

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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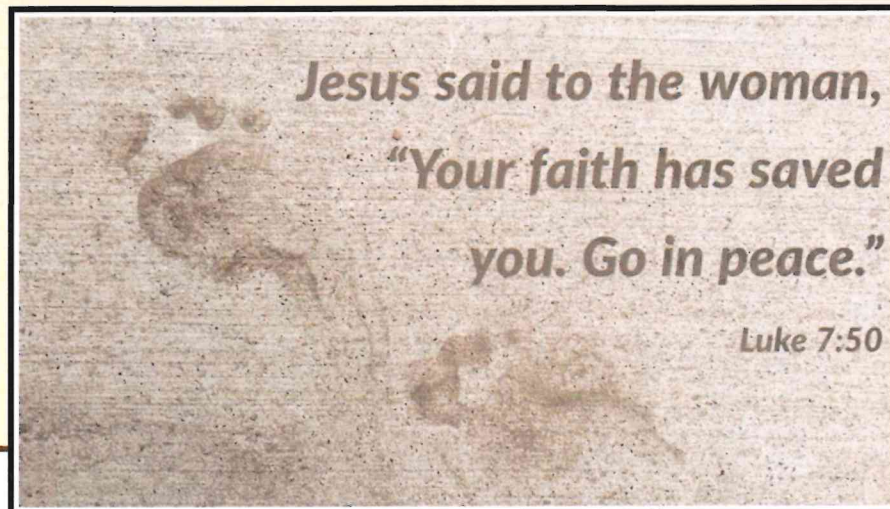
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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**March 16, 2025**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"By Faith"**

GH:1-4

Reading of God's Law

**Song of Salvation:**

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

GsH:1-2

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

LUYH:1

\*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 18:31-34 (page 972/1630)

Sermon: **"WHEN THE OBVIOUS IS HIDDEN"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**" 'Man of Sorrows,' What a Name"**

PsH 381:1-4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Hope Haven & Missionary Mark K Family

\*Benediction

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

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

\*Please stand if you are able

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**March 16, 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 welcome Rev. Jason Wiersma as he leads us in worship, and this evening we welcome Rev. Cliff Hoekstra. *Thank you Rev. Wiersma and Rev. Hoekstra for being with us today!*

-- Adult Choir and Children's Choir, please meet in the Sanctuary immediately following this morning's service to practice our Palm Sunday song with Carisa. Adult Choir please also plan to meet at 8:45am next week Sunday morning, March 23, in the Sanctuary for practice. *(There will not be practice following the service for adult choir that morning.)*

**EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION**

-- The congregation is invited to celebrate the upcoming birthdays of John & Carol De Roan with a card shower. John will turn 80 on March 26 & Carol will be 79 just a week later on April 3. Cards can be placed in their church mailbox or sent to their home. Their address is 1011 Park Lane, Rock Valley. *We thank God for the many years He has given to both of them!*

-- *We deeply thank our church for the support and encouragement throughout Addison's journey with hearing loss. The prayers and love we've received over the past seven months have been a true blessing. We are happy to share that Addison's cochlear implant surgery was a success, and her transition to hearing in a new way is progressing well. Please continue to pray for her ongoing progress and for continued hearing in her left ear.*

*-- With heartfelt gratitude, Loy, Taryn, & Addison Van't Hul*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Clarence De Roan, Doug De Roan, and John & Carol De Roan and their extended family in the passing of Esther De Roan. Esther was called to her heavenly home on March 10. Her funeral was held on Friday, March 14. May God wrap His loving arms around all those who mourn her earthly loss and remember all of the precious memories shared with her.

-- Howard Altena received news this past week from the Mayo Oncology Team that a cancer treatment plan has been put into place. He will begin chemo/immunotherapy treatments from the Sanford Oncology Clinic in Sioux Falls and return to Mayo every three months for check-ups. We praise God that these treatments can be done locally!

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Hope Haven** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Missionary: Rev. Mark K & Family**. The offerings next week Sunday will be for Justice For All and Mid-Sioux.

-- Elaine Bolkema moved on March 1 from RiverView Ridge to 1319 7th St., Rock Valley. May God bless Elaine as she settles in to a new place to call home.

-- Lois Postma moved this past week from Sheldon Christian Retirement Home to Mary Van't Hul's basement. My God bless Lois as she transitions with this move back to Rock Valley.

-- **Meals on Wheels** deliveries are this week March 17-21. **A volunteer is still needed for Wednesday the 19th! Contact Carol De Roan if you are able.** *Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed-up to deliver meals to the elderly of our community. You are appreciated!*

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

-- Newsletter Articles are due next week.

