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President's Message

Bob Buchanan



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

We are well on our way to our Toymaking goals as we have already traced over 2,488 toys. We elected our 2025 officers last month and added several key committee members. Make sure you check to see your new appointments.

Our next General Meeting is Saturday morning after the Toy Workshop. We will be working on toys at 9 am, and then move upstairs for the meeting at 11 am in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will be planning the April 26 Woodworking Show. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. I am still out of town, so Rick will be running the meeting. Hope to see you there!

See you on Saturday morning Feb 8th, 2025 after the Toy Workshop which starts at 9 am!



Roy Erickson – aka Love Bug Tracker

DUES FOR 2025 - \$25 - Please bring your dues to the next meeting or mail them to our treasurer Tony Verchio at 143 Rainbow Ridge Ct, Hill City, SD, 57745. Dues cover the entire family. Dues for new members joining after July 1st will be pro-rated, during the second half of 2025.

Table 1 - Schedule of Monthly Events For 2025

See calendar on next page.

Event	Location	Dates
General Meetings – see Table 2 for presentation details	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – in the Annex, 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	2 nd Monday of the Month, 7 pm to 9 pm
Woodturner's Special Interest Group	Brown's Shop 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane Rapid City, SD	Last Wednesday of the Month 1 pm to 3:00 pm
Toy Making Workshop – Parts Milling and Toy Assembly	Wood Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	2 nd and 4 th Saturdays – dates verified/announced by email.
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group	Rick Weisbeck's Shop 6704 Kimberly Dr, Black Hawk, SD	3 rd Thursday of the Month, 1 pm to 3 pm
Extracurricular Activities	Various Locations - See Table 3.	See Table 3.

Table 2. General Meetings for 2025 (2nd Monday of each Month*)

(*Except for Jan-Feb -Mar 2025)

Date	Presentation Topic	Presenter(s)
11 Jan 2025*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Feb 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Mar 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 April 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
12 May 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 June 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 July 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
-- Aug 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Sept 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Oct 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
10 Nov 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Dec 2025	Christmas Family Luncheon	All Members

