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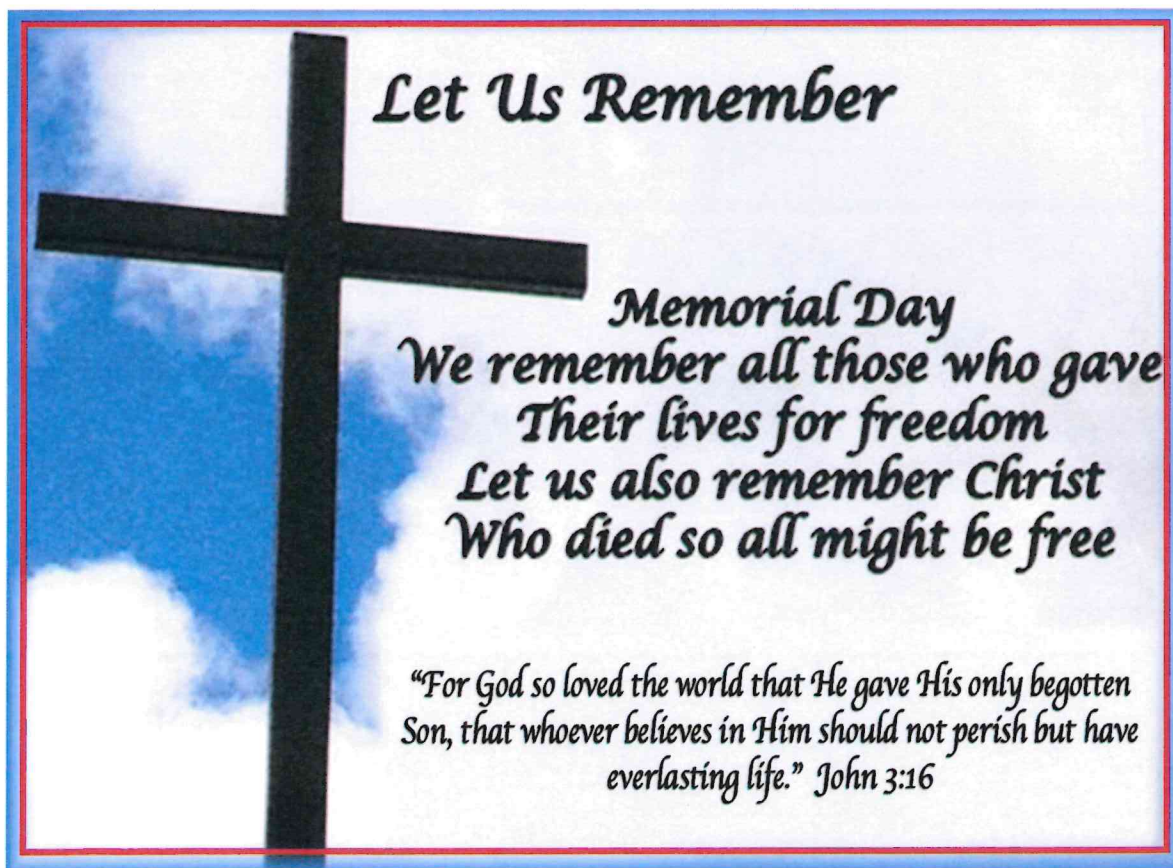
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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**May 25, 2025**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**Song of Praise:**

**"To God Be the Glory"**

GsH 473:1-2

Reading of God's Law

**Song of Salvation:**

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

LUYH:1-3

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Speak, O Lord"**

GH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Leviticus 10:1-11 (page 98/167)

Sermon: **"HOLY GOD, HOLY LIVES"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"Take Time to Be Holy"**

BsH 451:1-4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Habitat for Humanity & Building Fund

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "O How Good It Is"**

GH:3

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Lois Klarenbeek

\*Please stand if you are able

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May 25, 2025

Ascension Day Observed

*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

-- Today we observe Ascension Day, which occurs this year on *Thursday, May 29*. Ascension Day commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven after his resurrection, which is the 40th day after Easter.

-- On this Memorial Day weekend, spend time to honor, reflect, and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and to thank the brave soldiers and officers of the armed forces who leave their families to serve our great nation in order to protect us. *We thank our past and present servicemen and women for their contribution to the safety, peace, and liberty we so freely enjoy.*

-- This morning we welcome Rev. Tim Ouwinga as he leads our morning worship service and Mr. Nathan Nieuwendorp as he leads our evening worship service. *Thank you Rev. Ouwinga & Mr. Nieuwendorp for your time & commitment to lead our congregation today!*

-- The "I Will" Adult Class led by Pastor Matt will not meet this morning. The class will meet for the final session next week *Sunday, June 1*.

## EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

-- *Thank you to all of you who remembered me with a card, gifts, and words of encouragement at the Graduate Reception this past Sunday! I really appreciate your thoughtfulness!* -- Aftyn Bleyenbergh

## PRAYER CONCERNS

-- Please keep Jamie Walhof-Ellenberger in your prayers as she will undergo a same-day surgery in Sioux Falls on June 4. Please pray for surgery to go well and for comfort during her healing and recovery.

-- Clarence Klarenbeek will begin chemotherapy treatments the first week of June. Please pray for him during this transition of treatments. Pray for comfort, tolerance, and that the treatments will be effective in his ongoing battle, and pray for Mary Ann as she supports him.

