* Reformed Mission Services: (1). Thank you for keeping the RMS SEED (Serve, Engage, Evangelize, Disciple) team in your prayers during their time in NYC. The group had a wonderful week sharing the gospel in street conversations and learning about evangelism with Pastor Paul Murphy. We’re grateful for God’s work through this trip—visit rms.org/seed to see photos and learn more. (2). RMS is planning a trip to Japan from November 13–25, 2025. The team will serve in Chiba with Matt Chase and Ochan of Christ Center Church through street evangelism, university outreach, and fellowship with local churches. Registration closes October 25, 2025. For details and registration, visit rms.org/japan or contact Rob at rob@rms.org.
* Word & Deed Prayer Update – Building of Homes in Northeast India. Many Christians have lost their homes over the last few years due to ethnic violence in Northeast India. In response, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Northeast India, in partnership with Word & Deed, is in the midst of building 20 homes for displaced Christian families. A well has been drilled on the property and space for a garden will also be prepared to help provide the families with fresh produce. Our hope and prayer is that these homes will allow the people to have a stable place to raise their families. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who have been displaced and thank the Lord for the care they are receiving from their local churches.
* The Lyon County Bible Reading Marathan will be held Friday, September 19-Saturday, September 20 on the Lyon County Courthouse lawn in Rock Rapids. More information is on the bulletin board in the overflow room.
* Bethel Reformed Church of Lester invites all ladies to their Women’s Conference held on Saturday, October 25. This year’s theme is “The Beauty of a Surrendered Life”. There is no cost to attend, but you must register. Information cards with registration information are in the information rack in the overflow room.

**School Announcements**

* Hull Christian School: Come join us for Hull Christian School’s annual Rally Day Sale on Saturday, September 20! 3:00 -6:00 PM – Presale, meat, bake sale and silent auction begin; 5:00–6:30 PM – Supper is served (nachos, walking tacos, Oreo salad, ice cream with toppings); 6:30 PM – Main auction begins; 8:00 PM - Silent Auction ends; It will be a fun evening of food, fellowship, and bidding—all in support of Christian education. We hope to see you there!
* Rock Valley Christian School: (1). Rock Valley Christian is hosting Coffee Cuttin’ Club on Monday, September 15 from 9:30-10:30am. If you have any questions, please contact Mary De Groot at mary.degroot@rockvalleychristian.com. (2). September 26: 8th Grade Chapel will be held at 8:30am. All are invited to join us. (3). Loaves 4 Learning: Cut out the UPCs from Pan-O-Gold brands like Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth, New England, Lakeland, and Family Choice. Return them to school and place them in the designated collection box in the RVCS entryway.

**Sermon Notes**

**AM Sermon Outline:** **Following the Son of God**

Scripture Reading & Text: Mark 1:14-20

Theme: Follow the One who Ushers in the Kingdom

 I. The Kingdom Message

 II. The Kingdom Followers

 III. The Kingdom Leader

**PM Sermon Outline:****The History of Our Misery**

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-25; Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 3

Theme: Remember that Misery is a Foreign Enemy

 I. Misery was Absent from Creation

 II. Misery is Reality after the Fall

 III. Misery will End through Redemption