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**President's Message**

**Bob Buchanan**



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills! Happy New Year!

As we are looking ahead to 2026, it's time to start making toys again.

Our next General Meeting is Saturday morning after the Toy Workshop. We will be tracing new 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 start planning and “saving the dates” for 2026. Then we will share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

***See you on Saturday morning Jan 10th, 2026 after the Toy Workshop which starts at 9 am!***



**DUES FOR 2026 - \$25** - Please bring your dues to the meeting in January 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 1<sup>st</sup> will be pro-rated, during the second half of 2026.

Table 1 - Schedule of Monthly Events For 2026

*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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays – dates verified/announced by email.
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group	Rick Weisbeck's Shop 6704 Kimberly Dr, Black Hawk, SD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 1 pm to 3 pm
Extracurricular Activities	Various Locations - See Table 3.	See Table 3.

Table 2. General Meetings for 2026 (2nd Monday of each Month\*)

(\*Except for Jan-Feb -Mar 2026)

Date	Presentation Topic	Presenter(s)
10 Jan 2026 SAT	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 Feb 2026 SAT	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Mar 2026 SAT	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 April 2026 MON	General Meeting	RCWA Board
11 May 2026 MON	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 June 2026 MON	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 July 2026 MON	General Meeting	RCWA Board
-- Aug 2026 MON	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 Sept 2026 MON	General Meeting	RCWA Board
12 Oct 2026 MON	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 Nov 2026 MON	General Meeting	RCWA Board
12 Dec 2026 SAT	Christmas Family Luncheon	All Members

Table 3. Events for 2026

Date	Event	Location
January thru August	Toy Workshops – bi-weekly	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
January 10 thru Nov 21 – every available day	Toymaking	Club Members Shops
April 2026	Wood working show	
June 2026	Tool sale	910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
July xx, 2026	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby	Club for Boys SHOP
Sept 2026	5K Walk Little Black Hills Battles - Community Event	Old Story Book Island Park
86 <sup>th</sup> Rally: August 07-16, 2026	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	<i>Minimal Meetings</i>
August 22, 2026 – 9 am to 3 pm; 58th Annual Black Hills Steam and Gas Threshing Bee	Sturgis Threshing Bee – Toy Wooden Tractor Giveaways and Racing Tractors	13380 Alkali Rd, Sturgis
Every Saturday from Sept 5 thru Nov 21, 2026 9 am to noon	Toymaking <i>Marathon - weekly</i>	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 5, 2026 9:00 to 12 noon	Toy Packing/Distribution Day	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 12, 2026 11:30 am	Christmas Family Potluck	Doty Fire Station Nemo Road, SD
	Shop Tours	Periodically, as announced

Table 4. WT SIG Schedule thru March 2026

Date	Topic	Location
March 26, 2025	Planning Meeting	Brown's Shop
April 30, 2025	Bottle Openers	Brown's Shop
May 28, 2025	Chucking Techniques	West Hills Shop
June 25, 2025	Pens - AI Demo	Brown's Shop
July 30, 2025	Finishing / Sharpening	Brown's Shop
Sept 24, 2025	Ornaments	Brown's Shop
Oct 29, 2025	Demo TBD	Brown's Shop
Nov 19, 2025	TBD	Thanksgiving
December 2025	No meeting	Merry Christmas
Jan 28, 2026	Bowls	Brown's Shop
Feb 25, 2026	Platters	Brown's Shop
Mar 25, 2026	Planning Meeting	Brown's Dining Room

## 2026 Calendar - RCWA Events are Circled

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



2026

### January

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### December

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Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY



## This Month's Meeting Agenda (01-10-2026)

## Program Chair

Our January 2026 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 kick off the year with a tentative schedule of events. 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 / Hats
4. Next Events:
  - a. Election of 2026 Officers – Feb 14, 2026
  - b. Suggestions for Events/Extracurricular Activities/Shop Tours – Al Oines
  - c. Annual Wood Shop Cleanup Day
5. SAVE THE DATES- JAN 2026

### JANUARY 2026

**General Meeting:** Saturday JANUARY 10th, 2026 (after Toy Workshop, will be starting at 11 am) upstairs in the Annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. [MAPS](#)

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**Toymaking Workshops:** 2nd and 4th Saturday (Jan 10 and Jan 24, 2026) 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. [MAPS](#)

