

# 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](http://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:

- ~**Marcia Shanken** is recovering after out-patient surgery on May 26.
- ~**Arlene Hunsberger** is recovering after hand surgery.
- ~**Betty Greenland** is scheduled for surgery on June 2.
- ~**Gail Wagner** is recovering after hip replacement surgery on May 21.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**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.  
Nick Welch has been deployed to Iraq.

## Extended Family:

- ~**Anna Steenwyk** (Steve's mom) now under Hospice Care.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Joan Rexer** (Brenda VanderHeide's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Greg Hewitt** (friend of Van Houtens) Pray for continued improvement.
- ~**Mary Ann Redder** (Bud Feikema's sister) At home with hospice care in end stages of cancer.

## Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Chad & Natalie Kleis** at the death of Chad's brother-in-law, **Brad Knitter**, on May 27.

Sympathy is expressed to **Bruce & Lisa DeBoer** at the death of Lisa's father, **Larry Scholten**, on May 14.

Sympathy is expressed to **Denny & Barb Vander Kuyl** at the death of Barb's brother, **Bill Chavis**, on May 12.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 194  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$6,065.00  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$188.00



**Rockford Reformed Church**  
connecting • growing • serving

**Sunday, May 31, 2015 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**

**“Life is Hard – God is Good!”**

Romans 8:28-30 • Rev. Mark Poppen

Prelude • Welcome & Announcements

## SONGS OF PREPARATION

#3 *Holy, Holy, Holy* (8:45) / *Shout to the North* (11:00)

#804 *Battle Hymn of the Republic* (8:45) / *O Worship the King* (11:00)

#680 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* (8:45) / *How Great Thou Art* (11:00)

**Presentation / Celebration of Graduates**



## OFFERING

Blessing of Offering: *We Give Thee But Thine Own* (verse 2)

## PRAYER

Nancy Steenwyk, Shepherd Elder

## SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE

## SONG OF RESPONSE

#139 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (8:45) / *Forever* (11:00)

Benediction • Postlude

## Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Karen Bazen, Madelyn McConnon  
(11:00am) Becki Pilko, Trisha VanStensel

## Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Beth Jennings  
(11:00am) Emily DeWitte

**Next Sunday: “Chosen”**

Ephesians 1:1-8 • Dr. Paul Bradford

# What's Going On?

### Today:

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

**Graduation Sunday** – Join us for cake in the Family Life Center between services!

4:00pm: **Installation Service** for Dr. Paul Bradford followed by a reception in the Family Life Center.

### This Week:

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

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

(1st & 3rd) Sat, 7:00am: **Men/Boys "Saturday Series"** in the FLC.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**After-Service Socials** will begin June 14 and continue through August 30.

**Nepal Disasters:** You can give on-line via the RCA website, send a check directly to the RCA (marked Nepal Earthquake), or you can donate during regular offering time at any Sunday morning service through the end of June. Use your "special offering" envelope from your packet (or a pew envelope), mark it **Nepal** and place it in the offering plate. *Make checks payable to Rockford Reformed Church* and be sure your name and/or offering envelope number is on the envelope

**Sun, June 7: Communion** will be served at both morning services.

**Sun, June 7, 10:00am: Congregation Information Meeting** between services in the FLC. Get updates on search for Youth Dir. & Worship Director.

**Women's Summer Bible Study: "Whispers of Hope,"** Wednesdays, beginning June 10, 9:30-11:00am. Childcare available. Sign up at the info desk or online. If you are interested in helping with childcare, please see Beth Jennings.

**Sat, June 13: View From the Hill.** Watch the Start of Summer Celebration fireworks from the hill in front of our church! Free popcorn, refreshments, and children's activities provided.

**Tuesday AM Ladies Bible Study:** Lunch at Boulder Creek, June 16, 12:30pm.

**Summer Worship Schedule: June 14 – Sept 6, one service @ 9:30am**

### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Jessica Matthews: [jessica.matthews6212@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.matthews6212@gmail.com) Rob Matthews: [rjmatthews08@gmail.com](mailto:rjmatthews08@gmail.com)

**Congratulations to our graduates!** Emily Bowers, Elena Brownell, Matthew Knapp, Arabelle Rinvelt, Ali Schrottenboer, Brianna Van Houten

**June 10: MS Bonfire** at the Marsman's house, 7-9pm. Watch for more info.

**July 8-12: MS Summer Trip** to North Manitou Island

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [rccchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rccchildrensministry@gmail.com)

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [connections.rcc@gmail.com](mailto:connections.rcc@gmail.com)

**Volunteers Needed for VBS:** Contact Beth Jennings

**Sunday, July 26-Wed, July 29, 6-8pm: Vacation Bible School.** Mark your calendars!

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

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