



Rockford Reformed Church

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New With Us?

First of all, welcome! Thank you for joining us this weekend! Here are few tips to help your morning go smoother.

- Please fill out a **connection card**. Put it into the offering plate when it comes by, or into one of the drop boxes by the sanctuary entrances.
- Please don't feel obligated to participate in the **offering**. The offering is for members and regular attenders who consider RRC their home.
- All baptized followers of Christ, including children, are invited to participate in **communion** (first Sunday of every month). RRC uses grape juice and gluten-free bread.
- A **prayer team** is available at the front of the sanctuary after each service to pray with those who want an extra time of prayer.
- If you have **children**, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:
 - **KidLife Worship** (3 years-3rd grade) - available during the worship service on the lower level. Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Children may start service there, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.
 - **KidLife Nursery** (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).
 - **Parent-Infant Room** - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.
 - **Children's bulletins** and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

What's Next?

If you want to become more connected to RRC, the next step is to simply show up. Regularly attending Sunday worship services is a great start. We also offer a variety of programs and activities throughout the week to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus and with others. You are welcome to check out our programs at any time. If you have any questions or need some suggestions, please contact the front office (616-866-2308, connect@rockfordrc.org).

If you are interested in membership, call the front office and we'll schedule you for our next Discovery Class.

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Order of Service

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

*** There is NO KidLife Worship today during service. Children K and under are welcome in the nursery. The Cry Room (Room 211) is always open for use. Quiet activities are located next to the bulletin stand.*

Prelude
What a Beautiful Name

Welcome & Announcements

Songs of Worship
Revelation Song
Hosanna
It Is Well With My Soul

Offering
Holy Spirit

Prayer & Message
"Community of the Church"
Acts 2:42-47 (p. 832)
Brian Ellis

Response
Oh How Good It Is

Closing Blessing

Next Week
"Knowing God"
John 17:3
Rev. Tim Meendering

welcome

to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today's order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag! See the back page for visitor info.

notes

Day 71
keep praying!

What's Going On?

- Sun** 9:35am **Pre-Service Prayer** in Room 212 to pray over the service. All welcome!
- 10:00am **Worship Service** (sanctuary)
• KidLife Worship (3 years – 3rd grade); check-in downstairs Room 100
- 11:15am **After-Service Social** (gym) - hosted by the Labor Day Ladies
- Mon** 5:00pm **RRC Golf @ Cedar Chase** (7551 17 Mile Road, Cedar Springs)
• \$15. No reservations needed; call Jerry Coon w/questions: 616-204-3858
- Tue** 7:00am **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (Fellowship Hall 100)
- Wed** 10:00am **Adult Fellowship Coffee** (Fellowship Hall 100)

Septemberfest!

We are just one week away from SeptemberFest! On September 9, we will be having our worship service outdoors followed by an all-church picnic, complete with music, games, activities, prizes, and delicious food. There will still be KidLife Worship available for the kids. We will also have a giant slip-and-slide for the kids (and brave adults), so be sure to pack bathing suits and towels! **For lunch, we will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, water, lemonade, and sno-kones. Please bring a dish to pass (sides, salads, desserts).**

Start Dates:

- September 11: Tuesday Women's Bible Study (Behold Your God: the Attributes of God)
September 14: REAL Men
September 16: Sunday School for all ages (Adult Class: Digging Deeper - discussing the sermon)
September 19: Middle School Youth Group (bonfire)
September 23: High School Youth Group (bonfire)
September 27: Ladies Book Club
September 30: Discovery Class (2 weeks)
October 3: Family Dinner & KidLife Club
October 3: Wednesday Night Adult Classes (Grace/Truth 1.0; The Gospel Comes with a House Key; Tough as Nails)

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed every Friday. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

Announcements

Discovery Class: Sept. 30 & Oct. 7, 6-8pm in the Fireside Room. For those thinking about membership with Rockford Reformed Church. Attending the class in no way obligates you to join. Childcare available if needed. Registration required. Please contact the office if you would like to participate (connect@rockfordrc.org, 866-2308).

Small Groups Forming: Whether you are new to RRC or "old" to RRC, we encourage you to join a small group Bible study (or Life Group) of some kind. We are forming groups between now and mid-September. You will have opportunities to sign up to be part of an existing group or a new group at the SeptemberFest on September 9, but you can also let Karen Bazen know before that if you are interested (karen@bazenfamily.net, 364-6066).

Leader Training for Adult Groups: If you plan to lead an adult group this year or potentially in the future, we encourage you to attend the Adult Leader training from 7-9 p.m. on September 6 in the Fireside Room. Pastor Tim will be leading the training. All leaders are urged to come. Please RSVP by September 5 whether or not you plan to be there.

Middle School Small Group Leaders Needed: We still have 2 positions we need to fill: 1 female leader for High School (meets Sunday evenings) and 1 female leader for Middle School (meets Wednesday evenings). Please contact Brian Ellis.

Prayer

Recovery & Intercession

- **Jean Boyd** - continues to go through additional tests and biopsies - please pray for peace and encouragement for Jean and her family.
- **Ray Dulyea** - continues dialysis.
- **Dave Mundwiler** - receiving hospice care.
- **Bill Boyd** - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially **Jorvens**.
- Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims, especially those in Guatemala and for Paradise Bound Ministries located there.

Extended Family

- **Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) - continues cancer treatments, some improvement.
- **Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) - cancer has spread throughout her body.



When you invite your neighbor, friend or co-worker to join you for worship, they will likely accept your invitation if you already have a relationship with them and offer to walk in/arrive with them.



Attendance & Giving

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

Last week's attendance:	173
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering:	\$11,386
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering:	\$440