Table 3. Events for 2025 – Tentative Dates

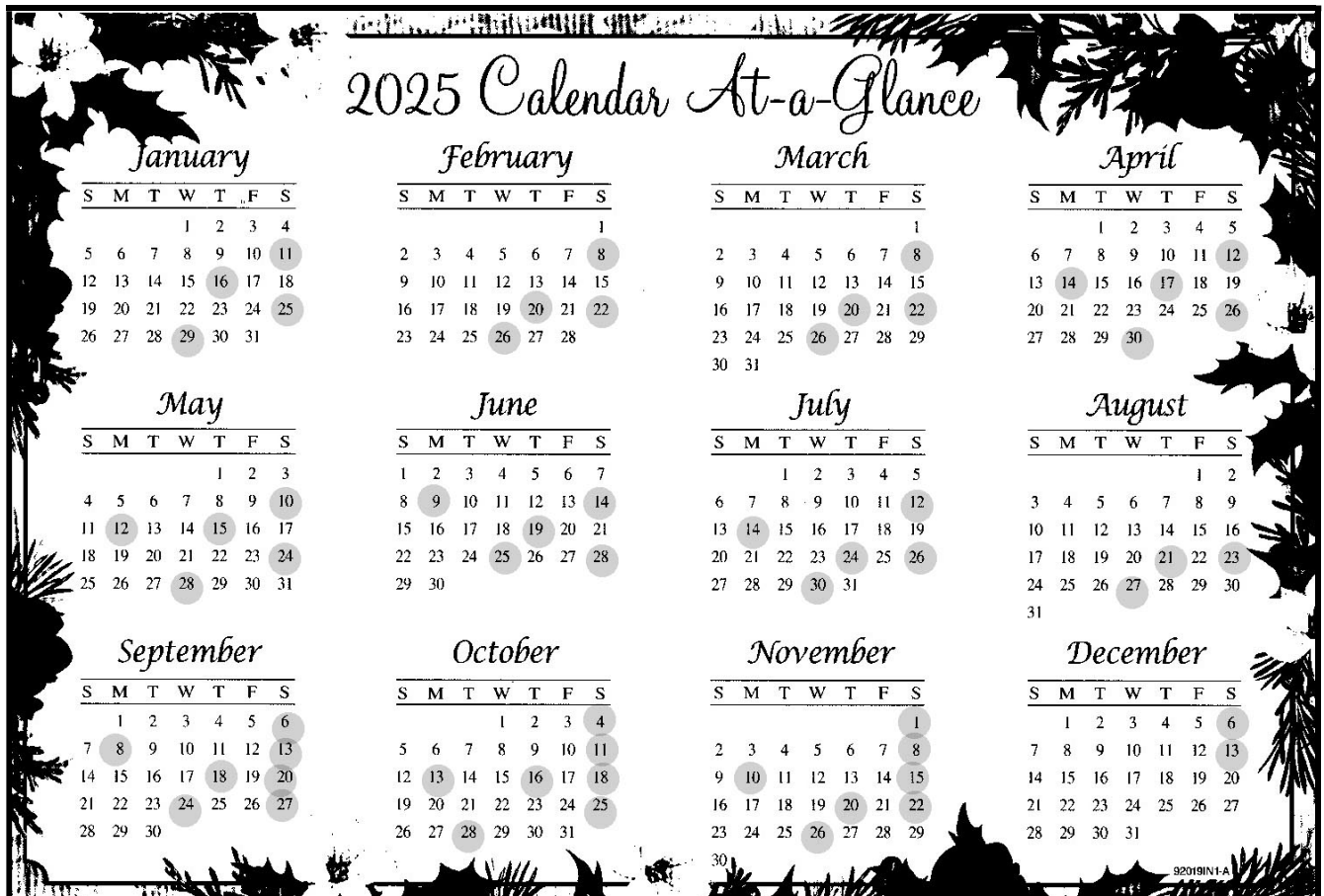
Date	Event	Location
January thru August	Toy Workshops – bi-weekly	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
January 11 thru Nov 16 – every available day	Toymaking	Club Members Shops
March 14 and 15	Assist with Pinewood derby build	First Assembly of God
April 26, 2025 9 am to 4 pm	WW SHOW	Knecht Home Center
June 21, 2025 10 am to 2 pm	Vendor's Show	Knecht Home Center
June 14 ?	Tool SALE	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
July ? , 2025	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby	Club for Boys SHOP
Sept 13 - ?	5K Walk Little Black Hills Battles - Community Event	Old Story Book Island Park
85th Rally: Aug 1st – 10th, 2025	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	<i>Minimal Meetings</i>
August 16, 2025 – 9 am to 3 pm; 57th Annual Black Hills Steam and Gas Threshing Bee	Sturgis Threshing Bee – Toy Wooden Tractor Giveaways / Racing Tractors	13380 Alkali Rd, Sturgis
Every Saturday from Sept 6 thru Nov 22, 2025 9 am to noon	Toymaking <i>Marathon - weekly</i>	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 6, 2025 8:00 to 12 noon	Toy Packing/Distribution Day	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 13, 2025 11:30 am	Christmas Family Potluck - Nemo	Nemo Community Hall Nemo, SD
	Shop Tours	Periodically, as announced

Table 4. WT SIG Schedule Jan 2025 – April 2025

Date	Topic	Location
Feb 26, 2025	Lidded Boxes – Maggie	Brown’s Shop
March 26, 2025	Threading Boxes – Michael Howard	Brown’s Shop
April 30, 2025	Planning Meeting	Brown’s Shop

2025 Calendar - RCWA Events are Circled

(Refer to Tables 1 thru 4 for Key to Circled Dates.)



