

Our Response

Daily give meaningful touch to communicate _____ and _____, and to _____ and _____ those around you with God's love.

Sermon audio and notes are available online at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Mark Schrottenboer** is dealing with a torn meniscus.
- ~**Nancy Jansen** continues healing after neck surgery.
- ~**Dennis Vander Kyle** undergoing physical therapy after shoulder surgery.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** tumor has grown and has started new treatments.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** continued prayer his kidney "numbers" will not change.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Phil Scholten**, **Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) diagnosed with bladder cancer.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is express to:

Nate & Beth Jennings and family at the death of Nate's Grandfather, **Roger Korte**, on November 4.

Craig & Brenda Vander Heide and family at the death of Brenda's mom, **Joan Rexer**, on October 24.

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.

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.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the lobby 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 parent-infant 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 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

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 in the lobby 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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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, November 8, 2015

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Rebecca Cruttenden



PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Multiple Scriptures

MESSAGE

"The Blessing: The Power of Meaningful Touch"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website
rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Polly Johnson, Madelyn McConnon

(11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lora Jenema

(11:00am) Jodi Becksvort, Shannon Fanberg

Next Sunday: "The Blessing: Empowering Words"

Numbers 6:23-27 (p.103) • 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

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

Blood Pressure Screening after both services, Rm#211

6:30pm: High School Youth Group in Youth Room #153

This Week:

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

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

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

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

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 Room #250.

Every other Friday, 6:30-7:30am: Men's Breakfast & Study - "33," a look at the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Meet in the gym for a "real" breakfast. Next meeting is November 20.

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: 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, Dec 6, 5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting. Election of Elders & Deacons and 2016 Budget.

Sun, Nov 15: Take a Frozen Turkey to Church Day! (for NKCS baskets)

Tues, Nov 17, 6:00pm: Pack Thanksgiving Baskets for NKCS. Bring your whole family or life group, enjoy a light meal in the gym, and help put together baskets. *Place food items in the barrels in the Lobby.* Sign-up to help at info desk.

Fri, Nov 20, 7:30pm-12am: Men's Game Night. Join us in the Fireside Room.

Games and snacks provided, but you can bring other games/snacks.

Use Entrance "B" (West side). Questions? Contact Bren Shantz.

RRC Cran-Hill Family Camp Weekend: Aug 26-28, 2016. RSVP with Sharon

Dulyea @ 696-0577 to reserve your spot. Deadline is TODAY, Nov 8!

Join us for a fun-filled weekend in God's great outdoors!

Operation Christmas Child (A Ministry of Samaritan's Purse): Pick up a box in the lobby and a flyer/envelope with information on how to pack your box. Deadline to return boxes is Nov 15.

Interested in Adoption? His Kids Workshops. Sat, Nov 14, 9am-12:30pm at Wyoming Campus of Kentwood Community Church. Informational fairs and exploratory breakouts. www.orphansundaywestmichigan.weebly.com

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

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Winter Retreats: MS: Jan 22-24

HS: Feb 26-28

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

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

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School. Bring in socks for the Sock Pile until 12/13!

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

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 277

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,813.20

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$50.00

The Power of Meaningful Touch

Series: The Blessing (2)

Text: Multiple

Sunday: 11/8/2015

Intro

God's Word

Ⓐ Touch was _____ and communicates _____ and _____ to others. *(Genesis 1:27,31)*

Ⓑ The Bible _____ and _____ us to give and receive _____, _____ touch.

① Touch was always a part of _____ .
(Genesis 27:26-27; Genesis 48:9-10; Matthew 19:13-15)

② Touch was an important expression of _____ and _____ in daily life.
(Genesis 33:4; 45:15; Song of Solomon)

③ Laying on of hands was nearly always used when praying for _____, receiving the fullness of _____, and commissioning _____.
(Luke 4:40; Acts 8:17; 13:2)

④ The Apostles exhorted the early church community to _____ to one another.
(Rom 16:16; 1Cor 16:20; 2Cor 13:12; 1Thes 5:26; 1Pet 5:14)

⑤ Biblical touch is always _____ touch.
(1Timothy 5:1-2)

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