

MARCH 05, 2026

Getting to know Rev. Chris Fantuzzo, our pastoral candidate

After our worship service on Sunday March 15, Council encourages all congregants to attend a meeting during which Rev. Fantuzzo will share some of his story, answer questions, and have opportunities to meet people individually.

We will gather in the Fellowship hall for sandwiches and dessert immediately after the service. The meeting will run from approximately 11:30am to 1pm. Adult Sunday School classes will not meet.

Please submit the questions you would like to ask Rev. Fantuzzo by writing them on a card and dropping the card in the box on the welcome station in the narthex. Those questions will be collated and used first during the question and answer part of the session.



Communal Prayer Opportunities during Lent

March 11 is the CRCNA's Annual Day of Prayer: <https://network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/2026-annual-day-prayer>. Meet in the council room after Koinonia dinner. We will begin at 6:40 and end by 7:20. For those who wish to join from home, click this link: [Insert Zoom link here]. A host will let you in beginning at 6:35. Besides topics listed on the above CRCNA webpage, we will also pray for our upcoming pastoral candidate visit.

March 22 will be a Sunday evening service (6:30 to 7:30) of prayer and praise. We will begin and end with hymns selected by those in attendance. In the middle, we will invite prayer from those present about our congregation, our region, our nation, and the world. We will also ask for discernment regarding our pastoral candidate, who will have visited the previous week.

See also these helpful CRCNA resources about Lent and the spiritual disciplines:

- <https://www.crcna.org/OurJourney/prayer>
- <https://network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/faith-practices/stones-dust-and-silence-remembering-ashes>

Lenten Theme Hymn

The hymn, “**What Wondrous Love**”, paired with Psalm 22, was chosen by the worship planners as a thematic thread to run through each Sunday in Lent. The text focuses on the great gift of love our Savior humbly gave in setting aside his crown for each one of us. The hymn also places us, as receivers of the gift, among millions of others who join the chorus of joyful praise and thanks, now and forever!



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Easter Egg Hunt

Jr. High, Cadets, GEMS, Family and Friends
Invite a friend to come hear the Easter story, make crafts and join an Easter Egg hunt!

Wednesday, March 25,
6:30 to 8:00 PM

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!



NEXT WEEK!

Youth Group Fundraiser
**Lasagna Dinner
&
Dessert Auction**
Rochester Christian Reformed Church

Our youth will serve delicious lasagna and salad. When you arrive, sign up for an auction paddle so that you can join in the fun of the silent and live dessert auctions!

All proceeds go towards sponsoring youth service projects, to help our youth attend Flower City Work Camp and other youth events and retreats.

**Friday, March 13
at 6 pm**

Sign up in the narthex or contact the church office (585) 381-7861 to attend and/or to donate a dessert.
Questions? Contact Julie at julievandebrake@gmail.com

DESSERT DONATIONS: please include a short description and a list of ingredients (including any allergens like nuts.) This helps our auctioneer.



The Council wishes to acknowledge the blessing of a large financial gift from **Bruce Klanderman's** estate. Bruce was a long-time member and organist for RCRC. The gift will be split equally between the Organ, Memorial, and Capital Expense Funds.

We rejoice in this financial blessing and call our congregation to join in giving thanks to God that, even in death, Bruce has continued to bless Rochester CRC.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/bruce-klanderman-obituary?id=59936636>

Congratulations Bethany Cok!



Bethany Cok, a daughter of this congregation, is being ordained as a minister in the Soujourners' United Church of Christ in Charlottesville, Virginia this Saturday afternoon. Bethany would like to thank all of you who cared for her and nurtured her in the faith at RCRC from the time she was born until she left home for college.

Serving this Sunday

Nursery

Katie Singleton
Adriana Bommelje

thank you

Children and Worship

Chrissy Null

Ushers

Tony LaPolla & David Dill

Coffee Service & Cleanup

James and Jennifer Leakey
Ken and Kathrine Page



Turkey Roasters Needed

Let the office or Jeff Kuryla know if you can roast one of four turkeys for the 3/25 Koinonia Dinner.



PARDON OUR DUST: AN UPDATE FROM THE RENOVATION TEAM

As you have probably noticed, renovations have begun! One of the first steps is to tear down and replace the wallpaper in the Fellowship Hall. The furniture has been ordered, and should be arriving in a few weeks.

You'll notice added seating in the Narthex, new tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall, new couches and chairs in the Fellowship Lounge, as well as a kids' area.

The lounge will also have new couches and chairs, and the carpeting will be replaced soon.

Thanks for your patience as we update each of these areas. If you have any questions about the work being done, feel free to ask Tim Hughes.

Pulpit Schedule

March 8: Brad Zinnecker

March 15: Chris Fantuzzo

March 22: Nick Monsma (from Palmyra)

March 29 (Palm Sunday) Bethany Miller

April 3 (Good Friday) to be determined

April 5 (Easter) Bethany Miller