This Month's Meeting Agenda

Program Chair

Our March 2025 General Meeting will be held after the Toy Workshop. The workshop starts at 9 am; the General Meeting will start at 11 am upstairs from the Wood Shop in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will discuss the 2025 schedule of events, and start planning the 17th Annual Woodworking Show set for April 26, 2025. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. Items to be discussed:

1. Guests/new members
2. Treasurer's Report- Reminder about Dues - \$25/year
3. Sign-in / Email / Newsletter Check / Blog

MARCH 2025

General Meeting: Saturday MARCH 8th, 2025 (after Toy Workshop, will be starting at 11 am)

Note: With the exception of the Winter Months (Jan thru March), we hold general meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month on the main level of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City from 7 pm to 9 pm. In the winter months, we meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Toymaking Workshops: 2nd and 4th Saturday (MAR 8 and MAR 22, 2025) from 9 to noon at the WOOD SHOP in the basement of the Annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD.

Community Event: Pinewood Derby Assist: March 14 and 15, 2025 – First Assembly of God Church – call Rick for the Details.

SS SIG: Thursday MARCH 20th (1pm to 3 pm) at Rick's

WT SIG: Wednesday MARCH 26th (1 pm to 3 pm) at Browns

4. Next General Meeting – Monday April 14th, 2025 at 910 Wood Ave – 7 pm
a. Refreshments: _____

APRIL 2025

General Meeting: MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025 7 PM TO 9 PM

Toymaking Workshops: 2nd Saturday (APR 12, 2025) from 9 to noon at the WOOD SHOP in the basement of the Annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD.

SS SIG: Thursday APRIL 17th (1 pm to 3 pm) at Rick's

Woodworking Show: Held at Knecht Home Center APRIL 26, 2025 from 9 TO 4 PM

WT SIG: Wednesday APRIL 30TH, 2025 (1 pm to 3 pm) at Browns

5. Today's Topics for Discussion

THE CUTTING EDGE – MARCH 2025

- a. Woodworking Show – April 26, 2025 – see separate NOTES
- 6. TOY PROGRAM
 - a. Toy Workshop - April 12 at 9 am
- 7. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
- 8. Wood Recovery Projects
- 9. Future Discussions
- 10. SHOW and TELL

Last General Meeting Summary

Our last General Meeting was held in February 2025 at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. For details on the meeting and minutes, go to the RCWA Blog Post for the Feb 8, 2025 General Meeting.



To check on current happenings - click on “SAVE THE DATES” from the main menu.

Photos from Previous Meeting

Lon Gose/Cori Weisbeck

Photos taken at previous meetings are posted on our social media pages and/or on the BLOG on the website:
www.rcwasd.org

If you have a completed project, bring it or photos of it, if it's too big to carry, to the next meeting for SHOW and TELL. Or send photos of it to Cori (rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com) and she will post them on our social media pages (Facebook (facebook.com/rcwasd) or Instagram (instagram.com/rcwasd).)

RCWA Events since the Last Newsletter Release

Events attended by members since the last General Meeting in February 2025 included two Toy Workshops, a SS SIG, a CNC Meeting, and a WT SIG.

2025 Officers and Appointees

2025 OFFICERS OF THE RCWA

President: Bob Buchanan / _____

Vice President: Rick Weisbeck / _____

Secretary: Stu Kellogg / Russ S / Patsy Hood _____

Treasurer: Tony Verchio / _____

COMMITTEES (Appointed Positions)

Toy Program Chairman: Bob Buchanan / _____

Toy Program Co-Chair: Rick Weisbeck / _____

Toy Program Chief Assistant: Jerry Hood / _____

Inventory Control: Lauree Buus - assistants Rick, Jerry, Al, Tony, Stu, Russ, Ron H

Expeditor: Lauree Buus - assistants Rick, Jerry, Al, Tony, Stu, Russ, Ron H

Love Bug Tracker: Roy Erickson / Arnie Jordan

Toy Recipients: Bob Buchanan / Nick Spano

Program/Extra Curricular Activities Chairman: Al Oines / Dave Maude

Librarian: Grant Coffin / Dave Maude

Photographer: Lon Gose / Darwin Buus (backup)

