

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, 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 visiting, 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's 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.

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Margaret Buffum** is scheduled for surgery on May 19 to remove a small tumor on her spine.
- ~**Kaitlyn Bowers** is recovering from ankle surgery.
- ~**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: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Thomas Jonker** (Dianne Bennett's brother) recovering after quadruple heart bypass surgery on May 2.
- ~**Mary Bennett** (Dianne's step-daughter) liver failure, under Hospice care.
- ~**Sandy Oostdyk** (daughter-in-law of Boyd's) diagnosed with breast cancer and is consulting with doctors.
- ~**Brad Knitter** (Kleis' brother-in-law) surgery was successful. Consulting with doctors about future treatment.
- ~**Maddie Tomasko** (friend of Lilly Johnson) scheduled for a bone marrow transplant on May 8.
- ~**Shirley Jonker** (Dianne Bennett's mother) is under Hospice care.
- ~**Ron Vander Putte** (Broome's nephew) undergoing chemo.
- ~**Doug Elzerman** (Jane's brother) under Hospice care.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Pastor Lou Harvey and family** at the death of his wife, **Lee**, on May 2.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 281
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,708.02
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,701.00



Rockford Reformed Church
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, May 18, 2014 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

“No Greater Joy”

3 John 1-6; 11-15 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Stand & Worship: *Behold Our God, Be Bold Be Strong*

Special Music: *Fill This Place, Blessed Be the Rock* Celebration Choir

Baptism/Profession of Faith: 8:45am - Amber Pratt

Reception of New Members: 8:45am - Fred & Karen Bazen

11:00am - Shawn & Melissa Vander Tuuk (Taylor, Kellen),

Chris & Cheryl Orvis (Allyson, Evan, Alayna)

Baptisms: 11:00am – Alliot Einfeld (son of Dan & Jen Einfeld)

Allyson, Evan, and Alayna Orvis (children of Chris & Cheryl Orvis)

Ethan, Parker, and Alaena Shantz (children of Bren & Audrey Shantz)

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Emily DeWitte, Nicholas Knapp 11:00am: Nancy Steenwyk, Landen Jennings

Offering

Prayer (*Scott Brownell, V.P. of Consistory*)

Scripture

Message

Stand & Worship: *Build Your Kingdom Here,
My Friends May You Grow*

Benediction

Postlude

Nursery - 8:45am: Beth Jennings, Kate Fleetham 11:00am: Becki Pilko, Amy Plambeck

Next Sunday:

“In That Day”

Isaiah 11 • Rob Matthews

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

Announcements

Today:

8:30am: Prayer Meeting in Rm #1. All welcome!

9:50am:

- “Read the Bible in One Year” Discussion Group in Rm #22.

This Week:

Mondays, 5:30pm Tee Off: Golf Fellowship Night at Cedar Chase Golf Course. This is not a league – all welcome!

Tues, 7:00am: Men’s Prayer Breakfast. Join us any time.

Tues, 9:30am: Women’s Bible Study – “Reflections of Hope.” Meet in Rm #1.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Sun, May 25: Graduation Sunday (both services)

“Buy A Brick” orders due May 25. Purchase a brick for our Memorial Prayer Garden with the name of your loved one. (\$40) Order forms available at the info desk in the back of the sanctuary.

Tues, May 27, 6-7:30pm: MS & HS “Praise, Prayer & Pizza Night!

Fri, May 30: MS Guys/Girls Nights

Sat, May 31, 8:15am-12:15pm: “Engage” Ladies Day Event. Register now for this great women’s community event. You don’t want to miss it!

Sat, May 31, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Lunch at Brandywine Restaurant and then to RRC for games and dessert in the Fireside room.

Sun, June 1: Communion will be served at both morning services.

Wed, June 4, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Potluck. Bring a dish to pass and join us in the Old Fellowship Hall for good food and good conversation. Program after lunch by Ron Radamacher, “Back Roads of Michigan.”

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: _____

Want more info?

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

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