

Remember in Prayer

Expression of sympathy to Randy & Gretchen Van't Hof, Colton & Tessa Van't Hof, and Dylon & Julie Van't Hof, on the loss of Gretchen's brother, Dick Dirksen on March 29 in Rock Valley.

Rodney Van't Hof – remains hospitalized following a stroke in February, and his cancer has returned.

Ron Den Hartog – on Monday he will begin six weeks of radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

Congratulations to Jacen & Timae Saavedra on the birth of a daughter, Adisyn Lou, on April 2.

Pray for the FOCUS students and sponsors at a Middle School Retreat at Hidden Acres Christian Retreat Center in Dayton, IA from April 11-13.

Neely Anderson	Drew Cundy	Lincoln Taylor
Aliya Bajema	Emaya De Goei	Brayden Topete
Carson Boone	Paisley Fischer	Addisyn Van Ruler
Erika Boone	Taylor Kurtzleben	Amayah Van Ruler
Ryan Boone	Cooper Moeller	Lainy Vande Griend
Gavin Bruhn	Abigail Molina	Carter Vande Kieft
Aislinn Bruhn	Kaelyn Schmidt	Claire Vermeer
Quinn Clousing	Emma Schuiteman	Izzabelle Willits
Dan Clousing	Emily Schuiteman	

Remember in prayer Ike Van Berkum, Dot Mulder, Chuck Pfeister, and Dale Kraayenbrink who have ongoing health concerns.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 13-19

April 13	Dan Den Herder, Joyce Leusink
April 14	Donna Den Herder – 86 yrs
April 15	Joel Bruinsma – 80 yrs Adam Bradshaw, Greichaly Ellens
April 16	Rob & Shar Kamerman
April 17	Noah Beaver, Heather Rozeboom Garold & Donna Den Herder – 66 yrs
April 19	Kipton Kurtzleben, Seth Van Gorp, Cinda Van Voorst

Serving this Week

TODDLER NURSERY: (12 months-age 3, lower level)
Care is provided during the worship service. Parents: please keep your children at home if they appear ill. **Please pick up children promptly** following the worship service.

Today, April 6:

Joyce and Shany Leusink, Anna Oostenink

Next Week, April 13:

Tony & Kaitlyn Stoker, Emma Schuiteman

INFANT NURSERY: (0-12 months)

Located at the bottom of the east staircase, Room 112.
The infant nursery is open for parents' use but is unstaffed.

COFFEE SERVERS:

Today, April 6:

Before: Dave & Wenda Horstman
After: Denny & Carol Van Den Berg

Next Week, April 13:

Before: Ron & Judy Den Hartog
After: Kevin & Debbie Nibbelink

DOOR GREETERS:

Today, April 6:

Narthex: Dan & Kacie Clousing family
West: Marcie Schuiteman
South: Steve & Laura Heitritter

Next Week, April 13:

Narthex: Brian & Kari Schmalbeck family
West: Janet Lammers
South: Mark & Beth Kinrade

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: (ages 4-Kindergarten)

Today, April 6: no class due to musical program

Next Week, April 13: Tanya Vande Griend

Renn Clousing, Kendyl Hiemstra,
Grace and Emma Schuiteman

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April 6, 2025

9:30 a.m.

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”
Luke 15:31-32

Prelude: Amazing Grace

Congregational Prayer

The Prodigal Clown

You know what they say – life’s a circus!
We bring you the parable that
Jesus told about the father
whose love for his two sons
is unconditional.

Reception in Fellowship Hall
following the musical.

Musical: The Kindergarten-6th Grade Youth Choir

Prayer & Benediction: Pastor Jesse Henkle

Tech: Payton Boone, Blake Boone,
Jason De Goei, Gregg Miller

We are a multi-generational church inviting a lost and broken world to experience life in Jesus by praising God, growing in faith, encouraging one another, serving all, and sharing Christ.



