

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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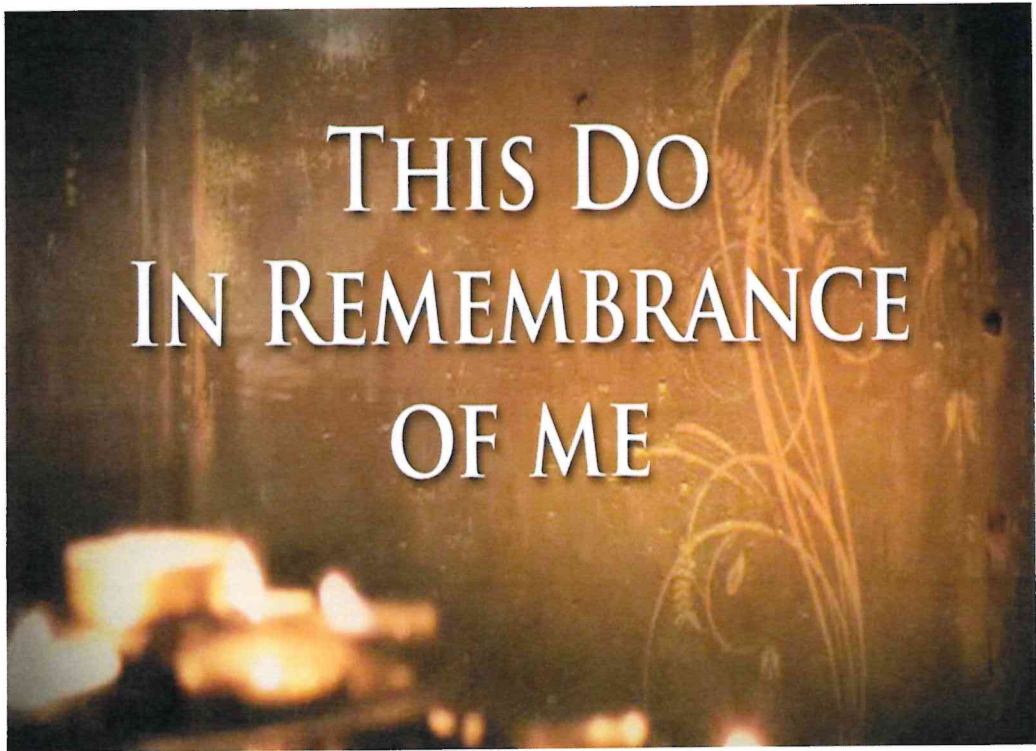
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IN REMEMBRANCE  
OF ME

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**September 14, 2025 - Communion**  
**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: "Blessed Be Your Name"**

LUYH:1,2,4

**Responsive Reading of God's Law**

**Song of Salvation:**

**"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"**

WH:1,2,4

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation: "Be unto Your Name"**

WH:1-2

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 12:1-18 (page 1021/1712)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD KNOCKS AT YOUR DOOR, WILL YOU OPEN IT?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response: "And Can It Be"**

PH 10:1,4

Formulary for the Lord's Supper (Form No. 2 - page 151 - back of Psalter)

**Song while Passing of the Bread: "Behold the Lamb"**

GH:1-2

**Song while Passing of the Cup: "Behold the Lamb"**

GH:3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Cadets and General Fund

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Behold the Lamb"**

GH:4

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

\*Please stand if you are able

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## ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

**September 14, 2025**

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

**WELCOME!**

### **TODAY**

-- We have the privilege of celebrating the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our morning worship service. We invite all who have publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus their Savior in a Bible-believing church to partake of the elements today.

*\*Reminder: The center cups are grape juice, and the outer cups are wine.*

-- **Guatemala Mission Trip 2026:** There will be a brief meeting following the morning service **TODAY** for anyone interested in going on the Guatemala mission trip during the week of February 8-14, 2026. This meeting will be held in Classroom #1. If you are interested in going on the trip, but are unable to attend the meeting, please call/text Tammy Haverhals prior to October 1.

