

The River View

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April 2018

From the Pastor—

One of the teachings of the New Testament that I return to frequently in my own thoughts around Easter is the idea that Jesus' resurrection is *our* resurrection because we are united to him spiritually. The Apostle Paul mentions this in several of his letters:

... having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead (Colossians 2:12).

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ... (Colossians 3:1)

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10–11).

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection (Romans 6:5).

At its root, this doctrine teaches that spiritually, we are what we are and have what we have because of our vital connection to Jesus Christ. Christianity is the polar opposite of self-salvation: apart from Christ we have nothing, but with him we have everything (Romans 8:32)!

Charles Wesley's well-known Easter hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" joyfully celebrates our union with Christ's resurrection in its fourth verse:

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Our enjoyment of heaven, our victory over death, and our victory over sin all originate with this union with Christ. Jesus' resurrection is not just a verification of the truth claims of Christianity; it is a very personal proof that those who trust in him are ultimately safe.

While the future hope of the Christian is a soul-nourishing truth, we must not neglect the present experience of resurrection. As Wesley says, we "soar *now*... where Christ has led." Paul writes of our resurrection in the past tense, not what happens to our physical bodies at Christ's return. This is the spiritual life that he elsewhere describes as Christ living in us (Gal 2:20; Col 1:27).

We celebrate the historical resurrection of Jesus on Easter, but it is also our spiritual resurrection, the source of our new creation life (2 Cor 5:17), and the promise that death has no power over us now and forever (Rev 20:6). "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:57)!

Pastor Isaac

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April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship/ communion	2	3 6:30 Deacons	4 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 5:30 pm Helping Hands Dip'N'Tie	5	6 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	7
8 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS 12:15-2:30 Youth Game Day	9	10 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	11 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) Noon—RAYS	12	13 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	14
15 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS	16	17	18 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	19	20 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	21
22 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS	23	24 6:30 Family Ministry	25 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	26	27 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	28 9-3 Craft Day
29 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS	30					

Key: **Children's Ministry** MBS—Men's Bible Study WBS—Women's Bible Study Youth Ministry Special Event

*Youth Game Day
April 8, 12:15-2:30*

Youth 5th grade and up!

We'll have lunch at 12:15 (after Sunday School hour) and then stay for your favorite group games! Invite your friends, bring your favorite games (suitable for 6+ people) or play the ones we'll provide!

Calling ladies of ALL ages!

Please join Helping Hands on Wednesday, April 4th for a **Dip 'N' Tie** event! Bring your favorite dip and dipping item to share at **5:30 pm**. From 6 to 8 pm, we will be working together to tie quilts for those in need in the St. Cloud and surrounding area. Ardell Amundson and her team will demonstrate and teach the techniques used and sharing more about recipients of these beautiful blankets.

Who to Contact

Church Office	320-251-5801	Office Hours
Pastor Isaac Gould	M, T, Th	9:00-4:00
	W	12:00-4:00
	320-428-5784 (cell)	
Financial Sec. – Pam Dille	Mon.	9:00–12:00
Secretary – Jane Borrón	Tues.-Fri	9:00-1:00
Treasurer—Mark Johansen (temp)		253-0786
Custodians—ServiceMaster		(contact office)
Prayer Line—Judy Swanson		320-240-9070

April Birthdays

- 2 Elijah Pennertz
- 3 Rosie Johnson
- 3 Jacob Markgraf
- 16 Mike Beltinck
- 16 Lisa Myra
- 17 Christine Morris-Greiman
- 17 LaVonne Weihrauch
- 19 Paige Easterlund
- 19 Matthew Pennertz
- 22 Sandie Alt
- 25 Christy Gould
- 25 Andrea Hanson
- 28 Silas Braswell



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call Jane at 251-5801 and let her know so we (hopefully) won't make the same error in the future! Thanks!

Stated Session Meeting—March 13, 2018

Minutes are available from the office on request.

