

DECEMBER 18, 2025

Rochester CRC End-of-Year Financial Status

Donations to the Operating Fund in November were lower than our monthly average and expenses. As of 12/15, RCRC needs about \$17,000 in general fund donations to meet our expected expenses for the year.

Christmas Week Calendar

Sunday, 12/21 - Candlelight and Carols 6:00pm

Thursday - Christmas Service 10:00 am

Friday - No Men's Bible Study until 1/10

Sunday, 12/28 - Worship, 10:00 am

Office Hours: M-W 8:30-12:30

Closed Thursday and Friday

No "News You Can Use" email

**Read through the Bible in a
Year - See Page 3 for details**



TONIGHT

Juli Elliott and Andrea McGaugh are performing at the Third Thursday Concert at MAG, Beautiful Christmas readings in between organ and choral bits. _7-8:00 pm. Cost is included with museum entrance.



Thank You

Thank you for all of your donations to the **Rochester Family Mission toy and gift card drive** this year. Pastor Warren from RFM sends many thanks for the years of support for the mission.

Pulpit Schedule

December 21: Steven Rodriguez

Christmas Day: Bethany Miller

December 28: Brad Zinnecker

Download the order of worship [HERE](#)
or get a printed copy on Sunday.



COUNCIL UPDATE

The Council met and elected the
2026 Executive Committee:

Jeff Harp, President of Council
Danny Veenje, Vice President
Amy Cline, Clerk of Council
Mary Ann LaPolla, Chair of Deacons
Chair of Elders - TBD at Jan Meeting

Installation is Sunday, January 11.

Welcome

Lara Larsson was received into membership after interviewing with the Elders on October 30. You may know Lara as one of the beautiful voices that leads us in song during worship services. Lara's public profession of faith date is being planned. Please welcome Lara and rejoice in what God is doing in her life.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Nursery

Lisa Falvo
Clara Miller

Ushers

Kathy Quinn and Jake Leakey

Coffee Service & Cleanup

George and Amy Cline
Ben and Rebekah Cooper

VOLUNTEERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Ushers

Kathy Quinn and Phil Tschorke

Coffee Service & Cleanup

Tony and Mary Ann LaPolla
Jeff Harp and Alice Harris

Please help support
Caring Choices Pregnancy Center in Webster
giving campaign

Drop off items off the coatroom from
12/21 through 1/18/2026, Sanctity of Life Sunday.

A full wish list is on the Welcome Center.



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A Christmas Miracle for Tina ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦

Few things are as precious as seeing photos of distant loved ones, especially grandchildren. Most of us take photos on our phones or computers for granted. Unfortunately, Tina Jennings's poor eyesight doesn't allow that luxury and the family has tried a lot of options.

But, this week, her daughter sent her a digital photo album loaded with grandchildren photos and Tina can see EVERY ONE! Praise God for the technology that allowed this wonderful gift, especially at Christmas!



Through the Bible in One Year

The elders invite the Rochester CRC community to join us in an adventure - reading through the entire Bible together - **starting on Jan 1, 2026.**

We will be using the M'Cheyne calendar which reads through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms twice.

Each day there are readings from 4 books, usually one in the Pentateuch and history books, one in the prophets, and two in the New Testament and/or Psalms. This generally involves about 20-30 minutes of reading each day.

For those unable to maintain that pace, there is an option to cut back to two readings a day and complete it in two years. Here's a printable 2-year schedule:
[Edginet M'Cheyne Two-Year Calendar](#)

Online and Printable Reading Schedules

Bible Gateway - shows only that day's readings:
[Bible Gateway Reading Plans](#)

Printable one-page calendar checklist that you can put in your Bible:
[Gospel Coalition Reading Plans](#)

Printable one page per month plus introduction
[M'Cheyne Calendar](#)

Olive Tree app (free):
<https://www.olivetree.com/store/product/17364>

[The Bible Project](#) website offers animated video summaries of all the books to provide some context for the readings.

I'm in!

If you want to take this journey with us, please leave a message with the church office. You may use any translation (we don't recommend a paraphrase, like "The Message") and we will be offering support, discussions, and encouragement throughout the year to discuss how God is speaking to us as we read and to help one another.

We are enthusiastic about this chance to immerse ourselves in the gospel truth and hope that you are too.