

Thanks to the support of many of our supporters, Reformed Mission Services has many on-going projects that are fully funded! We are still actively raising funds for various projects, including work in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Nepal. To learn more about these efforts and how you can support them, please visit rms.org/projects.

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).

- United in Prayer:** Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. Rev. Jared Pine is a church planter in Mexicali, Mexico. He asks us to pray in the following ways:
1. Pray for our core group meetings and upcoming membership interviews with those in the initial core group.
 2. Lord willing, we will have held our first worship service on July 26. Pray that this new phase in the life of our church plant will be glorifying to God, and that the ordinary means of grace by the power of the Holy Spirit would work faith in the hearts of the elect and confirm God's people in that faith.
 3. Praise God for our new rental space and pray that we would be good stewards of it for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in Mexicali.
 4. Pray for those who visit regularly and are considering becoming members of the church plant.

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, August 16, 2026

Our Council

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

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| Rev. Bill Green
Costa Rica | Messiah's Reformed Fellowship NYC | Mr. Norlan De Groot
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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 - Psalm 150:1,2,6	Hymn Sing - Blue PH # 320 and # 446
Silent Prayer	Call to Worship - John 4:23-24
*Votum and Salutation	Silent Prayer
*Song of Praise - # T-150A	*Votum & Salutation
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17	*Song of Praise - # T-492
Song of Penitence - # T-145D	*Apostles’ Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)
Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 40:1-2	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Congregational Prayer	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 32
Offerings: General Fund/ Christian Education Chapter	Song of Response - # T-32B
Offertory Prayer	Congregational Prayer
*Song of Preparation - # T-490	Offering: Reformed Missions Services (RMS)
Scripture Reading & Text: John 1:19-28	Offertory Prayer
Prayer of Illumination	*Song of Preparation - # T-276
Sermon: <i>A Voice in the Wilderness</i>	Scripture Reading & Text: 1 Corinthians 1:26—2:5
Prayer of Application	Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 61, TPH p. 882
*Song of Response - # T-491	Prayer of Illumination
*Benediction	Sermon: <i>Why Faith Alone?</i>
*Doxology - # T-69B:4	Prayer of Application
*Reverent Reflection	*Song of Response - # T-278
*Postlude	*God’s Commission to His People– Matt. 22:37-40
	*Benediction
	*Doxology # T-562:1-2
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Laurel E/ Karla K	PM—Laurel E/ Karla K
Service Music next week: AM—Laurel E	PM—Laurel E
Nursery Attendants today: AM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ	PM—Lindsay DH
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Pam K	PM—Rachel G
Coffee Servers today: AM—Loren & Lora K	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Mylicent & Tillie C	PM—Lindsay DH & Jenny F
Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each): Laurel E & Jenny F	
Upcoming Offering Schedule:	
Aug 23: AM—General Fund/ Messiah’s Ref. Fellowship	PM—Classis Central Latino Missions
Aug 30: AM—General Fund/ Rev. Green	PM—Benevolent Fund
Sept 6: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—Building Fund
Sept 13: AM—General Fund/ Mid America Ref Seminary	PM—ITEM
Sept 20: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—Heidelberg Sem Philippine Students
Sept 27: AM—General Fund/ MINTS	PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, August 16, 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** to our pulpit **Dr. JP Mosley**, Academic Dean and professor at Heidelberg Seminary in Sioux Falls. **Next Sunday** we look forward to welcoming our former pastor, **Rev. Joel Vander Kooi** back to our pulpit as he and Janet pass through our area. May the Lord be glorified as we worship and fellowship together!

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.

Our Annual Church Picnic will be held this Friday, August 21 beginning at 6:00PM 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 are now available in the fellowship hall.** Table service and cold drink will be provided. We look forward to having everyone come together for a fine evening of food, fun and fellowship!

Reminder: The Congregational Meal scheduled for Sunday, August 23 has been canceled.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary warmly invites you and your congregation to join us for our **annual Convocation Service** on Friday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Reformed Church (7301 S. Louise Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57108). This special service marks the beginning of a new academic year as we welcome our students and faculty. We will also have the opportunity to introduce our new full-time professor, Rev. Todd De Rooy of Redeemer United Reformed Church in Orange City, Iowa. Rev. De Rooy will bring the message during the service. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow, and we would be delighted to have members of your congregation join us.

Hello from Abide! **Abide is a Reformed fellowship for single and married young adults** (age18-mid 30’s) in NAPARC churches aimed at cultivating intentional, like-minded Christian fellowship to strengthen the bonds between believers and their churches. Abide was formed by young adults from Trinity URC in Visalia, CA, and has grown to various chapters across the country. We would like to introduce MaryJo Mettler as the Area Coordinator of Events for the Greater Sioux Falls Area. MaryJo is a member of Zion Reformed Church (RCUS) of Menno, SD. We aim to host three to four events in our area annually. **August 29th, 2026 at 6PM** we will be gathering at Riverdale Park, 2000 E 24th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Come for a night of volleyball, food, games, a devotional, and fellowship! We plan to be done by 8:30PM. Contact abide@abide.net for more information. Please register at this link before August 29th, 2026: <https://www.abide.net/event-details/sand-volleyball-night>. We hope to see you there!

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPORTING CLAY FUNDRAISER OF RMS! The shoot will be held in Humboldt, SD at Hunters Pointe Shooting Complex. Find out more information at rms.org/sd or by contacting Lance Kooiman.

Sunday, August 16, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: John 1:19-28

Sermon: ***A Voice in the Wilderness***

I. Who are You? (vv. 19-22)

The Christ? (vv. 19-20)

Elijah? (vv. 21-22)

II. The Forerunner (vv. 23-28)

Isaiah’s Prophetic Voice (vv. 23-25)

One Better than Me (vv. 26-28)

Sunday, August 16, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:26—2:5

Confession: Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A 61, TPH p. 882

Sermon: ***Why Faith Alone?***

I. Glory only in the Lord (vv. 1:26-31)

Your Calling (vv. 26-29)

Wisdom from God (vv. 30-31)

II. Know Christ Crucified (vv. 2:1-5)

Christ Alone (vv. 1-2)

Spirit and Power (vv. 3-5)