

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

1401 16TH STREET
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA 51247
712-476-5902
www.firstcrrv.org
Cable Channel 76 & Roku Streaming

REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

PASTOR'S STUDY
712-476-9680
pastor@firstcrrv.org



OFFICE
712-476-5902
secretary@firstcrrv.org

*"We remember before our God and Father your work produced
by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance
inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Thessalonians 1:3*



THE LORD'S DAY
October 12, 2025 - Pastor Appreciation 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:

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

LUYH:1-3

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"I Surrender All"

PH 53:1,2,4

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: Acts 14:1-7 (page 1023/1716)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD REVEALS UNBELIEF AND DISBELIEF"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Vs:1,3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Love INC & General Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

LUYH:1

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
October 12, 2025 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday**

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!

WELCOME!

TODAY

-- October is Pastor Appreciation Month and today we recognize Pastor Appreciation Sunday! Pastor Matt, our Congregation would like to express our gratitude to you for everything you do for our Church everyday in countless ways! We are blessed by your leadership, teaching, counsel, and fellowship provided to our church family, our entire community, and beyond. Thank you for challenging us to study and live our lives of faith for Christ alone through the guidance and instruction of the truths of His Holy Word. Thank you to Holly, Benjamin, Titus, Ezra, & Andrew for your devotion to the Church and for sacrificing your family time and needs to respond to the call of others so faithfully. Thank you for the blessing your family is to all of us!

-- The Fellowship Committee invites everyone for cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service in honor of Pastor Haan and family. Students will be served in their classrooms. Children's Choir will practice at their normal time, but in the Sanctuary this morning. Adult Choir will practice in the Sanctuary after the Children's Choir.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE

-- We welcome to our Congregational family John & Claretta Lobbes, as they join us by transfer from the First Christian Reformed Church of Orange City. Welcome John & Claretta!

-- Laura Van Kalsbeek is doing well and was able to return to her home at Northside in Hull! We pray for Laura as she makes this transition and for continued good health and healing.

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- Paula Kats underwent surgery this past Wednesday, October 8, to have part of her leg above the knee amputated due to diabetes and persistent health issues. Pray for Paula through this trying time and the recovery and adjustment she is enduring and for her continued health struggles. Pray for Galen and her family as they support her.

-- Encourage and uplift Nate Van Kley & family in your prayers as he continues the road to healing after his tongue surgery. He will need to begin treatments soon to help fight any remaining cancer. Pray for health and strength throughout each step of his journey.

CEC ANNOUNCEMENT

-- Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come out and enjoy a fun-filled evening at the annual **Christian Education Auction this week Wednesday, October 15!**

*If you are unable to attend the auction, please stop in starting at 2:00pm to purchase items from the bake sale and some pre-sale items. The pre-sale items will include small gift cards from a variety of places, gift certificates, and limited amounts of frozen soup & frozen cinnamon rolls.

*The meal of tavern, coney dogs, chips, and assorted bars is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm.

*The live auction will begin at 6:30pm.

*All parents of Christian School students are asked to donate at least 2 items for the auction and bring them to classroom #3 ASAP. Donation items from the congregation are very much appreciated! Please have all donated items at church by noon on the 14th if possible.

*We are also looking for items for the bake sale, please have to church by noon on the 15th.

THANK YOU AGAIN, FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CEC!!!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Love INC**, and the *second* offering and *evening* will be for our **General Fund**. The offerings for next week will be for our Classical Quotas and Teacher's Garden. ***Note from the Deacons:*** The General Fund is currently running approximately \$60,000 behind budget for 2025. Please prayerfully consider donating this month to help catch up. Please indicate General Fund in your check memo. *Thank you!*

-- Next week *Sunday, October 19*, Lord-willing, we will have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Tovey Jon Kats, infant son of Taylor & Jessica, during our morning worship service.

-- Next *Sunday, October 19*, we will welcome Rev. Scott Van Voorst as he leads our evening worship service. The Mission Committee will provide coffee and cookies after the service for a time of fellowship with Rev. Van Voorst. All are welcome!

-- Newsletter articles are due next week.

-- Serve with Freedom's Gate Church - On *Sunday, November 2* at 5pm, the Mission Committee invites 20 volunteers to join worship and share a fellowship meal with Freedom's Gate Church in Sioux Falls, a ministry led by Pastor Jason Wiersma serving men and women released from prison. Sign up in the narthex or contact a Mission Committee member for details. *****You must be 18 or older to sign-up and attend.*****

-- On *Sunday, November 9*, prior to Veterans Day, the Council has agreed to have a tribute honoring our past and present military personnel. If you are active military, have served, or have an immediate family member who is serving or has served, please provide a photo (preferably military), the branch of military/war engaged in, years of service, and their relationship to you. Please put this information in Bonnie Wiersma's mailbox or scan and email it to her at hbwier@mtcnet.net *prior to November 1*.

-- Book Club's next book for reading is *Tea with Elephants* by Robin Jones Gunn. Two copies of the book are available on the table in the Narthex. Please sign in/out when borrowing the book. Book Discussion night is *Monday, November 10*.

-- *Bring your finest recipe and put your chili to the test!* The Fellowship Committee is planning a **Chili Cook-Off** on *Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-8:00pm*. A sign-up sheet to enter your finest chili is on the table in the Narthex. Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy some hot chili & cinnamon rolls, and determine which one is your favorite!

-- *Wednesday, November 19*, IGNITE Youth Group will host their annual **Potato Bake Supper** from 5:00-7:00pm! This year, after the Potato Bake all professing members of First CRC are encouraged to attend the **Annual Congregational Meeting** that will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. Grab supper and stay for meeting! Nursery will be provided by our Youth Group.

-- "Are you Called to Ministry?" - Explore this question with Classis Iakota at an event being held at Dordt University on *November 22* from 10am-3pm.

