

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:

- ~**John Fanberg** is recovering after knee replacement surgery on July 16.
- ~**Joel Van Houten** is healing after surgery on his vocal chords.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** is undergoing radiation treatments for brain cancer.
- ~**Pray for our RRC Summer Campers** as they attend local Christian camps: Camp Geneva, Cran-Hill Ranch, Camp Roger, and Pine Ridge.
- ~**Betty Greenland** is making slow progress and dealing with complications after surgery.
- ~**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) cancer is back. Undergoing chemo treatments and he is now home under Hospice care.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to the friends & family of **Al Kraker** who died on August 3 and **Lillian Kraker** who died on August 7.

Sympathy is expressed to **Bud & Carolyn Feikema** at the death of Bud's sister, **MaryAnn Redder**, on July 31.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 229

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,805.80

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$160.00

A BIG thank you to everyone who baked, volunteered, and ran in these two fundraising events!

5K Cookie Run – Hearts for Orphans: over \$7,000.00

Missions Team – Farmer's Market: \$306.00



Rockford Reformed Church
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, August 9, 2015 • Worship @ 9:30am
“The Messiah’s Community: The Nation”
Ephesians 2:11-22 (p.891) • Pastor Paul Bradford

Prelude • Welcome & Announcements

SONGS OF PREPARATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Lord I Need You
Across the Lands

Moment for Ministry

RRC Middle School Summer Event Update

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

OFFERING

Still, My Soul, Be Still

PRAYER

Megan DeVries, Shepherd Elder

SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Before the Throne of God Above

Benediction • Postlude

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Jaime Mueller, Jen Klaasen

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am) Rachel & Sami De Kuiper

Next Sunday: “The Messiah’s Community: The Temple”
Ephesians 2:11-22 (p.891) • Rev. Jim Lankheet

What's Going On?

Today:

9:00am: **Prayer** in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the service. All welcome!

"After Service Social" in the Old Fellowship Hall (downstairs) immediately following the morning service.

This week is sponsored by: The Elders

Sun, Aug 9: Blood Pressure Screening after the service in Rm#4.

6:00-7:30pm: Praise in the Park: Downtown Rockford at the Garden Park Stage (by the dam). Come enjoy Christian music provided by music teams from area churches and Christian bands.

Today: *Perfect Shelter*

This Week:

Mon, 7:00pm: Help clear out classrooms 1 & 2, Library, and Cry Room for new carpet.

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

Wed, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Summer Bible Study: "Whispers of Hope"
June 10-August 19 (Childcare available)

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Pastor Paul & Tammy are hosting **"Living Room Chats"** in their home on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm for dessert & coffee to get to know the people of the congregation. Sign-up is for groups up to 12 at a time. Middle School youth to adults are welcome (we love little kids, but child care will not be available). Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. You can also sign-up on-line at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/

Help us prepare for new carpeting! Volunteers needed on Monday, Aug 10 at 7:00pm to prepare *classrooms 1 & 2, the Library, and the Cry Room* for new carpet. Plan on 2 hours of work. Contact Tom Cruttenden if you are available or have questions. 450-5010 or tcrudd@gmail.com

Our High School youth group will be doing a service project this summer at the **Kid's Food Basket** and are asking for **donations of: 100% Fruit Juice Boxes (less than 7oz), Individual Fruit Cups or Pouches, Granola Bars, Small Boxes of Raisins, and Quart Size zip-lock bags.** Place donations in the container in the back of the sanctuary.

North Kent Community Services Backpack/School Supplies Drive. Place items in the white NKCS basket in the back of the sanctuary by Sun, Aug 23.

Consistory Nomination Forms were placed in your church mailbox. One form can be filled out by each communicant member. A list of eligible members is on the Information Desk in the back of the sanctuary. Place your completed form in the box. Deadline for nominations is 12 noon on Tuesday, August 18.

After-Service Socials continue through August 30.

Summer Worship Schedule: One service @ 9:30am, through Sept 6.

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brianmellis@outlook.com

Aug 18-20: HS Service Projects. The High Schoolers will be taking day trips to local ministries to serve. They will leave church in the morning and go home at the end of each day. Watch for more information.

One of the service projects is at Kid's Food Basket. See information under "General" Events for food donation items needed.

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: connections.rrc@gmail.com

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 here if confidential
- Suggestion, question, or concern (use notes section below)
- Update my contact info (see below)
- Subscribe to e-news (email address required)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Notes
