



**Welcome to ReFresh at Emmanuel
(Restoring Energy, Faith, and Relevance to Every Soul's Heart)
June 21, 2026**

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Welcome Visitors! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Thank you for worshiping with us. We strive to live as a Safe and Healing Spiritual Community for all who come, regardless of socio-economic status, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or spiritual path. All are welcome in this holy space.

We invite you to worship with us on Sundays at our 8:30 am Emmanuel Traditional Worship Service in the chapel or our ReRefresh 10:30 am Service either in person or on ZOOM. The Recorded Service is available on Facebook after the service.

To gather online by computer, tablet, or smartphone, use the following link.
<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/82726742888?pwd=WFewOVbXZGd3OHFzSXQ1WXIVTHppZz09>

Don't forget to sign the greeting cards for our Emmanuel Family Members.
The cards are on the table in front of the Celebration Room.

Assisting in Worship Today

Presider: Pastor Frank Langhof

Lector: Linda Aldana

Guest Musician: Rocio Aldana

Communion Assistant: Susan Hurley-Whitacre

Sacristans: Fran Hamm, Barb Horn

Altar Guild: Dave & Susan Whitacre

Consultant: Bill Houtkamp

Sound: Andrew Ehrhardt

Greeting Cards: Taj Guzzardo

Yoga With Claudette Pirrello, Mondays at 5:00 pm

Cardio Drumming, Mondays at 4:00 pm, Call Beth, (815) 742-0548, to join

Spiritual Journey's on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am on Zoom

Bible Study on Wednesdays at Noon on zoom.

Dial 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 893 5688 8344 Passcode: 11999

To join by a land line or cell phone, dial the number above and then enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

Silent meditation practice in the Benson Room: Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:15pm.

All are welcome. Enter by parking lot entrance. Questions or text Sara 815-742-0581.

Date: June 21, 2026 - Theme: Father's Day

Prelude: instrumental mix, guitar - Rocio Aldana

Welcome: Pastor Frank Langholf

Meditation: It's easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

—Frederick Douglass

Our Community Declaration:

**Guided by Spirit's Wisdom, Inspired by Creator's Imagination,
Centered in Christ's Love, and knowing that God is our Source,
Emmanuel is a Spiritual Community that is progressive, inclusive, creative, and
called to serve.**

Opening of the Heart:

In the name of the Holy Formless One,
In the name of the Son, who took Form,
In the name of the Spirit between these Two,

All things are made one.

God for us, we call You Father
God alongside us, we call You Jesus,
God within us, we call You Holy Spirit.

But these are only names.

You are the Eternal Mystery that enables
and holds and enlivens all things
—even us and even me.

Every name falls short of Your goodness and Your greatness.

We can only see who You are in what is.

In the beginning, now, and always.

Proclamation of Grace:

Presider: The Good News is we are beloved children of God. We live in the promise of Christ, and NOTHING can ever separate us from God's love.

Gathering Song: All Are Welcome. (ELW 641)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness, and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

First Reading: The Divine Masculine—by Schuyler Brown

There is a Divine Masculine. And it abides in every body and heart. Just like the Feminine, it is nuanced and multi-faceted, not just one thing. What I have learned coming into relationship with my own inner masculine is the fierce protectiveness it feels towards all life, the joy it feels in the presence of play and sport, the incredible tenderness of its heart, its loyalty, its constancy, its desire to penetrate to the truth, its physical strength and embodied relationship to its own power. There is much to be learned in the paradox of strength and vulnerability that lies at the heart of The Masculine. I've felt safe, treasured, honored, stabilized, and delighted when I've been in touch with the Divine Masculine. It can take your breath away.

Second Reading: —Progressive Christianity, 2016

We take time each year to honor and appreciate the fathers in our lives. Just as we have expanded our metaphors for God beyond the traditional “God the Father” so we have broadened our understanding of who the people are who “father” us. They may or may not be our actual biological parent. What makes a father is the relationship — the sustained care and guidance and love. So we honor all fathers, no matter how they came to the role.

Scripture/Meditation Song: Open Your Hearts (Covenant 336) Verse 1

**Open your hearts, all you who hear this,
Open your hearts to know God's love,
Open your hearts to hear his message: Jesus makes us one.**

Scripture: John 16: 12-15

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Presider: This is the witness of an early Christian Community.

All: May we find wisdom for our living.

Sermon—Pastor Frank Langholf

Offering We take this time now to offer our gifts and intentions.

Special Music: Mi Ancla, by Mindy Gledhill -Rocio Aldana

Time of Gratitude: We Are an Offering (ELW 692)

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer—traditional

Communion Music— Walking Stories, by Jilian Linklater -Rocio Aldana

Prayer Song and Response: Sacred Fire

**Sacred fire, burning before me,
Burning within me, deep in my soul,
Sacred fire, transforming fire,
Recreate me,
Make me whole.**

Prayers of the People

Julaine, Ray, Wanie, Norm, Jennie, Gary, Randy
Deborah, Jerry, Miguel, Steve, Jim, Andrea, Ruth Ann, Josie

Announcements

Sending Song: Gather Us In (ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Benediction/Sharing of the Peace

Allison Ruth Downie

December 15, 1979 - May 21, 2026

A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service.

