SERMON NOTES



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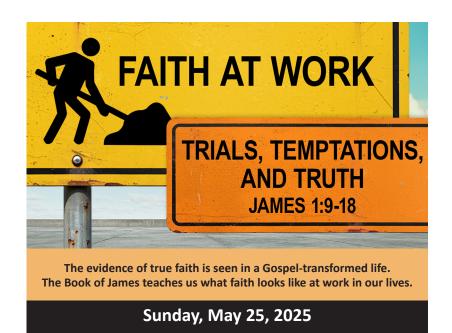
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Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

PreludeHis Glory And My Good

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Rejoice Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Offering

Christ Be Magnified

Prayer & Message

"Trials, Temptations, and Truth" Series: Faith At Work James 1:9-18 (p.1011) Rev. James Karsten

Response

Goodness Of God

Closing Blessing

Note: There is no KidLife Worship today. Nursery is available for kids K and under.

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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.



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 gr 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 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				
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
worship service communion	golf 5pm	men's devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall				

More information on these activities can be found in our weekly eBeacon (sent out Sunday mornings). If you haven't signed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list.

A PRIMER ON THE BOOK OF JAMES

WHO: James, the half brother of Jesus

WHEN: Sometime between 43-46 AD, before

Paul's first missionary journey. Likely

the first NT book written.

TO WHOM: Jewish believers in Jesus scattered

throughout the world

WHY: To encourage believers to live out their

faith in day-to-day life, not merely as a ritual or custom, but as deliberate acts of faith and worship. James writes with many references to the sermon on the mount and the book of Proverbs.

SUMMER 2025 YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY

9-10am on Wednesdays — June 18, 25; July 9, 16, 30; August 6, 13, 20.

For whoever is interested, we will be meeting for a relaxed, hour-long Bible study focused on growing in the skills needed to read and understand God's Word. Each week we'll look at a different passage and ask questions like: What does it say? How does it reveal Jesus? How does it connect to the rest of Scripture? What does it mean for me? Students will spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on the passage before coming together to discuss what we've learned. This isn't a deep dive into one book—it's about building a toolkit to help students confidently approach any passage of Scripture on their own and apply it to life.