Created by Cindi Nine, Rob Howard & David Guthrie

Performed by
Central's Kids Choirs K-6th grade

Directed by
Heidi Hibma, Cora Vermeer & Cinda Faber
Tech directed by Payton Boone

When the Circus Comes to Town

Scene 1: At the Circus

Under the Big Top Circus Master: Lee Vermeer

Scene 2: At the Circus

God's Ways Duet 1: Mikaiyah Henkle & Lauren Hackbart
Duet 2: Nadia De Goei & Lenyx Fischer

Scene 3: In Lost Vegas

Life's A Circus

Scene 4: In Lost Vegas

You Can Be Clean Solo: June Van Gorp

Scene 5: At the Circus

What Once was Lost is Found

Solos: Shiloh Henkle & Kylee Kurtzleben

Ensemble: 6th Grade Girls

Scene 6: At the Bus Stop/Farm

We All Need Jesus Solo: Sumiya Anderson

Scene 7: At the Circus

Home! Solo: Abijah De Goei

Scene 8: Outside the Circus

Prodigal Clown Reprise

Cast - 5th & 6th Graders

Sweeper: June Van Gorp

Antonio (Father):
Lee Vermeer

A.J. (Older Brother):
Grant Cundy

Giorgio (Prodigal Son):
Abijah De Goei

Professor Ratman:
Renn Clousing

Squeaks: Silas Hibma

Fidget: Rylan Boone

Farm Girl: Joanna
Vande Kieft

Annabelle (Clown):
Hadley Rozeboom

Isabelle (Clown):
Braelee De Weerd

Clarabelle (Clown):
Kendyl Hiemstra

Zoe (Clown):
Tori Van Voorst

Chloe (Clown):
Emerson Swager

Maria (Trapeze Artist):
Madison Kelderman

Sophia (Trapeze Artist):
Sophia Smith

Tia (Trapeze Artist):
Kylee Kurtzleben

Jokesters: Mackenzie
Taylor & Liliana Maske

Maximum: Wyatt Smit

Minimum: Jack Shetler

Sheila the Sheep Trainer:
Josie Koerselman

Lee the Lion Trainer:
Peyton Rens

Eli the Elephant Trainer:
Conner Vande Griend

Popcorn Girl & Scripture
Reader: Jaelyn Diaz

Strong Men & Scripture
Readers:

Charlie Schuiteman
and Kasen Van Kley

Director's Note: The parable of the prodigal son is a story most people heard as children and can retell quite easily. It is a simple story Jesus told to help us understand the unconditional love offered to all of us by God. What fun it has been to retell this story in a circus setting!

The message of our story is the same faithful message from the Bible – that our God is a God of mercy and love. The songs in this musical will entertain, but also communicate some powerful biblical truths. Thanks for listening and giving these kids the chance to share this story and lead worship today. We are helping to train up the future worship leaders for tomorrow! We pray this musical will richly bless you all!

Weekly Calendar

Today, April 6 – 5th Sunday in Lent

8:00 am Worship Team rehearsal

8:45 am K-6th Youth Choir rehearsal

9:30 am Worship service in person and livestream.
The Prodigal Clown will be presented by the
K-6th grade Youth Choir.

10:45 am No youth Sunday School – a Reception for
all will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 pm Worship Team rehearsal

Youth Activities

5:15 pm Logos and Youth Choir

7:00 pm FOCUS 7th-8th youth group

7:15 pm CHAOS 9th-12th youth group

Thursday, April 10

9:00 am Women's Cookie Circle

6:30 pm Elders' meeting

7:00 pm Deacons' meeting

7:30 pm Consistory meeting

Next Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

8:00 am Worship Team rehearsal

8:15 am Choir rehearsal for Maundy service

8:45 am Pre-School-2nd Grade Choir rehearsal

9:30 am Worship service in person and livestream.

The Pre-School-2nd Grade Choir will sing.
10:45 am Sunday School for all ages

Guests and Visitors – Welcome! We invite you to share a cup of coffee with us following the service!

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper

Sunday, April 20, 8:30 & 10:00 am

EASTER Morning Feel free to invite your family
and friends to one of these services with you!