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Kolter Matthew Kats



THE LORD'S DAY
October 5, 2025 - Baptism 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:

"O Worship the King, All-glorious Above"

PsH 315:1,2,4

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

GsH:1-4

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Kolter Matthew Kats

(Form No. 3 - page 129, back of Psalter)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "You Are My Hiding Place"**

CH:1

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 13:13-52 (page 1022/1714)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD IS WORSHIPED, WILL YOU WORSHIP?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Oh How Good It Is"

GH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Tuition Assistance & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Oh How Good It Is"

GH:3

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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October 5, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

*We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today
as we bring our praises & prayers, witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,
and hear His Word proclaimed!*

WELCOME!

TODAY

-- Today we have the privilege to witness and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Kolter Matthew Kats, infant son of Jerad & Hannah, during our morning worship service. May God equip Jerad & Hannah to train Kolter to grow in the light of God's Holy Word.

-- Saved to Serve Bible Study begins TODAY at 7:15pm after the evening worship service in Classroom #5, and will meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. The group will study the Book of James by Francis Chan.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

-- *We rejoice with Austin & Hannah (Van Tilburg) Folkens as they were united in marriage last evening, Saturday, October 4 in our Church. May God bless you both as you begin your lives together!*

-- *We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that came out to help cover our silage pile this year! We could not have done it without your help. We are so thankful to be a part of the body of Christ at First CRC - Ephesians 4:16. -- Brett & Malorie Kirkley, RRJ*

-- *The family of Warren Van Otterloo would like to say Thank-you to everyone for all the prayers, visits, cards, comforting words & food since his sudden passing. A special thank you to Pastor Matt, Elders, and Evan Altena. We are truly grateful! -- The Van Otterloo family*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Tuition Assistance**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings next week will be for Love INC and our General Fund. **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!*

-- October is Pastor Appreciation Month and next week Sunday, October 12 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Please join the Fellowship Committee for Coffee & Cake in honor of Pastor Matt & Holly & family after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Children's Choir will practice in the Sanctuary that morning. *Students in Sunday School and Catechism will be served in their classrooms.*

-- 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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- 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.

-- Last call for ButterBraids! Western Christian Chamber Singers is selling ButterBraids. The order form is on the Narthex table. Please make checks payable to Holly Haan in support of Benjamin. *Thank you for your support!*

-- August Receipts: General Fund - \$24,267.60; Tuition Assistance - \$1,846.41; Memorial Fund - \$378.44; Building Fund - \$19,590.29.

-- Jeff & Stephanie Elgersma family have transferred their membership papers to United Reformed Church in Doon. May the Lord bless their family.

CEC ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **CEC Annual Auction is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15!**

- Each CEC family is asked to donate 2 or more items. Please have your donated items brought to Church in Classroom #3 **preferably by Wednesday, October 8.**
- Youth Group please bring your items/services that you will be contributing as well! Please let a leader know what you are donating or have your item/service labeled with your name.
- Items donated so far are listed on the back of the Auction flyer provided in your mailboxes this week. An updated list will be distributed in mailboxes next Sunday as well.
- We are also still looking for corn donations! Please call Brad Grevengeod with your donation amount and the name of the elevator. His # is 712-541-7617.

Thank you for your donations and support of our upcoming auction!

MISSION COMMITTEE OUTREACH EVENT

-- 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.*****

Sunday School Offerings 2025/2026

-- This year our Sunday School offerings will be used to help fund the Mission Trips to Guatemala that will occur in February & March 2026. Members of our church attending will have the chance to serve and share God's love with the people there, and it has been an awesome opportunity to continue to travel there each year. By giving through Sunday School offerings, our kids and families will play a part in supporting this work and showing Christ's love in a very real way. Every portion of the offerings made will help make these trips possible. We are grateful for the chance to do this together and have our children involved as well! *Thank you for your support!*

SAFE CHURCH

-- If you received a form in your Church mailbox and an email from Kim in the office as well as an email from Protect My Ministries (Mobilize My Ministry), please follow the instructions given to process your 5-year renewal requirement. Please also return your form to the Church office ASAP! If you have any questions, please contact Kim or any member of the Safe Church Committee. *Thank you!*

