

Rockford Reformed Church



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New With Us?

First of all, welcome! Thank you for joining us this weekend! Here are few tips to help your morning go smoother.

- Please fill out a connection card. Put it into the offering plate when it comes by, or into one of the drop boxes by the sanctuary entrances.
- Please don't feel obligated to participate in the offering. The offering is for members and regular attenders who consider RRC their home.
- All baptized followers of Christ, including children, are invited to participate in communion (first Sunday of every month). RRC uses grape juice and gluten-free bread.
- A prayer team is available at the front of the sanctuary after each service to pray with those who want an extra time of prayer.
- If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:
 - KidLife Worship (3 years-3rd grade) available during the worship service on the lower level. Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Children may start service there, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.
 - KidLife Nursery (0-3 years) Room 24I (upper level of gym).
 - Parent-Infant Room available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.
 - Children's bulletins and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

What's Next?

If you want to become more connected to RRC, the next step is to simply show up. Regularly attending Sunday worship services is a great start. We also offer a variety of programs and activities throughout the week to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus and with others. You are welcome to check out our programs at any time. If you have any questions or need some suggestions, please contact the front office (616-866-2308, connect@rockfordrc.org).

If you are interested in membership, call the front office and we'll schedule you for our next Discovery Class.

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Order of Service

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Crown Him

Welcome & Call to Worship

Rejoice
Before the Throne of God Above
** Children are invited to KidLife downstairs
Oh God

Offering

Jesus

Announcements

Prayer & Message

"Coming Home" Hosea 14:1-9 (p. 695) Rev. Tim Meendering

Response

In Tenderness

Closing Blessing

Next Week

"Your Money or Your Life" Malachi 3:1-4, 8-10 (p. 732) Rev. Tim Meendering

welcome

to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today's order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag! See the back page for visitor info.

notes			

sermons available online at RockfordRC.org/sermons-2

What's Going On?

Sun	9:35am 10:00am	Pre-Service Prayer in Room 212 to pray over the service. All welcome! Worship Service (sanctuary) • KidLife Worship (3 years – 3rd grade); check-in downstairs Room 100
	11:15am	 Sunday School Adults – Digging Deeper – Fireside Room 253, led by Eric Pilko High School – Room 246, Middle School – Youth Room 153 Children – Fellowship Hall check-in
	6:30pm	High School Youth Group (Youth Room 153)
Tue	7:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall 100)
	9:30am	Women's Tuesday Bible Study (Room 212)Topic: Behold Your God: Studies on the Attributes of God
Wed	6:00pm	Spark in the Dark • 6-8pm in the gym. Adult classes will not meet.
Thu	7:00pm	Ladies Book Club (Fireside Room 253)The House With a Clock in Its Walls by John Bellairs
Fri	7:00am	REAL Men (Fireside Room 253)
Sat	1:00pm	Single Women's Lunch - Lunch at Bravo, followed by games and dessert in the Fireside Room. RSVP with Carol Knox, 866-4845.

Volunteer Needs

- Prayer partners for high schoolers 5 girls and 4 boys. Contact Roger Hoogewind (616-401-8631).
- KidLife Worship and KidLife Sunday School Pre-K leaders. Contact Beth Jennings (beth@rockfordrc.org).
- Kids Hope mentors. Contact Emillie Clayton (emillie@rockfordrc.org).

A quick note from your Consistory: Your elder and deacon are here for you, and would be happy to get together and pray with you, whatever the reason. Whether you are having a baby or an upcoming surgery, have questions or simply want to talk, give them a call. If you aren't sure who your elder and deacon are, contact the front office. It is also listed in the back of your church directory.

Debt Reduction Countdown: Thank you for faithfully giving toward paying down our debt on the Family Life Center! We are close to paying the loan off. Help us reach our goal of becoming debt-free by the end of the year!



\$63,700 remaining

\$699,300 of \$763,000 paid

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed every Friday. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

Announcements



This Wednesday, October 24, 6-8pm in the gym.

Join us for a Spark in the Dark party the week before Halloween! Carnival games, face painting, activities, pie-eating contests, and more! Hot dogs, chips, and a drink served concession-style beginning at 6pm. Costumes welcome. Please be aware that this is not a "normal" KidLife Club night - we are not meeting in separate groups and leaders are not responsible for watching the children. We want this to be a family event, so come join your kids for a night of fun! The Middle School Youth Group will be helping run the games.



Thanksaiving Food Drive for North Kent Connect:

Please bring donations to the bin in the lobby by November II. Needs include monetary donation for turkeys (can be turned in with offering or to the front office), stuffing, low-sodium canned vegetables (carrots, yams, green beans, etc.), boxed potatoes, canned fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, cranberries, etc.), gravy (no glass containers), pie crust and filling.

Desserts Needed for Wednesday Dinners:

There is an ongoing need (through next March) for desserts for Wednesday night Family Dinners. Packaged cookies work out well and last a while. If you would like to bring in a freshly-made dessert, please contact Terri Katsma (616-292-8230).

Prayer

Recovery & Intercession

- Jean Boyd continues to go through additional tests and biopsies - please pray for peace and encouragement for Jean and her family.
- Ray Dulyea continues dialysis.
- Bill Boyd continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.
- Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

Extended Family

- Judy Handanch (Terri Katsma's sister) continues cancer treatments, some improvement.
- Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) cancer has spread throughout her body.



Next Sunday, October 28, 12:15pm in the gym:

The RRC Middle School Youth Group is hosting a Fundraiser Dinner on Sunday, October 28 in the gym following the Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome! All proceeds of the dinner go towards middle school mission trips. Menu: ham, twice baked potatoes, corn, green beans, salad, rolls, apple crisp.



Attendance & Giving

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes. Last week's attendance: 221

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering:

Last week's FLC Debt

Reduction offering: \$3,540

\$13,661.50