**SS SIG:** Thursday JANUARY 15TH (1pm to 3 pm) at Rick's [MAPS](#)

**WT SIG:** Wednesday JANUARY 28th (1 pm to 3 pm) at Browns [MAPS](#)

6. Next General Meeting – Sat Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 910 Wood Ave
  - a. Refreshments: \_\_\_\_\_
7. SAVE THE DATES- FEB 2026

### FEBRUARY 2026

**General Meeting:** Saturday FEBRUARY 14th, 2026 (after Toy Workshop, will be starting at 11 am) upstairs in the Annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. [MAPS](#)

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**Toymaking Workshops:** 2nd and 4th Saturday (Feb 14 and Feb 28, 2026) 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. [MAPS](#)

**SS SIG:** Thursday February 19th (1 pm to 3 pm) at Rick's [MAPS](#)

**WT SIG:** Wednesday February 25th (1 pm to 3 pm) at Browns [MAPS](#)

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8. Other Topics for Discussion
  - a. Facebook Inquiries: Any updates for Cori
  - b. Any new volunteers for requests/tasks we receive from Facebook
9. WOOD SHOW at Knecht Home Center
  - a. Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Theme for 2026:
    - i. Candidates include Sports, Olympics, Thanksgiving, Trains, Boats, Planes, Automobiles, Transportation, Seasons (Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter)
  - c. Talk about WW Show/preplanning details
10. TOY PROGRAM
  - a. Toy Workshops – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend until September
  - b. Tracing List for 2026 – ready to use
  - c. Toy List – current list plus new toys may be added
  - d. Process of Requesting Toys - Application for Toys
  - e. Potential New Recipients – Nick
11. Events since last meeting (Report/Feedback/Discussion)
  - a. Toy Packing/Toy Distribution
  - b. Christmas Family Potluck Luncheon
12. Wood Recovery Projects
13. Future Discussions
14. SHOW and TELL



## Last General Meeting Summary - Nov 10, 2025

Our last General Meeting was held on Nov 10, 2025 at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. For details on the meeting and minutes, go to the Blog for the Nov 10, 2025 General Meeting.

## 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 at [www.rcwasd.org](http://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](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com)) and she will post them on our social media pages (Facebook ([facebook.com/rcwasd](https://facebook.com/rcwasd)) or Instagram ([instagram.com/rcwasd](https://instagram.com/rcwasd))).

## Remembering Keith Brink

*This edition of The Cutting Edge is dedicated to the memory of Keith Brink.*

Keith joined the RCWA in late 2021 after talking with us at the annual Woodworking Show. Life had become a new challenge to Keith and he found himself with lots of time on his hands. He desperately wanted to learn new skills and was so excited when he started talking with members of our organization. He was bidding on toys at our Silent Auction just to find good working models for his toymaking efforts. He had been making toys for kids for a few years, and giving them to kids. He wanted to learn about the kinds of tools that work best, as well as new ways to sand and finish them. Al Oines got to know Keith and was able to help Keith by driving his supervan to events. Keith really appreciated this and was able to attend many more events because of this.

Keith mastered the scroll saw in a short time; then one year he actually cut over 1,000 critters as he became a major contributor to the toy program. Another skill he picked up on was wood turning; and he got lots of tips from the woodturners. In all his endeavors, he gave it his all and was a real joy to be around.

Keith shared what he learned with others, as he went often to a local school and gave away critters and performed his magic tricks for kids.

Keith became an important part of our group in a very short time. He passed away on Nov 8, 2025. He will be greatly missed.





## RCWA Events since the Last Newsletter Release

Events attended by members since the last General Meeting in November 2025 included Toy Workshops, the Toy Packing and Distribution Day, and the annual Family Christmas Potluck.

### 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*

*Simplified: Draw! Saw! Stack! Play!*

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>.

### Next Toy Workshop

We are starting our Toy Workshops for 2026 on Saturday Jan 10, 2026 at 9 am. The workshops are held at the WOOD SHOP in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on 910 Wood Ave on Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. Thank you for your support!

Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops. Click on [www.rcwasd.org](http://www.rcwasd.org)

### Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We will begin Phase 1 tracing at our Workshop on Saturday Jan 10, 2026. In the coming months, we will progress to phases 2, 3, 4 and 5. Our goal for 2026 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): Nov 20, 2025

The Scrollsaw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) met at Rick's shop in Black Hawk today from 1 pm to 3pm.