Badges/Membership: Gary Graves / Jim Burk

Social Media: Cori Weisbeck

Public Affairs (Newsletter/Webmaster/Press Releases): Bob Buchanan / Joseph Allen

Wood Preparation: Dave, Ken, Jerry, Rick, Stu, Darwin, Lon, Tony V, Jim +

Wood Recovery/Storage: Rick / Bob / Dave Maude +

Toy Program/Toy Workshops

Toy Makers



THE TOY PROGRAM. The Toy Program effort consists of 5 major phases:

Phase 1: Tracing

Phase 2: Cutting toys to shape

Phase 3: Milling - routing, drilling, machine sanding

Phase 4: Finish - sealer coat - sanding - spray - sanding

Phase 5: Wheel installations

For more information, contact Bob Buchanan at (605) 348-2865 or Rick Weisbeck at (605) 431-4708. Or go to our website at <http://www.rcwasd.org>.

Toy Workshops

We held our 3rd and 4th Toy Workshop (TWS) for 2025 on Saturday Feb 8 and Feb 22, 2025, from 9 to 12 noon. This was held at the Wood Shop at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City. The shop is in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The next Toy Workshops will be held on March 8 and March 22, 2025.

Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops. Recently, we migrated all 17 years of blogs from our previous website. They are all now in place on our current website: <https://rcwasd.org/>



Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We are about 95% done with tracing toys for 2025. And we have started cutting toys to shape and sanding. So, we have are now in phases 2, 3, 4 and 5. Our goal for 2025 is to build about 3,500 toys to donate to organizations who work with kids in South Dakota.



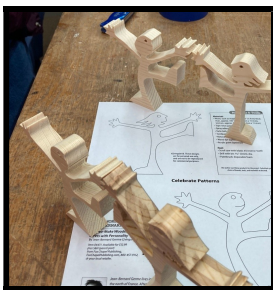
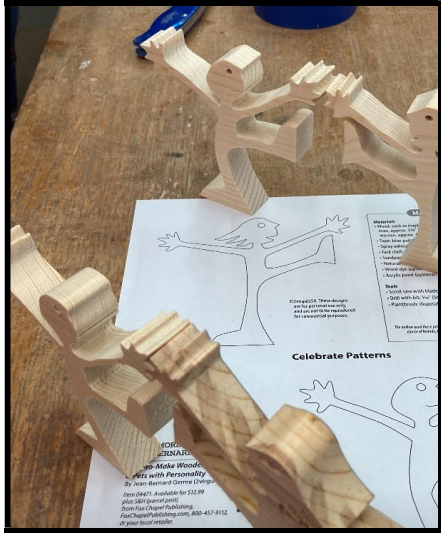
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group (SS SIG): Feb 16, 2025

The Scrollsaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) met at Rick's shop in Black Hawk today from 1 pm to 3pm. Attending: Bob, Kathie, Rick, Jerry, Roy E, Arnie, Al, Darwin, and Ken

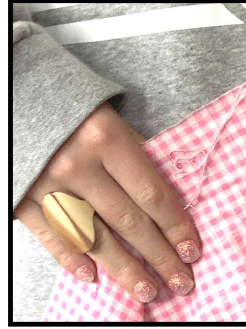
THE CUTTING EDGE – MARCH 2025

Today's discussion included one-on-one discussions about scrollsawing with new member Arnie Jordan. Rick introduced him to the scrollsaw with some practice using the DEWALT scrollsaw. Rick had prepared a few projects to cut CELEBRATE characters, so members cut a few on scrollsaws.

Photos from the event:



Roy E's Lilac Jewelry line is spreading across the country.



Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) 2-26-2025

The Wood Turning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was held on Feb 26, 2025. All RCWA members and guests are welcome to attend. It is on the calendar for the last Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. It is held in Jim and Maggie's Shop at 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702. Thank you Jim and Maggie for hosting and preparing your shop for today's Woodturning SIG.

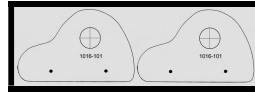
Attending (10+): Al, Keith, Jim Brown, Maggie Brown, Ken K, Ken M, Steve, Arnie J, Roy E, Michael, and other special guests.

Today's demo was done by Maggie Brown; she showed us how to make a round box with a lid: a lidded vessel. The final touch was a beautiful little finial on top. Show and Tell included a large, segmented bowl by Steve York. Several other items were shared by members.



Project Love Bug

Lots of Love Bugs have been made at Toy Workshops and in-home shops; and are available to members. This special toy is allocated for distribution to members for everyday giving to a child deserving or needing a little love. If you need a few “Love Bugs”, ask Rick or Roy E. We keep hearing good stories/feedback from this project. “Love Bugs” are ending up all around the world. If you have more questions, talk to Roy Erickson. He is tracking the status of this project.



Library

Grant Coffin



Grant Coffin, our librarian, has lists of available DVDs, and books that you can review. Additionally, you may send an email to Grant to request info on any subject and he will research it for you and send you a response. So, send your requests to Grant Coffin: redtopg@hotmail.com.



Website Notes

Webmaster

Type this into your browser to get to our new website: www.rcwasd.org

To check on current happenings - click on “SAVE THE DATES” from the main menu.

Social Media Notes

Cori Weisbeck

Cori Weisbeck is our Social Media Manager. She has set up accounts for the RCWA on Facebook and Instagram. Facebook is for information and pictures, and Instagram is mostly for pictures. You do not need an account to read our Facebook and Instagram information. To see current events and photos, type in the links below. The accounts can be viewed by using these details:

Facebook page link: facebook.com/rcwasd

Facebook page name: @rcwasd

Instagram Link: instagram.com/rcwasd

Instagram username: rcwasd

Cori is also our central point for posting information and photos on these two sites. You can email your project photos to her at the address below (rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com) and she will post them.

Note: Everyone can send project photos to rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com – this is Cori’s address – and she will post them on the club’s social media platforms. Make sure you include a few words about each project.

Meeting Location/Project Shop Location

With the exception of the Winter Months (Jan thru March), we hold general meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month on the main level of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City from 7 pm to 9 pm. In the winter months, we meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Until Sept 1, 2025, Project Workshops are held at the “WOOD” SHOP at 910 WOOD Ave on the second and fourth Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. In September, we begin meeting every Saturday morning in preparation for Toy Distribution Day on Dec 6, 2025. The WOOD SHOP on WOOD Ave is located in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City. You can enter the WOOD SHOP thru the brown door on the east side of the building. Parking is available on the east and south sides of the building. Wood and supplies are stored at an off-site location.

Purpose of the RCWA

The RCWA exists for two main reasons: (1) To exchange information that will enhance the enjoyment and skills of woodworking; and (2) To promote woodworking as a hobby, as a profession, or anywhere in between. The focus of the RCWA is woodworking in general. We discuss everything from the phenomenon of seasonal wood movement, to finishing techniques, to table-saw tuning, to shop safety. Members include a mixture of hand-tool (Galoot) and power tool (Normite) enthusiasts.

Except for Jan-Mar, the RCWA meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on the main floor of the annex to OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH at 910 WOOD Avenue in Rapid City. Each general meeting has a theme with one main topic, which is presented and discussed. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow woodworkers, share ideas, seek advice, and get out of the sawdust for a while. We cordially invite men and women of all ages who have any interest in woodworking, both hobby and professional, to attend our meetings.

HATS are Available

RCWA Hats are back in stock – Tony has them: \$ 15 gets you a new hat bearing our new website address (and a free secondary hat with the old website, while supplies last).

