

# SERMON NOTES



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# WALKING IN THE LIGHT

1 JOHN 1:5-10

## DEEPER DYING LOVE

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude**

*Made Alive*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

*How Great Thou Art (Until That Day)*  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**Offering**

*Here I Am To Worship*

**Prayer & Message**

"Walking in the Light"  
Series: Deeper Dying Love  
1 John 1:5-10 (p.1021)  
Rev. Tim Meendering

**Response**

*His Mercy Is More*

**Closing Blessing**

*KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade, KidLife Room 246/247)  
and nursery (Room 241) are available.*

**PICKLEBALL**  
**Begins Tuesday, November 4, 6:30-8pm in the gym**  
We now have pickleball lines on our gym floor along with the gear needed to play! You can join the Tuesday night group at any time, or contact the church office to see if the gym is available for other dates. For Tuesday nights, please check the main calendar to see if they are meeting or not that night. Questions can be directed to Jessica Guerink.

**PRAYER REQUEST FROM MALLERY NEPTUNE, HAITI FOUNDATION AGAINST POVERTY**  
Today we are praying for Haiti as Hurricane Melissa begins raining on the southern peninsula. The expected rains threaten mudslides and mass casualties. The villages where we work are very prone to mudslides and their homes do not stand well in rain or heavy winds. This is also a major harvest season and the farmers are in jeopardy of losing crops that are their survival. Please join us in prayer for the storm to reroute or calm and for God's hedge of protection to be over the villages of LaCoude and LaFit and the city of Jeremie specifically.

**MCN EVENTS**  
Michigan Catalyst Network's annual Network gathering will be held at Corinth Reformed Church on Thursday, November 6 from 2-8pm (dinner provided from 5:30-6:30). This meeting will include updates from the ARC with Greg Alderman, the MCN, testimonies, resource opportunities, worship, and celebration. The meeting is free but they need an accurate count for dinner, so registration is needed. See this morning's email for link/registration.

**NOTE – PRAYER PARTNERS ONLINE IS NOT MEETING THIS WEEK**

| Sunday                                                                                 | Monday                          | Tuesday                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                 | Thursday                                       | Friday                              | Saturday                    |
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| October 26                                                                             | October 27                      | October 28                                                                                                          | October 29                                                                | October 30                                     | October 31                          | November 1                  |
| worship service<br><br>trunk-or-treat and soup/chili cookoff<br>5-7pm                  |                                 | men’s devotional bkf<br>7:30-8:30am<br><br>women’s bible study<br>9:30-11:15am, fireside                            | women’s bible study<br>6:15-7:15pm, room 250                              | ladies book club<br>6:30-8pm, fellowship lobby | REAL men<br>7-8am, fellowship lobby |                             |
| November 2                                                                             | November 3                      | November 4                                                                                                          | November 5                                                                | November 6                                     | November 7                          | November 8                  |
| worship service<br><br>youth group 4:30-7pm<br>focal point 5-7pm<br>kidlife club 5-7pm | prayer partners<br>7pm via zoom | men’s devotional bkf<br>7:30-8:30am<br>women’s bible study<br>9:30-11:15am, fireside<br>pickleball<br>6:30-8pm, gym | women’s bible study<br>6:15-7:15pm, room 250<br><br>YA bible study<br>7pm |                                                | REAL men<br>7-8am, fellowship lobby | youth group<br>@ camp roger |
| November 9                                                                             | November 10                     | November 11                                                                                                         | November 12                                                               | November 13                                    | November 14                         | November 15                 |
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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.



**TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND SOUP/CHILI COOKOFF TONIGHT**

**Sunday, October 26, 5-7pm**  
(instead of Focal Point/Youth Group/KidLife Club)  
trunk-or-treat - outdoors behind the gym  
soup/chili cookoff - in the gym

It's almost **Trunk or Treat** time again! We are inviting families and/or individuals to "host" a trunk. Trunks can be any church-friendly theme you choose. Trunk hosts are encouraged to have a game or activity at their trunk so they can engage with kids beyond simply handing out candy. Contact Emily Cutter if you need game ideas or supplies!

This year we will once again have a **carmel apple bar**, but we are adding a **soup/chili cookoff**! Small "tasting" bowls will be available so you can try a variety of soups and/or chilis. You can vote for your favorite soup/chili and your favorite trunk. Winners will be announced over email the following week.

**Scan the qr code to sign up** to host a trunk, enter the soup/chili cookoff, or bring other food.

We are also taking **candy donations** that can be placed in the boxes at Entrances A and B.

- Reminder – It goes without saying (but we will say it anyway):
- No toy weapons or gory costumes
  - Cars must be turned off for the event
  - All "treats" must be either pre-packaged & purchased food items or non-food items (e.g., stickers, glow sticks, bubbles)
  - Parents are responsible for their own children
  - No open flames, fireworks, flammable liquids, etc as part of your trunk decorations