

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. Eric Heida is an evangelist in Brampton, ON. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Please pray for the various outreach events that run during the summer.
2. Please pray for the various individuals and families that Pastor Eric is discipling.
3. Pray for the congregation as we all endeavor to put into practice in these warmer months the evangelism teaching sessions that we received this past winter and spring season.

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 23, 2026

Our Council

Elders	Deacons
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 - Psalm 84:10-12	Call to Worship - Psalm 117
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise - # T-16A:1-5	*Song of Praise - # T-481:1-3
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17	*Apostles’ Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)
Song of Penitence - # T-175:1-7	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - Philippians 1:1-11	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 33
Congregational Prayer	Song of Response - # T-33:1-5
Offerings: General Fund/ Messiah’s Ref. Fellowship	Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer	Offering: Classis Central Latino Missions
*Song of Preparation - # T-46B:1-5	Offertory Prayer
Scripture Reading & Text: Ruth 3:1-18	*Song of Preparation - # T-135:1,2,4,5
Prayer of Illumination	Scripture Reading & Text: Jeremiah 17:1-18
Sermon: <i>A Bold Proposal Made at Midnight</i>	Confession: H.C. Lord’s Day 34, TPH p. 888-889
Prayer of Application	Prayer of Illumination
*Song of Response - # T-479:1-4	Sermon: <i>You Shall Have No Other Gods Before Me</i>
*Benediction	Prayer of Application
*Doxology - # T-69B:4	*Song of Response - # T-406:1-9
*Reverent Reflection	*God’s Commission to His People— Matt. 22:37-40
*Postlude	*Benediction - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
	*Doxology # T-562:1-2
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Laurel E	PM—Laurel E
Service Music next week: AM—Brooke L/ Karla K	PM—Brooke L/ Karla K
Nursery Attendants today: AM—Pam K	PM—Rachel G
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Sarah DJ	PM—Audrey K
Coffee Servers today: AM—Mylicent & Tillie C	PM—Lindsay DH & Jenny F
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Laurel E & Jenny F	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Cheyenne & Ronin DJ	
Upcoming Offering Schedule:	
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 23, 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** our former pastor, **Rev. Joel Vander Kooi** back to our pulpit as he and Janet pass through our area. **Next Sunday** we will welcome **Mr. Shaun Raap**, who is a student at Greenville Seminary and a member of Christ Reformed Church (URCNA) of Sioux Falls. 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.

The Acts of Synod Calgary 2026 are now available for purchase. The cost will be approximately \$15—\$20 per copy. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Loren Kooiman by September 13.

Church Family: Please be in prayer for **Loren Kooiman** as he submits to surgery for prostate cancer on Thursday, August 27 in Sioux Falls. Pray for wisdom and skill for the doctors, surgeons and nurses that care for him. Pray that the Lord would use these means to completely rid his body of cancer, and that he may have a speedy recovery and return to normal life soon.

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 23, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Ruth 3:1-18

Sermon: *A Bold Proposal Made at Midnight*

I. The Detailed Instructions of Naomi

II. The Discovery Made by Boaz at Midnight

III. The Delight of Ruth Resting in the Redeemer’s Promise

Sunday, August 23, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Jeremiah 17:1-18

Confession: H.C. Lord's Day 34, TPH p. 888-889

Sermon: *You Shall Have No Other Gods Before Me*

I. The Sin of Idolatry Engraved on the Tablet of the Heart

II. The Serious Consequences of a Lost Heritage

III. The Symbolic Contrast between the Cursed and the Blessed