

# COMMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

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- ☐ 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 question (just for fun)**  
Today is national proofreading day. Can you find the error in this bulletin?

## NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Questions for family/small group discussions

**Matthew 5:4 – Those Who Mourn**

1. What are some ways that you might intentionally or unintentionally remain insulated from the pain, suffering, struggles, or “groaning” that rise up from living under evil and the curse of sin?
2. What are the ways that you most think about to be faithful when you seek to be salt and light (Mt. 5:13-16) and “do not be like them” in Mt. 6:8? What could be some of the most dramatic ways to be a Christian counterculture that would get your neighbors’ attention and attract them to Jesus?
3. How would you describe the difference between being a nice church person to the rebellion and radical call of following Jesus?

### Two ways to mourn and grieve:

1. **Blessed are those who mourn over the \_\_\_\_\_ sin and \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - a. When you consider all that Jesus saw and responded to in Mt. 4:23-25, 4:16-17, 9:35-36, and Psalm 119:136, and you consider that our heart and character are to reflect the heart and character of Jesus, what could/should you see today and how should/could you respond to it?
  - b. What happens that we struggle to mourn and weep over the mess of sin and evil? What steps could you take toward having your heart break over the many ways that sin and evil is revealed around us?
2. **Blessed are those who mourn over their \_\_\_\_\_ sin and \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - a. When you consider Psalm 126:5 and your own experience, how does sorrow impact our joy?
  - b. What do Psalm 51 and 2 Cor. 7:10 reveal about how sorrow over sin leads to joy? What is your experience or struggle with mourning over your own sin and evil? How can you pray for a personal grieving over your sin?
  - c. What does Jesus’ teaching in Mt. 5:21-48 reveal about how we might justify or minimize our sin? What are some ways that you do something similar?
  - d. What has Jesus done so that you can be blessed and know joy in the wake of the world’s and your own sin and evil? What is Jesus’ provision so that you can be a countercultural rebel who radically imitates Jesus?
  - e. How does knowing Jesus provide you with a deep and radical comfort for whatever comes your way?



### WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

#### 2nd Sunday in Lent

##### Prelude:

*Thou Lovely Source of True Delight*

##### Call to Worship:

*All Creatures*

*Cannons*

*The Wonderful Cross*

**\*\* Kids are invited to KidLife**

##### Offering: *How Firm a Foundation*

##### Prayer & Message:

“Those Who Mourn”

Matthew 5:4 (p. 809)

Rev. Tim Meendering

##### Communion:

*Thou Lovely Source of True Delight*

### 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: Scott Jacobs
- **High School** - Room 246
- **Middle School** - Youth Room 153
- **KidLife (thru 5th grade)** - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in

Blood pressure screening available after service in Room 211.


**\*\* 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
March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	<div>Donated items can be dropped off in the gym March 11-19 during office hours. Donation receipt forms available. No large appliances, TV's, child car seats, or mattresses. Contact Deb Coon with questions (debbiecoon9@sbcglobal.net, 616-204-3860).</div> <div>↓</div>
worship communion sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall  women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212	family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm		trivia night 6:15pm 	
March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	
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March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28
worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall  women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212	derby car race 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm	ladies book club 7-8:30pm, fireside room book: Women Rowing North by Mary Pipher		single women's lunch 1pm @ Golden Wok RSVP with Carol Knox 866-4845

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](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org) and ask to be put on the list.

QUICK INFO

Rockford Reformed Church  
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616-866-2308 • Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am–2:30pm  
[RockfordRC.org](http://RockfordRC.org) • [connect@rockfordrc.org](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org)

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

Last week's attendance: 207  
Last week's offering: \$12,840

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**Community Good Friday Service:** Friday, April 10, 7pm at Crossfire Church (330 Rockford Park Dr. - the old American Legion building). We will not be having a Maundy Thursday service this year, so everyone is encouraged to attend the Community Good Friday Service. Pastor Tim will be one of the pastors leading, with the theme “This is Love” (1 John 4:9-10).

**Easter Sunday:** We will once again be holding two services at 8 & 10am with a breakfast in between services. Breakfast will take place in the gym at approximately 9am.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us for a morning of family fun! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 11. The egg hunt will begin at 9:30am on the front lawn. All kids infant through 5th grade are invited to participate! Bring your friends! Immediately following the egg hunt, there will be a family pancake breakfast in the gym. Suggested donation for breakfast: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, \$10 family max.

**Donations are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt:** Individually wrapped candy, single packs of fruit snacks or goldfish crackers, small toy items that fit in plastic eggs (stickers, tattoos, etc.), and larger items for giveaway/prize baskets (chalk, play-doh, jump ropes, frisbees, etc.). Due April 5. Place in the bins in the lobby, back of the sanctuary, or by the elevator door. Contact Beth Jennings with any questions.

**Trivia Night:** Friday, March 13, 6:15pm in the gym. Led by MI Team Trivia. Enter as a team of 5-8 and work together to answer the questions. No team? No problem! We will place you with an existing team or form a team with others who come solo. Cost is free! Snacks and refreshments provided! Prizes for the winning team! Childcare will be provided by our youth ministry to raise funds for mission trips and retreats – nursery for ages 3 and under, activities and snacks for ages 4 and up. Register online or in the sanctuary.

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:

Phone 1:

Phone 2:

Email 1:

Email 2:

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

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

What brings you here today?