

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 sign up today!

Word & Deed Dinner: We invite you to join us at the Lunch House (1129 Main St, Suite 106, Rock Valley) on Thursday, October 9, D.V., for this year's Word & Deed dinner and fundraising dessert auction. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Johnkson from El Shaddai Ministries in Uganda as our keynote speaker. El Shaddai ministers to new Christian converts by rescuing them from intense family situations, offering them shelter, encouragement, and hope for the future. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner starts at 6. Visit wordanddeed.org/rockvalley to RSVP or email office@wordanddeed.org.

Word & Deed Prayer Update – Building of Homes in Northeast India: Many Christians have lost their homes over the last few years due to ethnic violence in Northeast India. In response, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Northeast India, in partnership with Word & Deed, is in the midst of building 20 homes for displaced Christian families. A well has been drilled on the property and space for a garden will also be prepared to help provide the families with fresh produce. Our hope and prayer is that these homes will allow the people to have a stable place to raise their families. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who have been displaced and thank the Lord for the care they are receiving from their local churches.

Thank you for keeping the RMS SEED (Serve, Engage, Evangelize, Disciple) team in your prayers during their time in NYC. The group had a wonderful week sharing the gospel in street conversations and learning about evangelism with Pastor Paul Murphy. We're grateful for God's work through this trip—visit rms.org/seed to see photos and learn more.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Tony Zekveld** is a church planter in Brampton, ON. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. For the application being filed for Mukesh Kumar, from South Africa, to come to Canada to serve alongside as pastor in our congregation.
2. For newer believers who are facing challenges to their faith.
3. For an additional elder to assist in leading our congregation.

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, September 14, 2025

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Our Supported Missionaries

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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 - Rev. 4:1-8	Call to Worship - Rev. 11:15-17
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise # 16	*Song of Praise # T–22B
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Leviticus 19	*Apostles’ Creed
Song of Penitence # 78	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - Zephaniah 3:17	Psalms of Praise Reading - Psalm 137
Preparatory Exhortation, Form 2, Blue PH p. 149	Song of Response # T–137:1, 3, 6
Congregational Prayer	Congregational Prayer
Offerings: General Fund/ Divine Hope Seminary	Offering: Classis Central Latino Missions
Offertory Prayer	Offertory Prayer
*Song to Prepare Hearts # 106	*Song of Preparation # T–102A:3-5
Scripture Reading: Psalm 144	Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18
Sermon Text: Psalm 144:1, 11	Sermon Text: John 1:1, 14
Prayer of Illumination	Prayer of Illumination
Sermon: <i>Turning Point</i>	Confessional Reading: Lord’s Day 13, Q/A 33-34, p. 877
Prayer of Application	Sermon: <i>The Only-begotten Son, Our Lord</i>
*Song of Response # 465	Prayer of Application
*Benediction	*Song of Response # T–284
*Doxology # 281:10	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
*Reverent Reflection	*Benediction
*Postlude	*Doxology # T–473
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Brooke L/ Lora K	PM—Brooke L/ Lora K
Service Music next week: AM—Laurel E/ Karla K	PM—Laurel E

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Robyn C	PM—Audrey K
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Lindsay DH	PM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ

Coffee Servers today: AM—Peggy VM & Karla K	PM—Collin & Jenny F
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Lorna VM & Gloria B	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Grant & Sarah DJ	

Upcoming Offering Schedule:	
Sept 21: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—ITEM
Sept 28: AM—General Fund/Stand & Deliver	PM—Benevolent Fund
Oct 5: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—Building Fund
Oct 12: AM—General Fund/ Classis Central	PM—Word & Deed
Oct 19: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—Heidelberg Seminary
Oct 26: AM—General Fund/ Rev. Green	PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, September 14, 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! **Today begins a week of Preparation** for Holy Communion next Sunday morning, September 21, D.V. We will find Preparatory Devotionals in our mailboxes today to guide us in our preparation. Any visitors who wish to join us at the Table are requested to either speak to one of the elders sometime this week or to speak to the elders before the service next Sunday morning.

Sunday School and Catechism classes will meet this morning immediately following our morning worship service.

A Congregational Fellowship meal will be held today here at church at noon (or soon after our Catechism and Sunday School classes dismiss.) Everyone is welcome, and visitors are encouraged to join us!

Classis Central US will be meeting at Cornerstone United Reformed Church in Sanborn on Monday, September 15 beginning at 6:30PM and Tuesday, September 16 beginning at 8:30AM. Delegates from RVURC are Rev. Castro and Elder Van Maanen. We pray for safety for all those traveling, and also that this would be a fruitful meeting of the churches for God’s glory.

The Women’s Study Group will begin meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Council Room, starting **this Tuesday**, September 16 at 7:00PM, led by Robyn Castro. We will begin with studying *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves (Ligonier Ministries). To prepare, please read the Introduction of the book.

Congregational Bible Study will meet next on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00PM. To prepare, please read Chapter 4, pages 65-81 from our book *Every Believer Confident* by Mark Farnham. (Optional reading - pages 52-55.) It’s not too late to 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’re planning to get together here at church to cook and assemble these meals at various days and times **this week**. On Tuesday, Sept. 16 we begin at 5PM and work approximately until the Women’s Bible Study begins at 7PM. On Thursday, Sept. 18 we’ll work from 4-7PM. If needed, we’ll finish on Friday, Sept. 19 from 10AM-1PM. Workers and their families are invited to eat together as well during the time they are here to work. **Please sign up** on the sheet provided in the fellowship hall for the time that works best for you. We look forward to cooking together this week!

Mark your calendars! There will be a Community Impact Night to benefit the **Zach & Rachel Garland** family on Monday, September 22 from 5:00—7:30PM at the Rock Valley Pizza Ranch. Take the night off from cooking and show your support for the Garlands!

The RVURC 20th Anniversary Celebration is right around the corner! Plan now to join us on **Thursday, October 2**. Games will begin at 5:00PM for everyone that can make it. A group picture will be taken at 6:00PM, and we would appreciate it if everyone could be here at that time. A full meal of pork, potatoes, salads, etc. will be provided, and we’ll take a trip down memory lane with a slide show. We’ll round out the evening with more games and fellowship. We hope everyone will be able to come and celebrate God’s faithfulness to us over the last 20 years and as we go forward into the future!

Sunday, September 14, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Psalm 144 Sermon Text: Psalm 144:1, 11

Sermon: ***Turning Point***

Theme: *Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.*

Sunday, September 14, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18; Text: John 1:1, 14 Confession: Lord's Day 13, Q/A 33-34, p. 877

Sermon: ***The Only-begotten Son, Our Lord***

Theme: *It is only if Jesus is the Eternal Lord God that we may be given the right to become God's adopted children.*