

AUGUST 21, 2025

## This week's sermon **"When Walls Come Tumbling Down"**

**Joshua 5:13-6:5**

Pastor Rich examines the powerful story behind the children's song. He looks at God's timing when we face the walls in our lives.

**Sermon outline notes [HERE](#) or with the order of worship on Sunday morning.**

## **Search Team Updates**

The Choir Director and Worship Coordinator Search Team (made up of Becky Hughes, Beth Tschorke, Amy Cline, Sue Frelrier, and Juli Elliot) are still hard at work. We have some interviews scheduled for next week for the choir director position. We are still looking for applicants for the Worship Coordinator position. See Becky Hughes or Juli Elliott if you are interested in learning more about the job. Please continue to pray for guidance for the search team as we work to fill these important roles at Rochester CRC.

## **VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 24**

### **Nursery**

Jennifer Leakey and Clara Miller

### **Ushers**

Jan and Judy Huussen

### **Coffee Service & Cleanup**

Tim & Sue Frelrier

Shawn & Marlena Graves

## **LAST WEEK - Special Offering for Adam Potter**

The Deacons would like to encourage the congregation to participate in a special offering for Adam Potter. He won't receive a paycheck until the end of September, and we would like to help him out.

If you are so led, please designate Adam Potter on your offering envelope, or through e-giving where you would type "Adam Potter" in the "other" box. We will collect any offerings through Sunday, August 24th. The Deacons thank you and may God richly bless you.

## **Nominations to Council**

If you would like to nominate someone as a candidate for Council, please contact Amy Cline, Clerk of Council, at [rcrccouncilclerk@gmail.com](mailto:rcrccouncilclerk@gmail.com) by no later than September 15. If you would like to know the qualifications to serve on Council, see the Guidelines for Congregational Meetings at [www.rochestercrc.org/members](http://www.rochestercrc.org/members).

## **Pastor Rich's Contact Information**

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## THE LAST WEEK to DONATE School 33 is collecting supplies

for a school community fair on August 29. They particularly need backpacks. They also need pencils, crayons, washable markers, notebooks (one subject or composition), folders, and "kid friendly" scissors. Please leave your donations in the collection containers in the narthex by the end of Sunday August 24.

**You also have the option of donating to cover the cost of the 50 backpacks we already bought for the school. Please mark those gifts as "School 33".**

And please remember to pray for the students, teachers and staff. Jeff Harp is available for questions.



### Pasta Making Class Led by Evelyn Loerop



Saturday, September 20, 3:00 pm in  
the Rochester CRC Fellowship Hall.

**Space limited.**

Sign up on Sunday in the Narthex or  
email the church at  
[office@rochestercrc.org](mailto:office@rochestercrc.org)



## Organ Repairs Update

The organ repairs have begun. We will be sharing Parson's social media photos on our Facebook page and in this email next week. Here is a short Q & A from member queries.

Q: "Why are the motors so expensive?"

A: The company who built the original ones is now out of business, so the news ones must be adjusted to fit. We will have a new and old one on Sunday so you can see the difference.

Q: "I don't hear any problems with the organ."

A: That's because some of the broken motors have been disconnected and Ryan is very talented at adapting when he plays and chooses music.

## 2025 Reformed Theology Conference

Saturday, October 18!

This year we welcome Dr. Jessica Joustra, Associate Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer College, as our speaker. She will lead a general session, "The Imitation of Christ" on Saturday morning and an academic session, "Calvinism and the Future" on Saturday afternoon. Please plan now to attend, and expect to be engaged and enlightened as we learn together. Watch for details!



*Make a Joyful Noise*  
**In the Bell Choir**

No ringing experience needed.

No need to read music - Just count to 4  
and learn the two-color code

Youth Bell Choir (ages 8 and up)  
Adult Bell Choir  
Practice on Wednesdays  
Usually play one Sunday a month  
If interested, contact Dick Astifan.

