

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, dance, 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 new, 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. On the last Sunday of each month, elders will be available to meet confidentially after services with anyone desiring spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational healing.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the back of the sanctuary after service! Visitors may pick up a complimentary 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 & 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.

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**WAVE Youth Group Spring Retreat** at Cran-Hill Ranch April 12-14.
- ~**Pastor Ken Westrate** – praise for God's grace, your prayers, and doctors good work – his heart is almost back to normal.
- ~**June Schofield** is consulting with doctors about back problems.
- ~**Cindy Steensma** started chemo on April 2 through August.
- ~**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: **Nathan Gonzalez, Phillip Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Gabe** (grandson of friend of VanderKyl's) home recovering.
- ~**Brian Carpenter** (Tom & Miriam's son) home recovering. Will be consulting with doctor in Ann Arbor.
- ~**Becca Kalee** (Casey & Sue's daughter-in-law) pregnancy and health issues.
- ~**Ervin Gunnink** (Hunsberger's son) cancer has spread to liver. Deciding on whether to have treatment or not.
- ~**Dave Aldrich** (friend of Scott Kruizenga) Undergoing radiation and then surgery to reconstruct vertebrae.
- ~**Les Westenbroek** (Kerry Schrottenboer's dad) still under Hospice care – cancer is now throughout his chest cavity.
- ~**Susan Leemgraven** (Carolyn Feikema's sister-in-law) undergoing chemo.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Ken & Jane Spaman** at the death of Jane's mother, **Rose Homkes**, on March 24.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 368
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,262.21
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$670.00



Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, April 7, 2013

“Eye the Prize”

Hebrews 12:1-3 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

Welcome & Announcements

Music

8:45am: #210 Praise to the Lord the Almighty,

#21 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, You Alone Can Rescue

11:00am: Hosanna (Praise is Rising),

#21 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, You Alone Can Rescue

(Children dismissed for Children & Worship)

8:45am: Krista VandenHeuvel, Dylan McConnon

11:00am: Emily DeWitte, Caleb Jennings

Offering

Prayer

Scripture

Message

Music

8:45am: Bless The Lord (10,000 Reasons), #9 Glorify Thy Name

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Benediction

Nursery - 8:45am: Polly Johnson, Lilly Johnson

11:00am: Beth Triezenberg, Emily Bowers

Next Sunday:

“Songs of Lament”

Psalm 13 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

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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Notes

Announcements

Today:

8:30am: **Prayer Meeting** in Rm #1

9:50am: **Christian Education for all ages**

Note: NO classes April 7 – Spring Break!

Ages 3 & 4 meet in the Exploration Station

Ages 5 – 5th Grade meet in the Fellowship Hall

WAVE Youth (grades 6-8) meet in the Youth Room

ROCK Youth (grades 9-12) meet in Rm #25

Adults: Eric Pilko – “Science & Religion” (Fireside Rm #20)

10:00am: **Prayer Meeting** in Pastor Rick’s office

6:30pm: **ROCK Youth Group** (grades 9-12) No ROCK today

This Week:

Tues, 7:00am: **Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

Tues, 9:30am: **Women’s Bible Study** – *New study starts April 9* - “Remembering the Forgotten God” (Rm #1).

Wed, 6:30pm: **Pioneer Clubs Derby Car Race.** Hot Dog concessions. Invite family & friends!

Wed, 6:30pm: **WAVE Youth Group** (Grades 6-8) **No WAVE this week** (*Spring Retreat April 12-14 @ Cran-Hill Ranch*)

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

~**Tues, Apr 16, 6:30pm: RRC Prayer Meeting** in the Old Fellowship Hall

~**Sun, Apr 14: Blood Pressure Screening** (Rm #4) after both services

~**Thurs, May 2, 7:30am-7:30pm: National Day of Prayer** – Sanctuary and Prayer Garden will be open to the community. **Greeters needed** to serve a 1-2 hour shift throughout the day. Contact Bev Porter at 874-8196 or bjp_81@yahoo.com

Connections Card

If you wish to use this card, tear it off at the fold and place it in the offering plate, or take it to the information desk.

- I would like to know more about becoming a follower of Christ
- I’m a visitor and would like more information about RRC
- I would like offering envelopes
- Prayer request (please keep confidential)
- Prayer request (may be shared)
- I’m interested in membership
- Suggestion, question, or concern
- Update my contact info (see below)
- Subscribe to e-news (email address required)

I want to sign up or volunteer for: _____

You may submit this anonymously, but if you would like a response or are signing up for something, please give us your contact info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Want more info?

Just stop by our information desk at the back of the sanctuary or go online:

rockfordreformedchurch.org