-- **CEC Taco Supper** will be held on Monday, March 24. Mark your calendars and come and enjoy a delicious meal! We look forward to a great night of fellowship together in support of Christian education for the youth of our Church!

-- **Prayer Day Service** is Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm. Offering will be for World Renew.

-- Our Fellowship Committee is planning a **Game Night and Ice Cream Social** at Whispering Heights on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30pm. Come enjoy a fun night of fellowship with our Care Center residents! Bring your favorite board or card game!

-- Book Club's next book is Kisses from Katie by Katie Davis. Discussion Night is April 21. Book copies are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex.

## **MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- **Upcoming Prison Ministries Events: *Living Stone Prison Church & Freedom's Gate Church*** invite you to their 13th Annual Banquet on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30pm at Bethany Reformed Church in Canton. Pastor Dan will give a ministry update on Living Stone activities and Pastor Jason will tell you more about Freedom's Gate. You are also invited to ***Cornerstone Prison Church's*** Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 7 at 6:30pm at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. Enjoy an evening celebrating 20 years of God's faithfulness to Cornerstone! RSVP to both events by calling or texting Tim Van Tilburg at 712-470-5009. Your RSVP for the first event is due by **today** and for the 2nd event by March 28. If you have any further questions, please contact Tim.

-- **Missions Presentation** - On Sunday, March 23 after the evening worship service, our Missions Committee will be giving a presentation of the Mission opportunities that have been supported recently. All are invited and encouraged to come and listen! It will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

## **MINNIKOTA OPPORTUNITIES**

-- The 15th Annual **Minnikota Youth Retreat for all 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders** will be held at Inspiration Hills on April 25, 26, & 27! Registration forms are **due April 1**. Please submit your form to the Church office. Church will cover the registration cost for all First CRC 6th thru 8th grade students. A form was provided in your Church mailbox and extras are available on the table in the Narthex.

-- Minnikota Ministries - **MIK+ YOUNG ADULTS** (19-29 year old singles) is a sister ministry to MIK Youth (6th-8th grades & 9th-12th grades). *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 22 - Bible Study on the book of Leviticus - Hull First CRC Youth Building.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - ACTIVITY - Escape Rooms in Sioux Falls. RSVP is required.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 19 - Bible Study on the book of Numbers - SC Hope CRC Youth Building.

## **GOSPEL MISSION SERVICE DATES**

-- **April 8 - Sioux City - Care Groups 6 & 7** will be serving at the Sioux City Gospel Mission. Please make plans to attend with your groups that evening. **A preparation meeting for both groups will be held after the morning worship service on Sunday, March 30 in Classroom #1.**



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| -- 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 |





### **March 16, 2025**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

LaRae VDB, Tracy B,  
Evan VB, Randy VK

**USHERS:**

*East:* Arnold K, Bob G  
*West:* Benjamin H, Keith L

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Sharla VR, Ashley VO,  
Kennedy VH, Trevin VK  
*PM:* Tammy B, Tad M

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Harm & Bonnie W  
Blake & Genae Z  
Ryan & Jamie Z  
*PM:* Evan & Kim A  
Mike & Tammy B

*NARTHEX:* Larry & Yvonne

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Hope Haven  
*PM:* Missionaries:  
Rev. Mark K Family

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Scott K  
*Maletoungou:* Alex K  
*Klompies:* Darin K

**PIANIST:** Carisa M

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

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Karen J    *Helper:* Teeghan B

### **March 23, 2025**

**SONG LEADER:**

Jack VB

**USHERS:**

*East:* Taylor K, Rick D  
*West:* Joe M, Gene L

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Kelsey VB, Genae Z,  
Aftyn B, Ava VO  
*PM:* Taryn VH, Teeghan B

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Myron & Amy B  
Austin & Allison B  
Dan & Shannon B  
*PM:* Elmer & Lori B  
Karl & Alyssa B  
Josh & Katie B

*NARTHEX:* Vern & Ellen

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Justice For All  
*PM:* Mid-Sioux

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Bob K  
*Maletoungou:* Mike K  
*Klompies:* Matthew L

**PIANIST:** Lois K

**VIDEO:** Ron L    **SOUND:** Rich R    **PPT:** Tammy B

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Karen J    *Helper:* Teeghan B

### **March 26, 2025 - Prayer Day Service**

**SONG LEADER:**

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**USHERS:**

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

**NURSERY:** Jackie R, Ezra H

**GREETERS:**

Mike VZ  
Jack & Kelsey VB  
Gerrit & Kay V

**OFFERING:**

World Renew

**PIANIST:** Rachelle VB

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

### **"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](mailto:youth@firstcrcrv.org)

-- Meeting - Wednesday, April 2 - 7:00pm



-- **Cadets** - Meeting - Wednesday, March 26 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC



