

Update on Matthew DeBoer from Rev. Richard Stetler: First, I would like to thank you for your prayers with many of you having also helped them financially, which has been a genuine blessing from the Lord as they go through this very serious trial. Please keep Matthew in prayer; and Ana also as she seeks to use the generous gifts given over the last few weeks wisely. The following is an update on Matthew's condition:

Matthew is progressing very well. This past Friday he was able to stand straight, albeit with much assistance and for a very short period of time. His eyesight and hearing is still limited but as the bleeds in his brain stem get reabsorbed into his body those infirmities will hopefully resolve. God answered our prayers this week by allowing Matthew to be transferred to the inpatient rehab unit just up one floor from the neuro acute floor. He will receive intensive therapy for approximately 3-4 weeks. He will also continue on the same floor with his dialysis treatments. When he completes rehab he will continue to do dialysis at a facility near (or sort of near) to our home. From the financial aspect, we are still waiting on Medicaid to approve our application. We need this go through before the end of the month as our regular medical insurance from Matthew's now previous employer will end on the 31st of the month. Matthew is qualified for Medicare because he is on dialysis but will not take effect until May. The Social Security disability application will not be done until April 8th and then there's the required 5 month waiting period before that takes effect if he's approved. Please pray that this will be enough to cover our current expenses because if it doesn't, we may have to move. God has provided, protected, preserved and sustained us thus far and we are trusting that He will continue to do so. We know He is our faithful Heavenly Father who keeps all of His promises.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Brian Zegers** is a home missionary with Word of Life in Ajax, ON. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Pray that as Muslims fast during Ramadan, Jesus would reveal Himself to them as the Bread of Life and the Living Water who alone can satisfy their spiritual hunger and thirst (John 6:35; 7:37-38).
2. A new believer whom I have been discipling for two years has grown significantly in his knowledge of Scripture, but now appears to have become puffed up in his knowledge; pray for humility and a teachable spirit.
3. Thank the Lord for the numerous opportunities my wife, Karen, along with some ladies from Salem URC (our calling church), have had to connect with the ladies of the Ahmadiyya community. Pray that these connections will lead to more opportunities to share the light of Christ.
4. Pray that conversations with leaders in the Ahmadiyya community about starting a regular small group discussion would materialize.

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, March 22, 2026

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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

Prelude
 Call to Worship - Psalm 84
 Silent Prayer
 *Votum and Salutation
***Song of Praise # T-219:1,2,4,6**
 Reading of God's Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17
Song of Penitence # T-32B
 Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 15:56-58
 Congregational Prayer
 Offerings: General Fund/ ITEM
 Offertory Prayer
***Song to Prepare Hearts # T-405**
 Scripture Reading & Text: Matthew 13:1-51
 Prayer of Illumination
 Sermon: *The Priceless Treasure*
 Prayer of Application
***Song of Response # T-433**
 *Benediction
***Doxology # T-41:7**
 *Reverent Reflection
 *Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Lora K
Service Music next week: AM—Brooke L/ Lora K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Jenny F
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Audrey K

Coffee Servers today: AM—Al & Marlene VK
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Sarah DJ & Lindsay DH
Coffee Servers next week: AM—John & Joanne C

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

Mar 29: AM—General Fund/ MINTS
 Apr 5: AM—General Fund/ CEC
 Apr 12: AM—General Fund/ Rev. Green, Costa Rica
 Apr 19: AM—General Fund/ CEC

Evening Worship—6:00 PM

Prelude
 Call to Worship - Psalm 111
 Silent Prayer
 *Votum & Salutation
***Song of Praise # T-111B:1,3,5,7**
 *Apostles' Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)
***Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)**
 Psalm of Praise Reading—Psalm 12
Song of Response - Blue # 17
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering: Reformed Mission Services (RMS)
 Offertory Prayer
***Song of Preparation # T-277**
 Scripture Reading & Text: Psalm 100
 Confession: HC Lord's Day 47, Q/A 122, TPH p. 894
 Prayer of Illumination
 Sermon: *Honoring Our God*
 Prayer of Application
***Song of Response # T-100A**
 *God's Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
 *Benediction
***Doxology # T-564**
 *Reverent Reflection
 *Postlude

