

DEDICATION



Trinity Christian Reformed Church

ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1974

8:00 P.M.

“THIS IS NONE OTHER THAN THE HOUSE OF GOD,
AND THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN.”



“One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the
Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.”

“How lovely is thy dwelling place
O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yea faints
for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.”

“And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God...And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof.”

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



DEAR CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS:

“The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad.”

Certainly we can echo these words of the Psalmist as we dedicate our new church building. The day we have long anticipated has arrived! And how good God has been in allowing us to see it! Every one of our charter members is still with us, and many others besides.

In addition, special significance attaches to this occasion because this is the very first church building we as a congregation own. What a joy to be able to come to church, our own church, a real church!

Of course, we realize that the physical structure does not yet make a church. It is first of all we who are the Church, a spiritual house built on the only foundation that has been laid, Jesus Christ. And so, our continual prayer is that we may be a living household of faith in the world.

But to that very end we are so glad to have our own building as well. Because our confidence is that this material building will be used of God to make us a better spiritual building. We trust it will be a means in God's hand to inspire us to greater love and devotion for Him; to deeper understanding and acceptance of His Word; to richer joy and peace in His service.

And as we dedicate this house of God, can we refrain from bursting forth in praise to His name: How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O God! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Your Pastor,

Rev. James Admiraal

FIRST CONSISTORY



Left to right: Elders Leonard Vanden Bosch, Robert Mulder, Floyd Terpstra, and Peter Kooima; Rev. James Admiraal; Deacons Donald Ter Haar, Donald Driesen, James Van Engen, and James Van Maanen.

PRESENT CONSISTORY



Front row, left to right: Elders John Van Zanten and Robert Mulder; Deacons Donald Driesen and Paul Moos; Back row, left to right: Elders Walter Blom and Leonard Vanden Bosch; Rev. James Admiraal; Deacons Gilbert Van Holland and James Van Engen.

DEDICATION SERVICE

THIS IS THE HOUSE OF GOD

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer (concluded with "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord")

*Song: #234 - "The Glorious Gates of Righteousness"

*Invocation and Greeting

WE RECEIVE IT FROM THE LORD

Presentation of Keys: Peter Kooima, (Chairman of Building Committee)

Acceptance of Keys: Leonard Vanden Bosch, (Vice-president of Consistory)

Song: #89 - "Within Thy Temple, Lord"

WE DEDICATE IT TO THE LORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 84

Dedicatory Message: Worshippers on the Way to Zion

Service of Dedication

Dedicatory Prayer

*Song: #479 - "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

LET US GIVE THANKS

Choir Rendition

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Building Fund

Song: #316 - "Now Thank We All Our God"

AND REJOICE TOGETHER

Greetings:

Contractor: Mr. Charles Stienstra

First Christian Reformed Church: Rev. Paul Bakker

Calvin Christian Reformed Church: Rev. John Engbers

Classis Sioux Center

*Song: #307 - "Ye Who His Temple Throng"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #493 - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Organ Postlude

Organist: Mr. Ben Huisken

Trumpet: David Kooima

*Congregation stands

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Minister: Beloved in the Lord, having been richly blessed by God, Who in His kind providence has made it possible for us to obtain this house of worship, let us now unite to dedicate this building to His service and praise.

To Thee, Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the only true God,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE OF GOD.

Minister: To the Father, our Creator and Provider, Who sent His Son into the world to save us,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE OF GOD.

Minister: To the Son, our Saviour and Lord, Who died and rose again for our redemption and now rules over us as the exalted King of His Church,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE OF GOD.

Minister: To the Holy Spirit, our Teacher and Sanctifier, Who regenerates us, leads us, and comforts us,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE OF GOD.

Minister: For the worship of God in spirit and truth; For the proclamation of the gospel of God's grace; For the celebration of the holy sacraments,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE OF GOD.

Minister: For the instruction of our covenant children and youth; For the study of God's Word in Christian fellowship; For the promotion of God's kingdom in all of life,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE OF GOD.