-- **GEMS** - Meeting - Wednesday, March 26 - 6:30pm at Calvin CRC

**SERMON NOTES:**

## **March 16, 2025**

**TODAY:**   **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Rev. Jason Wiersma  
              **10:45 AM:** Sunday School/Catechism/Choir  
              **6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service - Rev. Cliff Hoekstra  
              **7:15 PM:** Saved to Serve Bible Study

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

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**TUES:**   **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Sue LeLoux & Mary Van't Hul

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**WED:**    **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels  
              **7:00 PM:** Men's Society  
                          Together in Faith - Lesson 5

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**THURS:** **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Kevin Jansma

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**FRI:**     **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Marva Haak

## **PRAYER REMINDERS**

### **Sympathy**

- ♦ Clarence De Roon, Doug De Roon, John & Carol De Roon and their extended family

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

- ♦ Howard Altena, Don Postma, Paula Kats, Clarence Klarenbeek, Jennie Maassen, Ruth Koedam, John De Roon, Trevor & Karisa Van't Hul family, Mandy Visser

### **Flood Relief, Recovery**

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

#### **Whispering Heights**

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

#### **River View Ridge**

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



### **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**

- ♦ Lakeview CRC, Valentine, NE

### **Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (Resonate) *Ireland* - "Our church continues to grow. Week by week we are welcoming new people and new Christians into our fellowship," share Resonate missionaries Luke and Kelsey Carrig in Ireland. Praise God!

### **Outreach**

- ♦ **Orphan Grain Train**

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

**Monday** - April De Kam, Niki Pollema

**Tuesday** - Ethan Van't Hul

**Thursday** - Remi Elgersma, Carol Van't Hul

**Friday** - Katlien Den Boer, Karen Jansen, Mitchel Van't Hul

**Saturday** - Kyler Pollema

## **FUTURE DATES**

**March 23** - Missions Presentation after PM Service

**March 24** - CEC Taco Supper

**March 26** - Prayer Day Service

**March 27** - Game Night & Ice Cream Social at Whispering Heights

**March 31** - Council Meeting

**April 8** - Care Groups 6 & 7 service at Sioux City Gospel Mission

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ◇ No SCRIP Orders this week
- ◇ Spring Break - No School - Monday, March 17 through Friday, March 21
- ◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club - 9:30am - Monday, March 24
- ◇ **RVCS Preschool Open House** - April 2 - Family names A-M meet 6:30-7:00pm and family names N-Z meet 7:00-7:30pm. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Kandi Van Oort by email at [kandy.vanoort@rockvalleychristian.com](mailto:kandy.vanoort@rockvalleychristian.com).
- ◇ **Kindergarten Round-Up** - April 8 - More information to follow.
- ◇ Reminder to parents that have their youngest child graduating high school in May, please notify Haeley Faber @ [haeley.faber@rockvalleychristian.com](mailto:haeley.faber@rockvalleychristian.com) for your SCRIP payout.
- ◇ As the RVCS Annual Meeting approaches in June, the Board of Directors is seeking individuals who would be interested and willing to serve a 3-year term on the Board. Positions to be filled for 2025 are First CRC, Calvin CRC, and two at-large members. To make a nomination contact Andy Van Roekel at 470-6490 or email at [andy.vanroekel@gmail.com](mailto:andy.vanroekel@gmail.com) before April 7.

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

- ◇ Spring Break - No School - Monday, March 17 through Friday, March 21
- ◇ Are you ready for high school? On **Thursday, April 3** we would like to welcome all **8th grade students and parents** to Western Christian High School. We will serve a free supper to our guests between 5:15-6:15pm, and the main program will start in the Event Center at 6:15pm. We ask that parents and students attend 8th Grade Day together.

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

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, March 19
- ◇ P/T Conferences - 4-8:00pm - Monday, March 17 & Thursday, March 20
- ◇ No School - Friday, March 21

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** - [www.firstcrrcv.org/resources](http://www.firstcrrcv.org/resources)



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

Piano Prelude

### **Hymn Sing**

**"How Great Is Our God"**

LUYH:1-2

**"Be Exalted, O God"**

Call to Worship

PH:1

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

### **\*Song of Praise:**

**"Before the Throne of God Above"**

LUYH:1-3

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

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

CH:1

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 30 - Q/A 81**

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation: "Make Me a Servant"**

WH:1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50 (page 957/1604)

Sermon: **"IS JESUS WORTH IT?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

### **\*Song of Application:**

**"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**

PsH 450:1,3,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Missionary Mark K Family

\*Benediction

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

PH 20:3

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

\*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)

### 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, 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.), 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  
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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 [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 Klompier-Nepal ([mklompier@crcna.org](mailto:mklompier@crcna.org))

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