

Response

If we _____, _____ and _____ the
truth in love, the church will become
_____ and _____.

Sermon audio and notes are available online at
www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Dennis Vander Kuyl is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on April 13.
- ~Rebecca Cruttenden is recovering from surgery on March 18 to repair a torn tendon in her left ankle.
- ~Dave Mundwiler is undergoing treatments.
- ~Shirley Barth is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~Bill Boyd continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Ray Dulyea continued prayer his kidney "numbers" will not change.
- ~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:

- ~Bob & Marilyn Mellema (Bob is Carol Knox & Ruth Hosler's brother). Bob is under Hospice Care for COPD and Marilyn is dealing with back pain.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Russ VerMerris (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~Dawson Babiak (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

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.

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 (bulletin insert).

Prayer time: We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the lobby 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 parent-infant 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 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

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 in the lobby 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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Sunday, April 10, 2016
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

Children (ages 3-7) are invited to Children's Worship downstairs

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Becky Velthouse, Cran-Hill Ranch

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:7-16 (p.891)

MESSAGE

"Life Together: Speaking the Truth in Love"
Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website
rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe, Sydney Kleis
(11:00am) Jaime Mueller, Stephanie Bergman, Megan Van Stensel

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Tatum Kleis
(11:00am) Kristen Van Stensel, Elise Van Stensel

Next Sunday: "Life Together: Speaking the Truth in Love"
Ephesians 4:14-16 (p.891) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

10:00am: Sunday School for all ages.

Ages 3, 4, & DK meet in Classroom #122

Grades K-5th meet in Classroom #101

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #246

Adult Class: "The Four Gospels," led by Bren Shantz. Meet in the Fireside Room #253.

Sun, April 10: Blood Pressure Screening after both services (Rm#211)

4:00pm: Concert of Prayer followed by a meal – lasagne, salad, bread sticks (donations optional to help cover the cost.) Child care will be available for infant – 7yrs old during the Concert of Prayer.

6:30pm: High School Youth Group in Youth Room #153.

This Week:

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

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: "What's So Amazing About Grace" (by Phillip Yancy), led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

Wed, April 13, 6:30pm: Derby Car Race with Hot Dog Concession Stand.

Wednesday,

6:45pm: Adult Classes

- A study on Hebrews, led by Pastor Paul, in the Fireside Room #253.
- Women's Study Group - "Life Rules" by Andy Stanley, led by Polly Johnson in Room #250.

Every other Friday, 6:30-7:30am: Men's Breakfast & Study – "33," a look at the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Meet in the gym for a "real" breakfast. Next meeting is April 22.

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study – Starting April 15, "Unglued" (Lysa TerKeurst) led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Moving mailboxes and bulletin boards! On Tuesday, April 12, we are moving the bulletin boards and mailboxes to the church office hallway. We are seeking to create a more uncluttered feeling for the worship space and think the office hallway will be a convenient area. **Do you really need a mailbox?** In an effort to save on office expenses (and trees) we are reducing the amount of mail slots.

Most of us have e-mail and what is put into mailboxes is redundant. We are **reducing the amount of mail slots** to families that do not have e-mail, Consistory, Ministry Teams, Bible Studies, etc. We will also put a table in the hallway for flyers, sign-ups, etc. If you feel you still would like a mail slot, please contact the church office and we will gladly give one to you again.

Next 10-week **Life Groups** start April 17. If you are interested in joining a group please sign your name on the Connection Card in the bulletin, write "Life Group" on it, and someone will contact you. Also watch for info on a special **Discovery Class Life Group** for people interested in becoming a member.

Sun, April 17, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting

Sat, April 23, 8:30am: Ladies Day 2016. Sign-up on-line or fill out a form located at the Welcome Table. Guest speaker is Rev. Leslie Holmes.

Sun, May 1: Worship Team Meeting/Lunch following 2nd service.

Kids Hope Book Drive: New books needed for Valley View Elem. Kids Hope reading incentive. Deadline is May 1.

On-line Giving now available. You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website www.RockfordReformedChurch.org



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 in the back of the sanctuary or on-line at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/ Next date is April 17.

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School.

Sundays, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group in Youth Room #153.

Wednesdays, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group in Youth Room #153.

Mission Trips: HS June 12-18, **MS** July 31-Aug 6

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: laura@rockfordrc.org

Wed, April 13, 6:30pm: Derby Car Race with Hot Dog Concession Stand.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 232

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,988.16

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$535.00

Speaking the Truth in Love

4th in Series: Life Together

Text: Ephesians 4:7-16

Sunday: 4/10/2016

Intro

God's Word

① **Truth protects us from _____.**

② **Your _____ must _____ the truth in love.**

Ⓐ We must _____ the truth.

Ⓑ We must _____ the truth.

Ⓒ We must _____ abundantly.

③ **As we do our _____ the body will _____.**

④ **Our goal is to live _____ and to live _____.**