-- CEC Meat Bundle Orders are due **TODAY!** See CEC Announcements for more information.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

-- Nate Van Kley underwent surgery this past Monday, September 8 to remove the cancerous portion of his tongue. The surgery went well, and this week has been a delicate time with some pivotal days in his initial recovery. He is doing well and making good progress, though he has a lengthy road of recovery ahead of him. Continue to uplift in prayer Nate, that he maintains strength and patience and for Laurie, Cowan, Brea, Brennan, Trevin, & Gracia as they provide encouragement and support in the daily challenges he will endure.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to the family and loved ones of Ruth Koedam. Ruth endured a courageous and continuous battle with cancer and health issues and passed away at Avera Hospital on Friday, September 5. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, September 10 at First CRC. May God wrap His loving arms around her family and friends as they mourn and remember dear Ruth.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Harold & June Driesen in the passing of their brother-in-law, Rodney Sandbulte of Carmel on September 2. A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, September 8 at the Carmel Reformed Church. May God provide peace and comfort to the entire family.

-- Continue to be in prayer for our area schools that have experienced such tragic loss of life in the last days and weeks. Pray for God's presence to be seen and known in our communities as all students, staff, family, and friends support each other while carrying the grief and emotions that are felt when dealing with such sudden tragedy.

-- Pray for our nation. The events of the past week once again show the turmoil and divide between good and evil.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Cadets**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **General Fund**. The offerings next week will be for Love INC and Missionaries: Mark K Family.

-- Coffee Break begins this week Tuesday, September 16 at 9:45am.

-- Together in Faith Bible Study, Men's Society, and LIGHT Bible Study all begin this week Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00pm.

-- The Fellowship Committee is hosting a **Garden Tour at Van Grouw Acres** this week Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm for all those who have signed-up on the sheet that was provided. We sincerely apologize to those who did not make the sign-up before it reached capacity! If you have any questions, please contact Kendra Jansen or Patty Haak.

-- Newsletter Articles are due next week.

-- Book Club will meet next week Monday, September 22 at 6:30pm.

## **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT**

-- Elder/Deacon nomination ballots were placed in your Church mailbox last week. Please complete and return the ballots in the envelopes provided on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

## **CEC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- **Harvest Is Upon Us!** - The CEC reminds all of our farm families that we are willing and excited to be able to helping out your operations again this year by covering your silage piles! We have been hard at work this past week and appreciate continued requests for help! *Please contact Jill Miller with any questions and to arrange times/locations - 712-441-0136.*

*\*Thank you to everyone who has been helping! Keep it up as we roll into another week!*

\*Another way to help at the silage piles! The CEC Committee invites you to provide bars, chips, and drinks for those that are volunteering on the piles. They can be dropped off in the Church kitchen.

-- **CEC Annual Auction** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15! Each CEC family is asked to donate 2 or more items. Youth Group please start thinking of the items/services that you will be contributing as well! The CEC is asking for 40lbs of ground beef for the auction meal. We are also looking for corn donations! Please call Brad Grevengoed at 712-541-7617. *Thank you for your donations!*

- ♦ This year instead of doing a beef raffle and beef/pork bundles at the CEC Auction, the CEC will be partnering with Old Parlor Meat Company so you will be able to create your own bundles. There will be no extra beef/pork bundles at the pre-sale auction. An order form was provided to you in your Church mailbox in which you can fill out your order and turn it in to the basket provided on the table in the Narthex - **DUE TODAY.** Order pick-up will be the day of the auction at Church. Please note: We will still be raffling off two pork halves the night of the auction.

### **September 14, 2025 - Communion**

**SONG LEADER:**

Rachelle VB

**USHERS:**

*East:* Josh B, Mike VZ

*West:* Dan B, Darin P

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Alison L, Erica VR, Kennedy VH

Abby A, Darren VR

*PM:* Jamie Z, Tad M

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Darin & Megan K

Mike & Ranae K

Matthew & Autumn L

*PM:* Alvin & Sue L

Evan & Rhonda L

Gene & Carla L

*NARTHEX:* Ron & Darletta

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Cadets

*PM:* General Fund

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Rick D

*Maletoungou:* Vern DB

*Klomprens:* Kevin DG

**PIANIST:** AM: Jackie R

PM: Carisa M

**VIDEO:** Brian F   **SOUND:** Mike H   **PPT:** Benjamin H

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Jamie DJ   *Helper:* Jaydn L

