

## Our Response

God's Word commands us to speak only \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ words.

Ⓐ Apply Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 6:45)

Ⓑ Activate Paul's \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 4:29)

## Life Application questions

Where does corrupting talk "show up" in your life?

How are you going to apply Jesus' heart principle this week?

In what relationships do you most need to activate Paul's word filter this week?

Sermon audio and notes are available online at  
[www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

~Dennis Vander Kuyl is recovering from knee replacement surgery on April 13.

~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:

~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.

### Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Carol Knox & Ruth Hosler and families** at the death of their brother, **Bob Mellema**, on April 16.

Sympathy is expressed to **Perry & Cherri Pastula** at the death of Perry's mother, **Virginia Pastula**, on April 9.

## 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](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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Rockford Reformed Church  
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Sunday, April 24, 2016  
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SONGS OF WORSHIP

#### OFFERING

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

#### PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:25-30 (p.892)

#### MESSAGE

"Life Together: Life Giving Words"

Pastor Paul Bradford

#### RESPONSE

#### CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website  
[rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

#### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Polly Johnson, Madelyn McConnon

(11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

#### Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lora Jenema, Maddison Jenema

(11:00am) Jodi Becksvort, Shannon Fanberg

Next Sunday: "Life Together: The Freedom of Forgiveness"  
Ephesians 4:31-32 (p.892) • 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-5<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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.

**Wednesday, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group**

**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 May 6.

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

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Mailboxes and bulletin boards have been moved to the church office hallway.** We have devised a new system and now each family has a hanging file folder. We are seeking to create a more uncluttered feeling for the worship space and think the office hallway is a convenient area for these items. Consistory, Staff, Ministry Teams, Bible Studies, etc. still have a designated mail area and there is a table in the hallway for flyers, sign-ups, etc. We hope this is a solution that will work for everyone.

**Sun, May 1: Worship Team Meeting/Lunch** following 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**Discovery Class Life Group**, for those interested in becoming a member, will begin on Sun, May 1. Please contact the church office to reserve a spot.

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

**Sun, May 1: Communion** will be served at both services.

**Wed, May 4, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group.** Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies and great conversation. Everyone welcome!

**Thurs, May 5: National Day of Prayer.** The sanctuary will be open 8:00am to 4:30pm for those who would like to come and pray.

**"Buy A Brick"** – Purchase a brick for our Memorial Prayer Garden with the name of your loved one. (\$40) Order forms available on the table in the church office hallway. Orders due May 30.

**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](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brian@rockfordrc.org](mailto: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](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org)

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [laura@rockfordrc.org](mailto:laura@rockfordrc.org)

**Sun, July 24 – Wed, July 27, 6-8pm: "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School** for ages 3 years through those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Register your children now at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/)

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 271

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$13,464.86

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,245.00

## Life Giving Words

*6<sup>th</sup> in Series: Life Together*

Text: Ephesians 4:25-30

Sunday: 4/24/2016

### Intro

### God's Word

① **The Bible commands us to never use \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓐ Words that \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓑ Words that \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓒ Words of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓓ Words of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓔ Words conveying \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓕ \_\_\_\_\_ language.

② **The Bible commands us to only speak \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ of grace.

Ⓐ Words of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓑ Words of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓒ Words of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓓ Words of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ⓔ \_\_\_\_\_ talk.

③ **The Bible commands us to not \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.**