Another seasonal item that will be available soon: Beanies

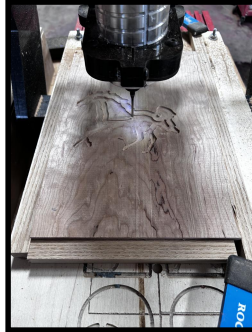


Tip of the Month – make an Affordable Outfeed Table

On our recent trip to CA, we had to replace a microwave oven, we had the old unit and the new box still at our disposal. So it was natural to use both to make a perfect outfeed table for our portable table saw.



Grassroots CNC Meeting 2-15-2025



Photos from Toy Workshops



THE CUTTING EDGE

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Association

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Meeting.

Any articles you wish to submit must be
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before that date.

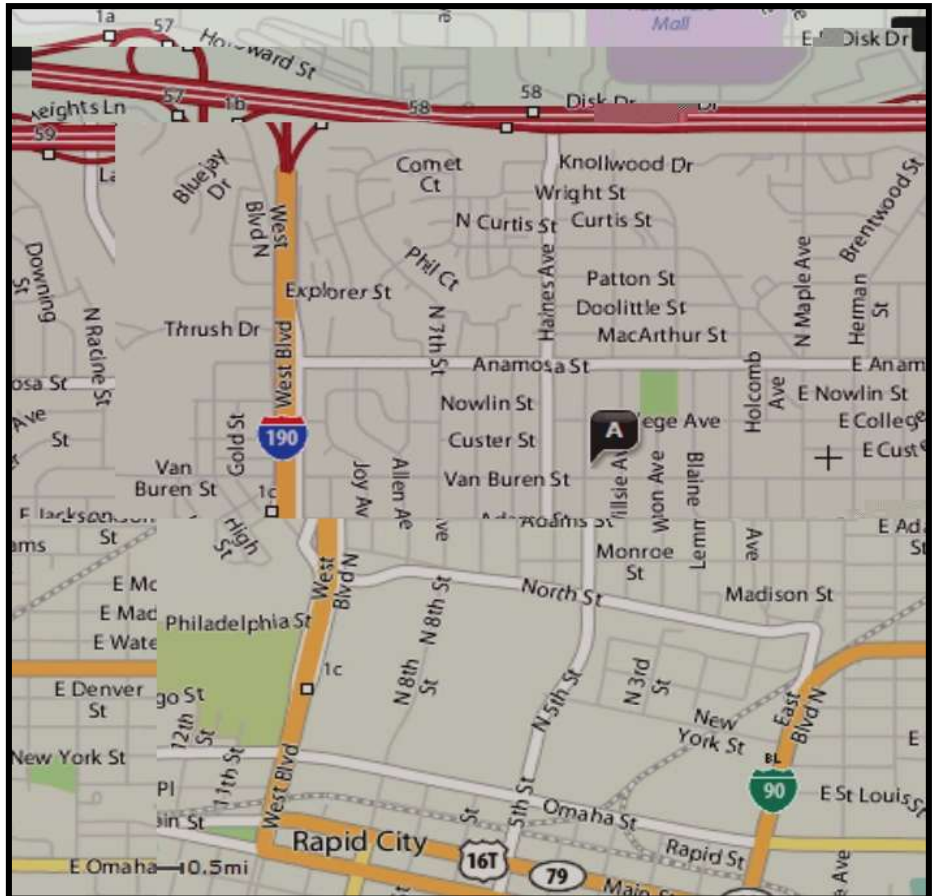
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WHERE?

In the Annex to:
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
910 Wood Avenue
Rapid City, SD 57701

WHEN?

GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, March 8, 2025
9 am to Noon



Friends of the RCWA

J&D Woodworking	Knecht Home Center
Magnum Enterprises, LLC	Club for Boys
Ray Tree Farm on Nemo Rd	Jim and Marilyn Reaser
Forest Products	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Katherine Hastings	Verl and Kathy Scheibe
Nuts and Bolts Fabric	Solutions Chiropractic