

**FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

## **Council News Goals for 2026**

Each January, the Rochester CRC Council prayerfully develops goals for the year. The goals provide focus as Council works to serve the congregation.

The three:goals/projects developed for 2026 fit well into our overall church goals of welcoming in, building up, and reaching out. They are:

- Welcome: Invite every neighbor and welcome every visitor.
- Spiritual development: Disciple every congregant and provide resources for them to disciple others.
- Outreach for the Whole Body: Engage every congregant (children included) in a Christ-centered ministry shared by the entire congregation.

We know these goals are ambitious. We trust God to provide the resources needed to develop specific projects to accomplish them. Please pray about how you can use the gifts God gave you to help us advance his work. And please contact a council member with your ideas.

Council will begin to facilitate small group discussions with the aim of increasing unity through understanding. Please contact a council member if you are interested in being part of our first session.

### **Outreach for the Whole Congregation:**

"As we celebrate Rochester CRC's 150th anniversary, we remember God's work through us over the years. Our congregation has been foundational for thriving ministries like the Rochester Christian School, Heritage Christian Services, Flower City Workcamp, and SERVE. In 2026, we aim to discern God's current calling for us and invite the congregation to help us reflect on this.

We're seeking ministry ideas to engage congregants of all ages as a thank offering for the past 150 years and a statement of trust for the future. Please contact Danny Veenje or Bob Null with your ideas."

## This Weekend!



### Houghton University Choir

presents an evening of God-glorifying music  
from the present and past

Saturday, February 21 • 7:00 PM

at Rochester Christian Reformed Church  
2750 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield



## Youth Group Fundraiser!

Lasagna Dinner & Dessert Auction

Friday  
March 13, 2026  
6:00 PM

**Sign up TODAY**



## School #33 Opportunity

The lunch monitors seek **blank paper** for drawing and **coloring books** (even partially used) to provide quiet activities during lunch. They also would be happy to have **small stuffed animals** for the same purpose.



Please put donations over the next few weeks in the basket labeled "School 33" in the narthex across from the coatroom. Let's help lighten their load!

## Serving this Sunday

### Nursery

Katie Singleton  
Elijah Bommelje

*Thank you*

### Children and Worship

Julie Vande Brake

### Ushers

Brooke Chambery and George Cline

### Coffee Service & Cleanup

Jan and Judy Huussen  
Bob and Chrissy Null



## Koinonia Dinner

Sign up in the narthex

Wednesday,  
February 25  
6 PM



## Pulpit Schedule

February 7-22: The Book of Acts, taught by  
Steven Rodriguez and Bethany Miller  
March 1, 8: Brad Zinnecker  
March 15: Chris Fantuzzo  
March 22: Nick Monsma (from Palmyra)  
March 29 [Palm Sunday]: Bethany Miller

Flower City Work Camp (March 30 to April 3) is looking for volunteers to serve in Medical and Security roles. Every participating church is encouraged to send representation for at least one shift to keep camp fun and safe!

**Flower City**  
WORK CAMP  
est. 1985

- Medical - certification required (ie: RN, LPN, MD, EMT, etc.)
- Medical Training Meeting - March 14, 9AM-11AM Zoom
- Security - no law enforcement or military experience needed  
Security Training Meeting - March 19th 6:30PM-8PM @Bethel  
or March 21st 9AM-10:30AM @ Bethel

## **"Wait on the Lord"**

by Ray Croucher, Deacon

*This is a meditation that I did at last Sunday's Praise and Prayer meeting. Not everyone is able to come; but since we are all waiting for a full time pastor, I thought that this may give us all a biblical perspective while we wait.*

A little over a year ago, Pastor Anthony retired from the ministry. Indeed, we had to say good-bye to a beloved pastor. Subsequently, a pastor search committee was formed. As a congregation and individually, we have and continue to, pray for them. We pray for discernment, wisdom, and unity; as they work together searching and vetting possible pastoral candidates.

And through this process, we, as Christians, are called to be patient ; to "wait on the Lord." For how long, we don't know. It is by faith and expectation, acknowledging Gods sovereignty and wisdom that we anticipate the calling of a pastor. "We wait on the Lord." The Hebrew word for "wait" is Qavah, pronounced, Kava. It means to wait, look for, hope, expect. And that is what we are called to do, wait, look, for, hope, and expect God's provision in calling a pastor to RCRC.

Waiting on the Lord requires patience, trusting God, and having a faith that is active rather than passive. David, speaking in Psalm 27:14, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Paul writes in Romans 8:25, "But if we hope for what we don not have, we wait for it patiently." So, how do we actively "wait on the Lord?"

First, we continually seek his presence through prayer, meditation, worship, and in the reading of scripture.

Secondly, we trust in God's perfect plan and timing; not rushing into decisions but seeking his guidance. 1 John 5:14, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

The third way we "wait on the Lord," is that we set our minds on God's truth and character. It reflects our belief in his omnipotence, omniscience, and benevolence.

And lastly, we acknowledge that God's ways are higher than our own. God, speaking in Isaiah 55:8-9, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Jesus was the ultimate example of "waiting on the Lord." Five times in John's Gospel it was spoken by Jesus or written by John, "My time has not yet come." Jesus had trust, patience, and hope in his Fathers timing, provision, and perfect will.

And so for us, as we continue in our pastoral search, we, like Jesus, put our trust, patience, and hope in God's will and timing, as we "wait on the Lord."