



# Rockford Reformed Church

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## New With Us?

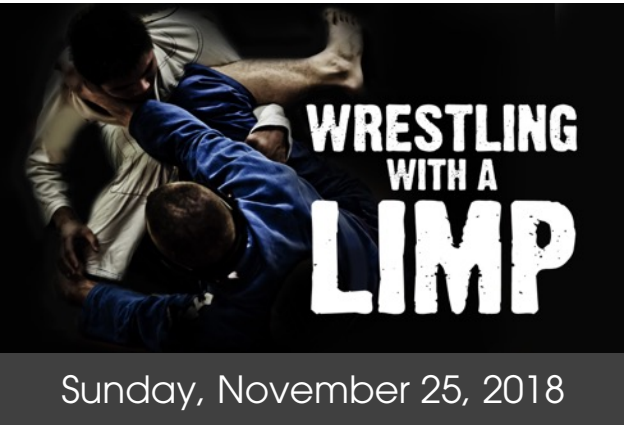
First of all, welcome! Thank you for joining us this weekend! Here are few tips to help your morning go smoother.

- 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.



## Order of Service

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

*There is NO KidLife Worship or Sunday School today. Nursery is available for children kindergarten and under. Quiet activities, children's bulletins, and sermon notes are available for kids staying in the service. You can find these in the lobby on the table.*

**Prelude**  
*God is Able*

**Welcome & Call to Worship**  
*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*  
*Nothing But the Blood*  
*Good Good Father*

**Offering & Announcements**  
*Everlasting God*

**Prayer & Message**  
"Wrestling With a Limp"  
Genesis 32:22-32 (p. 26)  
Rev. Tim Meendering

**Response**  
*Stronger*

**Closing Blessing**

**Next Week**  
"Trading Reputation for Identity"  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Rev. Tim Meendering  
Communion

# 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

## 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)
- Tue** 7:00am **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (Fellowship Hall 100)  
9:30am **Women's Tuesday Bible Study** (Room 212)  
• *Behold Your God: Studies on the Attributes of God*
- Wed** 6:00pm **Family Dinner** (gym)  
6:30pm **KidLife Club** (3 years - 5th grade)  
6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group** (Youth Room 153)  
6:45pm **Adult Bible Studies**  
• *Grace/Truth 2.0*, led by Tim Meendering (Fireside Room 253)  
• *Before Amen*, women's study led by Polly Johnson (Room 250)
- Thu** 7:00pm **Ladies Book Club** (Fireside Room 253)  
• *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*
- Fri** 7:00am **REAL Men** (Fireside Room 253)



## Annual Congregational Meeting & Debt Retirement Celebration

Sunday, December 2, 5pm in the gym.

This year's Congregational Meeting will include a potluck dinner as we celebrate being debt-free! We will meet in the gym (not the sanctuary) at 5pm. Nursery will be provided for the meeting portion of the evening.

- On the agenda:
- Vote of affirmation for elder candidates Scott Jacobs & Doug Peterman
  - Vote of affirmation for deacon candidates Darryl DeGood & Shaun VanderTuuk
  - Vote of affirmation for Pastor Tim serving as our next pastor
  - 2019 Budget (details will be provided prior to the meeting)

Absentee ballots are available in the back of the Sanctuary. You may also call the office with your vote and we will record it on your behalf.

Potluck: Main course will be provided. Care Groups 1/2: salads. Care Groups 3/4: sides. Care Groups 5/6: desserts.

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](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org) and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

## Announcements

**Tree of Hope:** Items due Dec. 9. To participate, take a tag from the tree in our lobby, purchase the item, and bring it back (unwrapped) by Dec 9. Our goal this year is 100 tags! **Our first 50 tags are gone, so we've loaded the tree up with 50 more!**

**Hymn Sing:** Sunday, Dec. 9, 4pm in the Sanctuary. This event is for anyone who loves to sing praises to God!

**Rockford Christmas Celebration:** Friday, Dec. 14, 7-9pm. Join local residents and guests in celebrating our Savior's birth at the "Rockford Christmas Celebration & Live Nativity" to be held in downtown Rockford at Speed Merchants Bicycle Shop.

**Christmas Eve Service:** Monday, Dec. 24, 5pm. Join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm in the Sanctuary. Childcare available for kids kindergarten and under (in the nursery). Our special offering this year will go to the RRC Benevolence Fund.

**Adult Fellowship Christmas Lunch:** December 5 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This is a catered lunch, so please RSVP with Wilma Rottman, 866-2389.

**Adult Single Women's Lunch:** December 8. Lunch at Timbers Inn, then to Mary's for dessert; RSVP with Carol Knox, 866-4845.

**Parents' Night Out:** Friday, December 7, 5:30-8pm. Drop off your kids (ages infant through 5th grade) in the gym and enjoy a few hours of freedom! Our youth group will be providing care (overseen by Beth and Brian). Dinner and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Beth Jennings. Donations will be accepted to go towards the youth accounts.

## Prayer

### Recovery & Intercession

- **Jean Boyd** - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.
- **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.

### 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.

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**Save the Date:** Our annual Youth Garage Sale is set for Saturday, March 16 from 9am-2pm. Start saving your stuff to donate towards one of our biggest fundraisers of the year!

**Middle School All-Nighter @ 3 Mile Project:** Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Join other area middle schoolers for an all-nighter at 3 Mile Project. Cost is now \$30.

**Middle School Retreat:** January 18-20, 2019. The Middle Schoolers will be at Center Lake Bible Camp for this year's winter retreat. Signup deadline is January 6. Cost is \$50.

**High School All-Nighter @ 3 Mile Project:** Dec. 14-15. Cost is \$20, due Dec. 13.

**High School Retreat:** Feb. 8-10, 2019. Cost is \$50.



### 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: 217

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,347.34