

Join Mid-American 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 Watkins. Learn more and register at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference

Sign up TODAY for Costa Rica! Join RMS in Costa Rica October 12–19, 2026, for a week of service, fellowship, and ministry alongside the congregation in Los Cuadros. We are especially looking for welders, but there is work for everyone willing to serve! Registration closes September 12, so don't wait! Visit rms.org/costa-rica for more information.

Upcoming RMS Ministry Development Trips: Join RMS for an opportunity to serve and encourage the church around the world. Upcoming trips include Costa Rica, October 12–19, 2026; Japan, November 12–24, 2026; Peru, November 27–December 5, 2026; and the Dominican Republic, January 4–11, 2027. Visit rms.org/trips for more information and to learn how you can be part of a team.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Benjamin Davenport** is a church planter in Sioux Falls, SD. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Give thanks for the new members whom the Lord has added to Providence. Pray that they would grow in grace and use their gifts for the good of the body. Pray also for regular visitors who are considering membership and ask the Lord to bring more people to hear the gospel proclaimed!
2. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom as we investigate property and building options, and to provide the land and financial resources necessary for a permanent church home.
3. Pray that the Lord would strengthen our minister and office-bearers and raise up qualified men to serve as elders and deacons.
4. Pray that the Lord would richly bless the preaching of His Word and our Sunday school instruction, giving us greater zeal for His glory and greater delight in worshiping Him. Pray that those who struggle to participate fully in the life of the church would increasingly find joy in the blessings of worship and fellowship.

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, September 6, 2026

Our Council

Elders	Deacons
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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 - Isaiah 44:6-8	Hymn Sing - # T67B and # T-473
Silent Prayer	Call to Worship - Isaiah 34:1-4
*Votum and Salutation	Silent Prayer
*Song of Praise - # T-147A:1-5, 8	*Votum & Salutation
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17	*Song of Praise - # T-8A:1-7
Song of Penitence - # T-119D:1-4	*Apostles’ Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)
Assurance of Pardon - Romans 5:1-21	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Congregational Prayer	Psalms of Praise Reading - Psalm 35
Offerings: General Fund/ CEC	Song of Response - # T-35:1,3,5,7,9,11
Offertory Prayer	Congregational Prayer
*Song of Preparation - # T-491:1-5	Offering: Building Fund
Scripture Reading & Text: Ruth 4:1-22	Offertory Prayer
Prayer of Illumination	*Song of Preparation - # T-171:1-4
Sermon: <i>The Excellence of Christ, Our Redeemer</i>	Scripture Reading & Text: Psalm 19
Prayer of Application	Confession: H.C. Lord’s Day 9, p. 876
*Song of Response - # T-498:1-4	Prayer of Illumination
*Benediction	Sermon: <i>The Heavens Declare the Glory of God</i>
*Doxology - # T-565:1-2	Prayer of Application
*Reverent Reflection	*Song of Response - # T-476:1-4
*Postlude	*God’s Commission to His People— Matt. 22:37-40
	*Benediction
	*Doxology # T-216:5
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Peggy VM/ Lora K	PM—Peggy VM/ Lora K
Service Music next week: AM—Laurel E/ Lora K	PM—Laurel E/ Lora K
Nursery Attendants today: AM—Brooke L	PM—Jenny F
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ	PM—Cheryl R
Coffee Servers today: AM—Herm & Cheryl R	PM— Sarita VM & Brooke L
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Lora K & Pam K	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Al & Marlene VK	PM—Randy & Pam K
Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each): Rachel G & Pam K	
Upcoming Offering Schedule:	
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, September 6, 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 before he and Janet head back home to Canada tomorrow. **Next Sunday** our services will be led by **Dr. Doug Schlegel**, professor at Heidelberg Seminary in 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.

Sunday School and Catechism classes will begin next Sunday, September 13. Materials will be handed out after our morning service today. Teacher and student room assignments will be on the center table in the foyer. Students should go to their assigned classrooms to collect their lessons. **Adult Sunday School** will begin sometime in October.

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: We rejoice with **Loren Kooiman** and his family with the news that his cancer has not spread, and no further treatment will be needed. He continues to recuperate at home from his surgery on August 27. **Dee Vander Giesen** was released from the hospital on Wednesday, and is recuperating at home with medication. We pray that her blood pressure may come back under control and that she will be feeling better very soon.

Stand and Deliver will be hosted by Redeemer URC in Orange City for our area high school youth groups on **September 12, 2026 at Unity Christian High School** starting at 5 p.m. Our speaker will be Rev. Daniel Hofland from Doon URC. Come dressed for gym activities with appropriate gym clothes and shoes. Food and fun will be provided!

LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY!! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 RMS is having their annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser: The location is in Humboldt, SD. To register as an individual or a sponsor go to rms.org/sd. You can also register at the door on the day of the event! If you have any questions about this event, contact Lance Kooiman.

You are warmly invited to a Word & Deed dinner on Thursday, October 8 at Doon URC (Lord willing). We are honored to welcome guest speaker Rev. Lawr, General Secretary for the Reformed & Presbyterian Church in Northeast India, who will share about the 2023 conflict in Manipur and how their church community was impacted. Word & Deed continues to walk alongside them in faith and ministry. Please join us for this meaningful time of fellowship and an update on ministry work! Please sign up at wordanddeed.org/doon. Doors open at 6; dinner begins at 6:30 pm.

Sunday, September 6, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Ruth 4:1-22

Sermon: ***The Excellence of Christ, Our Redeemer***

I. The Strategic Bid for the Role of Redeemer

II. The Sophisticated Blessing of the Bethlehem Elders

III. The Significant Birth of the Boy Obed

Sunday, September 6, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19

Confession: H.C. Lord’s Day 9, p. 876

Sermon: ***The Heavens Declare the Glory of God***

I. The God of All Powerful Instantaneous Creation - His World

II. The God of Amazingly Principled InScripturation - His Word

III. The God of A Personal Incarnation - His Wonderful Son