Minister: For the joy of those who wish to begin Christian homes and wedded lives with God's presence; For the comfort of those who mourn the death of loved ones; For the inspiration and edification of all through Christian music and programs,

Congregation: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE OF GOD.

Congregation: We, God's people, consecrate ourselves anew, and dedicate this House of the Lord to the worship and glory of His holy name. May we ever remain faithful to Him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, I declare this house to be forever set apart for the worship and service of Almighty God, to Whom be the glory and majesty, dominion and power, forever and ever. Amen.

OUR HISTORY

The Trinity Christian Reformed Church had its beginnings in May of the year 1970 when a number of families from the First and Calvin Christian Reformed Churches of Rock Valley began meeting together in the Christian School gym. The two mother churches had continued to grow over the years, and especially the First Church could no longer accommodate all of its members during the Sunday worship services.

It was therefore decided to see if a third Christian Reformed church could not be started in Rock Valley. Trial services were held in the gym for almost five months, from May to September of 1970. There was a good turn-out and a good spirit among the interested families. And they were well served during their first months by three ministers from Dordt College, Revs. Haan, Hulst, and Kistemaker.

On September 30, 1970 a milestone was reached. In an impressive service, the congregation was officially organized. Rev. Van Drunen of the First Church presided and preached the sermon entitled "I Will Build My Church." After worship, the certificates of membership of 42 families and 5 individuals were presented and received as charter members of the new church. Next the first office-bearers were elected. From the nominations, Robert Mulder, Peter Kooima, and Floyd Terpstra were chosen for elders, and James Van Engen, Donald Ter Haar, and James Van Maanen were chosen for deacons. The office-bearers were installed in their office by Rev. Engbers of Calvin Church. And thus, the third Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley was born.

As one can imagine, many decisions had to be made by the new congregation and consistory. Catechism and Sunday School classes were started. Societies were organized. Various personnel were appointed. A budget was set up.

Already after one month the need for an additional elder and deacon was felt. And in the first annual congregational meeting, Leonard Vanden Bosch was elected as elder and Donald Driesen as deacon. Also at this meeting the first minister was called. And last but not least, the members chose a name for themselves. Trinity Christian Reformed Church became the name of the congregation.

It was a time of growth and development which followed that first year, 1970. Many new members joined the church, so that by the end of 1971 there were 57 families and 5 individuals, a gain of 15 families.

In the meantime, the congregation was waiting for its first pastor. Three ministers were called, but all declined. Seminarian William Ver Hoef served the congregation for the summer of 1971. And then the call was extended to Candidate James Admiraal from Marion, New York.

When the good news was received that Mr. Admiraal had accepted the call, the church entered on a new phase of its life. On September 26, 1971 he was ordained into the ministry and installed in Trinity Church as its first and present pastor. A parsonage was built for him and his family on property donated by John Vanden Bosch, which was also intended for a future church.

Steady growth continued in 1972. The church rolls increased to 63 families. But most of all, this was the year when a decision was made to build a new church. The time was ready. And by unanimous vote, it was moved and adopted by the congregation to erect a building in 1973. A building committee was appointed, consisting of Peter Kooima, Gerald Vis, Donald Driesen, John Van Holland, and Marvin Vanden Bosch. In February of 1973 a specific plan was approved, and Mr. Charles Stienstra from Hull was hired as the general contractor. Work on the new building began in the Spring. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on Saturday, March 24, and the work proceeded.

And now today we are dedicating this new church. As a congregation of 66 families and 6 individuals we prepare to use this house of God so that we may be a better house of God in His service and to His glory.

Praise God for having brought us this far!



Break Ground For ROCK VALLEY BEE SECTION ONE MARCH 28, 1973 **Trinity Christian Reformed**

Approximately 100 persons were on hand at the top of the Vanden Bosch addition last Saturday for the official groundbreaking ceremony of the Trinity Christian Reformed Church.