PM—Laurel E
 PM—Brooke L/ Lora K

PM—Pam K
 PM—Rachel G

PM—Korrie & Sarita VM

PM—Benevolent Fund
 PM—Building Fund
 PM—Heidelberg Seminary
 PM—Classis Central Latino Missions

The Lord's Day - Sunday, March 22, 2026

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 we welcome Mr. Christopher Bergstrom back to our pulpit to lead both of our services. Chris is a student at Heidelberg Seminary and a member of Sioux Center URC. May the Lord bless us richly as we worship and fellowship together today. **Next Sunday** we will be led in worship by Dr. JP Mosley from Heidelberg Seminary. Next Sunday we also look forward to witnessing the Sacrament of Baptism as it is administered to **Michael Jay Den Hartog**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Den Hartog.

The Elders will be conducting Family Visiting, beginning this week. A sign up calendar sheet has been made available on the table in the fellowship hall to help with scheduling. Please check you schedules and *sign up as soon as possible* for the time that works best for you. (The shaded dates on the calendar are NOT available for scheduling visits.) If you do not sign up for a time of your choosing, you will be contacted to fill one of the times that remain. Thank you all for your fine cooperation!

Our Good Friday Service will be held on Friday, April 3 at 6:30PM. This will be a combined service with Sioux Center URC at their building. The offering will be designated for the building fund of Peace URC in Vancouver, WA. For more information regarding that cause, go to www.peaceurc.com/building_campaign/ We will not be celebrating the Lord's Supper in that service as we did last year, but will be partaking in our own service on Easter Sunday, April 5.

All Adult and Youth Sunday School and Catechism classes will be meet today immediately following our morning worship service.

Our freezer meal inventory is getting very low! We are in need of more family meals to share, so as you have the opportunity, please consider making an extra meal or two and bringing them to our kitchen freezer. Thanks in advance for your willingness to bless others. And remember, please feel free to help yourself to a meal from the freezer whenever you need to.

Attention High School Youth, registration for the **2026 Summer Convention** is open! Don't forget to register before our April 13 deadline. Reformed Youth Services' Summer Convention is set for July 13–17 at Dordt University in Iowa. We are excited to welcome our two main speakers: Rev. Michael Spotts from Phoenix URC (Phoenix, AZ) and Rev. Jeff De Boer from Redeemer OPC (Ada, MI). Our 2026 theme, Abound in Hope, is based on Romans 15:13: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” This year's day away will be an RYS Fair! Attendees will have the opportunity to watch a rodeo performance and participate in various activities on the fairgrounds. The deadline for regular registration is midnight on April 13. We can't wait to see you at the convention!

The Reformed Biblical Counseling Conference, Counsel the Word, scheduled for April 17-18 has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Thank you for your understanding.

Word & Deed Prayer Update - Pigs for Pastors: Pigs for Pastors is a program in Kenya that Word & Deed helped initiate in 2023. Many pastors in Kenya do not make enough money from their ministry work to support their families. The Pigs for Pastors program is meant to supplement their income so they can continue in their work. Pastors receive a pregnant pig through Word & Deed's partner, Reformed Theological Seminary in Kenya. The pastors then raise the litter for meat to sell and in turn are able to raise more pigs. These pastors promise to pass on one piglet from their first litter to another pastor. On a recent visit, Word & Deed staff were able to witness a third generation of “the passing of a pig.” Join us in giving thanks to the Lord that this initiative continues to flourish.

Sunday, March 22, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Matthew 13:1-51

Sermon: ***The Priceless Treasure***

Theme: *Your Salvation is a Priceless Treasure*

I. The Treasure Relinquished and Replaced

II. The Treasure Redeemed and Rejoiced Over

Sunday, March 22, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Psalm 100

Confession: HC Lord's Day 47, Q/A 122, TPH p. 894

Sermon: ***Honoring Our God***

Theme: *God's People Must Honor Him*

I. God Summons His People

II. God Secures His People

III. God Sustains His People