"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

October 5, 2025

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Ladies Chorus ~ Come to Me

*Call to Worship ~ from Psalm 16

Leader: You are my Lord; apart from you I have no

good thing.

People: LORD, you have assigned me my portion and

my cup; you have made my lot secure.

Leader: I have set the LORD always before me.

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my

body rests in you.

*Song of Praise ~ CH 705 It Is Well with My Soul

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Praise to God for a Living Hope ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9

Ladies Chorus ~ His Glory and My Good

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession ~ from Psalm 139:23-24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Confession ~

Leader: Gracious God, You call us to be vessels of Your mercy, to comfort others with the comfort we have received in Christ. Yet we confess how quickly we forget Your calling. In our suffering, we seek escape rather than Your presence. We become absorbed in our own troubles, and we guard our hearts instead of resting in Your power and heeding your call to love others.

Time of Silent Confession ~

Leader: Lord, forgive us and lift our eyes to you. Teach us to trust not in ourselves, but in You, our Deliverer. People: By Your Spirit, strengthen us to walk alongside one another with patience, to pray with hope, and to trust You in every trial. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Song of Reflection ~ Cornerstone

Words of Assurance ~ Lamentations 3:22-24

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 543 'Til the Storm Passes By

Scripture Reading ~ Mark 6:45-52

Message ~
Holding Onto Your Faith When God Doesn't Make Sense
Prayer

*Song ~ CH 624 His Eye Is on the Sparrow (Chorus after 3rd verse only)

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ My Friends May You Grow in Grace

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – October 5, 2025

Nursery is provided in the Educational Building for children up to age three.

Attendants today: Cherie Rice, Leah Beelen, Quinn Rogers, and Lincoln Hoolsema

<u>Next week:</u> Alison Cheney, Wanda Mitchell, Ashlyn Mitchell, and Tristian Hoolsema

<u>Junior Worship</u> is provided in the Educational Building for 3, 4, and 5 year olds not yet in school. They will be dismissed before the morning sermon.

Helpers today: Natalie Hoolsema, Liam Hoolsema, and Noah Rice

Next week: Eve Cheney, Raya Morley, and Jessie English

Sunday School and Catechism will meet today at 10:45 am.

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund

A.M. - Building Fund

Next week: A.M. – General Fund

2025 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$4338; Building Fund: \$1154.

September 28 Offerings:

General Fund: \$4396; **Building Fund:** \$220.

THIS WEEK - October 5 - 11

MONDAY:

Hiawathaland Community Chorus will practice at 6:00 pm.

TUESDAY:

• **Bible Study** will meet at 6:30 pm. We will be using the Bible Study Guide, <u>Ezekiel</u>, <u>Life Change Bible</u> study.

WEDNESDAY:

- Women's Prayer Group will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.
- Women's Bible Study will meet at 11:00 in the fellowship room. We are on Lesson 4.
- **GEMS** (Grades 1-8) will meet at the church from 6:30 8:00 pm.

FAMILY NEWS

Advance News:

- ~ The Annual Christian School Harvest Sale will be held on Saturday, October 18, at 6 pm. Donations of goods and services are greatly appreciated.
- ~ The GEMS will be packing Christmas Shoeboxes in November. Please start thinking about and collecting items for the boxes. Last year we packed well over 50 boxes and we couldn't do it without your donations.

The 28th annual Focus on Life Dinner will be held Tuesday, October 7th, at the LSSU Cisler Center. Doors open at 6 pm with dinner to begin at 6:30. Guest speaker this year will be Ken Stults, the Faith Outreach Coordinator for Right to Life of Michigan. The dinner is a fundraiser for Michigan Right to Life and is hosted by Chippewa County Right to Life. Reservations are required so please contact Gina Livingston at 906-297-2144 by September 29 for tickets and additional information. Ticket prices are \$40 for adults and \$30 for students.

On Sunday, October 12th, Chippewa County Right to Life will host the annual Life Prayer Chain. Please join us from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at the intersection of Ashmun and M-129, in front of Goodwill, as we quietly gather and spread out along the sidewalk for silent, individual prayer. We will join thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada to honor the millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Pro-life signs will be available, but you may bring your own personal sign as well. Please contact Phil Becker at 906-322-0652 if you have any questions.

Please join our prayer team in the prayer room at the front of church every Sunday from 9:00 – 9:20 am as we pray for our church, our Council, and our church family.