Rev. James Admirial opened the ceremony with a prayer followed by a singing of hymns by the members of the congregation.

Pete Kooima of Rock Valley then turned over the first shovel of dirt for the new church (above) as members of the congregation and building committee looked on.

The church which will have a 70 by 114 foot main building, will feature a 40 foot by 56 foot wing. Construction on the \$158,000 structure is

to begin immediately and be completed by November of this year, according to members of the building committee.

The Trinity Christian Reformed Congregation which was formed a little over three years ago has never had a church and has been meeting in the Christian School in Rock Valley.

Since its beginning the church has increased its congregation from 41 families to 63 families.

The solid brick church will be built by Steenstra construction of Hull, Iowa.

It will feature 10 classrooms, a nursery, a kitchen, and fellowship hall in addition to the sanctuary which will seat 528 persons.

OUR APPRECIATION

It is hard to know where to begin in expressing our thanks to the many who have been involved in the building of our church. To mention them all would be impossible. We do wish to recognize some, however, because they have played a special part in the project.

BUILDING COMMITTEE



Seated left to right: Donald Driesen and Peter Kooima; standing left to right: Marvin Vanden Bosch, John Holland, and Gerald Vis.

We give our hearty thanks to:

The Building Committee for the many hours they have spent overseeing the entire project. Few are aware how much time they have put in to bring about the building we now occupy.

The Decorating Committee for their work in selecting the carpeting, lights, colors, etc.

The contractor and sub-contractors and their workmen, to whose labors this church building is ample testimony.

First Christian Reformed Church and Calvin Christian Reformed Church for their generous financial support over the past several years.

The many other individuals, committees, and organizations who have contributed to our building program and encouraged us in other ways.

Our grateful appreciation to all of you. And by God's grace we hope to be worthy of the support you have given us.

SPECIAL GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Church Property - Mr. and Mrs. John Vanden Bosch

Organ - Mr. and Mrs. Ben Huisken

Pulpit Furniture - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mulder (In memory of Mr. and Mrs.
John Y. Mulder)

Kitchen Furnishings - Sunshine Hour

Pulpit Bible - Men's Society

Cross - Young People's Society

Cornerstone - Sioux Falls Monument

Several Cash Donations

COMMITTEES

Building Committee

Peter Kooima, Chairman
Gerald Vis
Donald Driesen
John Van Holland
Marvin Vanden Bosch

Decorating Committee

Mrs. Ronald Bajema
Mrs. Robert Mulder
Mrs. Gary Kooima
Dale Bakker
James Boogerd

CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS

General Contractor - Charles Stienstra

Excavating - Cuperus Construction Company

Masonry - Clayton Jongetjes

Electrical - Art's Electric

Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditiong - B & L Plumbing and Heating

Painting - Donald Slothouber

Carpeting and Kitchen - Valley Wood Works

Sound System - John Vande Kerk

CHARTER MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bajema and family
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bakker and family
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blom and family
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Burgers and family
Mr. Jacob Burgers and family
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Calsbeek and family
Mr. and Mrs. James Dirksen and family
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Driesen and family
Mrs. Elizabeth Feenstra
Mr. Cornelius Feenstra
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Huisken and family
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kats and family
Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Kats and family
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kats and family
Mr. and Mrs. Harlyn Kempema and family
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Klomp and family
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kooima and family
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kooima
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kooima and family
Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Kooima and family
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kooima
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kooima and family
Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Kooistra and family
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mulder
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Munneke and family
Mr. and Mrs. Thelmar Dale Pollema and family
Mr. and Mrs. Al Schepel and family
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ter Haar and family
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Terpstra and family
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Vande Griend and family
Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Vanden Berg and family
Mr. Donald Vanden Bosch
Mr. and Mrs. John Vanden Bosch
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vanden Bosch and family
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Vanden Bosch and family
Mr. Robert Vanden Bosch
Mr. and Mrs. John Vande Vegte and family
Mr. and Mrs. James Van Engen and family
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Van Ginkel and family
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Van Holland and family
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Van Holland and family
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Van Kley and family
Mrs. Hattie Van Maanen
Mr. and Mrs. James Van Maanen and family
Mr. and Mrs. John Van Zanten and family
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vis and family
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Winters and family

