

NEWS YOU CAN USE

JULY 9, 2026



PLEASE NOTE - FROM THE OFFICE

Adjusted Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm

Closed Tuesday, Friday

Week of July 13

Closed Monday

Tuesday 7/14 8:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 7/15 and Thursday 7/16 12:00pm-4:00pm

SERVING ON SUNDAY

Nursery: Ann Michele Bouwmeester
TBD

Ushers: Brook Chambery
Bob Null

Thank you

Coffee: Doug & Diane DeJong
Jan & Judy Huussen

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 4 YO - 3RD GRADE

Calling all 4 year olds through 3rd grade!
Summer Sunday School is meeting the 2nd
and 4th Sundays of the month in Room 9 after
the Children's Message in the worship
service. Come join the fun!

DONATE BASIC HOUSEHOLD GOODS TO WORLD RELIEF

Your donations of laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper and paper towels are needed for World Relief clients. If you are able, please donate these items in the marked bin in the coatroom. Ann Michele Bouwmeester will be collecting these items through the end of July. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW . . .

that Pastor Jack is an author?

He has written a devotional book that includes his amazing pictures titled "Forty Days in the Psalms." The paperback costs \$25. Mary Benedett will have a copy you can look at in church on Sunday. She would be happy to order you a copy if you would like. Please let her know by July 12 if you would like to order one - benedett@pobox.com

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

The SBTW Directors have suggested we cover our new furniture in the Lounge and Fellowship Lounge to protect it during the time they are using the building for camp (July 20-31). Do you have old sheets to donate to be used to cover our new furniture? If so, please bring them to church. Thank you!

RCRC FINANCES

RCRC's donations to the operating fund for June were a bit higher than expenses, keeping our overall operating account reasonably on track. Please continue your generosity over the next few months so that we do not fall behind over the summer.

Operating Account: June 2026

Budget: \$39,210.47 Receipts: \$32,424.91 Expenses: \$26,147.46

Year to Date, through June 2026

Budget: \$235,262.82 Receipts: \$166,927.62 Expenses: \$170,165.35

While we are without a full-time pastor, our expenses are expected to be lower than budgeted.

If you have any questions about RCRC finances, ask David Cok.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ALL OUR BIBLE QUIZZERS!

Congratulations to our Bible Quizzing Team!!

What an incredible way to wrap up an amazing Bible Quizzing season!

We're so grateful to God for the opportunity to finish 3rd in the nation and for the joy of spending the week studying His Word alongside believers from across the country.

Congratulations to our coaches for winning the coaches' tournament, and to Simon for advancing to the individual semi-finals!

While we're thankful for the accomplishments, we're even more grateful for a year spent hiding God's Word in our hearts. The friendships, spiritual growth, and life-changing moments we've experienced together are the greatest victories of all.

To God be the glory for His faithfulness throughout this incredible season!



SYNOD 2026 REPORT

Synod is the yearly weeklong meeting of the CRCNA (Christian Reformed Church North America). Nearly 200 delegates from across the U.S. and Canada attend. Dave Dill and Jeff Harp attended as Elder delegates from Classis Atlantic Northeast. Here are a few highlights. Please contact us if you would like more details. We will enthusiastically share.

- The schedule at Synod is full, with days starting around 7AM and continuing until 8 or 9PM, with breaks (including lunch and dinner) about every 2 and a half hours. The first two days, Friday and Saturday, were spent in one of nine committees that delegates were assigned to, processing and creating summary reports in response to overtures (recommendations from classes) and other denominational materials that the whole Synod would review Monday through Thursday. Sunday morning delegates attended local church services in Grand Rapids, and in the evening came together for a worship service in the Calvin Arts Center - a wonderful time of worship in prayer, word and song to start the week's work that would begin on Monday morning.
- Prayer was a priority at the conference. We started each day, joining about 30 other people in a morning prayer meeting, and all sessions started and ended with prayer. We were encouraged to help our home congregations prioritize prayer as key for the health of our churches and in the implementing of new initiatives, such as discipleship and leadership development.
- In sessions on Monday great excitement was expressed for the development of discipleship ministries of all varieties: through one-on-one relationships, in small groups, and in formal teaching sessions, such as Sunday School. The delegates enthusiastically accepted this task as a directive from the Lord. One delegate stood at a microphone and stated that he was sick and tired of being cynical and that the unanimous commitment of delegates for this ministry direction was a "new day" for the CRC.
- The CRCNA is diverse yet unified in Christ. To recognize this diversity, meetings on the floor of Synod began with a time of prayer and singing - delegates were often led by native speakers in a variety of languages, including English, Spanish, and Korean. Prayer was offered in at least 10 different languages with origins from 5 continents.
- Another exciting aspect of Synod for us was the interview and installment of Chris Fantuzzo as the newest member of Calvin Seminary's faculty. He sends his fond greetings to Rochester CRC. We had a real sense that through a circuitous route, God had brought Chris, not to pastor at RCRC, but as one who would now train someone who one day might be pastor in our church.

The week was full and exhausting, but also exhilarating. We were able to meet folks we had crossed paths with in the past, such as Beverly Weeks and Brian White, but we also met many new people from across the CRC - people from Newfoundland to British Columbia, from Florida to Washington state and many other corners of the country. Mealtimes were extremely interesting, with introductions, but also comparing unique problems and triumphs of ministry efforts in churches that these delegates represented. Dave has often encouraged our Council members to attend Classis, but Synod has that recommendation tenfold - one gains a whole new perspective on the CRC and this corner of Christ's church when attending an event such as Synod!

Dave and Jeff