Attending today: Rick, Al, Darwin, Bob and Kathie

Today's discussions included general scroll sawing discussions about basket makinmg on the scrollsaw. Rick shared some patterns, and detailed explanations related to the baskets.

Bob brought in some parts for a slinky snake. Rick wants to figure out the wheel offsets needed to make the snake move up and down as it is pulled.

Al brought in his completed homework of angels table decorations/napkin holders.

Rick showed his latest CNC creation – the sea horse on the end of the walnut cradle.

Photos from the event:

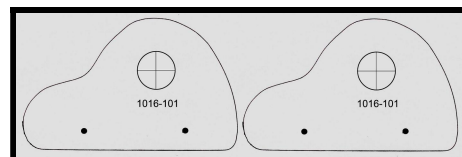


## Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG)

There was no meeting of the WT SIG in November or December 2025 due to their proximity to major holidays.

## 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. We keep hearing good stories/feedback from this project. "Love Bugs" are ending up all around the world.





## 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](mailto:redtopg@hotmail.com).

## Website Notes

Webmaster

Type this into your browser to get to our new website: [www.rcwasd.org](http://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](https://facebook.com/rcwasd)

Facebook page name: @rcwasd

Instagram Link: [instagram.com/rcwasd](https://instagram.com/rcwasd)

Instagram username: rcwasd

Cori is 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](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com)) and she will post them.

Note: Everyone can send project photos to [rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com) – this is Cori’s address – and she will post them on the club’s social media platforms. Please 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Until Sept 1, 2026, 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 5, 2026. 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.

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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.

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### HATS are Available

RCWA Hats are available – 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).



Beanies are also available for \$20.



## New Toy Models for 2025





## TOYMAKERS - Toy Packing and Distribution Day - Dec 6, 2025



**Toy Makers:** Jim Brown, Maggie Brown, Bob Buchanan, Kathie Buchanan, Jim Burk, Grant Coffin, Frank DiCesare, Cleon Diers, Roy Erickson, Lon Gose, Gary Graves, Jerry Hood, Patsy Hood, Stu Kellogg, Ken Maron, Al Oines, Ed Pike, Tony Verchio, Cori Weisbeck, Josh, Rick Weisbeck, John Wolf, Marty Bartholomew, Ron Hauck, Scott Bottolfsen and son, Lezlee Newbie, Bill, Teresa Kaiser, Dorla Brink, and Sue Jorgensen.

### CENTRAL STATION





## TOY PICKERS



On **Saturday Dec 6 2025**, we started “toy picking and box filling” about 9:00 am and finished with most all Toy Pick Lists by 10:30 am. We packed 137 boxes total.

The recipient organizations/designated sponsor members began loading up toys in vehicles after 10:30 am. All toys were out the door by 11:45 am. Thanks to all who helped make all of this happen!



## PACKING CREW



## LOADING ZONE



Toy Distribution Details

Group Number	Name of Organizations - 2025	# of Toys	Member Sponsor
	Headstart		
1	PLAZA - Home-Based Early HS	112	Sue Jorgensen
2	PLAZA - Home-Based HS	65	Sue Jorgensen
3	MONROE - RC HEAD START - MONROE	115	Sue Jorgensen
4	DOUGLAS - RC HEAD START - DOUGLAS	34	Sue Jorgensen
5	ADAMS - RC HEAD START - ADAMS	36	Sue Jorgensen
6	ADAMS - RC EARLY HEAD START	16	Sue Jorgensen
7	ADAMS - Child Development Center - FD/FY HS	92	Sue Jorgensen
8	ADAMS - Child Development Center - FD/FY HS	25	Sue Jorgensen
10	Cornerstone APARTMENTS	75	Ed Pike
11	Black Hills Pregnancy Center	50	Frank DiCesare
12	Foster Parent Association of the Northern Hills	35	Frank DiCesare
13	Airmen and Family Readiness Center - 1	50	Rick Weisbeck
14	Airmen and Family Readiness Center - 2	50	Rick Weisbeck
15	Black Hills Chaplains Association (BHCA)	60	Maggie Brown
16	The Club for Boys	250	Bob Buchanan
17	Beatrice School NE	750	Gary Graves
18	Cheyenne River Youth Project	600	Crystal Lind
20	Kinship Mountain Ministries	12	Frank DiCesare
22	SD National Guard - 2025	125	Tony Verchio
25	Working Against Violence Inc - 1	50	Rick Weisbeck
26	Working Against Violence Inc - 2	50	Rick Weisbeck
27	Reserve/Display Samples	100	Bob Buchanan
28	Monument Pediatrics	50	Jerry Hood
29	St. Joseph's Indian School	150	Grant Coffin
30	Fire Department	40	Maggie Brown
31	Pennington County Emergency Management Dept	80	Maggie Brown
32	Northern Hills Alliance for Children	8	Nick Spano
33	Police Chief - Sommerset	40	Roy Erickson
34	Pre-sort 6	150	RCWA
35	Pre-sort 7	75	RCWA
36	Pre-sort 8	75	RCWA
37	Pre-sort 9	75	RCWA
38	Pre-sort 10	75	RCWA
		<b>3570</b>	

