

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!

Save the Date! Spring Stand and Deliver will be held on Friday, March 20 at 6:00 PM at the ASB Dome in Sioux Center. More details to come.

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 6 pm and dinner starts at 6:30. Visit wordanddeed.org/rockvalley to RSVP or email office@wordanddeed.org.

Mid– America Reformed Seminary invites you to join us for three special events the first week of October: On Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00PM, we will hold a building dedication service in our new chapel auditorium with live stream available on our YouTube channel. On Thursday, October 2 at 7:30PM, at First OPC in South Holland, IL we will inaugurate Dr. Alan Strange as the seminary's second president also available via live stream. On Friday and Saturday, October 3 & 4, we will gather at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL for the 2025 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference, "*Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism*." with registration still open at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries.

Rev. Brian Zegers is a home missionary with Word of Life in Ajax, ON.

1. Thank the Lord for the opportunity to read the Gospel of John with a Muslim neighbor. Pray that the Holy Spirit would use the Word to work saving faith in his heart. Pray also that the Lord would open his wife's heart to the Gospel and give Karen opportunity to interact with her.
2. Pray for wisdom to steer conversations during ongoing one-on-one meetings with Muslims and for the fruit of saving faith to be created in the hearts of those we share the Gospel with.
3. Pray that by means of ongoing discipleship, a former Muslim (baptized last fall) will continue to grow in his knowledge of how the Gospel impacts all areas of life and that he will grow in his Christian walk.
4. Pray that we would persevere joyfully and patiently in ministering the Gospel, resting in the confidence that God will accomplish His purposes in His time and that His Word will not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:10-11).

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 21, 2025

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Our Supported Missionaries

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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 95:6-7	Hymn Sing - Blue PH #36 and #37
Silent Prayer	Call to Worship - Psalm 115:1-3
*Votum and Salutation	Silent Prayer
*Song of Praise # 186	*Votum & Salutation
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20	*Song of Praise # T–115B
Song of Penitence # 81	*Nicene Creed - Blue PH p.4
Assurance of Pardon - 1 John 4:8-10	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Congregational Prayer	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 138
Offerings: General Fund/ CEC	Song of Response # T–138A
Offertory Prayer	Congregational Prayer
*Song to Prepare Hearts # 38	Offering: ITEM
Scripture Reading: Psalm 23	Offertory Prayer
Sermon Text: Psalm 23:1	*Song of Preparation # T–73D:1-4
Prayer of Illumination	Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:19-22
Sermon: <i>The Lord is My Shepherd</i>	Sermon Text: Ruth 1:19-22
Prayer of Application	Prayer of Illumination
Formulary for the Lord’s Supper, Form 2, Blue PH p. 151	Sermon: <i>Bitterness against God</i>
*Apostles’ Creed	Prayer of Application
*Communion Song 417	*Song of Response # T–482
Holy Communion	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
Prayer of Thanksgiving	*Benediction
*Song of Response # 470	*Doxology # T–473
*Benediction	*Reverent Reflection
*Doxology # 281:10	*Postlude
*Reverent Reflection	
*Postlude	

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Laurel E/ Karla K	PM—Laurel E
Service Music next week: AM—Peggy VM/Jayden DJ/ Karla K	PM—Peggy/Jayden/Karla
Nursery Attendants today: AM—Lindsay DH	PM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Brooke L	PM—Jenny F
Coffee Servers today: AM—Grant & Sarah DJ	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Jon L & Judah C	PM—Ronin DJ & Cheyenne DJ
Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each): Lindsay DH & Robyn C	

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

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 21, 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.

This morning we have the privilege of coming to the Lord's Table through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Visitors who wish to join us at the Table are requested to speak to one of the elders in the Fellowship Hall before the service begins this morning, NOTE: The three cups in the center of each communion tray are filled with grape juice.

Rev. Castro will be participating in the post-classis pulpit exchange this evening. Rev. Castro will be leading the service at Cornerstone URC in Sanborn, and we will welcome Rev. Elijah Anderson, minister of Latino missions through Cornerstone URC, Welcome, Rev. Anderson.

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

Thank you, to all who came Tuesday and Thursday night to help make and prepare freezer meals to be delivered to the FEMA Trailers! A special thank you to those who organized the meal prepping event and got all the ingredients! The fellowship with all and helpful kids was a delight to see! There were 46—9x13 and 75-8x8 pans prepared. The types of meals included BBQ meatballs, sweet and sour meatballs, scalloped potatoes and ham, beef chimichangas, cheesy chicken spaghetti and tater tot casserole. There are copies of the recipes on the center table in the foyer for any that wish to enjoy these meals at home. The date and time for delivering these meals is still being determined, so please be on the lookout for that future opportunity for evangelical fellowsip and spreading the Word of God with the community and those still feeling the impact of the 2024 flood.

Congregational Bible Study will meet 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!

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 21, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 Sermon Text: Psalm 23:1

Sermon: ***The Lord is My Shepherd***

Theme: *The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.*

Sunday, September 21, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:19-22

Sermon: ***Bitterness against God***

Theme: *Though in trials we may be tempted to bitterness against God, still God works for our good.*