-- Donna Bakker entered in-home hospice care last week. Please be in prayer for Donna and her family during this transition.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Habitat for Humanity** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Building Fund**. The offerings next week will be for Tuition Assistance and our CEC.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

- ***The CEC Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will be held tomorrow, Monday, May 26!*** Come out and enjoy a delicious breakfast including pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausages which will be served from 7:00-10:30AM. See you there!
- The Cadets will be a part of the Memorial Day activities tomorrow, Monday, May 26. Please be dressed in your Cadet uniforms.
- The Elders/Deacons will have a Council meeting on Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30pm.
- Next week Sunday, June 1, Lord-willing, we will have the joy & privilege to witness the Holy Sacrament of Baptism of Brayton Clarence Zomer, infant son of Blake & Genae Zomer.
- June Faith & Life Newsletters will be printed for distribution *next week Sunday*.
- 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 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.
- On Wednesday, June 18 our Fellowship Committee invites you to a fun evening of swimming at the Siouxnami Water Park! Food & refreshments will be provided!
- Sunday, June 22 we 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 and #5** will be serving at the *Sioux Falls Gospel Mission* on **Monday, June 23**, beginning at 7:00pm. *A brief meeting to prepare for the visit will be held for members of BOTH Care Groups Sunday, June 15 in Classroom #1 after the morning worship service.* Please mark your calendars and make plans to participate and attend the meeting and the service.
- **Care Groups #1 and #3** will be serving at the *Sioux City Gospel Mission* on **Tuesday, June 24**, beginning at 7:00pm. *A brief meeting to prepare for the visit will be held for members of BOTH Care Groups Sunday, June 15 in the Library after the morning worship service.* 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 on 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!

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

**SONG LEADER:**

AM: James VB/PM: Andy VR

**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

**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

**VIDEO:** Alex K   **SOUND:** Blake Z   **PPT:** Cowan VK

### **June 1, 2025 - Baptism Sunday**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

Michelle K, Lindsey VB, Mike B

AM: Jack VB, PM: Andy VR

**USHERS:**

*East:* Josh B, Mike VZ

*West:* Dan B, Darin P

**NURSERY:**

AM: Kendra J, Allison B,  
Tad M, Kate L

PM: Shannon B, Alison L

**GREETERS:**

AM: Brad & Brenda P

Rich & Lynnette R

Damon & Jackie R

PM: Alex & Alexis R

Jeff & Kacie VB

Lindsey VB

NARTHEX: Vern & Carol

**OFFERING:**

AM: Tuition Assistance

PM: CEC

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Nate VK

*Maletoungou:* Joan VM

*Klompens:* Colton VO

**ORGANIST:** Ranae K

**VIDEO:** Ron L   **SOUND:** James VB   **PPT:** Tammy B

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM  
*all blessings flow*

*Remember*

Jesus has done the paying. We get to receive, if we're willing.

And we get to share the awesome news of debts paid off to anyone who will listen.

"The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

**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 25, 2025**

**TODAY: 9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Rev. Tim Ouwinga  
**6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service - Mr. Nathan Nieuwendorp

**MON: 7:00-10:30 AM:** CEC Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

**TUES: 6:30 PM:** Council Meeting

### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

#### **Ascension Day**

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

- ♦ Donna Bakker (CG#8), Jamie Walhof-Ellenberger (CG#6), Clarence Klarenbeek (CG#6), Jaydn LeLoux (CG#3), Ron LeLoux (CG#6), Tracy Hoogendoorn (CG#2), Howard Altena (CG#5), Ruth Koedam (CG#2), Rev. Dan De Groot, Jan Iedema

#### **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 Maletoungou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal



#### **Classical Missions**

- ♦ Cornerstone Prison Ministries

#### **Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (Thrive) **Memorial Day** - On this Memorial Day we remember all who gave up their lives while serving their country. We remember lives that ended too soon. We pray for friends and family who grieve and who may feel abandoned and unknown in their grief. We continue to live in the hope that one day all wars will cease at the coming of Jesus Christ.

#### **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** - Gensen Zomer

**Monday** - Carter Vanden Bos

**Thursday** - Darletta LeLoux

**Friday** - Arnold Kempema, Levi Vanden Bos

**Saturday** - *the Travis Jansen's, the Roger Kempema's (57)*

## **FUTURE DATES**

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

**June 8** - Pentecost Sunday

**June 13-19** - Synod 2025

**June 16** - Book Club Discussion Night

**June 18** - Siouxnami Pool Party

**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 City 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:**

- ◇ No SCRIP Orders this week
- ◇ 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:**

- ◇ Noon dismissal - Friday, May 30 - Last Day of School

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



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

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"Amid the Thronging Worshippers"**

PsH 37:1-3

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

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

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 19 Q/A 50-52** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Songs of Preparation:**

**"Lead On O King Eternal"**

GsH 555:1-3

**"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"**

BsH 36:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-23 (page 1080/1815)

Sermon: **"GENTLE LIKE JESUS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"**

PsH 425:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building Fund

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"** LUYH:3

\*Piano Postlude Pianists: Rachelle Vanden Bos/Jenessa Van Roekel

\*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 ..... Ranac 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  
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 Klompier*-Nepal ([mklompier@crcna.org](mailto:mklompier@crcna.org))

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