

Do you have pictures of RVURC church life taken throughout the past 20 years? Sunday School classes, fellowship meals or church picnics, building projects, etc., etc., anything that would be fun to share with others at the 20th Anniversary celebration would be appreciated. If you have photos to share, please pass them along to Lora as soon as possible. Thank you!

THIS COMING SATURDAY is the Sporting Clay Fundraiser for Reformed Mission Services. SIGN UP TODAY at rms.org/sd, or register at the door this Saturday. Any questions contact Jim at jim@rms.org.

RMS has a team heading to New York City this Saturday led by Rev. Paul Murphy as part of our SEED program (Serve, Engage, Evangelize, Disciple). They'll be sharing the gospel through street conversations, prayer, and discipleship. Please keep them in your prayers, and learn more at rms.org/seed.

Several RMS trips are coming up soon, including Japan (November 13–25, 2025), Peru (December 1–11, 2025), and the Dominican Republic (January 6–14, 2026). For more information about these trips, visit rms.org/trips. If you have questions about participating in a trip, please contact Rob at rob@rms.org, and if you would like to financially support the work being done on these trips, please contact Jim at jim@rms.org.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Dr. Lee Irons** is a church planter in Santa Clarita, CA. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Pray that the Lord would bless our new office-bearers as they learn their roles and serve the church together.
2. That we would make progress toward our goal of being organized as a new church in Classis Southwest US.
3. For increased visibility of the church via our website (santaclaritaurc.org) and on social media, leading to visitors and new members.

What We Believe

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. His Word is our supreme authority in all matters of doctrine, life and preaching. It is our source for knowing our sin, our salvation, and the life of service God requires of us in response to His grace. We believe that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and all for the glory of God alone. We believe that the Reformed Confessions of the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort do faithfully agree with the Word of God. We will use these to guide in the preaching, practice, and instruction in the church. We believe God has called together this fellowship, in this place, to worship and glorify Him and to preach and teach His Word. We believe the glorification of God includes the edification of His church, for whom Christ died. This includes the building up, the encouragement, and the mutual accountability of each member. RVURC is a member of NAPARC. Information on NAPARC can be found at www.naparc.org



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Sunday, August 31, 2025

Rev. Caleb Castro, Pastor

Our Council

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Our Supported Missionaries

Rev. Bill Green Costa Rica	Rev. Paul Murphy Messiah's Reformed Fellowship NYC	Mr. Norlan De Groot Miami Int'l Seminary
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Church Secretary: Lora Kooiman - 726-3502, 712-470-3940, or email: bulletin.rvurc@gmail.com
Please submit bulletin announcements by Thursday at noon
Custodians: Jon & Brooke LeLoux - 712-470-0389 (Jon); 712-470-7150 (Brooke)
Building & Grounds/ Church Use Committee: Jon LeLoux, Herm Rozeboom
Catechism & Children's Sunday School Classes: Sundays, following morning worship Sept.—April
Adult Sunday School: Sundays, following morning worship Oct.—April
Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April
Men's Breakfast Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 7:00AM Oct.—April
Congregational Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April

Morning Worship—9:30 AM	Evening Worship—6:00 PM
Prelude	Prelude
Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-7	Call to Worship - Psalm 100
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise # T-122B	*Song of Praise # T–100B
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20	*Apostles’ Creed
Song of Penitence # T-130B	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 55:6-7	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 135
Congregational Prayer	Song of Response # T–135:1, 5
Offerings: General Fund/ Justice For All	Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer	Offering: Benevolent Fund
*Song to Prepare Hearts # T-266	Offertory Prayer
Scripture Reading & Text: Colossians 1:1-6	*Song of Preparation # T–452
Prayer of Illumination	Scripture Reading & Text: Colossians 2:16-23
Sermon: <i>The Fruitful Foundations of Your Faith</i>	Prayer of Illumination
Prayer of Application	Sermon: <i>In Light of the Gospel</i>
*Song of Response # T-243	Prayer of Application
*Benediction	*Song of Response # T- 446
*Doxology # 490	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
*Reverent Reflection	*Benediction
*Postlude	*Doxology # T–68B:4
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Peggy VM/ Jayden DJ/ Karla K

