

Preaching: Pastor Ken Baker

Sermon Notes

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Songs: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: *Low in the Grave Christ Lay*
He Lives

Offering

Scripture: John 20: 19-23

Message: **Easter Gifts**

*Song : *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

*Song: *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna*

Offerings

Building Fund: Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

Church Announcements

Grace OPC Update | Our attorney has reviewed the proposal and we have now met with Grace and The Bridge. We will continue to meet with them until we have the details worked out and the proposal is agreeable to all parties.

Voting | Information from our Articles of Incorporation as it relates to voting. You will be able to vote if you are a professing member in good standing and have attended church during the last 2 years. Absentee ballots will not be made available due to information that will be shared at the time of the vote.

Distribution of Church Funds | Church members can submit organizations or places they would like to be included in the disbursement of our funds. Please put the request in writing and give to a Council member. These will be reviewed by Council.

Young Life Donations | The council has been "house cleaning" different rooms in the church. There will be items in the elevator room from time to time. If interested, we ask for a donation to 1st CRC. The money collected will be sent to Young Life Expeditions/Jan Mulder. Please mark on an envelope "church items" and put in the collection plate or give to a council member. Any questions or concerns, ask a council member.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | **Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? Randy Hop is the Calling Elder for April. His phone number is 616.610.1859.

Church Calendar

The **Properties Team** will meet at 6:30 PM on Tuesday.

Church Breakfast | April 15, at Russ' East Town. 9:00 AM. Sign up sheet in back until April 12.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | 2 Samuel tells the story of one of the Bible's ugliest sins, then shows how even the worst of sinners ought to repent and find forgiveness, even in the midst of sins' ongoing consequences. Read through it and dig deeper with us in just a couple of minutes each day at UnfadingTruth.com.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip | The practice of gratitude, rooted in recognizing and responding to God's constant goodness, moves us to respond fully to God's generosity. Each day this week take some time to write down one thing for which you are grateful. At the end of the week share your list with your family or friends in celebration of God's goodness and provision in your life. For more ways to practice gratitude, see crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

In Loving Memory of

Wesley VanderLugt

July 20, 1955—March 29, 2026

We express our sympathies to Denise and the entire VanderLugt family in the passing of Wes. He went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the age of 70. A funeral service was held Thursday, April 2, at First.