**TOYMAKING MILESTONE PASSED ON SATURDAY 12.6.2025**

For the 18th year in a row, the Rapid City Woodworkers Association (RCWA) will be donating handmade wooden toys to local groups who work with children in South Dakota.

The Toymakers in the Rapid City Woodworking Association (RCWA) have been working all year to finish the toys in time for Christmas giving. This year, this group of more than 40 active toymakers finished 4,692 handcrafted wooden toys. Many toys were given to children at special events during the year, but 3,477 toys will be delivered to local charitable organizations who work with children in South Dakota and beyond, this week.

The toys for Christmas giving will be packed for delivery on Saturday morning Dec 6, 2025, in the Wood Shop in the basement of the annex to the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. They



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will be delivered (at no cost) to over 30 groups in South Dakota and beyond. Most of the toys will be delivered that same day.

Lebron James started his basketball career in 2006. In April 2025, he reached a milestone in his career by making his 50,000th point. The RCWA started making toys in 2008. We will be reaching a toymaking milestone this Saturday by giving away our 50,000th toy! So this Saturday, as we give away our toys for 2025, we will surpass the total number of 50,000 toys given to kids! Congratulations TOYMAKERS!!!

Year	Toys
2008	400
2009	1,260
2010	1,430
2011	1,620
2012	2,001
2013	2,316
2014	2,519
2015	2,804
2016	3,144
2017	3,397
2018	4,053
2019	4,427
2020	2,942
2021	3,509
2022	3,462
2023	4,263
2024	4,584
2025	4,692
	52,823



This collection of toys for 2025 represents 101 different toy models.

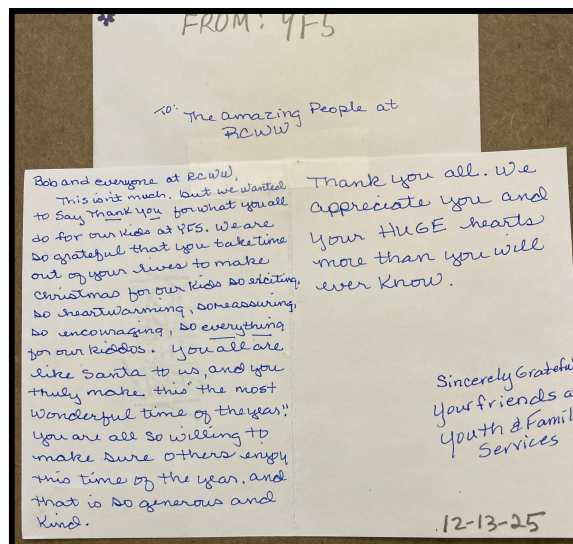
## Annual Christmas Family Potluck 12-13-2025

*Attendees (28): Jim and Maggie Brown, Bob and Kathie Buchanan, Grant and Mary Coffin, Lon and Vicky Gose, Jerry and Patsy Hood, Stu and Mary Kellogg, Tony and Carri Verchio, Cori Weisbeck, Josh, Rick Weisbeck, Al and Jeri Oines, Lauree and Darwin Buus, Marty Bartholomew, Jim Burk, Ron Fisher, Ed Pike, Bill Gedrose, Sue Jorgensen, and John Wolf.*