October 5, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

Rachelle VB, Tracy B,
Jack VB, Ryan Z

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Deb H, Kaysha A, Bristyl B
PM: Jamie Z, Abby A

VIDEO: Ron L **SOUND:** Rich R **PPT:** Tammy B

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Kristin J *Helper:* Abby A

GREETERS:

AM: Jeff & Kacie VB
Lindsey VB
Verlyn & Sandy VB
PM: James & Rachelle VB
Dereck & LaRae VDB
Lyle & Joyce VE

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

OFFERING:

AM: Tuition Assistance
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Jaden DB
Maletoungou: Tyler DB
Klompies: Harlan D

PIANIST: Krista VE

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

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

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

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
Klompies: Carl E

PIANIST: *AM:* Krista VE
PM: Carisa M



-- Meeting - Wednesday, October 15 - CEC Auction - *Reminder:* Students bring in your Auction items preferably by October 8! Notify one of your leaders of your item/service.

-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 5

-- Annual Potato Bake - Wednesday, November 19



-- Meeting - Wednesday, October 8 - 7:00pm at First CRC

-- Meeting - Wednesday, October 22 - 7:00pm at First CRC



-- Meeting - Wednesday, October 8 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

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



SERMON NOTES:

October 5, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service - *Baptism of Kolter Matthew Kats*
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Choir
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

MON: 7:00 PM: LIGHT Bible Study

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

WED: 6:00 AM: 3D Leadership Bible Study
6:45 PM: GEMS
7:00 PM: CADETS
CCC Bible Study

PRAYER REMINDERS

Wedding Blessings

- ♦ Austin & Hannah (Van Tilburg) Folkens

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Skyler Zomer (CG#4), Nate Van Kley (CG#1); Paula Kats (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

Pray for the busy Harvest season

Pray for town, our local communities, our state, and our nation

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

- ♦ New Roots 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

- ♦ (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Rhythm and Rest* - Pray for students, faculty, and staff as they navigate school, family, and other commitments during this semester. Pray for healthy rhythms. Pray that when stress levels rise, everyone will be able to take time with the One who will give them rest (Matthew 11:28).

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Josie Faber

Tuesday - Lydia Grevengoed, Alison LeLoux, Loy Van't Hul Jr.

Wednesday - Miles Laman

Thursday - Knoxtyn Davelaar, Rev. Matthew Haan, Dick Jansma

Friday - Titus Haan, Mason Jansma, Paula Kats, *the Kevin De Groot's*

Saturday - Kaylee Mulder, *the Alex Kooima's*

FUTURE DATES

October - Pastor Appreciation Month

October 12 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday & Fellowship Cake/Coffee

October 15 - CEC Bake Sale/Auction

October 19 - Baptism Sunday - *Tovey Kats*/PM: Pulpit Supply - Rev. Scott Van Voorst

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 24 - Council Meeting

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Service

November 30 - Communion/1st Sunday of Advent

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders due - Monday, October 6 - 9:00am
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 8
- ◇ Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 8
- ◇ ARROWS Prayer Warriors - Friday, October 10 - 8:30am - All are welcome!
- ◇ RVCS will be holding their monthly Coffee Cuttin' Club on Monday, October 13 from 9:30-10:30am at RVCS. Come lend a hand to help our RVCS teachers get ready for upcoming activities. It's a simple (and fun!) way to support our teachers while enjoying fellowship with others. We'd love to see you there! Any questions feel free to contact Mary De Groot at mary.degroot@rockvalleychristian.com.

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am Start - Wednesday, October 8
- ◇ 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!*

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 8
- ◇ No School - Monday, October 20 - Professional Development

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"He Is Exalted"

PH:1

"Victory in Jesus"

PH 22:1,3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "Cornerstone"**

WH:1-2

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

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

CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 34 Q/A 92-95 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Purify My Heart"

PH 97:1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Kings 14:23-29 (page 351/595)

Sermon: **"BREAKING THE LAW"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Ancient Words"

LUYH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"There Is a Redeemer"

PH 20:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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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)

----- 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, *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)