October 12, 2025 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday

SONG LEADER:

Jack VB

USHERS:

East: Cody D, Mike B

West: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Tamae K, Aftyn B, Taryn B

PM: Michelle K, Teeghan B

GREETERS:

AM: Matt & Krista VE

Fred & Karla VK

Colton & Ashley VO

PM: Mer & Cindy VO

Mike & Judy VO

Nolan & Julie VO

NARTHEX: Fellowship Committee

OFFERING:

AM: Love INC

PM: General Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Harold D

Maletoungou: Jim D

Klomprens: Carl E

PIANIST: *AM:* Krista VE

PM: Carisa M

VIDEO: Aiden VR **SOUND:** Leonard H **PPT:** Jaydn L

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jacque L *Helper:* Ali L

October 19, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

Kelsi B, Pat B,

James VB, Benjamin H

USHERS:

East: Josh B, Mike VZ

West: Dan B, Darin P

NURSERY:

AM: Rhonda L, Noah DK, Tessa B

PM: Jamie Z, Titus H

GREETERS:

AM: Andy & Sharla VR

Mike & Gert VR

Colton & Leah VS

PM: Alyssa VH

Chad & Sandra VH

Mary VH & Carol VH

NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

OFFERING:

AM: Classical Quotas

PM: Teacher's Garden

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Zach E

Maletoungou: Jesse E

Klomprens: Brian F

ORGANIST: Ranae K

VIDEO: Jack VB **SOUND:** Carter VB **PPT:** Aiden VR

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jacque L *Helper:* Kennedy VH



Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org

- Meeting - Wednesday, October 15 - CEC Auction - Reminder: Students bring in your Auction items.
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 5
- Annual Potato Bake - Wednesday, November 19



- Meeting - Wednesday, October 22 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 12 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC



- Meeting - Wednesday, October 22 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 12 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

October 12, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism
Pastor Appreciation Fellowship Cake/Coffee
11:00 AM: Adult Choir Practice
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

TUES: 9:45 AM: Coffee Break - Lesson 5

WED: 6:00 AM: 3D Leadership Bible Study
2:00 PM: Auction Bake Sale
5:30 PM: Auction Meal
6:30 PM: Auction begins

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pastor Appreciation

Welcome

- ♦ John & Claretta Lobbes (CG#5)

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Paula Kats (CG#1); Skyler Zomer (CG#4), Nate Van Kley (CG#1)
- ♦ Family/Friends of Our Church Family: Gerald Van Den Top, Judy Wesselink, Hazel Van Der Brink, Jason Davelaar, and Rev. Dan De Groot

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#6)

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 Ministry

Classis Iakota - www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents - follow this link for all the information to keep you updated about meetings held and the discussions that take place. Browse the site for additional information to stay informed.

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (World Renew) *World Food Day* - Around the world, extreme weather, economic instability, and ongoing conflicts and disasters are pushing more families into a food crisis. On World Food Day, please pray for World Renew and our partners as we work to help families worldwide to improve their food security through sustainable agriculture programs.

Outreach

- ♦ **Orphan Grain Train**

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Autumn Laman, Sandra Van't Hul

Wednesday - Eli Bloemendaal, Al Van Zanten (92)

Thursday - Tammy Haverhals

Saturday - LeRoy Koedam (88), *the Marv Faber's (57)*

FUTURE DATES

October - Pastor Appreciation Month

October 27 - Council Meeting

November 2 - Mission Committee serving at Freedom's Gate Church

November 9 - Military Tribute in honor of Veteran's Day

November 10 - Book Club Discussion Night

November 10-14 - Meals on Wheels

November 13 - Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Fellowship Committee

November 16 - Final session of Fall classes for SS/Catechism

November 19 - IGNITE Youth Group Potato Bake & Annual Congregational Meeting

November 23 - P-6th Christmas program practice begins

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Service

November 30 - Communion/1st Sunday of Advent

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCIP Orders due - Monday, October 13 - 9:00am
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 15

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am Start - Wednesday, October 15
- ◇ The Bargain Alley Thrift Store is currently in need of toddler/youth clothing. A reminder that the store is located at 1103 Maple Street in Hull and is open Tuesday - Saturday. Please contact Kari with any questions. bargainalleyhull@gmail.com or 712-439-6800. *Thank you!*
- ◇ You're invited to our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, on *Tuesday, November 18*, at 7:00pm. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School. You'll also get a sneak peek at an exciting capital project God has placed on our hearts—join us for Explore Western!

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 15
- ◇ No School - Monday, October 20 - Professional Development

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.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: "Our God Reigns"**

PH 72:1-3

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 35 Q/A 96-98 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"What He's Done"

Vs:1,3

"Come to Jesus (Untitled Hymn)"

WH:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Kings 15:1-7 (page 352/596)

Sermon: **"LEPEROUS IDOLS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole"

BsH 379:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: General Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole"

BsH 379:4

*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:

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, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent Damon R
Christian Education Committee Dan & Shannon B, Pastor Matt & Holly H, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G,
Matthew & Autumn L, Keith & Jacque L, Joe & Jill M
Rock Valley Calvinist Board Ron L, Mike P
CADET Leaders Brian F, Kevin J, Ryan Z
GEMS Leaders Sharla VR, Alli DB, Shanna L, Bonnie W, Kelci Z
Youth Group Sponsors Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH,
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, Jackie R, Krista VE, Rachelle VB
Nursery Committee Jackie R, Kelsey VB
Tech Committee Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR
Sound System Team James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Rich R, Evan VB, Jack VB, Blake Z
Video Recording Team Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Aiden VR
PowerPoint System Team Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Carla J, Jaydn L, Cowan VK, 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.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, 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, Jamie DJ, 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)