

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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## "TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE"

Luke 18:18-30

Key Verse: 22

*"When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'"*

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**March 9, 2025**  
**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:**

**"O How He Loves You and Me"**

CH:1-2

**Responsive Reading of God's Law**

**Song of Salvation:**

**"Jesus, Your Name"**

GH:1-2

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation: "Nearer, Still Nearer"**

PsH 454:1-4

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 18:18-30 (page 972/1629)

Sermon: **"DOES WEALTH HELP OR HINDER YOUR ENTRANCE  
TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"**

GH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Love INC & Classical Quotas

\*Benediction

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

\*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

\*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

March 9, 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!*

*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.*

## **EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

-- A beautiful thank you card was given to a volunteer driver for Rock Valley Home Delivered Meals {Elderbridge Agency} with the following words: *"To all the volunteers, thank you so much for all you do for the shut-ins. Thank you so much!"*

-- *Volunteer drivers, you are appreciated! Thank You! -- From the RV Home Delivered Meals Agency*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

-- Howard Altena's biopsy performed this past week revealed Mesothelioma in the liver. He is scheduled to meet with the Oncology team at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester this week Tuesday, March 11. Please pray for traveling mercies for Lynette and Howard and that the doctors find an effective treatment plan.

-- Clarence Klarenbeek has been diagnosed with abdominal cancer. Lift up Clarence and Mary Ann in prayer as he will undergo further testing to determine appropriate treatments.

-- Jennie Maassen was admitted to the hospital in Rock Valley with pneumonia. Pray for strength for Jennie and daily improvement with her health.

-- Paula Kats continues to struggle with health complications. Pray for health and strength for Paula.

-- Trevor & Karisa Van't Hul & family, son of Mike & Christal, were involved in a rollover car accident this past week. Karisa and their 3 girls received minor injuries and were released right away; Trevor however had surgery for 3 broken vertebrae in his neck. They hope to be home soon, but he will have a lengthy recovery. Pray for patience in healing for Trevor and for Karisa as she cares for him and their whole family.

-- Mandy Visser, a teacher at Rock Valley Christian School, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Chemo treatments began this past week. Pray the treatments are effective and her body will tolerate them well, and pray for her family as they walk through this journey with her.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Love INC** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Classical Quotas**. The offerings next week Sunday will be for Hope Haven and Missionaries: Rev. Mark K Family.

-- Next week Sunday, March 16 we will have our AM & PM worship services in the Fellowship Hall. We will also welcome Rev. Jason Wiersma as he leads our morning worship service, and Rev. Cliff Hoekstra as he leads our evening worship service.

-- Sunday, March 23 worship services will be held in the Sanctuary.

-- **Prayer Day Service** has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm. *Thank you for your patience and flexibility with rearranging scheduled events during the installation.*

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

-- It is once again our turn to deliver **Meals on Wheels** the week of March 17-21. Please consider delivering meals to the elderly of our community! **Volunteers are still needed Tuesday the 18th and Wednesday the 19th**. The sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

-- **CEC Taco Supper** - The CEC Annual Taco Supper is scheduled for 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!

-- Book Club's next book is Kisses from Katie by Katie Davis. Discussion Night is April 21. Book copies will be available soon to borrow if needed.

-- **Reminder:** If you would like an old church pew, please add your name to the list provided on the table in the Narthex. Those with pew requests will be contacted this week.

### **MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENT**

-- **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 March 14 and for the 2nd event by March 28. If you have any further questions, please contact Tim.

### **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! All 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 has been provided in your Church mailbox and also by email.

-- Minnikota Ministries - **MIK+ YOUNG ADULTS** (19-29 year old singles) is a sister ministry to MIK Youth (6th-8th grades & 9th-12th grades). Both of these ministries are supported by three Christian Reformed Classis (Minnikota, Iakota, and Heartland). MIK Youth has been around a long time, but MIK+ Young Adults is NEW! This is an awesome ministry opportunity for our young adult singles in our regional CR Churches. *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 - Sioux Center Hope CRC Youth Building.



