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 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**.

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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Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- **~Ken Westrate** is scheduled for shoulder surgery on March 24.
- ~Audrey Shantz has been hospitalized to undergo tests for severe back pain.
- Bill Boyd is back home after being hospitalized with low blood pressure, and complications after his gall bladder surgery.
- ~Shirley Barth is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~Betty Greenland recent tests show she is cancer free again!
- ~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:

- ~Russ VerMerris (Kevin's dad) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Joan Rexer (Brenda VanderHeide's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Frank Northouse (cousin of Shanken's) under Hospice care.
- ~Dawson Babiak (nephew of VandenHeuvels) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Greg Hewitt (friend of Van Houtens) bone marrow transplant was successful. Recovery will be slow.
- ~Marcia Pollie (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 250

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,401.90 Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$510.00



Sunday, March 22, 2015 · Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am "Releasing the Past"

Genesis 45:1-15 (p.36); Ephesians 4:31-32 (p.892) • Rev. Mark Poppen



Prelude • Welcome & Announcements

SONGS OF PREPARATION

#329 There is Power in the Blood (8:45), Grace Alone (11:00) You Are My King (Amazing Love) Forgiven

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

OFFERING

PRAYER

Dan Buckley, Shepherd Elder

SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE

SONGS OF RESPONSE

This is Amazing Grace

Benediction • Postlude

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lori VerMerris, Abby Vanden Heuvel (11:00am) Emily DeWitte, Sarah Majerle, Sami DeKuiper

Today's Chrildren's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Cora Vanden Heuvel (11:00am) Rachel DeKuiper, Landen Jennings

Next Sunday: "Road Trip To A Tough Town" Luke 19:28-40 (p.803) • Rev. Ben Ingebretson



What's Going On?

Today:

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

NOTE: NO Sunday School Classes on April 5 – Happy Easter!

9:50am: Sunday School Classes for Kids/Youth

Ages 3, 4, & DK meet in Classroom #9
Grades K-5th meet in the "Acts of Faith" Room

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room

Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #25

10:00am: Adult Classes

"The Gospel of John" led by Pastor Ken Westrate, Rm#22

 "Spiritual Formation Workshop: Knowing & Showing Christ" led by Pam Jacobs, Fireside Rm #20

6:30pm: **Senior High Youth Group** (grades 9-12) *OPEN* Youth Room

This Week:

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

Tues, 9:30am: Ladies Bible Study, led by Jean Boyd & Marcia Coleman. Rm#1

Wed, Pioneer Clubs: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Clubs

Wed, 6:30pm: Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) in Youth Room

Wed. 6:45pm: Adult Classes

• Women of the Bible led by Polly Johnson, Fireside Rm #20

A Deeper Look at the Gospel of Matthew led by Pam Jacobs,Rm21

Fri, 9:30am: Ladies Bible Study in the Fireside Room (Child care provided) (1st & 3rd) Sat, 7:00am: **Men/Boys "Saturday Series"** in the FLC.

Sat, 9:30am: Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast

Sat, 1:00pm: Adult Singles lunch at Rio Grande Restaurant then back to church

for games & refreshments. RSVP w/Carol @ 866-4845.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Sat, March 28, 7:00-9:00pm: Free Concert! At RRC to benefit Praise In The Park 2015. Admission is free! A love offering will be taken. (not tax deductible)

Sun, March 29: Palm Sunday

Thurs, April 2, 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Sun, April 5: Easter

Wed, April 1, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group. Join us for coffee, goodies and good conversation in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Sat, April 18, 8:30am: THRIVE Ladies' Day. Guest speaker, Ruth Hansen: "Celebrate Life In Christ!" Register on-line or fill out a registration form at the Info Desk.

Sun, April 19: RRC Dinner following the 11:00am service. This is a fundraiser for the Middle School Youth.

River Bank Run, Sat, May 9: Join the RRC Team and <u>raise funds for the Morgan's adoption</u>. Contact Rebecca Cruttenden: <u>rebecca@teamorphans.com</u>

Ushers are needed for the 8:45am service. If you are interested please contact the church office or sign-up at the Info Desk in the back of the sanctuary.

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Sun, March 29: HS going to The Other Way

Sat, April 18: HS Chicago Day Trip: \$25 due March 29. Guests are free.

Painting Party. April 25 - Help paint the Youth Room!

June 22-27: <u>HS</u> Summer Trip to North Carolina. <u>Early bird cost:</u> \$350 (due by April 19), after April 19 the cost is \$400 (due May 3)

July 8-12: MS Summer Trip to North Manitou Island. Early bird cost: \$275 (due April 1), after April 1 the cost is \$325 (due April 29)

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Sat, March 28, 9:30am: Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast for kids ages birth through 5th grade. Meet in the Family Life Center gym. Suggested donation for breakfast: \$3 for adults, \$2 for kids (\$10 family max)

How can I help? What can I do?

We are always looking for volunteers for:

- *Help in the Nursery, children's Sunday School, Children's Worship (Beth Jennings)
- *Pioneer Clubs help (Laura Jolliffe)
- *Kids Hope USA Mentors (Audrey Shantz)
- *Musicians for the Worship Team (Bren Shantz)
- *Provide cookies for after service (sign up at the Info Desk)

Connections Card

To use this card, tear off at the fold and place it in the offering plate

I wouldPrayerSuggesUpdate	like to know more about becoming a follower of Christ like more information about RRC / Interested in membership request - check if confidential O stion, question, or concern (use notes section below) my contact info (see below) ibe to e-news (email address required)
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