

# Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

**Our worship service:** Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, dance, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

**The message:** This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish. If you don't have a Bible, ask for one at the information desk, and it's yours to keep!

**The offering:** This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are new, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (on the back of this page).

**Prayer time:** We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service. On the last Sunday of each month, elders will be available to meet confidentially after services with anyone desiring spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational healing.

**Refreshments:** Join us for coffee in the back of the sanctuary after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

**Childcare:** Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a cry room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children & Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 5 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. If they fill out a sermon notes card, they can turn it in at the information desk for a special treat!

**Formality:** We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet at the information desk or visit our website: [rockfordreformedchurch.org](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org).

# Prayer Fellowship

## Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Pastor Ken Westrate** – praise for God's grace, your prayers, and doctors good work – his heart is almost back to normal.
- ~**June Schofield** is consulting with doctors about back problems.
- ~**Elden Hunsberger** – not cancer.
- ~**Cindy Steensma** starts chemo on April 2 through August.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** – continued prayer that his kidney test "numbers" will not change.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Nathan Gonzalez, Phillip Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

## Extended Family:

- ~**Matthew Layman** (Lucy Layman's grandson) home recovering from 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns on hand and leg.
- ~**De Groot Family** (friends of Van Houtens) Ed continues recovery after bone marrow transplant and prayers for death in family.
- ~**Gabe** (grandson of friend of VanderKyl's) dealing with infection after surgeries.
- ~**Brian Carpenter** (Tom & Miriam's son) home recovering. Will be consulting with doctor in Ann Arbor.
- ~**Becca Kalee** (Casey & Sue's daughter-in-law) pregnancy and health issues.
- ~**Ervin Gunnink** (Hunsberger's son) cancer has spread to liver. Deciding on whether to have treatment or not.
- ~**Laurie Evans** (Dennis VanderKuy's sister) home with 24/7 caregivers.
- ~**Dave Aldrich** (friend of Scott Kruiuzenga) Undergoing radiation and then surgery to reconstruct vertebrae.
- ~**Les Westenbroek** (Kerry Schrottenboer's dad) in Hospice care – lung cancer.
- ~**Susan Leemgraven** (Carolyn Feikema's sister-in-law) undergoing chemo.
- ~**Maggie Hunkele** (Larry Bertsch's sister) finished with treatment at this time.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Sara DeKuiper** (cousin of De Kuipers) is in remission.

## Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Ken & Jane Spaman** at the death of Jane's mother, **Rose Homkes**, on March 24.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 420  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$16,860.92  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$350.00



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Sunday, March 31, 2013

## “The Christmas Promise Fulfilled”

Luke 2:8-13; John 16:16-24 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

Welcome & Announcements

Music

8:45am: *Joy to the World (Easter), #367 Christ the Lord is Risen Today, #356 Redeemed, #361 Worship Christ the Risen King*

11:00am: *Happy Day, #367 Christ the Lord is Risen Today, #356 Redeemed, #361 Worship Christ the Risen King*

(NO Children & Worship programming today)

8:45am:

11:00am:

Offering

Prayer

Scripture

Message

Music

8:45am: *#358 Because He Lives, Jesus Thank You*

11:00am: *#358 Because He Lives, Jesus Thank You*

Benediction

Nursery - 8:45am: Megan DeVries, Madelyn McConnon

11:00am: Jaime Mueller, Trisha VanStensel, Kathryn Jacobs

**Next Sunday:**

• Pastor Rick Tigchon

**Vision:** To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.

**Mission:** To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.

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# Notes

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# Announcements

**Today:**  
8:30am: **Prayer Meeting** in Rm #1  
9:50am: **Christian Education for all ages**  
**Note: NO classes March 31 or April 7 – Spring Break!**  
Ages 3 & 4 meet in the Exploration Station  
Ages 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Fellowship Hall  
WAVE Youth (grades 6-8) meet in the Youth Room  
ROCK Youth (grades 9-12) meet in Rm #25  
Adults: (Fireside Rm #20)  
10:00am: **Prayer Meeting** in Pastor Rick’s office  
6:30pm: **ROCK Youth Group** (grades 9-12) **No ROCK today**

**This Week:**  
Tues, 7:00am: **Men’s Prayer Breakfast**  
Tues, 9:30am: **Women’s Bible Study** – “Letters to Timothy” (Rm #1).  
*New study starts April 9 – “Remembering the Forgotten God”*  
Wed, 10:00am: **Adult Fellowship Group** - coffee & goodies in the Old Fellowship Hall.  
Wed, 6:30pm: **WAVE Youth Group** (Grades 6-8) **No WAVE this week**  
*(Spring Retreat April 12-14 @ Cran-Hill Ranch – cost is now \$75.00, due March 31 – TODAY!)*

**Announcements & Upcoming Events:**  
~Wed, Apr 10, 6:30pm: **Pioneer Clubs Derby Car Race.** Hot Dog concessions  
~Tues, Apr 16, 6:30pm: **RRC Prayer Meeting** in the Old Fellowship Hall

# Connections Card

If you wish to use this card, tear it off at the fold and place it in the offering plate, or take it to the information desk.

- I would like to know more about becoming a follower of Christ
  - I’m a visitor and would like more information about RRC
  - I would like offering envelopes
  - Prayer request (please keep confidential)
  - Prayer request (may be shared)
  - I’m interested in membership
  - Suggestion, question, or concern
  - Update my contact info (see below)
  - Subscribe to e-news (email address required)
- I want to sign up or volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

You may submit this anonymously, but if you would like a response or are signing up for something, please give us your contact info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Want more info?

Just stop by our information desk at the back of the sanctuary or go online:

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