

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)
☐ Board Games ☐ Video Games ☐ Other:
Last week’s winner: Pie

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE
(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Ephesians 4:15 – *Speaking the Truth in Love*

Questions for family/small group discussions:

When you read Ephesians 4:13-15, what are believers to avoid and what are we to pursue? What are some ways that we might be like children today? What is the overall goal found in these verses?

3 reasons that speaking the truth in love is vitally important:

1. We naturally _____ away from _____.

Read Hebrews 3:12-13. What is the warning here? What are the greatest temptations or cultural influences that lead to drifting away from Jesus for you? How can you best deal with these temptations or influences?

2. It’s _____ to be _____ to the _____.

What are some ways that friends and culture often encourage us to be merely nice? What does it look like when you are nice rather than loving well? Why would being nice not be the same being holy?

Where there is change, there will be _____.

We often escape conflict in two ways:

- a. _____
- b. _____

What is your most common means of avoiding conflict and how do you often do it or what does it look like for you? What is the inevitable result of unresolved conflict?

As you read 1 John 3:18, Romans 12:9, John 1:47, what should we pursue for our own hearts and lives?

3. Speaking the truth in love _____ toward Jesus.

_____, we are God’s ordained _____ for health and maturity in faith and holiness.

What is the difference between being nice and speaking the truth in love? How does the gospel help us to speak truth? How might you be protecting self with a “shell” rather than opening yourself up to grow and become like Jesus?

How did and how does Jesus empower us and show us the way to speak truth in love? What can we learn from the way that Jesus speaks truth with love to us?



| Sunday, October 20, 2019 | |
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| WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m. Prelude <i>A God Who Saves</i> Call to Worship <i>All Hail the Power of Jesus Name</i> <i>Jesus Paid it All</i> <i>** Kids are invited to KidLife</i> <i>Grace Alone</i> Offering <i>Behold Our God</i> Prayer & Message “Speaking the Truth in Love” Ephesians 4:15 (p. 978) Rev. Tim Meendering Response <i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Closing Blessing | SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11:15 Takes place directly after the worship service and goes until 12:15. • Adults <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Digging Deeper” sermon discussion. This week’s leader: Scott Jacobs. Room 250.“History of Church Music” led by Al Valk in the Fireside Room, 253. • High School - Room 246 • Middle School - Youth Room 153 • KidLife (thru 5th grade) - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in |

*** 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.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---------|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Oct. 20 | Oct. 21 | Oct. 22 | Oct. 23 | Oct. 24 | Oct. 25 | Oct. 26 |
| worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm discovery class 5pm | | men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah | family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change rm 250, me & my big mouth | ladies book club 7-8:30pm, fireside room book: Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts | REAL men 7am @ arnie's restaurant | |
| Oct. 27 | Oct. 28 | Oct. 29 | Oct. 30 | Oct. 31 | Nov. 1 | Nov. 2 |
| worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm hymn sing 4pm discovery class 5pm | | men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah | Spark in the Dark 6pm | | | single women's lunch 1pm @ Honey Creek Inn RSVP with Carol Knox 866-4845 set your clocks back tonight! |
| Nov. 3 | Nov. 4 | Nov. 5 | Nov. 6 | Nov. 7 | Nov. 8 | Nov. 9 |
| worship communion sunday school high school w/adults high school youth group 6:30-8pm | | men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah | family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change rm 250, me & my big mouth | | REAL men 7am @ arnie's restaurant | |

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: 248
Last week's offering: \$7,093

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DISCOVERY CLASS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, October 20 & 27, 5-7pm.
If you are thinking about membership with Rockford Reformed Church, or if you just want to learn more about us, this class is for you! Attending class in no way obligates you to join. Dinner will be provided. Childcare available if needed. **Registration required.** Please contact the office (connect@rockfordrc.org, 616-866-2308) if you would like to participate.

HYMN SING

Sunday, October 27, 4-5pm.
Join us on Sunday, October 27 at 4pm in the Sanctuary for a Hymn Sing! This event is for anyone who loves to sing praises to God!

Needed: prayer partners for our High School youth. Please contact Roger Hoogewind (rogerdhoog@hotmail.com, 616-401-8631).

SPARK IN THE DARK


Wednesday, October 30, 6-8pm
Join us for our 5th annual Spark in the Dark party the day before Halloween! There will be games, food, prizes, candy, and more! Invite your friends and family! Costumes welcome.

Candy donations needed. Please drop off in the baskets in the lobby or at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

THE HISTORY OF CHURCH MUSIC IN AMERICA

October 13, 20, and 27.
Join us for a special 3-week Adult Sunday School class that examines the evolution of church music in America from 1600 to the present.

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? _____