

# 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. 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 visiting, 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. Also, there is an opportunity at 8:30am (before the first service) to meet to pray for the morning services in classroom #1.

**Refreshments:** Join us for coffee in the back of the sanctuary 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 cry 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 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](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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# Prayer Fellowship

## Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Betty Greenland** is scheduled for outpatient gall bladder surgery on Sept 14.
- ~**Dennis Vander Kyle** is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery on Sept 17.
- ~**Tom Smith** is at St Mary's with fluid buildup and possible internal bleeding from an outpatient procedure last week.
- ~**Roger Hoogewind** – pray for continued healing of his elbow.
- ~**Bob Coleman** is home recovering after triple bypass surgery on Sept 11.
- ~**Steve Majerle** is recovering after knee replacement surgery on Aug 31.
- ~**Margaret Buffum** is home recovering after back surgery on Aug 17.
- ~**John Fanberg** is undergoing rehab after knee replacement surgery.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** is done with chemo/radiation for 5 weeks. An MRI will be scheduled and a monthly chemo treatment will be planned.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**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: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel. Nick Welch has been deployed to Iraq.

## Extended Family:

- ~**Evelyn Gage** (Alice Van Luinen's daughter/Doug's sister) is home with visiting nurses after surgery on Aug 27 to have vertebrae replaced in her neck.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) had surgery on Aug 27 to have vertebrae fused in his neck.
- ~**Joan Rexer** (Brenda VanderHeide's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) undergoing chemo treatments.

## Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Pastor Rick & Nancy Tigchon** at the death of Rick's mom, **Lois Tigchon**, on Aug 31.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 178  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$5,989.80  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$270.00



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**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

**Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**  
**FALL FESTIVAL**



**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

**OFFERING**

**PUPPET MINISTRY**

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

**KIDS HOPE MINISTRY**

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

Multiple Texts

**MESSAGE**

"Preparing for the Harvest: Preparing Our Hearts"  
Pastor Paul Bradford

**RESPONSE**

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**Today's Nursery Volunteers:**

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe

(11:00am) Julie Ringnald, Jaime Mueller, Kathryn Jacobs

**Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:**

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Caleb Jennings

(11:00am) Beth Jennings, Kate Fleetham

**Next Sunday:** "Preparing for the Harvest: Preparing Our Hospitality"  
1 Peter 4:7-11 (p.924) • Pastor Paul Bradford

# What's Going On?

## Today:

**9:00am: Prayer** in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the service. All welcome!

**Fall Festival:** Information about Fall Programming in the gym after both services. Sign-up for Women's/Men's Bible Studies, Life Groups and volunteer opportunities. Cookies, coffee & punch in the gym between services.

**Blood Pressure Screening** after both services in the Music Room, off the gym.

**All-Church Picnic** after the 11:00am service: Hot dogs & hamburgers on the grill, potato salad, chips, drinks, etc. Come enjoy good food and fellowship! Kids activities outside.

**6:00pm: All-Church Prayer Meeting** in the sanctuary. Pray for RRC and our ministries as we launch into a new program year.  
*Child Care provided through age 7. Children 8 and over are encouraged to attend and participate.*

## This Week:

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

## Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Sun, Sept 20: Christian Education Classes begin for all ages**

9:50am for Children & Youth

10:00am for Adults: "Follow" a video series by Andy Stanley, led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in the Fireside Room #20.

**Sun, Sept 20: Bibles will be presented to all those in Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.** Please call the church office with the name of your child. We don't want to miss anyone!

**Starting Wednesday, Sept 23:**

- 6:45pm: "The Ministry of Loving, Listening and Praying," led by Pastor Paul, Bren Shantz and Rob Bergman, in the Fireside Room #20.
- 6:45pm: Women's study group - "Let. It. Go." By Karen Ehman, led by Polly Johnson in Rm#22

**Sat, Sept 26: Adult Singles Lunch.** Meet at church at 12:30pm to go to the Winter Inn for lunch and then back to church for dessert & games. RSVP w/Carol at 866-4845.

**Sun, Sept. 27: RRC Motorcycle Ride.** Ride your motorcycle to church for the 11:00am service. Lunch at Northern Trails followed by a 2-hour ride. Questions? Call Gail @ 866-4722. Bring a friend!

## Women's Bible Studies:

- Tuesdays, 9:30am-11:00am: A study on "Romans," led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Rm#1. Starts Sept 17
- Fridays, 9:30am-11:00am: "Children of the Day," a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Beth Moore), led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #20. Starts Sept 25 (Child care provided)

**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 is for groups up to 12 at a time. Middle School youth to adults are welcome (we love little kids, but child care will not be available). Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. You can also sign-up on-line at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/)

## Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brianmellis@outlook.com](mailto:brianmellis@outlook.com)

**Volunteers needed to drive vans** on Wednesday & Sunday nights! See Brian.

**Sun, Sept 20, 9:50am: MS & HS Sunday School begins**

**Sun, Sept 20, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group begins**

**Sun, Sept 20: Bibles will be presented to all 6<sup>th</sup> graders.** Please call the church office with the name of your 6<sup>th</sup> grader. We don't want to miss anyone!

**Wed, Sept 23, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group begins**

## Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com)

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [connections.rrc@gmail.com](mailto:connections.rrc@gmail.com)

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**Wed, Sept 23: Pioneer Club begins** with a Simple Supper at 6:00pm (Pizza) and Clubs start at 6:30pm.

# How can I help? What can I do?

## We are always looking for volunteers for:

- \*Help in the Nursery, children's Sunday School, Children's Worship (Beth Jennings)
- \*Pioneer Clubs help (Laura Jolliffe)
- \*Kids Hope USA Mentors (Audrey Shantz)
- \*Musicians for the Worship Team (Bren Shantz)
- \*Provide cookies for after service (sign up at the Info Desk)

# Connections Card

To use this card, tear off at the fold and place it in the offering plate.

- I would like to know more about becoming a follower of Christ
- I would like more information about RRC / Interested in membership
- Prayer request - check here if confidential
- Suggestion, question, or concern (use notes section below)
- Update my contact info (see below)
- Subscribe to e-news (email address required)

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