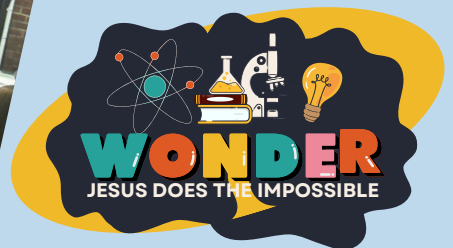
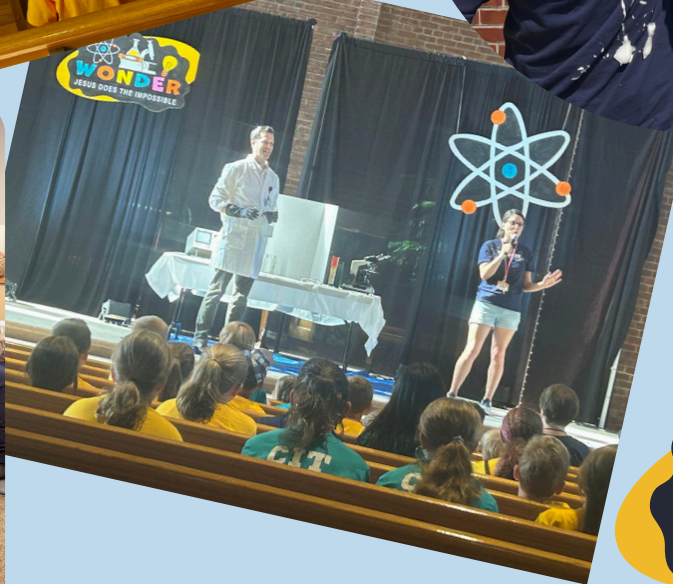
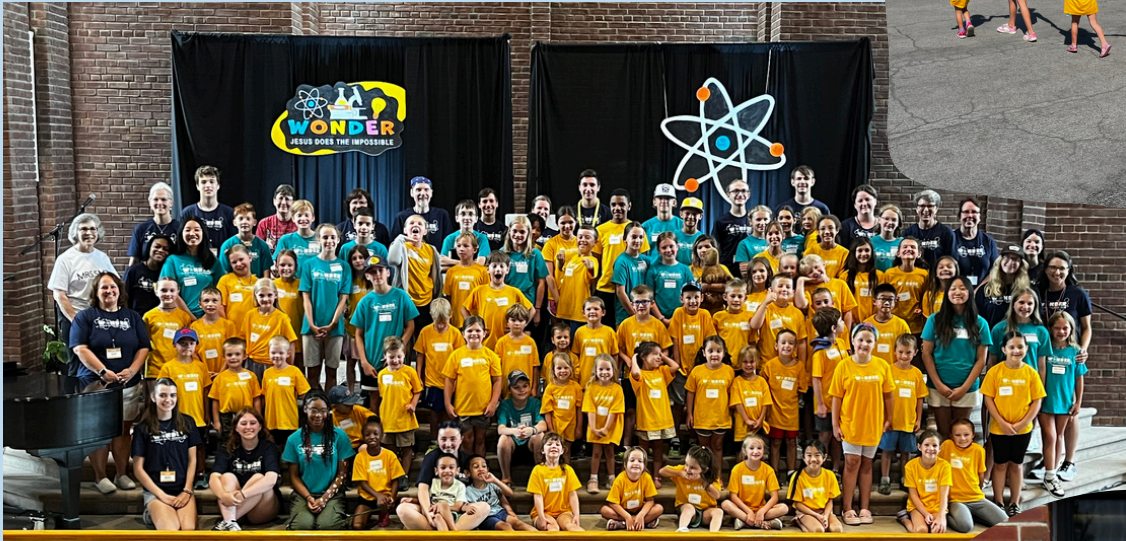
**Come see what it's all about at 6:30 on September 10.**





# VBS 2025

(Full Video on Sunday, August 24)



**Thank you to all the volunteers for making this another successful year.**