

SERMON NOTES



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The evidence of true faith is seen in a Gospel-transformed life.  
The Book of James teaches us what faith looks like at work in our lives.

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

*His Glory And My Good*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*Ancient Of Days*  
*King Of Kings*

Offering

*Holy Forever*

Prayer & Message

“Do Unto Others as Christ Has Done For You”  
Series: Faith At Work  
James 2:1-13 (p.1011)  
Rev. James Karsten

Communion

*Hosanna*

Closing Blessing

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

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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:



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.

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday, June 27, 6-10pm. Come hang out at the Vergouwes’ place for some tasty dinner, games, and a fire to kick off summer right. Whether you want to compete, chat, or just chill by the fire, there’s something for everyone. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and let’s make it a fun night! RSVP to tim.v@rockfordrc.org so we can plan dinner and snacks accordingly. Looking forward to a fun summer night with you all!

# CAMP CHAOS

VBS

## June 16-19

6-8 p.m.

3 yrs - 6th grade

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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  women’s luncheon 11:30am, Boulder Creek				
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
worship service	golf - 5pm  VBS - 6-8pm  prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall  VBS - 6-8pm	youth bible study 9-10am  VBS - 6-8pm	VBS - 6-8pm		
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
worship service	golf 5pm  prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall  YA bible study 7am	youth bible study 9-10am	ladies book club 6:30-8pm, fellowship lobby	YA summer social 6-10pm	single ladies lunch 1pm, fireside

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.

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.

WOMEN'S SUMMER LUNCHEONS

Attention RRC women and friends! Mark your calendars for any or all of 3 Summer Luncheons hosted by the RRC Women’s Bible Study Group. It will be a time of fun and fellowship! We will meet at 11:30am on the second Tuesday of each month at the Boulder Creek Golf Club (separate checks): June 10, July 8, and August 12. 5750 Brewer Ave NE, Belmont. RSVP to Jen Klaasen (jenklaasen@hotmail.com).

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.