February 2018 Stewardship/Worship Summary

Sunday	Offering	Attendance
Feb 4	2,508.15	96
11	3,737.00	88
18	2,085.00	82
25	2,811.15	88
Online	2,811.15	
Month Total	13,928.81	Avg 89

General Fund as of 2/28/18

REC Checking Acct (EOM)	16,817.07
Debit card account	218.19
Petty Cash	58.03
TOTAL General Fund	17,093.29

Special Accounts

General Savings Acct	84,674.58
Barnabus Acct	6,691.12
Development Fund	11,605.37
Haiti Fund	17,361.92
Projects Account	9,165.71
Willing Workers (int. posted after closing)	.13
Gordon Scholarship fund	40,836.30

Total Special Accounts 174,559.85

Total Current Assets 191,653.14

Missions Disbursements—February 2018

Pregnancy Resource Center	291.66
YFC—BRAID	166.67
JWM	100.00
EPC WO missionaries (Burdasall)	200.00

April Anniversaries

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| Mike & Diane Beltinck | 4/17 |
| Keith & Deb Koltes | 4/20 |
| Sam & Gina Braswell | 4/25 |



Your 2018 Elders/Deacons

Elders:

	Responsibility Areas	
Matthew Pennertz (16-18)	(F, B)	320-492-1976
Linda Paulson (16-18)	(A, M)	320-252-7210
Deb Johansen (18)	(FM, W)	320-253-0786
Dave Jones (17-19)	(WC, N)	320-267-1054
Mark Olson (17-19)	(WC, P)	320-252-7242
Dennis Woggon (17-19)	(FM, A, N)	320-393-2709
Joe Newhouse (18-20)	(F, B)	320-469-1038
Rick Petersen (18-20)	(W, P)	320-774-5006

Key: **A** Adult Ed/Small Group **B** Building/Grounds
FM Family Ministry **F** Finance
M Missions **N** Nominating Committee
P Personnel **W** Worship
WC We Care

Deacons:

Deb Koltes (16-18)	(RS,MM)	320-253-3763
Ruth Tidd (16-18)	(DL,FL,T)	320-387-2980
Jess Markgraf (18)	(CS)	320-291-3109
Scott Gallion (17-19)	(UG,CP)	320-202-9655
Cindy Glanzer (17-19)	(V, T)	320529-8636
Jay Blomquist (18-19)	(UG)	320-229-2766
Josh Mumme (18-20)	(CH, CP)	320-266-7101
Stephen Pennertz (18-20)	(S,H)	320-237-1445
Nadine Sagen (18-20)	(V)	320-980-9395

Key: **DL** Deacon Liaison (Head Deacon)
CH Coffee Hour **CP** Communion Prep
CS Corresponding Sec. **FS** Food Shelf
FL Funeral Luncheons **H** Hospitality
MM Meals Ministry **RS** Recording Sec.
S Sanctuary **V** Visitations
UG Ushers/Greeters **NC** Nominating Committee
T Transportation

Our Riverside Community

Can you volunteer your time? Use the link on our website to visit SignupGenius.com or click here to volunteer as a [Sunday Servant!](#)



Bible Studies

(at the church unless noted)

Wed. Morning Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. weekly—Sartell Perkins

Fri. Morning Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—Sept-May

Fri. Morning Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—Sept-May
Current study—"Future Grace" - John Piper
(RightNow Media series)



If you, or a loved one, are in need of prayer, please contact

Judy Swanson, 320-240-9070 or
Ruth Tidd— 387-2980

to have your prayer request included on
Riverside's confidential prayer chain.



In-Home Communion offered

In-Home Communion will be offered for those who are homebound and unable to attend worship. Please contact Pastor Isaac to make arrangements for a visit.

Hope Orphanage sponsorships:

If you would like to sponsor one of the children at Hope Orphanage in Haiti:

1. Visit haiti-missions.com/sponsorship. Click the picture of the child you'd like to sponsor and follow the on-screen prompts.
2. You will be taken to a PayPal donation form. You do not need a PayPal account, only a credit card or bank account information. Fill out the rest of the required information.



Sunday mornings provide some of our best fellowship opportunities each week. Can you help in one of the following ways?

Ushers/Greeters

Come a little early and be a friendly face, providing bulletins to guests and regulars, pointing folks in the right direction when needed, and collecting the offering.

Coffee Prep Team

Come early (once every 4-5 weeks) to make the coffee. Easy instructions. Call the office to be added to the rotation.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Coffee hosts keep things running smoothly after worship. While hosts are responsible for both areas below, feel free to partner with friends, or contact a **deacon if you need help and can't find someone to team with.** (Adding a note that you'll need help on SignupGenius is an easy way to do that.)

