

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We are holding our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 27 at 5pm in the Worship Center. Below are the Elder and Deacon Nominees as well as the Proposed 2025 Draft Budget for you to vote on.

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### ELDER NOMINEES



#### **ROGER DODDS (NEW)**

My wife, Wendy, and I moved to Minnesota from Des Moines, IA, in 1996, and I have been attending Rockpoint for over 12 years. We first visited after our daughter was invited to youth group by a friend, and it didn't take long to realize that Rockpoint was home. I was blessed to be raised in a Christ-centered home and accepted the Lord as a child during Vacation Bible School. However, it wasn't until after college that I became serious about following Jesus. I've been fortunate to be surrounded by godly men who have challenged and held me accountable.

We have been both participants and leaders of Life Groups over the years and deeply value the relationships we've built. I enjoy serving others and have participated in mission trips and work projects, as well as serving as a deacon in our church in Des Moines. Wendy and I have been married for 36 years, and we have two adult children, both married and living in the area. We were blessed with our first grandchild in May of this year!

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#### **JONATHAN ANDERSTROM (NEW)**

Jonathan and his wife, Stacy, have been a part of Rockpoint for the past 13 years, along with their kids Makenzie (19), Jadon (17), Jack (14), and Elijah (12). Jonathan came to a saving faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord as a child and had formative faith experiences as a student at the Challenge youth conference and while attending the University of Northwestern, where he earned a degree in Bible and Management Information Systems. Some highlights at Rockpoint include baptizing his kids at Rockpoint's baptism services, traveling with family and Rockpoint members on mission trips to Haiti and Kenya, seeing new men's groups start, and previously serving as an elder.

Professionally, Jonathan is a technology business leader with a background in entrepreneurship and software development. He and his wife/business partner, Stacy, sold their first software development business, and he is currently working as an independent technology and business consultant.

## DEACON NOMINEES



### COLLEEN SWEDBERG (NEW)

It would be an honor to serve God and Rockpoint in the Deacon role. I have always had a serving heart. My husband and I have been greeters at Rockpoint for over 6 years and we love every minute of it. In addition, I have served with many events including Corn Maze, Father-Daughter Ball and Serve Day. In fact, for this year's Serve Day I coordinated the Lumberjack Days parade (along with help from several others). Other current service activities include being on the Oakdale Age Friendly Task Committee, Chairing the Washington County Citizen Advisory Committee and Washington County Absentee Ballot Early Voting Election Judge. Previously, I served on the Oakdale City Council for 4 years. Again, thanks in advance for this opportunity to serve.

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### NATHANAEL HILL (NEW)

I was raised in a godly home. Both of my parents are Christian and held us to the faith. However, while we learned faith in Christ, I still had much to learn and grow into my own faith. I moved to Dinkytown to attend the University of Minnesota, and my Bible was the first thing that moved with me. My dad kept us accountable, making sure we were responsible for our actions.

One day, as I was reading the Bible, I came across the verse where Jesus said, "Depart from me, I never knew you." That verse scared me to death, and for three days, I questioned Him—how could He not know me when He created me?

I spent years learning about the Lord. I attended Promise Keepers and worked at a nighttime phone-in ministry for about a year and a half. We had ministry lessons every Tuesday night, and it was the one place where I learned all the traps involved in ministry. The ministry was called Love-Lines, and it made a significant impact on my life.

I taught 5th and 6th grade Sunday School for over 35 years and taught junior and senior high students, taking them on Boundary Waters trips and retreats at Luther Park in Danbury, Wisconsin, for over 10 years.

I taught at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, but when they watered down the gospel, I warned them and eventually left, moving to Emmanuel Christian Center. I taught 5th grade Sunday School there for about 5-6 years, but it became too complicated to attend there and travel back to Lake Elmo for Anne's parents, who would take us to Lake Elmo Inn. That's how we ended up at Rockpoint. It was Bob Mammenga who welcomed us—he remembered my name and called out to me in the parking lot 6-7 weeks later when we had another appointment at Lake Elmo Inn. That's how we came to Rockpoint.

My wife and I are currently on the prayer team, and we are leading the Prodigal Group. I believe that Jesus is my Lord, Savior, and Rock. I love learning all I can about Him and look forward to the day of His return.

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### JOHN LOUGHLIN (NEW)

John Loughlin—married to a wonderful lady, Julie, for 36 years. We have two children—Hannah (25) and Luke (22). Rockpoint has been our family's church since 2005. At Rockpoint, I have served in Junior High Sunday School, AWANA, VBS, as a Life Group leader, on staff search teams, in miscellaneous roles, and on the church leadership board for six years. I recently retired from 3M after 36 years, with my last role being Manufacturing Technology Director.

My family has been richly blessed to be part of Rockpoint. I have enjoyed serving in many different roles, and it is a privilege to be considered to join the Deacons team.

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# 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET DRAFT BUDGET

	2024 Actual Thru Sept. & 4th Qtr	2024 Budget	2025 Proposed Draft Budget
Offering	\$2,931,796	\$3,000,000	\$3,120,000
Program Revenue	\$190,957	\$167,970	\$173,200
Other Revenue	\$10,015	\$12,000	\$12,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,132,768</b>	<b>\$3,179,970</b>	<b>\$3,305,200</b>
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,693,434	\$1,751,237	\$1,825,826
Program Expenses	\$556,982	\$595,575	\$627,386
Community Outreach	\$79,465	\$69,250	\$73,250
Missions	\$293,179	\$300,000	\$312,000
Office	\$136,851	\$137,791	\$136,497
Leadership	\$66,034	\$60,070	\$61,730
Building & Grounds	\$291,233	\$253,540	\$266,451
Other Expenses	\$7,238	\$9,600	\$9,600
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,124,416</b>	<b>\$3,177,063</b>	<b>\$3,312,740</b>
<b>NET DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$8,352</b>	<b>\$2,907</b>	<b>-\$7,540</b>