

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling Training Course: Be better equipped to counsel and encourage with God's Word. The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC) is now enrolling students for their Basic Training Course which starts in September 2026 and ends in April 2027. This class equips the enrollee with biblical principles for addressing the problems of life that Christians encounter and gives the attendee the reformed, biblical perspective on how to counteract these issues. In the Sioux Falls area, **this course will be taught at Cornerstone URC (Sanborn, Iowa) and Luverne CRC (Luverne, Minnesota).** The opportunity exists to enroll in this course as an online student. For all enrollees in this course, the class will meet once a month in person to discuss materials that students have independently watched and read (online course students will meet via Zoom). Topics include Biblical and theological principles for counseling, methods of counseling, and instruction on various counseling topics (anger, pornography, marriage, depression, etc.). More information can be found on the IRBC website about the course, locations, the cost, and how to enroll at (reformedcounseling.org).

Join Mid-America Reformed Seminary on October 2–3 at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, for the 2026 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference, *From Believing to Belonging: Hospitality and Evangelism in the Local Church*. Speakers include John Bouwers, Greg Bylsma, Jon Dennis, Alan Strange, Dale Van Dyke, Heather Watkins, and Eric Wat-kins. Learn more and register at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Melvin Dotinga** is a professor in MINTS International Seminary. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Thank the Lord for the Ambunti pastor conference and the opportunities I was given to preach God’s Word.
2. Please pray for our upcoming trip to PNG, that Christ will use us to build His church.
3. Also pray that Jane will be able to support and encourage others by developing good relationships with women on campus: both the wives of students and wives of the mission staff living at the Reformed Churches Bible College.

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, July 12, 2026

Our Council

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Loren Kooiman, Clerk 712-470-1414	Lance Kooiman, Gen. Treas. 712-470-7326
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Our Supported Missionaries

Rev. Bill Green Costa Rica	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 10:00 AM.
Custodians: Jon & Brooke LeLoux - 712-470-0389 (Jon); 712-470-7150 (Brooke)
Building & Grounds/ Church Use Committee: Jon LeLoux, Herm Rozeboom, Zach Garland
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 - Genesis 17:1-7	Call to Worship - Exodus 33:12-17
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise - # T-103C:1-4	*Song of Praise - # T-22C
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17	*Apostles’ Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)
Song of Penitence - # T-178:1,3,5	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 10:19-23	Psalms of Praise Reading - Psalm 27
Preparatory Exhortation, Blue PH Form 2, p. 149	Song of Response - # T-27B:1-4
Congregational Prayer	Congregational Prayer
Offerings: General Fund/ Mid America Ref Seminary	Offering: URCNA Askings Fund
Offertory Prayer	Offertory Prayer
*Song of Preparation - # T-119L	*Song of Preparation - # T-412
Scripture Reading & Text: Matthew 5:1-12	Scripture Reading & Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-14
Prayer of Illumination	Confession: Lord’s Day 52, Q/A 127, TPH p. 896
Sermon: <i>A Portrait of the Blessed</i>	Prayer of Illumination
Prayer of Application	Sermon: <i>Take Heed</i>
*Song of Response - # T-464:1,4,8	Prayer of Application
*Benediction	*Song of Response - # T-106A:1,3,8
*Doxology - # T-134:3	*God’s Commission to His People— Matt. 22:37-40
*Reverent Reflection	*Benediction
*Postlude	*Doxology # T-544:3
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

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

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Jenny F
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Rachel G

Coffee Servers today: AM—Randy & Pam K
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Mary B & Gloria B
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Grant & Sarah DJ

Upcoming Offering Schedule:
July 19: AM—General Fund/ CEC
July 26: AM—General Fund/ Youth Group
Aug 2: AM—General Fund/ CEC
Aug 9: AM—General Fund/ Classis Central US
Aug 16: AM—General Fund/ CEC
Aug 23: AM—General Fund/ Messiah’s Ref. Fellowship
Aug 30: AM—General Fund/ Rev. Green

Evening Worship—6:00 PM
PM—Peggy VM/ Karla K
PM—Brooke L/ Lora K
PM—Cheryl R
PM—Lindsay DH
PM—Leroy & Audrey K
PM—Missions to the World/ The Smiths
PM—Benevolent Fund
PM—Building Fund
PM—Heidelberg Seminary
PM—Reformed Missions Services (RMS)
PM—Classis Central Latino Missions
PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, July 12, 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. Chris Bergstrom**, who is currently a student at Heidelberg Seminary, to lead us in worship. Next week we will welcome to our pulpit **Dr. JP Mosley**, Academic Dean and professor at Heidelberg Seminary in Sioux Falls.

Today begins a week of Preparation for Holy Communion next Sunday morning, July 19, 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.

The Consistory has begun the search for our next pastor. Please pray that the Lord will bring the man of His choosing to us. Also, if you have someone you think should be considered, please let the elders know.

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, July 16 at 7:00PM. Please note the change of date.

Mark your Calendars: Our **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on Friday, August 21 in the Rock Valley City Park. We can enjoy the new indoor shelter house, while the children can run and play to their hearts’ content on the wonderful new play equipment in the park. We will have a potluck meal, and sign up sheets will be available. Mark your calendars now and plan on coming for a fine evening of food, fun and fellowship!

Save the Date: Rev. Joel and Janet Vander Kooi will be passing through our area in their summer travels, and plan to spend the weekends of August 23 and September 6 in Rock Valley. Rev. Vander Kooi will preach for us both of those Sundays. We would like to plan a **Congregational Fellowship Meal** for Sunday, August 23 after our morning worship service. More details and sign up sheets will be made available later, but for now save the date, particularly of August 23, so you can attend the Fellowship Meal.

Plans for a New Season of Stand & Deliver! Redeemer URC in Orange City will be hosting Stand and Deliver on September 12, 2026 at Unity Christian High School, starting late afternoon/early evening. More details will follow, but please save the date! (Sorry that it's the same evening as the Iowa vs. Iowa State football game.)

Reformed Mission Services' Annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser will be on Saturday, September 26. More details to follow in the next few weeks!

Visit rms.org/seed to view photos and updates from this week’s SEED (Serve, Engage, Evangelize, Disciple) event in New York City. Please pray for the participants as they receive biblical instruction from Rev. Paul Murphy, worship with Messiah's Reformed Fellowship, and put their training into practice through evangelism and outreach throughout the city. Pray that God would equip them to faithfully proclaim the hope of the gospel, prepare hearts to receive His Word, and use this week to strengthen His church and advance His kingdom.

Sunday, July 12, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: ***A Portrait of the Blessed***

Theme: *Jesus describes the attributes of true disciples. What does that mean for us as Christians?*

I. Christians are humbled by their sin (v. 3-5)

II. Christians are hungry for salvation (v. 6)

III. Christians are holy through sanctification (v. 7-9)

IV. Christians are happy in their suffering (v. 10-12)

Sunday, July 12, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

Confession: Lord's Day 52, Q/A 127, TPH p. 896

Sermon: ***Take Heed***

Theme: *Paul teaches the Corinthians the dangers of temptation. As the church today, we must be aware of the same!*

I. We are not independent in temptations...

II. We are not immune from temptations...

III. ...but we are not isolated by God in our temptations