### **September 21, 2025**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

Michelle K, Lindsey VB,

Evan VB, Mer VO

**USHERS:**

*East:* Joel B, Matt VE

*West:* Tyler DB, Alvin L

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Em D, Harper VB, Peyton R

*PM:* Tammy B, Kaysha A

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Keith & Jacque L

Shanna L

Jacob & Amanda M

*PM:* Larry & Pam M

Joe & Jill M

Brian & Tricia M

*NARTHEX:* Eric & Tracy

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Love INC

*PM:* Missionaries: Mark K Family

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Zach DJ

*Maletoungou:* Erin DK

*Klomprens:* Steve DK

**ORGANIST:** Ranae K

**VIDEO:** Rich R   **SOUND:** Blake Z   **PPT:** Carla J

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Taryn VH   *Helper:* Addi VH



-- Meeting - Wednesday, September 17 - Mentor Night - 7:00pm at Calvin CRC

-- Reminder: Students please begin thinking of an item/service that you will be contributing to the CEC Auction being held October 15! Notify one of your leaders.



-- 8th Grade only meeting - Wednesday, September 17 - 7:00pm at First CRC



-- Meeting - Wednesday, September 24 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

**SERMON NOTES:**



## **September 14, 2025**

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

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**TUES: 9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Lesson 1

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**WED: 7:00 PM:** Cadets - 8th Grade only meeting  
IGNITE Youth Group - Mentor night  
LIGHT  
Men's Society  
Together in Faith

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**THURS: 6:30 AM:** Garden Tour at Van Grouw Acres - for those signed-up

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### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

#### **Sympathy**

- ♦ The family & loved ones of Ruth Koedam
- ♦ Harold & June Driesen
- ♦ The families, friends, staff and loved ones of the MOC & RV Schools



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

- ♦ Nate Van Kley (CG#1); Carol De Roon (CG#4); Paula Kats (CG#1); Darwin Hoogendoorn (CG#2)
- Family/Friends of Our Church Family: Judy Wesselink, Hazel Van Der Brink, Jason Davelaar, and Rev. Dan De Groot

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

#### **Classical Missions**

- ♦ Lakeview CRC - Valentine, NE

**Classis Iakota** - [www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents](http://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.

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

**Sunday** - Ryder Van Bommel, Mike Van't Hul

**Monday** - Teresa Oostra (93)

**Tuesday** - Joanne Van Otterloo (88), Janice Van't Hul

**Thursday** - *the Jonathon Kats'*

**Friday** - Oakley Rus

**Saturday** - *the Darin Kooima's*

## **FUTURE DATES**

**September 29** - Council Meeting

**October 1** - 3D Leadership Bible Study begins

**October 15** - CEC Bake Sale/Auction

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

◇ SCRIIP Orders Due - Monday, September 15 - 9:00am

◇ **Coffee Cuttin' Club** - Monday, September 15 - 9:30-10:30am - RVCS

◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, September 17

### **Labels for Learning is Back - Help Support RVCS!**

- Best Choice UPCs: Clip the UPCs from any Best Choice products and drop them in the collection box located in the RVCS entryway.
- Loaves 4 Learning: Cut out the UPCs from Pan-O-Gold brands like Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth, New England, Lakeland, and Family Choice. Return them to school and place them in the designated collection box in the RVCS entryway.
- Box Tops for Education App: Simply scan your receipt using the Box Tops app after purchasing participating products - no clipping required!
- Casey's Rewards - Cash for Classrooms: Turn your Casey's purchases - whether in-store, online, or at the pump - into donations for RVCS! Just sign up for Casey's Rewards through the app or at Caseys.com.

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

◇ 9:25am Start - Wednesday, September 17

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

◇ 1:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, September 17

**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: "His Glory and My Good"** Vs:1-3

**\*The Nicene Creed** (in unison)

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

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 31 Q/A 83-85** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Songs of Preparation:**

**"Oh How He Loves You and Me"** CH:1-2

**"Because He Lives"** PH 11:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 10 (page 774/1296)

Sermon: **"WHEN GLORY DEPARTS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"** LUYH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: General Fund

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song:**

**"There Is a Redeemer"** PH 20:3

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

\*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)

### 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
Youth Group Sponsors .....	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH, Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (Liaison)
Welcome Committ. ....	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
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, Carla J, 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, 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 [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))

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