

# 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 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** continues healing after back surgery.
- ~**John Fanberg** continues healing 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 **Roger & Collette Hoogewind** and **Dan & Trisha Van Stensel and family** at the death of Roger's Dad, **James Hoogewind**, on Sept 25.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 301  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,757.80  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$380.00



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**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

### OFFERING

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

### PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Revelation 2:1-7 (p.933)

### MESSAGE

“All In . . . Pursuing”  
Pastor Paul Bradford

### RESPONSE

### CLOSING BLESSING

#### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Polly Johnson, Madelyn Mc Connon  
(11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

#### Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lora Jenema  
(11:00am) Jodi Becksvort, Caleb Jennings

#### Next Sunday: “All In...Seeing”

Ephesians 1:15-23 (p.890) • 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RRC Motorcycle Ride.** Ride your motorcycle to church for the 11:00am service. Lunch at Northern Trails followed by a 2-hour ride.

## 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. (Child care provided)

## Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

**Wed, Oct 7, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group.** Join us for coffee, goodies, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wed, Oct 14, 5:00-6:30pm: Flu Shot Clinic** in the musc room #141. Sign-up in the back of the sanctuary. Covered by many insurance plans. Questions? Contact Wilma Nelson 866-3502 or [wpzeemering@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpzeemering@sbcglobal.net)

**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)

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

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

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: HS Girls Small Group**

## Upcoming Events:

**MS:** Oct 14 Small Group Night, Oct 24 Sky Zone

**HS:** Oct 11 meet at Pastor Paul's, Oct 25 Small Group Night, Nov 1, Fundraiser Dinner, Nov 6-7 All-nighter

## 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)

**Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School**

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: Pioneer Club** with a **Simple Supper at 6:00pm**

## 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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