Twenty-eight hardy souls traveled out to the recently upgraded Doty Fire Station on Nemo Road on Saturday Dec 13, 2025, for our annual RCWA Christmas Family Potluck luncheon. The temperature was a balmy 10 degrees. Hosts Jim and Maggie set up tables and chairs. Patsy, Kathie, Rick, Jeri, and Mary put on tablecloths and decorated the tables. Kathie and Bob brought a Turkey, Patsy and Jerry brought a ham. Lots of salads, breads, and desserts filled out the rest of the spread. We started eating about 1 pm. Kathie shared a Yule Log for the first time. Maggie brought a sausage/beef dressing. Some other items I remember include gingerbread men cookies, mashed potatoes/gravy, roasted potatoes, dinner rolls, a carrot/celery/tomato vegetable plate, potato cheese casserole, chocolate peanut clusters, frozen fruit salad, a 7-layer salad, pecan pie, apple pie, red velvet cake, candies, carrot cake, orange/almond bread, banana breads, mixed nuts, taffy, and cheesecake.

We started the meal with Chaplain Maggie giving thanks for all the blessings of the past year, followed by lots of eating and visiting. Near the end of the meal, Bob gave an update on the Toy Program and highlighted some of the memorable events of 2025. He also read a Thank You Note from Youth and Family Services (YFS).

Nemo Road was nicely sanded and the gathering concluded by 2:30 pm, so everyone was home long before dark. It was a beautiful drive thru the frosted Pine Trees! Thanks Maggie and Jim and the Doty Fire Department for making the event so enjoyable. And thanks to all attending. Congratulations on an amazing year of toy making!



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**Any articles you wish to submit must be in my hands no later than the Tuesday before that date.**

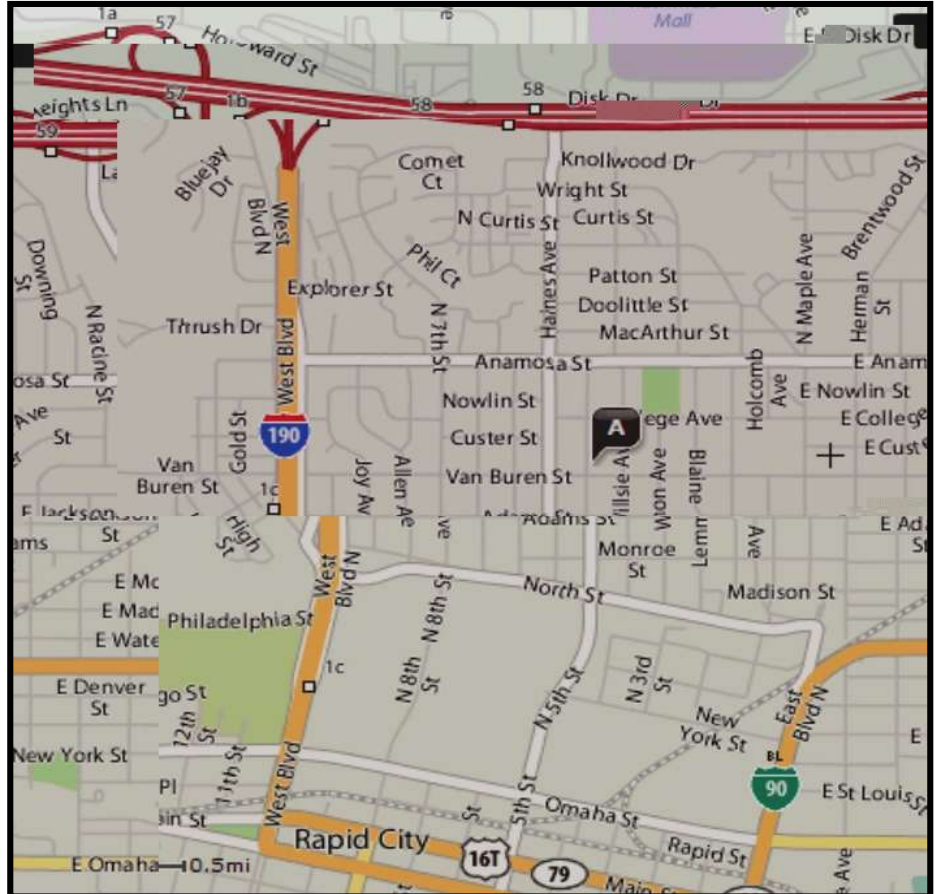
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**WHERE?**

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

## WHEN?

**GENERAL MEETING**  
Monday, January 10, 2026  
11 am to Noon



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