

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.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming RMS Ministry Development trips! Opportunities to serve overseas include Japan (November 13–25, 2025), Peru (December 1–11, 2025), and the Dominican Republic (January 6–14, 2026). To learn more, visit rms.org/trips. For questions about participating, please contact staff@rms.org.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Revs. Taylor Kern and Daniel Ventura** are church planters in Ontario, CA. They ask us to pray in the following ways:

1. Pray for peace and courage for Latino families in our community who are experiencing fear and anxiety due to changes in immigration enforcement.
2. Give thanks for the faithfulness of our members and regular attendees who continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.
3. Praise God for the unity displayed during our bilingual Pentecost service, and pray that our church would continue to embody the peace of Christ across cultural and linguistic lines.
4. Pray for Co-Pastor Daniel Ventura, that the Lord would bless his efforts to grow in Spanish fluency and deepen his pastoral ministry among Spanish-speaking members.
5. Ask the Lord to bless our upcoming midweek membership class and to draw these new attendees into deeper commitment and joyful belonging in the church.
6. Pray for continued fruit in our discipleship efforts and for new doors to open for gospel outreach in our local neighborhood.



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Sunday, September 28, 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

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

Morning Worship—9:30 AM	Evening Worship—6:00 PM
Prelude	Prelude
Call to Worship - Psalm 148:13-14	Call to Worship - Hebrews 10:19-22
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise # 227	*Song of Praise # T–34A:1-3, 7
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Romans 12	*Apostles’ Creed - Blue PH p.3
Song of Penitence # 94	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - John 5:24	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 139
Congregational Prayer	Song of Response # T–139B:1, 3, 6, 11
Offerings: General Fund/ Stand & Deliver	Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer	Offering: Benevolent Fund
*Song to Prepare Hearts # 84:1, 3, 5	Offertory Prayer
Scripture Reading: John 15:18-27	*Song of Preparation # T–40A:1, 3, 6
Sermon Text: John 15:18, 26	Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
Prayer of Illumination	Sermon Text: Hebrews 4:14
Sermon: <i>If the World Hates You</i>	Prayer of Illumination
Prayer of Application	Confession: Lord’s Day 14, Q/A 35-36, p. 878
*Song of Response # 478	Sermon: <i>Benefits of the Incarnation</i>
*Benediction	Prayer of Application
*Doxology # 281:10	*Song of Response # T–303:1, 4-5
*Reverent Reflection	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
*Postlude	*Benediction
	*Doxology # T–473
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Peggy VM/Jayden DJ/ Karla K	PM—Peggy/Jayden/Karla
Service Music next week: AM—Laurel E/ Karla K	PM—Laurel E/ Karla K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Brooke L	PM—Jenny F
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Pam K	PM—Cheryl R

Coffee Servers today: AM—Jon L & Judah C	PM—Ronin DJ & Cheyenne DJ
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Lindsay DH & Robyn C	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Jon & Lindsay DH	

Upcoming Offering Schedule:	
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 28, 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!

Rev. and Robyn Castro will be taking some vacation time the first two weeks of October. On Sunday, October 5 and Sunday, October 12, we will welcome Dr. JP Mosley of Heidelberg Theological Seminary to our pulpit.

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

Adult Sunday School will begin meeting **next Sunday**, October 5 in the lower level Society Room. This season we will be combining a DVD presentation *Feasts of the Bible* by Dr. Sam Nadler, 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! Please pick up a book from Loren Kooiman **today**, and read the introduction. Next Sunday, please meet in the Society Room as soon after the AM service as possible, as we will be viewing the first video, which is 30 minutes in length. We hope many of you will be able to join us!

The RVURC 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held **this 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! **To help us with final meal preparations, please sign up** on the sheet provided in the fellowship hall if you are planning to come to the celebration Thursday evening.

Women’s Bible Study will meet next on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00PM. To prepare, please read Chapter 1 of our book *Delighting in the Trinity*.

Congregational Bible Study will meet on Thursday, October 23 at 7:00PM. To prepare, please read Chapter 5 from our book *Every Believer Confident* by Mark Farnham. It’s not too late to join us!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study will begin meeting on Saturday, October 18 at 7:00AM. Afterwards, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of each month. We will continue with our study from last season, *Judges: Such a Great Salvation*, by Dale Ralph Davis. Even if you weren’t part of the study group last season, you can certainly join us now! If you plan to attend this year, please sign up on the sheet provided in the fellowship hall, and indicate if you need a book.

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.

Sunday, September 28, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: John 15:18-27 Sermon Text: John 15:18, 26

Sermon: ***If the World Hates You***

Theme: *Although the world hates us, we have a perfect Advocate who bears witness.*

Sunday, September 28, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16; Text: Hebrews 4:14 Confession: Lord's Day 14, Q/A 35-36, p. 878

Sermon: ***Benefits of the Incarnation***

Theme: *He is our Mediator and, in God's sight, He covers with His innocence and perfect holiness my sin, in which I was conceived.*