Service Music next week: AM—Lora K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Rachel G

Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Cheryl R

Coffee Servers today: AM—Loren & Lora K

Coffee Servers next week: AM—Korrie & Sarita VM

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

Sept 7: AM—General Fund/ CEC

Sept 14: AM—General Fund/ Divine Hope Seminary

Sept 21: AM—General Fund/ CEC

Sept 28: AM—General Fund/Stand & Deliver

PM—Building Fund

PM—Classis Latino Missions

PM—ITEM

PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, August 31, 2025

Welcome to Rock Valley United Reformed Church. It is our desire to worship the Triune God in Spirit and in Truth according to His Word, to proclaim His Covenant Faithfulness to us in Christ Jesus, and to continually grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. We are so glad you are with us today as we worship the Lord together in the House of God!

This morning we will be led in worship by Rev. Doug Schlegel, professor at Heidelberg Theological Seminary in Sioux Falls, and our evening service will be led by Rev. Elijah Anderson, minister of Latino missions through Cornerstone URC of Sanborn. Welcome, brothers, and may the Lord bless us richly as we worship and fellowship together.

Rev. Castro and his family are on vacation through September 2. If a pastoral concern arises during that time, please contact your district elder.

Upon his request, the communicant membership of **Mr. Hank Blankespoor** has been transferred to the Doon United Reformed Church. We pray that the Lord will bless him in his new church home.

Sunday School and Catechism classes will begin the new season next Sunday, September 7. Materials will be handed out today. The High School class will receive their materials next Sunday, since Rev. Castro is out of town. We pray that the Lord will richly bless our studies again this season!

Adult Sunday School will begin meeting in October. This season we will be doing video and a book series titled *Meeting Jesus at the Feast* by Dr. John R. Sittema. This study brings to light how each of the OT feasts and festivals pointed to the person and work of Jesus Christ in ways many of us have never seen before. It’s sure to be an interesting and thought provoking study! A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall to make sure we have enough books. Please plan to join us and sign up today!

The next Women’s Study Group will begin meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Council Room, starting September 16 at 7:00pm, led by Robyn Castro. We will be studying two short books, *Delighting in the Trinity* and *Rejoicing in Christ*, both by Michael Reeves (Ligonier Ministries). A sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall and books will be ordered accordingly.

Congregational Bible Study will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, starting on September 11. Our study topic is apologetics, We will be doing two sections: first, on trusting the Bible and using what you already know to defend the true faith, and second, we will look at other worldviews and practice using scripture and faith to answer those worldviews. Book 1: *Every Believer Confident* by Mark Farnham; Book 2: *Does God Believe in Atheists?* by John Blanchard. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the fellowship hall. We hope many of you will join us!

The Evangelism Committee is planning an outreach event to bring pre-made meals to families in our community who are still afflicted by the aftermath of last year’s flood. We’d like to plan a day to get together to cook and assemble these meals, sometime before September 15. Please check your calendars and be thinking of what days and times would work best for you to participate. Later we will be looking for volunteers to distribute these meals throughout the community, and we intend to invite the recipients to a fellowship meal at our church, so be thinking about getting involved with that as well. More details on that will come later. Thanks in advance for your help!

Sunday, August 31, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Colossians 1:1-6

Sermon: ***The Fruitful Foundations of Your Faith***

Theme: *Our Faith Has a Firm Foundation in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ*

I. Introduction, vv. 1-3

II. The Faithful Foundation, v. 4

III. The Hopeful Foundation, v. 5

IV. The Fruitful Foundation, v. 6

V. Conclusions

Sunday, August 31, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Colossians 2:16-23

Sermon: ***In Light of the Gospel***

Theme: *Because of our status in Christ, Paul urges us to leave behind the teachings of this world, that cling to shadows, earthly things, personalities and not to Jesus.*

I. Shadows

II. Selfishness

III. Self-Made Religion