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Rohen Josiah Faber



Monty Alan Bliek



THE LORD'S DAY
September 28, 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:

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

CH 44:1-3

Reading of God's Law - *Exodus 20:1-17*

Song of Salvation:

"In Christ Alone"

GH:1,2,4

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Rohen Josiah Faber

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

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Shine On Us"**

BH:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 13:1-12 (page 1021/1714)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD SENDS, WILL YOU GO?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Here I Am, Lord"

CH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: One Body One Hope & Building Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"

LUYH:1

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
September 28, 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 Rohen Josiah Faber, infant son of Justin & Josie, during our morning worship service, and to Monty Alan Bliet, infant son of Austin & Allison, during our evening worship service. May God equip Justin & Josie to train Rohen, and Austin & Allison to train Monty, to grow in the light of God's Holy Word.
- Children's Choir please meet for practice in the Sanctuary today following the morning service.
- Adult Choir practice begins today. All are welcome to join! Please meet in the Sanctuary at 11:00am after the Children's Choir concludes.
- Elder/Deacon nominations are due *TODAY*. Please place your ballots in the box provided on the table in the Narthex. Extra ballots are available by the box if needed. All professing members should submit their vote. *Thank you!*
- October Faith & Life Newsletters are available in the bulletin racks.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for **One Body One Hope**, 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.
- The Elders/Deacons will have a Council meeting tomorrow, *Monday, September 29* at 6:30pm.
- The 6-week 3D Leadership Bible Study led by Pastor Matt begins this week *Wednesday, October 1* at 6:00am. ***Please pick-up your book today from Pastor Matt!***
- Next week *Sunday, October 5*, Lord-willing, we will 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.
- Saved to Serve Bible Study will begin *Sunday, October 5* 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.
- October is Pastor Appreciation Month and *Sunday, October 12* is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Please join the Fellowship Committee for Coffee & Cake 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 e-mail 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. *When longtime friends Fern and Lily get the chance to fulfill their dream of going on safari in Kenya, they welcome the break from their complicated worlds back home. But the journey will provide more than a change of scenery; it just might give them a new perspective on the lives they'll return to.* Two copies of the book will be available on the table in the Narthex once they arrive. Book Discussion night will be held on Monday, November 10.

-- Calling all Butterbraid lovers! It's that time of the year again for Western Christian Chamber Singers to sell 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!*

CEC ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **Harvest Continues!** - The CEC reminds all of our farm families that we are grateful to be able to help out your operations by covering your silage piles! We have been hard at work again this past week again 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 continue rolling into a new week!*

-- **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 (the sooner the better).
- 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.
- We are also still looking for corn donations! Please call Brad Grevengoed 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!

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

-- First CRC follows the rules and guidelines required to maintain "Safe Church" status. All of our volunteers who help with our Youth in any capacity have been requested to consent to a background check as one of the requirements. Every 5 years the background check needs to be renewed; therefore, if your background check was processed 5 years ago, you will be receive an email notification from Kim in the Church office and a Volunteer Renewal physical form in your Church mailbox in the coming week. Then an email from Protect My Ministries (Mobilize My Ministry) to give your consent to renew your background check. Once the consent is given and the background check processed, you will also receive an email from them with a link to complete the recommended short training video. The physical Renewal form can be turned in to the Church office; otherwise, please watch for the background check consent and training video link that we will prompt and you will receive from Protect My Ministries (Mobilize My Ministry). Both are quick and simple. If you have any questions, please contact Kim in the Church office or one of the Safe Church Committee members. *Thank you!*

September 28, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

SONG LEADER:

Andy VR

USHERS:

East: Arnold K, Bob G

West: Benjamin H, Keith L

NURSERY:

AM: April DK, Jenessa VR, Ava VO

PM: Cherie G, Addison VH

GREETERS:

AM: Darin & Lisa P

Mike & Niki P

Brad & Brenda P

PM: Rich & Lynnette R

Damon & Jackie R

Alex & Alexis R

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

OFFERING:

AM: One Body One Hope

PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Clarence DR

Maletoungou: Doug DR

Klompiens: Carol DR

PIANIST: *AM:* Jackie R

PM: Carisa M

VIDEO: Alex K **SOUND:** James VB **PPT:** Cowan VK

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

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

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

Klompiens: Harlan D

PIANIST: Krista VE

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

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



-- Meeting - Wednesday, October 1 - Community Dash - 7:00pm at First CRC

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



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



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

SERMON NOTES:

September 28, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service - *Baptism of Rohen Josiah Faber*
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism
11:00 AM: Adult Choir
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service - *Baptism of Monty Alan Bliek*

MON: 6:30 PM: Council Meeting

TUES: 9:45 AM: Coffee Break - Lesson 3

WED: 6:00 AM: 3D Leadership Bible Study
7:00 PM: IGNITE Youth Group - Community Dash
Men's Society
Together in Faith Bible Study

PRAYER REMINDERS

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 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

- ♦ Amistad Cristiana

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

- ♦ (Resonate) *Dominican Republic* - This month we are celebrating 50 years of partnership with believers and churches in the Dominican Republic! Give thanks for the mutual learning and growth over the past five decades, and please pray for this partnership as we seek to develop and train local leaders, including young people, seeking gospel transformation in their communities.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Rick Davelaar

Monday - Kristin Jansma, Joyce Van Engen

Tuesday - Jettson Pollema, *the Eddie Hernandez's, the Mike Van't Hul's*

Wednesday - Amera Faber, Eddie Hernandez

Thursday - Ranae Kooistra, Jacque LeLoux, Natalie Van Surksun

Friday - Keith LeLoux, Henrietta Vanden Bosch (97)

Saturday - Larry Maassen, Grace Teunissen (92), Alyssa Van't Hul,
Genae Zomer, *the Jaden Den Boer's*

FUTURE DATES

October 5 - Baptism Sunday - *Kolter Kats*/Saved to Serve Bible Study begins

October 12 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday & Fellowship Cake/Coffee

October 15 - CEC Bake Sale/Auction

October 19 - Baptism Sunday - *Tovey Kats*

October 27 - Council Meeting

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

November 10 - Book Club Discussion Night

November 10-14 - Meals on Wheels

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

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Service

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◊ No SCRIP this week.
- ◊ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 1
- ◊ No School - Heartland Break - October 2 & 3

Western Christian High School:

- ◊ 9:25am Start - Wednesday, October 1
- ◊ No School - Heartland Break - October 2 & 3
- ◊ 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 1
- ◊ No School - Monday, October 20 - Professional Development

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



6:00 PM Divine Worship - Baptism Sunday

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "O Praise the Name"**

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 33 Q/A 88-91 (read responsively)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Monty Alan Bliek

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

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

PsH 391:1-3

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

PH 3:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Kings 14:1-22 (page 351/594)

Sermon: **"FIRMLY GRASPING REPENTENCE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Lord I Need You"

Vs:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Building 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
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)

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