments ..... Ron LeLoux, Nate Van Kley  
Missions Committee ..... Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Randy (Liaison) & Pat B, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT  
Family Faith Visitation Committee ..... Vern De Boer, Darwin Hoogendoorn  
Worship Committee ..... Pastor Matt, James VB (Chr.), Deanna F, Krista VE, Rachelle VB, Evan VB, Andy VR  
Music Coordinator ..... Rachelle Vanden Bos  
Building and Grounds Committee ..... James Vanden Bos (Chr.), Ryan Zomer (Treas.), Steve De Kam, Jeff Van Bommel, Harm Wiersma  
Education Committee ..... Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Steph E, Kyle H, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH  
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Damon Rus  
Christian Education Committee ..... Andy & Sharla VR (Pres.), Eric & Tracy B (Vice Pres.), Darin & Megan K (Treas.),  
Steve & April DK, Keith & Jacque L, Derek & LaRae VDB  
Rock Valley Calvinist Board ..... Ron LeLoux, Mike Pollema  
Youth Group Sponsors ..... Evan & Rhonda L, Jeff & Kacie VB, Mark & Deb VH, Mer & Cindy VO, Nate VK (Liaison)  
Welcome Committee ..... John & Carol De Roon, Harlan & Priscilla Driesen, Larry & Yvonne Haak, Roger & Hilaine Kempema,  
Ron & Darletta LeLoux, Vern & Ellen VB  
Memorial ..... Deacons  
Head Usher ..... Ron LeLoux  
Funeral Ushers ..... Roger Kempema (Chr.), Harlan Driesen, Bob Gilman, Dick Jansma  
Organists/Pianists ..... Alyssa Bos, Ranae Kooistra, Carisa Maassen, Krista Van Engen  
Nursery Committee ..... Jackie Rus, Kelsey Ver Burg  
Sound System Committee ..... James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Carla J, Rich R, Evan VB  
Video Recording Committee ..... Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Matthew VO  
PowerPoint System Committee ..... Carla J (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Jaydn L, Jenna VO, Kayla VO, Aiden VR  
Custodians ..... Rich & Lynnette Rozeboom (476-5724)  
Church Secretary ..... Kim Altena (Office-476-5902; Cell-712-470-6103) \*Present bulletin announcements by **4:00 PM Wednesday\***  
Prayer Chain ..... Pastor Matt, Evan Vanden Bosch  
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 Haak, Karla Van Kley, Carol Van't Hul  
Newsletter ..... Carla Jansma (editor), Kim Altena  
Library Committee ..... Joyce VE (Chr.), Diana DG, Carol DR, Hilaine K, Lois P, Judy VO  
Website Committee ..... Tracy Breuer (Chr.), Kim Altena, Brian Faber, Kyle Hoogendoorn  
Safe Church Committee ..... Scott Koedam (Chr.), Kyle Hoogendoorn, Sue LeLoux  
Scheduling Rides ..... Travis Jansen  
Community Impact Committee ..... Mitchell Byl  
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 [mrribbens@crcna.org](mailto:mrribbens@crcna.org) or Megan at [mrribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mrribbens@gmail.com))

*Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou*-West Africa (email [smaletoungou@crcna.org](mailto:smaletoungou@crcna.org))

*Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompien*-Nepal ([mklompien@crcna.org](mailto:mklompien@crcna.org))