PRESENT MEMBERS

	Phone		Phone
Admiraal, Rev. James and Rita Julia Ruth, Eric John, Beth Marie	2729	Hoekstra, John and Millie Pamela Gail, Cindy Sue, Todd Allen, Chad Michael	5258
Bajema, Ronald and Evelyn Kevin Lee, Carla Ranae, Brian Dale	2511	Huisken, Ben and Trudy Jill Larae, Patrick Lee, Heidi Lou	2306
Bakker, Dale and Joyce Brenda Nadine, Sandra Nadine, Jonathan Jonathan Dale, David Joel	2222	Kats, Edwin and Sharon Ellen Joyce, Don Edwin, Roberta Joy, Daryl Roy, Connie Lynn, Shelia Beth, Jerry Henry	5503
Blom, Walter and Evelyn Evan Dean, Gary Dale, Beverly Faye, Kelvin Jay, Wanda Beth	2050	Kats, Gerrit and Esther Pamela Gail, Craig Evan, Charla Joy	5531
Boogerd, James and Sheryl	2440	Kats, Kenneth and Hendrene Randall Jay, Darsha Sue, Twila Fay	2374
Burgers, Gilbert and Wilma Derrel Joe, Gloria Wynn, Glenda Lynn, Leon Allen	2677	Kempema, Harlyn and Diane Kimberly Dee, Kristie Dawn	2517
Burgers, Jacob and Clarine Jacob Melvin	5664	Klomp, Edward and Geraldine *Noreen Kay, Kathy Ranae, Connie Lynn	5753
Calsbeek, Russell and Karen Sherwyn Lee, Dawn Renee, Patricia Ann	5730	Kooima, Allan and Bernita Amy Beth	2027
Cole, Marlene	2731	Kooima, Arthur and Theresa David Randall, Gaylon Scott, Kelvin Ryan, Preston Eric	2084
De Bey, Raymond and Dena Betty Jean, Darrell Ray, Roger Dale	722-2642	Kooima, Bruce and Linda Chad Evan	2133
De Groot, Harvey and Catherine Jerry Dale, Marlene Jane, Kevin Harvey, Norlan John	5133	Kooima, Don and Sheryl Rachelle Rae	
Dirksen, Dick and Joanne Steven Jon, Mindi Jo	2398	Kooima, Doug and Wilma	2243
Dirksen, James and Lois Tricia Ann, Tamara Lynn	5506	Kooima, Gary and Joan Wendy Jill, Joeli Sue, Brett James	2057
Driesen, Donald and Donna Robert Jay, Scott Evan, David Alan, Sandra Lynn	2134	Kooima, Henry J. and Grace Dale Henry, Debra Ann, Curtis Todd	2228
Elbers, Courtney and Myrna Carla Jayne, Michael Jay, Carl John	473-2713	Kooima, Kenneth D. and Ruth Kimberly Kay	2295
Feenstra Bessie	2658	Kooima, Pete and Ann Harlan Duane	2297
Feenstra, Neal and Wynn Michelle	2556	Kooistra, Erwin and Alma Richard Gale, Sean Michael, Stacy Francis	5104
Feikema, Carol Lee	5239	Kuyper, Ronald and Marlene Melanie Sue, Melissa Lyn	473-2711
Haack, Duane and Robin Jennifer Dawn	5608		

