

SABBATH SCHOOL 9:40 – 10:40 AM

Live stream Sabbath School Lesson Study each Sabbath at 9:40 am. You can find us on our church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/rochestersdachurch>

Live stream church service Sabbath morning begins at 11:00 am. The link can also be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/rochestersdachurch>

Children's Sabbath School service each week via Zoom at 9:30 am for children in the kindergarten, primary, and junior classes. Contact April Dietel or Lorena Broers for contact information.

Teens: don't forget to tune in to the live teen Sabbath School session on Zoom every Friday evening at 7:30 pm. Sandy Wood and her team are preparing inspiring lessons to help encourage our teens during this time of isolation. Why not join them? Everyone is welcome. You can call Sandy Wood for that Zoom link.

Tithes and Offerings: You may drop your tithes and offerings in the weekly offering plate after the service, or donate online at the Church website, www.rochestersdachurch.org. Your gift will be tax deductible. Thank you in advance for the role you play in our church. God will bless you for your contributions. "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. Do not send cash in the mail.

Youth have the zoom vespers every Sabbath evening. Contact Kevin Hernandez for details about that meeting.

Kids Story Time: Every Sunday night at 7:30 pm the church is now offering a kids' story time with Pastor Booth on our church Facebook connection. Come join us, kids, as we sing together and listen to one of Pastor's mission stories.

Maplewood Veggie Meat Sales:

Order your veggie meat through Maplewood Academy! Call Maplewood Academy at 320-587-2830 to place your order for November shipment. All orders are pickup at the Academy only, no delivery. Maplewood will be taking pre-orders 4 times each year. October orders for Mid-November pickup with next order in March for April pickup date. Selling by the case only to keep expenses down and your prices reasonable. All proceeds help Maplewood Students!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today 10/17 Pastor Booth, Speaker
Children's Sabbath School 9:30 am
ZOOM
Sunset 6:22 PM

Friday 10/23 Sunset 6:12p

Sabbath 10/24 Sunset 6:11p

CHURCH CONTACTS

Bulletin Items –submit bulletin items to Becky and Carl Christensen at rochester.sda.bulletin@gmail.com by 5:30 PM on Wednesday.

Address Changes, Membership Transfers – Please send address changes, membership transfer requests, & requests to receive e-announcements to Anita Seemann at RSdaBulletin@gmail.com

Church Website – rochestersdachurch.org or rochestermn.adventistchurch.org has links to the bulletin and to the calendar on the home page.

Donate electronically via the *Online Giving* tab

Facebook – "Rochester SDA Church Group" is a **private** group for Rochester members. Share pictures of church events, advertise upcoming church events, share prayer requests, and praise reports. (Non-church & church family related posts to the group are discouraged and may be deleted.) "RochesterSDA" is a **public** Facebook page.

Rochester Adventist Elementary Website – <https://rochestermn.adventistschoolconnect.org>

PASTOR'S WELCOME

For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth." John 18:37

A warm welcome from the Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church to everyone who is worshipping with us today. Whether live or livestream we ask that God will give you a Sabbath day's blessing. Invite a friend to worship with you every Saturday morning 11:00 AM at the church, or online at our Rochester Church Facebook page. Happy Sabbath.
Pastor Bradley & Maribel Booth
PastorBradleyBooth @ gmail.com or 315-560-4122

Pastor's Devotional:

The time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3, NLT

One of the biggest hoaxes in archaeological history got its start in Cardiff, New York, on October 16, 1869. It happened like this. George Hull, a tobacco farmer in Birmingham, hired a sculptor in 1868 to carve a block of gypsum in the form of a ten-foot-tall giant. A few weeks later he had it shipped to Cardiff, where he buried it secretly on a William Newell's farm, a friend who was in on the hoax. Then on October 16, almost a year later, the statue was "discovered" by a workman that had been hired to dig a well. Hull and Newell spread a rumor around that the giant was a petrified man from Bible times. And from there the hoax took off and became a sensation far and wide. The "giant" was shipped around to exhibits in cities on the east coast like Syracuse, Albany, New York City, and Boston. They charged crowds a whopping \$1.00 a head to see it, an exorbitant amount in those days. That would be about \$16.00 today. Can you imagine that! Thousands came with bated breath to see the giant everyone was sure must be genuine. Do the math. Not surprisingly, the hoaxers made ridiculous amounts of money. Of course, sooner or later someone blew the whistle on the boys. The hoax was exposed by Othniel Marsh, a paleontologist from Yale University, who told everyone that the statue was of a very recent origin, and nothing but "humbug." Today the Cardiff giant is on display in the Farmers' museum in Cooperstown, New York. Sometimes it seems that people will believe almost anything to be entertained and give themselves a buzz. Some folks are by nature

skeptics, but most people are probably more followers than leaders, and that can cause trouble spiritually. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. On most accounts at least. There is one offer, however, that may seem too good to be true, and isn't. It's the day we met Jesus as our personal Savior and receive all the benefits that go with it. A life free from the guilt of sin. A happy, healthy hope in all God's promises. Eternal life to be given us at Jesus' Second Coming. If you haven't accepted those gifts yet, you should take Jesus up on His offer. I can guarantee you it will be the most extraordinary day of our life. That day measures high and above any other day of celebration we could ask for in a lifetime on this planet. Let's take that offer and thank Jesus for making it possible.

