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Friends

“Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this adversity... they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him. They mourned with him 7 days.”

Job 2:11-13

THE LORD'S DAY
March 3, 2024
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:**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

WH:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"In Christ Alone"

GH:1-2

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Come to Jesus (Untitled Hymn)"

WH:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Job 2:11-13 (page 468/790)

Sermon: **"TRUE FRIENDS SPEAK TO THE HEART"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"The Servant Song"

CH:1-4,6

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Benevolent Fund & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Agnus Dei"

LUYH:1

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Rachelle Vanden Bos

*Please stand if you are able

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March 3, 2024

WELCOME!

We pray that everyone 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

-- This morning we celebrate and share our gratitude to Deanna Faber, as she has retired from her position of organist after 55 years of service to First CRC. We are so grateful for the gifts and talents she has shared with us for so many years, and the Worship Committee invites the Congregation to join us in thanking Deanna for the blessing she has been to our Church family by having cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service. *Thank you Dee for your faithfulness to First CRC!*

-- Adult Choir will not be held this morning.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

-- *We extend our deepest gratitude to our church family for your overwhelming support, prayers, cards, meals, and words of comfort during this difficult time following the passing of Marv. Your kindness has been a source of great strength and comfort to us during this period of mourning. Your love and presence have reminded us of the boundless grace of God and the power of community in times of grief. Thank you for surrounding our family with your care and compassion.*

-- *Jack & Kelsey, Jay, Ben, Penny Ver Burg*

-- *We would like to thank Pastor Matt, Randy Byl, and members of the congregation for your prayers, cards, food, and visits in the passing of our mother and grandmother, Myrna Elbers.*

--*Carl & Melissa, Zach, Carson Elbers*

-- *Thank you to Pastor Haan for your visits and prayers and to many others who stopped by and expressed care through prayers and cards during my treatments.*

-- *Gerrit Kats*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Albert & Harriett Van Zanten and Dick & Albertha Morlag, as their sister-in-law, Wilma Van Zanten of Rock Valley, was called to her heavenly home on Monday, February 26, at the age of 93. Her funeral was held on Saturday, March 2 at Calvin CRC. May God's mercy and peace uphold the family and loved ones of Wilma.

-- 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 our **Benevolent Fund**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings for next week will be for Community Impact and Classical Quotas.

-- The Spring Classis Iakota meeting will be held this week Tuesday, March 5, at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. The delegates attending representing our Church will be Pastor Haan, Elder James Vanden Bosch, and Deacon Ryan Zomer. Scott Koedam - alternate.

-- Wednesday, March 6, our Youth Group members and leaders will be attending a **Praise & Worship night** at Trinity CRC at 6:30pm, featuring Mike Donehey. Youth Group members please plan to go straight to Trinity that evening unless you need a ride, then contact Cindy, Rhonda, or Deb. Please meet in the back of Trinity to sit as a group. **Please note:** *The event also invites 6th-8th graders and parents! If you would like to attend with your child, you are encouraged to attend. It should be a great night of praising our Lord & Savior!*

-- Next week Sunday, March 10, Lord-willing, we will 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.

-- We will be having our **Prayer Day Service on Wednesday, March 13**, at 7:00pm.

-- 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.

-- 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 will be available at the Rock Valley Public Library soon. Discussion night is 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! It would be nice to include them in our monthly newsletters!

-- A few 2nd Grade RVCS Cook Books remain available for purchase on the table in the Narthex.

-- February Offerings: General Fund - \$24,945.00; Benevolent Fund - \$1,315.72; Memorial Fund - \$10,003.54; Building Fund - \$4,498.21; Mission Fund - \$60,667.59; CEC - \$3,541.00; Love INC - \$1,872.00; Roseland Christian Ministries - \$1,556.00.

