

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. Also, there is an opportunity at 8:30am (before the first service) to meet to pray for the morning services in classroom #1.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the back of the sanctuary after service! Visitors may pick up a complimentary 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:

- ~**Russ Armstrong** is recovering after hip replacement surgery on Aug 20.
- ~**Tom Smith** had heart shunt surgery on Aug 18. He is in New Jersey with his brother.
- ~**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:

- ~**Ernie Walton** (Sally Bower's dad) is under Hospice Care (stage 4 kidney disease)
- ~**Sandy Oostdyk** (daughter-in-law of Boyd's) is undergoing radiation treatments.
- ~**Brad Knitter** (Kleis' brother-in-law) is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- ~**Maddie Tomasko** (friend of Lilly Johnson) still dealing with side effects.
- ~**Shirley Jonker** (Dianne Bennett's mother) is under Hospice care.
- ~**Ron Vander Putte** (Broome's nephew) undergoing chemo.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Matt & Rachel Mieras** at the birth of their daughter, **Catherine Rose**, on August 16. Proud grandparents are **Ken & Lin Ploeg**.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to the family & friends of **Allen Carter** who died on August 13. Allen is the son of **John & Lee (Harvey) Carter**.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 214
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,001.00
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$400.00



Rockford Reformed Church
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, August 24, 2014 • Worship @ 8:45am & 10:30am

“Healthy Churches are Mission Minded”

Gen 12:1-3 (p.9); I Peter 2:4-10 (p.923); Matt 25:31-40 (p.759);
Matt 28:16-20 (p.763) • Pastor David Dethmers

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Stand & Worship: *A Mighty Fortress, #562 Be Thou My Vision*
(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Beth Jennings
10:30am: Beth Jennings

Offering

Prayer (*Pastor David Dethmers*)

Scripture

Message

Stand & Worship:

*#597 Take My Life & Let It Be (8:45), Arms Open Wide (10:30),
God of Justice, O Church Arise*

Benediction

Postlude

Nursery - 8:45am: Lisa Vergouwe, Lily Johnson
10:30am: Melissa VanderTuuk, Caleb Jennings

Next Sunday:

“I'll Believe it When I See it”

Exodus 32:1-6 • Rob Matthews, Co-Director of Youth Ministries



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

Want more info?

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

rockfordreformedchurch.org

Announcements

Today:

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

6:00pm: Praise in the Park. Come enjoy Christian music each week in downtown Rockford: This week led by Chapel Hill UMC & Casnovia Ref. **Kid's Night!** Our own puppeteers will be taking part! Bring your kids and grandchildren for a fun night.

7:30pm: Worship on the Waterfront – Downtown Grand Haven MI.
Tonight: Peder Eide

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.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Pastor David will be in the office Tuesday & Wednesday this week. You can always contact him at 231-408-7506 or DGDethmers@centurylink.net

Wed, Sept 3, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Coffee. Joins us for coffee, goodies, and good conversation.

Sun, Sept 7: RRC Fall Festival. Worship at 8:45am & 10:30am. Information tables in the FLC after both services. Check out fall programming & Christian Ed opportunities for kids-adults. Treats & refreshments after the 8:45am service, and light lunch after the 10:30am service.

Sun, Sept 14: Bibles will be presented to 2nd & 6th Grade students. Please call the church office with the name of your child. We do not want to miss anyone.

Tues, Sept 16, 7:00pm: Ladies Game Night. Watch for more details

Consistory Nomination Forms are in your church mailbox. One form can be filled out by each communicant member. A list of eligible members is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Place your completed form in the box on the table. Deadline for nominations is 12noon on Tuesday, Sept 2.

Congregational Survey: 100 of you have weighed in. We need another 150 of you to invest FIVE MINUTES to complete the survey. Just go to the link on our website and click. Thanks!

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: _____