It Is Written Evangelism Series: You are invited to continue watching a special It Is Written live broadcasting Prophecy Seminar with John Bradshaw, every night, excluding Mondays and Thursdays, at 6 PM, or 7:00 for the online posting. That broadcast can be found at: <https://answersinprophecy.com/> from October 9-21. You can register at the same website to receive access to additional resources. Invite your friends! This seminar is for both Adventists and non-Adventists. We will also be broadcasting it live at the church at 7:00 pm on Friday and Sabbath evenings.

The holiday season is around the corner, and with that comes financial challenges for some of our members. The deacons' fund is used to help brighten the holiday season for some of our members who are less fortunate and those who may have felt the economic effects from Covid. The deacons' fund is also used to bring joy to our local county jail staff and inmates (while providing positive publicity for our church!) with our Christmas Behind Bars program. We are currently running several hundred dollars short of where we need to be to continue to run these programs. Please remember the Deacons' fund when giving offering this month.

Thank you to the Rochester church family for the nice plant sent to our Mom, Sandy, during her rehab stay after her recent stroke. We appreciate your love and concern! Please keep both of our parents in your prayers as they navigate their older years! The Leavelle kids (Brad, Becky and Brenda)

First Reading for the transfers of membership: Stephanie and Zachary Martin from the Rochester SDA Church to the Gila Mountain SDA Church in Yuma, AZ.

First Reading for the transfer of membership for Edwin Gibson from The Edge Christian Worship Center in Brooklyn Park, MN, to the Rochester SDA Church.

First Reading for the transfer of membership for Jennifer Wiley Hill from the Asheville-Bethel SDA Church in Asheville, NC, to the Rochester SDA Church.

First Reading for the transfer of membership for James C. Hill from the Forest City First SDA Church in Forest City, NC, to the Rochester SDA Church.

Donate for COVID-19 Flyer Evangelism: The Rochester Church has begun a campaign to send our 3ABN COVID-19 evangelism flyers to every zip code in the Rochester, MN, area, if possible. We have already covered the 55902 and 55906 zip codes. If you would like to donate to this fund to be a part of this evangelism ministry, specify your money to be given to literature evangelism.

Fall Zoom Prayer Vigil:

Due to the women's ministries virtual retreat being held on Oct 24, our previously scheduled Zoom prayer vigil is being postponed to Sabbath evening, October 31, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. If you attended the prayer vigil on August 22 this past summer, you know what a blessing it was. Several special needs to be considered on our prayer list that evening include the following:

1. COVID-19 challenges in our church/community/country/world
2. Coronavirus Flyer Evangelism
3. Local IIW Evangelism Programs
4. Unity in the RSDA Church
5. Youth Ministry Needs
6. Children's Ministries
7. RAE Church School (2020-21)
8. Our Nation's Upcoming Election
9. Special prayer requests by RSDA Church members.

Please consider joining us for the event to help us celebrate through prayer, music, testimonies, and devotional thoughts. We will be having various ministries once again lead out in the zoom prayer vigil. If you would like to help lead out, please call Pastor.

Church Work Bee: Due to conflicts in scheduling, we have postponed our fall church work bee from October 25, when it was originally scheduled, to Sunday morning, November 1, from 9-12:00. There is much to do to help prepare for winter, both inside and outside the church. We are asking that each family send at least one member to help in this project. Remember, this is your church, and God asks that we be responsible to support it with our energy and service. If you cannot show up to help, ask someone to come in your place. Pastor Booth

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP 11:00 AM

Please silence your cell phone and wear your mask

Piano Prelude Lorena Neacsu

Welcome & Online Giving Denise Abrahams

Scripture Reading Denise Abrahams

John 18:37

Prayer Denise Abrahams

Children's Story Vangy Lundstrom

Special music Ted Nelson

Sermon Pastor Booth

The Most Important Day of Your Life

Benediction Pastor Booth

Postlude Lorena Neacsu

ADVENTISTS BELIEVE

The most important of all Seventh-day Adventist beliefs is one that brings joy and assurance to Christians everywhere – the truth about our Heavenly Father that was confirmed at such cost by the life and death of His Son.

We believe that God is not the kind of person His enemies have made Him out to be – arbitrary, unforgiving, and severe. We accept the testimony of Jesus when He said, “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.” God is just as loving and trustworthy as His Son and just as willing to forgive and heal. Though infinite in majesty and power, our Creator is an equally gracious Person who values nothing higher than the freedom, dignity and individuality of His intelligent creatures- whose love, faith and willingness to listen and obey may be freely given. This is the truth revealed through all the books of Scripture. This is the everlasting Good News that wins the trust and admiration of God’s loyal children throughout the universe.

Like Abraham and Moses – the ones God spoke of as His trusted friends – we Adventists want to speak truly and well of our Heavenly Father. This is why we talk so much about Christ’s soon return and why we choose to keep the Sabbath on the seventh day. If any of our visiting friends should wonder why, we would consider it a privilege to explain. We covet the highest of all commendations the words of God about Job: “He has said of Me what is right.”