

# SERMON NOTES

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**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).

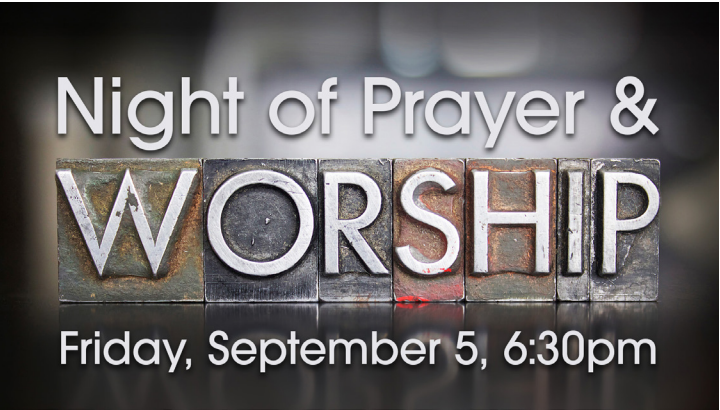
**SINGLE LADIES LUNCH**  
**Saturday, July 26, 1pm**  
Lunch at New Beginnings with games to follow at church at about 2:30. Please RSVP to Wilma Nelson.

**YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER PRAYER STUDY**  
**7pm on Wednesdays – July 9, 16, 30; August 6**  
We’re planning to hold a four-week prayer study (in place of our Young Adult Bible study) created by Sherry Harney, co-author (with her husband Kevin) of the “Organic” series, including *Organic Disciples* and *Organic Outreach*. This study will meet weekly and requires only a one-month commitment. A vibrant prayer life is essential for growing closer to Jesus and becoming deeper disciples. Prayer is not just talking to God—it’s partnering with Jesus in His Kingdom mission, seeking His will, and being transformed by His presence. This study will help deepen our understanding of prayer and its vital role in our walk with Christ. If you’re interested, please let Tim VanderZwaag know.

**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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
worship service communion  youth mission trip (all week)	golf 5pm  prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall				single ladies lunch 1pm, new beginnings
July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2
worship service	golf 5pm  prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall	youth bible study 9-10am  YA prayer study 7pm			
August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9
worship service	golf 5pm  prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 8-9am, fellowship hall	youth bible study 9-10am  YA prayer study 7pm			

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.



**NIGHT OF PRAYER AND 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.