

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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*"And with your feet fitted with the readiness that  
comes from the gospel of peace." Ephesians 6:15*



# GRADUATION

## SUNDAY

*Honoring Our Graduates*

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**May 18, 2025 - Graduate Sunday**  
**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

**Responsive Reading of God's Law**

**Song of Salvation:**

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

PH:1-2

Ministry of Music - "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" -

Tricia M, James VB, Rachelle VB, Andy VR

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Not Yet I But Through Christ in Me"**

GH:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-15 (page 1086/1824)

Sermon: **"FEET FITTED WITH READINESS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"For the Cause"**

GH:1,2,5

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Foster Grandparent Program

& Missionaries: Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "O Church Arise"**

GH:1

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

\*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA  
May 18, 2025  
Graduate Sunday**

*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**

-- This morning we have the joy of celebrating our Graduates! Please join us for a reception honoring all of our graduates in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. Cake and refreshments will be served by our Fellowship Committee.

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**FIRST CRC 2025 GRADUATES:**

**8th Grade:**



Aftyn Bleyenbergh, Titus Haan, Alison LeLoux, Isaac Postma,  
Owen Rus, Brennan Van Kley, Kennedy Van't Hul



**High School:**

Kayla Bos, Amera Faber, Lydia Grevengoed, Brielle Jansma,  
Kiah Van Der Brink, Kayla Van Engen, Aiden Van Roekel

**College:**

Carson Elbers, Tristan Mulder, Jadyen Petitt, Levi Vanden Bos, Brody Van't Hul

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-- Newsletter Articles are due today.

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

-- *A special thank you to Tricia Mulder, James & Rachelle Vanden Bos, and Andy Van Roekel for your ministry of music this morning and to Alyssa Bos for playing the piano accompaniment!*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

-- Jaydn LeLoux was scheduled for shoulder surgery on May 16th, but her surgery has been rescheduled to the 30th. Continue to pray for Jaydn as she anticipates her upcoming surgery and recovery.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to the family of Thelma De Smit. Thelma had been a past member of First CRC and she passed away on Saturday, May 10 at the age of 77. She was a resident of Pleasant Acres Care Center in Hull. We pray for God's peace and comfort to uphold her family.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for the **Foster Grandparent Program** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Missionaries: Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou**. The offerings next week will be for Habitat for Humanity and our Building Fund.

-- Next week *Sunday, May 25*, we will welcome Rev. Tim Ouwinga as he leads our morning worship service and Mr. Nathan Nieuwendorp as he leads our evening worship service. Pastor Haan will be out of his study leading worship with the Western Football team for their annual Senior leadership weekend in the Black Hills *Friday, May 23 - Monday, May 26*.

-- The CEC Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will be held *Monday morning, May 26!* Please make plans to attend! Breakfast will be served from 7:00-10:30am in our Church Fellowship Hall.

-- Book Club's book for reading is *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin. Two copies are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex, and 4 copies are now reserved and available at the RV Public Library as well. You will need to mention that you are part of the First CRC Book Club when requesting to borrow a copy from the public library. Discussion night will be held on *Monday, June 16*.

-- *Sunday, June 22* our Church will have a Dedication Service for our Church home marking one year after the 2024 flood. Communion will be held that morning. More details will follow.

-- Care Groups 4 & 5 will serve at the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission on *Monday, June 23*. A meeting to prepare for the service will be held on *Sunday, June 15* after the morning worship service in Classroom #1. Please mark your calendars and make plans to participate and attend the meeting and the service.

-- Care Groups 1 & 3 will serve at the Sioux City Gospel Mission on *Tuesday, June 24*. A meeting to prepare for the service will be held on *Sunday, June 15* after the morning worship service in the Library. Please mark your calendars and make plans to participate and attend the meeting and the service.

-- Members of Care Groups 6 & 7 are invited to gather together for a time of Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall *Sunday, June 29*.

-- Rev. Michael Ribbens will be visiting on *Sunday, July 6* during our morning worship service and will give a brief Missions Update. An outdoor picnic will be served at Pastor Matt & Holly's home following the morning service, which will provide a time of fellowship with Rev. Ribbens. All are welcome!

-- **Nursery Requirement:** Please remember to sign your child in when you bring them in to the nursery during a service and sign them back out when you pick them up again. *Thank you!*

### **May 18 - Graduate Sunday**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

Holly H, Ashley VO,  
Andy VR, Nolan VO

**USHERS:**

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

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Kelsey VB, Kaysha A,  
Abby A, Ada K  
*PM:* Sharla VR, Noah DK

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Matthew & Autumn L  
Alvin & Sue LeLoux  
Evan & Rhonda LeLoux

*PM:* Gene & Carla L  
Keith & Jacque L  
Shanna L

*NARTHEX:* Eric & Tracy

**VIDEO:** Rich R

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Foster Grandparent Program  
*PM:* Missionaries:  
Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Lindsey VB  
*Maletoungou:* Verlyn VB  
*Klompens:* Lyle VE

**PIANIST:** Jackie R

**PPT:** Carla J

### **May 25, 2025 - Ascension Day Observed & Memorial Day Weekend**

**SONG LEADER:**

Rachelle VB

**USHERS:**

*East:* Cody D, Mike B  
*West:* Cole VDB, Titus H

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Taryn VH, Genae Z,  
Amera F, Faith K  
*PM:* Jamie Z, Titus H

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Jacob & Amanda M  
Larry & Pam M  
Joe & Jill M

*PM:* Brian & Tricia M  
Darin & Lisa P  
Mike & Nike P

*NARTHEX:* Rog & Hilaine

**VIDEO:** Alex K

**SOUND:** Blake Z

**PPT:** Cowan VK

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Habitat for Humanity  
*PM:* Building Fund

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Matt VE  
*Maletoungou:* Albert VG  
*Klompens:* Fred VK

**PIANIST:** AM: Lois K

PM: Rachelle VB/Jenessa VR

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM  
*all blessings flow*

*Remember*

Pay close attention to the impossible opportunities that cross your path.