Women's Interfaith Potlucks

Hello: All women are invited to attend the interfaith potlucks, listed below, which start at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Plates, silverware, and beverages will be provided, but you are always welcome to bring your own plate and silverware if you wish.

- **Monday, June 29, 2026**, at Zion Lutheran Church, 925 - 5th Ave., Rockford. (NOTE: enter at rear door, next to the fire escape; If no one is at the door, push the button marked Kitchen and someone will open it.) The program will be "In Our Own Voice", through Northern Illinois NAMI, with an inspiring panel of women discussing their personal experiences with mental illness.



FREE EVENT

Saturday June 27th

9AM-1PM

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

920 Third Ave, Rockford, IL

Community is Invited

Bring your broken or torn items and meet our community of fixers! We will do our best to repair your beloved possessions and keep them out of the landfill.

WHAT WE FIX:

- small electronics & appliances**
- clothing repairs and mending*
- lamps and basic wiring
- bicycles
- toys and more!
- Limit 3 items

REPAIR - DON'T REPLACE!



*Please wash any clothing you want us to mend.

**No computer, printer or phone repairs available

**Please arrive no later than noon



For the most up to date information,
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SUSTAIN RK FD

ARE YOU HANDY AND WANT TO HELP?

We are always looking for volunteer fixers!

Contact Paula Olson:

☎ 815-871-0120

✉ Email: info@sustainrockford.org



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Rockford 4th of July Celebration

Morning Kickoff

7:00 AM – Lifescape 5K Classic Run/Walk Begins

8:30 AM & 9:00 AM – Patriotic Prayer Breakfast - Beattie Park

9:00 AM – Cars & Coffee Rockford - RPS 205 Parking Lot

Hosted by Katie's Cup Coffee Bar

Afternoon & Evening Festivities

1:00 PM – Road Closures Begin

1:00 PM – Figure Skating Show - Riverview Ice House


Presented by the Rockford Park District

4:00 PM – Vendors Open

 Water Street & City Market Pavilion

Parade Events

4:30 PM – Parade Master of Ceremonies (*TBD*)

 Parade Grand Stand Stage at the Joe Marino Statue

4:40 PM – Motorcycle Parade Begins

4:50 PM – Screw City Jeep Club Parade Begins

5:00 PM – Patriotic Parade Begins

Live Entertainment

6:00 PM – DIRTY POP Live at the City Market Stage


Fireworks Spectacular

9:00 PM – All Vendors Stop Sales

9:30 PM – Firework Spectacle Over Downtown Rockford

 Synchronized to a soundtrack broadcast on **103.1 FM**

 Broadcast LIVE on **FOX39**

 Fireworks launched from the Jefferson Street Bridge

10:00 PM – Fireworks Conclude & Event Ends

Continued...

🚧 Road & River Closure Information - Bridge Closures

- **Closed July 3 at 12:00 PM through July 4 at Midnight:**

Jefferson Street Bridge (at East Jefferson & North 1st St / West Jefferson & Wyman St)

- **Pedestrian Path Under Jefferson Street Bridge:**
 - Closed July 3 and reopens July 5
- **Bridges CLOSED All Evening July 4:**

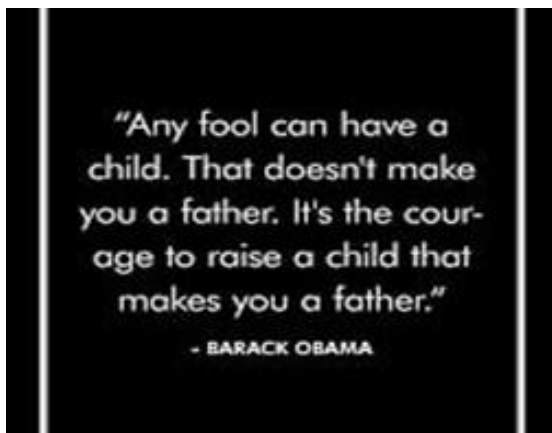
Jefferson Street Bridge - State Street Bridge - Chestnut Street Bridge

- **Bridges OPEN All Day/Evening July 4:**

Whitman Street Bridge - Auburn Street Bridge - Morgan Street Bridge

Parade Route & Downtown Access

- **July 4, 2:00 PM** – Parade route roads downtown will close
- **After Parade Conclusion:**
 - Barricades will be repositioned from the outer parade perimeter to the core event area (Water St / City Market / State St Bridge area)
 - This will restore additional **downtown access and parking options**
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