### **FUTURE GOSPEL MISSION SERVICE DATES**

- **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 9, 2025

**SONG LEADER:**

Rachelle VB

**USHERS:**

*East:* Josh B, Mike VZ

*West:* Dan B, Darin P

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Rhonda L, Jill M,

Abby A, Quincy E

*PM:* Laurie VK, Tad M

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Loy & Janice VH

Loy & Taryn VH

Mark & Deb VH

*PM:* Mike & Christal VH

Mitchel & Shelby VH

Tim & Kendra VT

*NARTHEX:* Rog & Hilaine

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Love INC

*PM:* Classical Quotas

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* LeRoy K

*Maletoungou:* Taylor K

*Klompies:* Ruth K

**ORGANIST:** Ranae K

**VIDEO:** Aiden VR **SOUND:** Mike H **PPT:** Benjamin H

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Samantha P *Helper:* Isaac P

### March 16, 2025 - meet in Fellowship Hall AM & PM

**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:* Taryn VH, Kaysha A

**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

**\*Volunteers to help with our weekly services are always welcome and highly encouraged!**

**Please notify the Church office if you are high school age and above and are willing to help in any of our service opportunities such as:**

**Praise Team, Usher, Nursery, Video, Sound, PPT, Narthex greeting, Children in Worship, etc.**

**Where can you help Feed Your Fire of Faith at First CRC? Thank you for serving so faithfully!**



#### **"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, March 5 - 7:00pm**

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



**-- Cadets** - Meeting - Wednesday, March 12 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC  
- Meeting - Wednesday, March 26 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC



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

**SERMON NOTES:**

**March 9, 2025**

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

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**TUES:**     **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Shalom - Lesson 4

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**WED:**     **7:00 PM:** Cadets - meet at Trinity CRC  
                          Men's Society - Lesson 11 beginning with Q 5  
                          Together in Faith - Lesson 4

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### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

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

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

#### **Flood Relief, Recovery**

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

##### **Whispering Heights**

Esther De Roon  
Jennie Maassen  
Don Postma  
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**  
Lois Postma

#### **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**

- ♦ Cornerstone Prison Ministry

#### **Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (Resonate) *Campuses* - Many university students are entering the final stretch in their spring semester. Resonate partner campus ministers throughout Canada and the United States ask you to pray for students as they work on final projects, write final papers, and study for final exams. Ask the Holy Spirit to heal any anxiety they may have, and pray that all students may find rest in God.

#### **Outreach**

- ♦ **Orphan Grain Train** - a non-profit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in America and around the world by gathering donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, & aid.

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

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

**Monday** - Sydnee Elgersma, Addison Van't Hul

**Tuesday** - Kelci Zevenbergen

**Wednesday** - Brylie Johnson

**Thursday** - Kolt Bleyenbergh, Charlie Poppema

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

## **FUTURE DATES**

**March 16** - Worship in Fellowship Hall—AM & PM

**March 17-21** - Meals on Wheels

**March 23** - Worship resumes in Sanctuary

**March 24** - CEC Taco Supper

**March 26** - Prayer Day Service

**March 31** - Council Meeting

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders Due - 9:00am - Monday, March 10
- ◇ Full Day - Wednesday, March 12
- ◇ Board Meeting - 7:00pm - Wednesday, March 12
- ◇ Jam the Gym/Open House - 10am-12pm - Friday, March 14
- ◇ Noon dismissal - Friday, March 14
- ◇ 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:**

- ◇ Follow the School Schedule based on State Basketball throughout the week.
- ◇ Spring Break - No School - Monday, March 17 through Friday, March 21
- ◇ Members of Western's society are invited to recommend candidates for board service. Nominations are encouraged by Friday, March 14. To submit your nominations, contact Board President John Vander Haag: [john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com).
- ◇ 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 12
- ◇ P/T Conferences - 4-8:00pm - Monday, March 17 & Thursday, March 20
- ◇ No School - Friday, March 21



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

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"**

PsH 187:1,2,4

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

**\*Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** CH:1

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 10 - Q/A 27-28** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

PsH 391:1-3

**"Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)"**

PH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 10 (page 711/1188)

Sermon: **"WHERE DOES OUR KNOWLEDGE COME FROM?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

PH 39:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas

\*Benediction

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

PH 20:3

\*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

\*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:

Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)  
Mitchell Byl, *Special Offerings* '26 - (470-2920)  
Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)  
Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)  
Blake Zomer, *Vicar of Deacons* '27 - (460-2552)  
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, 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 .....	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 <b>4:00 PM Wednesday</b> *
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
Newsletter .....	Carla J (editor), Kim A
Library Committee .....	Joyce VE (Chr.), Diana DG, Carol DR, Hilaine K, Judy VO
Website Team .....	Tracy B (Chr.), Kim A, Brian F, Josie F
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](mailto:mribbens@crcna.org) or Megan at [mribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mribbens@gmail.com))

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

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompjen-Nepal ([mklompjen@crcna.org](mailto:mklompjen@crcna.org))

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