Maas, Bernard and Eleanor Tim Creston, Greta Lyn, Philip Jon	2035	Vanden Bosch, Robert	
Miller, Bill and Marlene Mark John, Michael Dean, Melissa Ann, Mitchell Scott	2446	Van Der Pol, Warren and Patricia Amy Joy	2351
Moos, Paul and Kathy Steven Eric	2431	Vander Ziel, Kenneth and Jolene	2490
Mouw, Barry and Diane Teresa Gayle, Jamethan Rand	2329	Vande Vegte, John and Judy Henry Alan, Sharon Kay	2294
Mulder, Robert and Margaret	2574	Vande Weerd, Carl and Linda Scott Kalen, Kandace, Kae, Kent Douglas	5694
Munneke, Lloyd and Pearl Marlys Mae, Arlys Kay, Kendell Jay, Shelly LaRae, Jeaneen Lynn	2685	Van Engen, James and Janice Randall Jay, Kenneth James, Kevin Frederick	2607
Nyhuis, Robert and Janice	5414	Van Ginkel, Gerald and Marcia Sherri Star, Shelli Dawn, Steven Grant, Stacen Wade	5736
Pollema, Dale and Mary Bonnie Sue, Belinda Sue, Barry Dale	2719	Van Holland, Gilbert and Arlene Susan Eileen, Kevin Dean, Leslie Lee, Nancy Gayle	2489
Schepel, Al and Donna Gary Duane, Glenda Renee	2026	Van Holland, John H. and Darlene Douglas Dean, Pamela Faye, David Allen, Laura Lynn, Bryon Jay, Lyle Gene, Carol Jean, Cynthia Ann	722-0429
Ter Haar, Don and Irene Harlan J. Dean Philip, Tim Allen, Donald Dale, Jr. , Nancy Renee	2462	Van Kley, Arnold and Henrietta David Frederick, Galen Ross, Scott Alan	2073
Terpstra, Floyd and Madelyn Fonda Renee, Paula Michelle, Mark Andre	2022	Van Maanen, Hattie	2590
Tilstra, Glen and Donna Debra Lynn, Brian Glen, Sharla Renae	2664	Van Maanen, Jim and Elda Bonita Sue, Debra Kay, Barbara Joy, Lori Lynn	2638
Vande Griend, Alvin and Marcia Scott Michael, Penelope Ann, Timothy Jay, Randall Kent	2577	Van Zanten, John and Mary Terry Lee, Barbara Jean, Bonnie Lou	5550
Vanden Berg, Darrell and Esther Brandon Lee, David Leon, Jeffrey Scott, Rachel Lisa, Lisa Ann, Bruce Dale	2472	Vis, Gerald and Edith *Larry Dean, *Dennis Lee, Lorna Jean, Marcia Kaye	5416
Vanden Bosch, Donald and Jan	2753	Visser, Cornelius and Nell Michael Jay, Ivan John, Rodney James Debra Joy, Bruce Joel	2307
Vanden Bosch, John and Henrietta	2493	F. Wierenga, Donna	2375
Vanden Bosch, Leonard and Geneva Leon Gene, Nancy Joy, Marlys Faye, Loren Jay	2169	Winters, Kenneth and Dianne Steven Lee, Juli Ann, Ricky Dean Bruce Allan, Betty Jo	2381
Vanden Bosch, Marvin and Nelmina *LaVonne Kay, Gary Lee, Pamela Jean John Marlo, Gregory Alan, Carol Ann	5468		

*Communicant member

SOME FACTS AND STATISTICS

About the Congregation

Charter families	42
Charter individuals	5
Present families	66
Present individuals	6
Present confessing members	142
Present baptized members	184
Present total members	326
Baptisms, 1973	9
Baptisms, since organization	25
Professions of faith, 1973	2
Professions of faith, since organization	7
Catechism enrolment	95
Sunday School enrolment	53

About the New Church Building

Size of Building: Length (north-south)	- 114'
Width (east-west)	- 126'
Sanctuary	- 72' x 70'
Fellowship Hall	- 30' x 53'
Seating Capacity - Sanctuary:	528
Rooms:	10 classrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall
Cost of Building - approximately	\$160,000