March 3, 2024

PRAISE TEAM:

Lanae H, Tammy B,
Evan VB, Nolan VO

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE
West: Jace M, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Em D, Jamie DJ,
Brea VK, Ava VO
PM: April DK, Jenessa VR

GREETERS:

AM: Jeff & Kacie VB
Verlyn & Sandy VB
Dereck & LaRae VDB
PM: Lyle & Joyce VE
Matt & Krista VE
Albert & Grace VG

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne H

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Justin F
Maletoungou: Marv F
Klompjens: Bob G

March 10, 2024

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
Klompjens: Brad G

Remember

God knows your every need and your every move.

We, on the other hand, don't always remember God!

But we have a promise. If we cry out to Him and seek Him, He will be there.

"The righteous cry, and the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles."

Psalms 34:17

ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR FIRE OF FAITH?



SERMON NOTES:

March 3, 2024

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service
 10:45 AM: Coffee & Cake Fellowship for Deanna Faber
 Sunday School/Catechism
 6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

TUES: **9:00 AM:** Spring Classis Iakota Meeting held at Trinity CRC
 9:45 AM: Coffee Break - Galatians - Lesson 2

WED: **7:00 PM:** Praise & Worship with Mike Donehey - YG/6th-8th/Parents
 L.I.G.H.T.
 Men's Sociey - Lesson 4
 Mission Guild - Lesson 9

THURS: **1:30 AM:** L.I.F.T. - Kingdom Women - Lesson 3

PRAYER REMINDERS

Gratitude

- ♦ Deanna Faber

Sympathy

- ♦ Albert & Harriett Van Zanten and Dick & Albertha Morlag

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Paula Kats, Pastor Dan De Groot

Missions

- ♦ Guatemala Team: Ady Blankespoor; Brian & Amera Faber; Colton, Kristi, & Ezekial Harthoorn; Keith & Jaydn LeLux; 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 Roan

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

- ♦ Amistad Cristiana

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Resonate Global Mission) *Volunteers* - "We praise God for volunteers serving in more than 15 countries around the world. Pray for them as they serve and as they return to their sending communities - that they may have opportunities to share what they have learned and in turn bless those who have sent them," asks Gillian Bruce, volunteer programs leader.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - Jonathon Kats

Tuesday - Tracy Hoogendoorn, Lois Postma (84)

Wednesday - Gracie Bloemendaal, Damon Rus, Penny Ver Burg

Thursday - Brad Postma

Friday - Megan Kooima

FUTURE DATES

March 10 - Profession of Faith Sunday/Daylight Savings

March 13 - Prayer Day Service

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 25 - Book Club Discussion Night

March 27 - Cadet-O-Rama

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service/Communion

March 29 - Good Friday Service

March 31 - Easter Sunrise Service/Easter Sunday Services

April 1 - Council Meeting

April 3 - CEC Taco Supper

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ No SCRIP Orders this week
- ◇ Noon dismissal - Monday, March 4 - PT Conferences
- ◇ Noon dismissal - Tuesday, March 5 - PT Conferences
- ◇ Full Day - Wednesday, March 6
- ◇ No School - Friday, March 8
- ◇ Looking ahead:
 - ISASP testing the week of March 11-15
 - Jam the Gym - Friday, March 15 - Noon dismissal
 - Spring Break - No School - March 20-22
 - Full day - Wednesday, March 27
 - No School - Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, March 6
- ◇ 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 6
- ◇ Looking ahead:
 - No School - Friday, March 15 - Teacher In-Service
 - Spring Break - No School - March 28 - April 1



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

www.firstcrrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Let All Things Now Living"

PH 61:1-2

"Freely, Freely"

PH 42:1-2

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

PsH 378:1-3

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

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

GH

The Belgic Confession - Article 5 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation: "Grace Alone"**

PH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:27-36 (page 248/422)

Sermon: **"GRACE FILLED LEADERS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

PsH 380:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

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

CH:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*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)

----- 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)
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, Benév. 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
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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 or Megan at mrribbens@gmail.com)

Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou-West Africa (email smaletoungou@crcna.org)

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompien-Nepal (mklompien@crcna.org)