

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.

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 recovering after outpatient gall bladder surgery on Sept 14.
- ~**Dennis Vander Kyle** is recovering after shoulder replacement surgery on Sept 17.
- ~**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.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 307
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,935.80
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,968.00



Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, September 20, 2015

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

(Kindergarten & 6th Grade)

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4:7-11 (p.924)

MESSAGE

“Preparing for the Harvest: Preparing Our Hospitality”

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Karen Bazen, Cora Vanden Heuvel
(11:00am) Megan DeVries, Sara Zang, Kate & Aimee Zang

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Abby Vanden Heuvel
(11:00am) Emily De Witte, Elise Van Stensel

Next Sunday: “All In... Seeking”

Luke 5:33-35 (p.787); Matthew 6:16-21 (p.741) • 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-5th meet in Classroom #101

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #246

10:00am: **Adult Class**

"Follow" a video series by Andy Stanley, led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in the Fireside Room #253.

This Week:

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

Tues, 9:30am-11:00am: A study on "Romans," led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Rm#212.

Wed, Pioneer Clubs: 6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **Clubs**

Wed, 6:30pm: Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

Wed, 6:45pm: Adult Classes

- "The Ministry of Loving, Listening and Praying," led by Pastor Paul, Bren Shantz and Rob Bergman, in the Fireside Room #253.
- Women's Study Group - "Let. It. Go." By Karen Ehman, led by Polly Johnson in Rm#250

Fri, 9:30am-11:00am: Women's Bible Study – "Children of the Day," a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Beth Moore), led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. Starts Sept 25
(Child care provided)

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.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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! Sign-up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Sun, Oct 4: Communion will be served at both morning services.

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/

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brianmellis@outlook.com

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

Sunday School @ 10:00am

MS (grades 6-8) in the Youth Room #153

HS (grades 9-12) in Classroom #246

Sun, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group in Youth Room #153

Wed, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group in Youth Room #153

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: connections.rrc@gmail.com

Sun, Sept 20, 10:00am: Sunday School begins

Wed, Sept 23: Pioneer Club begins with a **Simple Supper at 6:00pm** (Pizza) and **Clubs start at 6:30pm**. Register your child on-line or on Wednesday.

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)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Notes
