

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm	consistory nominations due 12pm	men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah	adult fellowship 12pm family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change room 250, enough	Wednesday Night Adult Classes How People Change - How Christ Changes Us by His Grace will be in the Fireside Room and led by Pastor Tim Polly Johnson will lead a series of women's classes in Room 250, beginning with Enough by Chonda Pierce		
Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12
worship communion sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm	Packets and ballot box are in the back of the sanctuary.	men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah	flu shot clinic 5pm family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change room 250, enough	NKC Pastor's Feud 6pm @Meijer Gardens	REAL men 7am @ arnie's restaurant	
Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19
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More information on these activities can be found in our weekly **eBeacon** (printouts are available in the lobby and the back of the sanctuary). If you haven't singed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list.

QUICK INFO

Rockford Reformed Church
4890 11 Mile Road NE, Rockford, MI 49341
616-866-2308 • Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am–2:30pm
RockfordRC.org • connect@rockfordrc.org

Online bulletin & sign-in: rockfordrc.org/sunday
Online giving: link is on our home page - rockfordrc.org
KidLife email check-in: rrc.check.in@gmail.com

Last week's attendance: 254
Last week's offering: \$10,310

ONLINE BULLETIN



ONLINE GIVING



ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Potluck at noon on October 2 in the Fellowship Hall.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

We are going to be holding a membership class (Discovery Class) some time soon, probably in October. We will post information as soon as it is available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Van drivers for Wednesday nights. Please contact Brian Ellis.
KidLife check-in desk. Please contact Beth Jennings.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday, October 2, beginning at 6pm.
All of our Wednesday night activities start back up this week!
Join us for family dinner in the gym starting at 6!

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Wednesday, October 9, 5-6:30 in Room 141.
Offered by the Spectrum Health Continuing Care Visiting Nurse Association. Have insurance information with you when you come.


THE HISTORY OF CHURCH MUSIC IN AMERICA
October 13, 20, and 27.

Al Valk is putting together a special 3-week Adult Sunday School class that will examine the evolution of church music in America from 1600 to the present. Details are in the ebeacon and on our website.

HARVEST HOEDOWN

Saturday, October 19, 4-8pm in the gym.
Come join us for a fun evening of food, games, and dancing! A great opportunity to invite friends or make new ones.

CONNECTION CARD

 **FOLD** and **TEAR** at perforation. Place in the offering plate or in a connection card drop box located at each sanctuary exit.

HELLO! We're glad you could join us today! Please sign in and let us know who is here (even if they are somewhere else in the building).

☐ Just checking in! Name(s):

NEW? First of all, welcome! Please tell us a little more about yourself, and make sure to get a welcome bag from the lobby before you leave today. If you need a little added encouragement to leave your information with us, here you go: for every first-time sign-in (with contact info), we donate \$5 to North Kent Connect! Also, the more we know, the better we can help get you connected.

Name: _____

Address: _____

His Phone: _____

Her Phone: _____

His Email: _____

Her Email: _____

Age group: ☐ teens ☐ 20s ☐ 30s ☐ 40s ☐ 50s ☐ 60+

Kids at home (name, birthdate, grade, m/f)

What brings you here today? _____

COMMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please indicate the degree of confidentiality you desire:

- ☐ For the Pastor only
- ☐ For the Prayer Team members
- ☐ May be shared with the congregation
- ☐ Please have someone contact me

CONNECT

- ☐ I’m interested in joining a Life Group
- ☐ I’m interested in membership
- ☐ I’m interested in baptism / profession of faith
- ☐ I need to update my contact info (use reverse side)
- ☐ Sign me up for RRC email
- ☐ Other:

This week’s poll (just for fun)

- ☐ Summer
- ☐ Fall
- ☐ Other:

Last week’s winner: Great Lakes

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Luke 15:11-32 – Joyful Coming and Going

Questions for family/small group discussions:

How does the gospel and God’s Word hold up a mirror for us? How have you experienced this for your own heart and life?

1. A mirror held up for us:

a. How does the elder brother relate to his father and how does that impact or influence the way that he relates to his prodigal brother? Can you see how the way that you are relating to God each day influences the way that you relate to others?

b. Why does the elder brother care little or nothing for his younger brother? Or, why did the religious leaders care little or nothing for the sinners that Jesus was pursuing? How could this reveal your own heart and your own lack of care or action toward those who are “sinners” or on the outside?

c. What is your most common response to those who don’t somehow meet your standards or expectations? Can you see how we can become bigoted toward those who are bigoted?

d. How does the elder brother’s “goodness” or “obedience” keep him from a loving relationship with his father? How could your “goodness” or “obedience” keep you from a loving relationship with God? Why do you obey God? How does our “goodness” become so deadly for our spiritual condition?

e. What do your prayers reveal about how you relate to God? Do you most often provide a list of petitions or things you need? Or do you more often find yourself in a loving conversation of adoration, confession, and thanksgiving?

2. God held up for us:

a. What do we learn about God and the gospel through the father’s actions toward his two sons? How do you see God as a Father looking for and welcoming you? How does this change you?

b. What has Jesus done and at what price to become the true elder brother who searches for and saves us? What is he still doing today to be a faithful elder brother?

c. We see how we are come home with joy and go out searching for others with joy. What makes this joy possible and how can you sustain this joy for the loving obedience that truly pleases our Father in heaven?



Sunday, September 29, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude
You Stand Alone

Call to Worship
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
Nothing But the Blood
*** Kids are invited to KidLife*
My One Comfort

Offering
DeColores

Prayer & Message
“Joyful Coming and Going”
Luke 15:11-32 (p. 874)
Rev. Tim Meendering

Response
O Come to the Altar

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11:15

Takes place directly after the worship service and goes until 12:15.

- **Adults** - Fireside Room 253 - “Digging Deeper” sermon discussion. This week’s leader: Jim Scholten
- **High School** - Room 246
- **Middle School** - Youth Room 153
- **KidLife (thru 5th grade)** - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in

Consistory nominations are due tomorrow. You can email your nominations to the front office or fill out a paper ballot, found in the back of the sanctuary by the ballot box.

*** 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) - Check-in desk is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service there, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.
KidLife Nursery (0-3 years) - Room 241 (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.