

Word & Deed Prayer Update - John Otten: This month, Word & Deed’s prayer update is a different kind of request for prayer. Our very own John Otten, Word & Deed’s Director of Projects, has recently been diagnosed with terminal bone cancer. As many of you may remember, John started working for Word & Deed in 2008 after serving the Lord in Cubulco, Guatemala, for over 17 years. We have always been blessed by John’s first-hand insights into the work of our partners and his ability to develop meaningful relationships with so many of them. Please join us in praying for John and Connie as well as their children and grandchildren, that they would experience the peace that passes understanding in the weeks ahead. We serve a caring and gracious Father. “The Lord is the strength of my life...” (Psalm 27:1b).

Reformed Mission Services is planning a ministry development trip to Costa Rica from March 2–10, 2026. For more information, please visit rms.org/trips. If you have specific questions about this trip, you may contact steve@rms.org.

Reformed Mission Services is currently raising funds for several ongoing projects. If you are considering year-end donations, your support would be greatly appreciated. All current projects can be viewed at rms.org/projects.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. J. Brandon Burks** is a church planter in Bellevue, KY. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. God has been so kind in growing the church plant, bringing in new families, and helping us build. Pray that we could continue on that trajectory by His grace, both spiritually and numerically.
2. There are several in our church in officer training. Pray that God would use these men to bless our congregation for His glory and the building up of His church.
3. God has been so gracious in giving us a church building wherein to gather to sing Him praise. However, there is asbestos tiling that needs to be removed. Be in prayer for those needed renovations.
4. In God's ever-kind providence, we've had many baptisms. Pray that these young ones will be faithfully catechized and will grow to make public professions of faith.

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, December 14, 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
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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 63:1-4	Call to Worship - Psalm 145:1-5
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise # 111	*Song of Praise # T–145D
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Deuteronomy 5:1-21	*Apostles’ Creed
Song of Penitence # 137	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 2:11-13	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 150
Congregational Prayer	Song of Response # T–150B
Offerings: General Fund/ Messiah’s Reformed Fellowship	Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer	Offering: Youth Group
*Song to Prepare Hearts # 210:1-2, 8-9	Offertory Prayer
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	*Song of Preparation # T–77:1-2, 5-7
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:12	Scripture Reading: Job 1:1-22
Prayer of Illumination	Sermon Text: Job 2:1-11
Sermon: <i>Playing with Fire</i>	Prayer of Illumination
Prayer of Application	Confession: Belgic Confession, Article 13, p. 859
*Song of Response # 388	Sermon: <i>Patience in Dark Providence</i>
*Benediction	Prayer of Application
*Doxology # 337:3	*Song of Response # T–256
*Reverent Reflection	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
*Postlude	*Benediction
	*Doxology # T–295
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Lora K	PM—Laurel E/ Karla K
Service Music next week: AM—Peggy VM/ Karla K	PM—Lora K
Nursery Attendants today: AM—Rachel G	PM—Robyn C
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ	PM—Lindsay DH
Coffee Servers today: AM—Jon & Lindsay DH	PM—Lorna VM & Gloria B
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Pam K & Lora K	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Peggy VM/ Karla K	

Upcoming Offering Schedule:	
Dec 21: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—Heidelberg Seminary
Dec 25 (Christmas Day): Union Gospel Mission	
Dec 28: AM—General Fund/ Divine Hope Seminary	PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, December 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!

This evening Rev. Castro will be exchanging pulpits with Rev. Praveen Muthusamy from Hills United Reformed Church. Welcome, Rev. Muthusamy, and may the Lord bless us richly as we worship and fellowship together.

Next Sunday, December 21, we will welcome Rev. John Vermeer to lead us in worship for both of our services.

Our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program will be presented next Sunday, December 21 following our morning worship service. We hope you can all attend and be blessed as our children tell us through Scripture and song of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Winter Weather Policy: Now that winter weather season is upon us, the Elders would like to make everyone aware of what the policy is regarding church cancellations. If a severe winter weather/blizzard warning is in effect for Northern Sioux County, the elders will determine whether or not to cancel church services, or to have just one afternoon service, and if so, the elders will notify all those within their districts. They will also ask for a mass email to be sent to the congregation, so PLEASE be watching your email! In the event of ice on the church parking lot, the custodian or a member of the Building Committee will spread ice melt on the parking lot, driveways and sidewalks two hours before the service.

All Adult and Youth Sunday School and Catechism classes will meet this morning immediately following our morning worship service. On December 21 and 28 we will enjoy a Christmas break. Classes resume on January 4.

The Consistory will meet on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00PM

Women’s Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00PM. We will continue our discussion of Chapter 4 of our book *Delighting in the Trinity*.

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study will enjoy a Christmas break, and will resume meeting on January 3, 2026 at 7:00AM. We will be discussing Chapters 12 & 13 of our book *Judges: Such a Great Salvation*.

Ladies’ Fellowship Night: All of our adult ladies are invited to Pam Kats' home for an evening of games, snacks and fellowship on Thursday evening, December 18. Please come at 7:00 PM to her home at 2718 290th Street, Rock Valley, and please bring a small food item to share for snacks. This is for adults only, and we hope to have a great night out together. Please sign up on the sheet available in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 14, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:12

Sermon: ***Playing with Fire***

Theme: *Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.*

Sunday, December 14, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Job 1:1-22; Sermon Text: Job 2:1-11 Confession: Belgic Confession, Art. 13

Sermon: ***Patience in Dark Providence***

Theme: *God through the life of Job teaches us about the mystery of dark providence as well as our need to be patient in it.*

I. The Mystery of Dark Providence

II. Job’s Patience in Dark Providence