They may be just the way God wants to show up and amaze you.

“Nothing will be impossible with God.”

Luke 1:37

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR CARE GROUP ELDER FOR  
ANY NEEDS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS!**

**Our Church is a family and praying and supporting each other is a blessing!**

**SERMON NOTES:**



## **May 18, 2025 - Graduate Sunday**

**TODAY: 9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service  
**10:45 AM:** Graduate Reception  
**6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service

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### **PRAYER REMINDERS**



#### **Graduates of 2025**

**Students & Teachers wrapping up the final week of the school year**

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

- ♦ Jaydn LeLoux (CG#3), Ron LeLoux (CG#6), Tracy Hoogendoorn (CG#2), Howard Altena (CG#5), Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6), Ruth Koedam (CG#2), Rev. Dan De Groot, Jan Iedema

#### **Sympathy**

- ♦ The family of Thelma De Smit

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

##### **Four Seasons**

Teresa Oostra (CG#6)

##### **Whispering Heights**

Don Postma (CG#3)

Grace Teunissen (CG#8)

Alvina Van't Hul (CG#5)

Joan Van Maanen (CG#7)

Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

##### **River View Ridge**

Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)

Jim Driesen (CG#6)

Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)

LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)

Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

##### **Hull - Pleasant Acres**

Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)

##### **Crown Pointe - SC**

Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5)

#### **Missionaries**

- ♦ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ♦ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletougou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

#### **Classical Missions**

- ♦ New Roots Ministry

#### **Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (Calvin Theological Seminary) Graduates - Over 60 students will be graduation this month. Rejoice and pray for these graduates as they transition to ministry positions & where God leads them.

#### **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.

***How are you Feeding Your Fire of Faith?***



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

**Sunday** - Isaac Postma, Julie Van Otterloo, *the Myron Bleyenbergs*

**Monday** - Darin Kooima, Mary Vande Kamp, Erica Van Surksun

**Tuesday** - Quinnley Faber, Joe Miller, *the Darin Pollema's*

**Wednesday** - Melissa Elbers, Gerrit Vis

**Saturday** - Cody Davelaar, Bob Kooima (88)

## **FUTURE DATES**

**May 25** - Ascension Day Observed

**May 26** - CEC Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

**May 27** - Council Meeting

**June 1** - Baptism Sunday for Brayton Zomer

**June 8** - Pentecost Sunday

**June 13-19** - Synod 2025

**June 16** - Book Club Discussion Night

**June 22** - Communion/Church Dedication

**June 23** - Care Groups 4 & 5 provide service at the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

**June 24** - Care Groups 1 & 3 provide service at the Sioux Gospel Mission

**June 29** - Care Groups 6 & 7 Coffee Fellowship

**June 30** - Council Meeting

**July 4** - Independence Day

**July 6** - Missions Update from Rev. Michael Ribbens/Picnic at Parsonage

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders due - Monday, May 19 - 9:00am
- ◇ Full Day - Wednesday, May 21
- ◇ 8th Grade Graduation - Wednesday, May 21 - 6:30pm
- ◇ Noon dismissal - Thursday, May 22 - Last Day of School
- ◇ Join us for the upcoming annual Society Meeting on Wednesday, June 11, at 6:30 pm in the gym. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with other families, stay informed, and vote on new board members. Your presence and voice make a meaningful difference as we grow together in faith and learning. Absentee ballots will be available in the school office and absentee online voting will both be available beginning June 1.
  - 2025 Nominees include:
    - Calvin CRC: Colton Harthoorn, Jeff Veldman
    - First CRC: Jamie De Jager, Tyler Den Boer
    - At-Large: Marcus Altena, Brittany De Ruyter, Jacob Faber, Megan (Kurt) Kooima
- ◇ Full-time Music Teacher & Van Driver needed for 2025/2026 school year. Contact Marcus De Jager - [marcus.dejager@rockvalleychristian.com](mailto:marcus.dejager@rockvalleychristian.com) with any questions or interest.

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

- ◇ Graduation - Tuesday, May 20 - 7:00pm
- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, May 21
- ◇ Noon dismissal - Friday, May 30 - Last Day of School

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

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, May 21
- ◇ 1:00pm dismissal - Thursday, May 22 - Last Day of School

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



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

Piano Prelude

### **Hymn Sing**

**"Come into His Presence"**

CH 171

**"Glory to His Name"**

CH 493:1-3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise: "Glorify Thy Name"**

Vs: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 18 Q/A 46-49** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Speak, O Lord"**

GH:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26 (page 1080/1815)

Sermon: **"CONSTRUCTING FRUITFUL CHARACTER: FAITHFULNESS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

PsH 408:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Find Us Faithful"**

CH:1

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

\*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 .....	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 <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))

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