

SERMON NOTES



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FAITH AT WORK

INTRO / FACING LIFE

JAMES 1:1-8

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Nothing But The Blood

Welcome & Announcements

Celebrating Our Graduates

Call to Worship

*Great Are You Lord
Before The Throne Of God
Death Was Arrested*

Offering

Goodness Of God

Prayer & Message

“Intro / Facing Life”
Series: Faith At Work
James 1:1-8 (p.1011)
Rev. James Karsten

Response

You’ve Already Won

Closing Blessing

*KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade, Fireside Room)
and nursery (Room 241) are available.*

SAVE YOUR PLASTIC JARS FOR VBS

Starting today, there is a large cooler in the foyer to collect clean and empty clear plastic jars with lids, the kind peanut butter, mayo, or coconut oil come in. You’ll also find volunteer signups and donation requests as well. Be sure to check it out and see how you can help make VBS a success!

VBS AMAZON WISH LIST

Shop for VBS donation items online! We have created an Amazon wish list that you can view by scanning this QR code with your phone’s camera:



SINGLE LADIES LUNCH

Saturday, May 31, 1pm in the Fireside Room - Lunch at church (pizza) followed by games. Please RSVP to Margaret Buffum or Marcia Shanken.

VBS

Mon-Thurs, June 16-19, 6-8pm. VBS is back this summer for kids 3 years old through those just leaving 6th grade. Join us for Camp Chaos, where kids learn that Jesus is our path to peace. Register at RockfordRC.org/vbs



BRICK ORDERS

Orders due June 1. Memorialize loved ones that are no longer with us by purchasing an engraved brick to be placed in the heart-shaped patio in our Memorial Prayer Garden. Order online using the qr code or look for pink order forms.

NIGHT OF PRAYER & WORSHIP

Friday, September 5, 6:30pm.

Come join us for an evening of prayer, worship, and reflection as we seek the Lord together. Through Scripture, song, and stillness, we’ll lift our prayers like incense (Psalm 141:2) and join in the spirit of the early church—gathering with sincere hearts and praising God (Acts 2:46–47).

Prayer partners will be available throughout the evening, and quiet spaces will be set up in the fellowship lobby for anyone who needs to sit, reflect, or ask for prayer. Childcare and prayer-centered activities will be available for young children.

Whether you come with words or silence, with joy or weariness—you are welcome here. Any questions or if you’d like to volunteer to help see Nick Verburg or Rob Yamamoto.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24
worship service grad sunday & potluck youth group 6-7:30pm, youth room	golf 5pm prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall				
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
worship service	golf 5pm	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall		ladies book club 6:30-8pm, fellowship lobby		single ladies lunch 1pm, fireside room
June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7
worship service	golf 5pm	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall				

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2025 GRADUATES!

Kaylee Elisabeth DeWitte
Rockford High School

Shannon Fanberg
Ferris State University

Melana Jolie Karsten
Rockford High School

Viva Sky Kreis
Arizona State University

Bevin Smith-Kok
Rockford High School

Simon Triezenberg
Grand Rapids Christian

Trevor Bruce Vance
Sparta High School

Hope VanderHeide
Cornerstone University