Responsibilities:

Hosting- set out juice, creamers, cups, napkins, treats, etc., and put away creamers, straighten up at the end of fellowship time including rinsing out the coffee airpots and wiping down the tables and counters.

Treats- bring treats (6-8 doz.—purchased or homemade) for fellowship time after worship.

*Coffee will already be made.
Feel free to sign up with friends.*

See the signup sheet in the kitchen serving window or go to SignupGenius.com to sign up. **Can't make a large treat commitment? Consider bringing** a dozen or two freezable cookies/bars in dated Ziploc bags (with your name, please) to keep on hand for "forgotten treat emergencies" or when the crowd is larger than expected. No need to sign up—just bring when convenient and put in the kitchen freezer. Thank you!

April-May Coffee Host signup is now happening. Use link above or sign up at the kitchen serving window if you can bless your Riverside family in this way.

Ongoing Adult Fellowship Opportunities

R A Y S

R.A.Y.S.—Riverside Always Young Seniors—
2nd Wednesday at Noon. If you've retired (or just have your lunch hour free!) join us for a pot-luck lunch and fellowship each month. New members are always welcome!
 Contact: Ruth Tidd (320) 387-2980.

Couples or Singles

Riverside believes that small groups are a great way to grow lasting friendships, as well as grow in our relationship with God. We have several small groups that meet in members homes or at **Riverside.** If you're interested in joining a small group we'd be glad to work with you to either plug you into an existing group or begin the formation of a new one. Contact Pastor Isaac

Men's Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Study - Currently about eight men are meeting at **6:30 AM** at Perkins in Sartell. We order breakfast, and go through various Christian studies while we eat. Sometimes we're in perfect agreement with one another, sometimes we couldn't disagree more, but we always get along.
 Contact: Dave Jones (320) 267-1054.

Friday Morning Study –This study meets in the Fellowship Hall at **9:00 AM.** (Sept—May) Donuts and coffee are served as we study the Bible together. Men of all ages are welcome.
 Contact: Wally Hitchcock (320) 253-7724.

Women's Opportunities

Friday Bible Study - On Fridays at **9:00 AM** (September-May) several women meet here for a time of prayer and Bible study. This study is offered from fall through spring - all women are welcome.
 Contact: Ruth Tidd (320) 387-2980.

Helping Hands meets the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 6:30pm. Treats provided. Women of all ages and life stages are welcome.
 Contact: Beth Pennertz, (320) 405-8211

Riverside's We Care team would appreciate your input on members or regulars that might need or appreciate a visit from one of our team members. Contact Mark Olson or one of the We Care team members.

rightnow MEDIA

Our church subscription to the studies on Rightnow Media continues to be available for all of you to use. There are hundreds of studies and children's content on RightNowMedia.

As part of Riverside's membership, anyone in our congregation is eligible for a free account.

If you haven't signed up for your free account yet, and would like to do so, please contact Pastor Isaac or the office to get the required invitation link sent to you.



Your children's bulletin unlocks ONLINE FUN at home.

We're excited to announce a **NEW feature** of *Children's Worship Bulletins* that will have children lining up to get their bulletin this Sunday! They'll be looking forward to the secret code on the front of the bulletin that unlocks hours of fun learning at home.

This secret code is unique to our church and allows **SAFE** and secure access to online games that reinforce the message for the week.



Children's Worship Bulletins@HOME!

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Office Hours

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pastor@riversideepc.org

Financial Secretary—Pam Dille
Monday (except bank holidays) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Secretary (Jane Borron) office@RiversideEPC.org
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
(additional hours possible with prior arrangement)

He Is Risen!

Easter Service
10:00 a.m.
April 1

Riverside Vision Statement

Riverside Evangelical Church is called to build a community of saints empowered by the Holy Spirit. We exist to glorify God in all areas of life by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Riverside Mission Statement

Our mission at Riverside Evangelical Church is to further the gospel of Jesus Christ by:

Worshipping and celebrating the presence of God Psalm 16:11

Discipling that brings us to maturity in Christ Matthew 28:19

Equipping us to live our faith in every aspect of life Eph. 4:12

Please contact the church office if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter or if your address is incorrect.

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