

The River View

Riverside

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May 2018

From the Pastor—

In preparing for my recent sermon on the locust plague of Exodus 10, I was struck by Yahweh's insistence on passing along the story to the children and grandchildren of the Exodus generation (10:2). As I mentioned in the sermon, **this is a clear call for what we might call family discipleship. One of God's** purposes for the family is the passing on of the faith. Many everyday practices serve this goal (see Deut 6:5–9), but one of the most neglected is family worship.

It was once commonplace for Reformed Christians to talk about worship as occurring in three contexts: public, secret, and private. The same hardworking pastors and scholars, known as the Westminster divines, who brought us the constitutional documents of our church (e.g., Westminster Confession, Catechisms) **also produced a document entitled, "The Directory for Family Worship."** This document addresses the three contexts of worship in its opening line:

Besides the public worship in congregations, mercifully established in this land in great purity, it is expedient and necessary that secret worship of each person alone, and private worship of families, be pressed and set up; that, with national reformation, the profession and power of godliness, both personal and domestic, be advanced.

To clarify, public worship is what happens in the church building on Sunday mornings; secret worship is what we would call "personal devotions"; and private worship is what we could call "family (or household) worship." The divines regarded all three as necessary for the continued reformation of the church and the progress of Christ's kingdom on earth.

The idea of family worship sounds daunting, but it shouldn't. The Directory goes on to explain that this is to involve two simple components. The first is prayer and praise. Christian households of all sorts should be places where prayer happens. It need not be lengthy or elaborate (God isn't impressed by such things: see Matthew 6:5–8), but regular and sincere. Praise is another form of prayer, one that we often do together by singing. That may not sound like your family's style, but there is a unique beauty in it. Families and friends sing together at birthdays and ballgames—why not in praise of God?

The second component the Directory commends is reading Scripture. Doing this as a family is a formative behavior, especially as you stop, reflect, and apply. The goal is understanding and being **transformed by submitting yourselves to God's truth. Our family has gotten lots of mileage out of Marty Machowski's book, [Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God](#).** Let me know if you need recommendations!

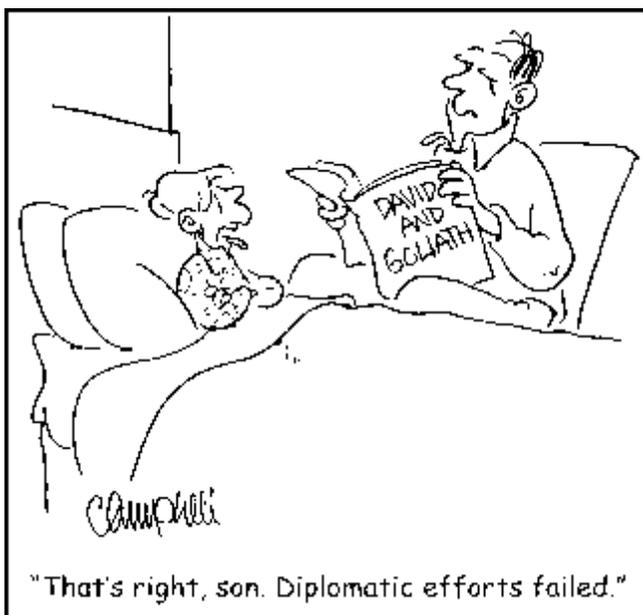
If you still feel daunted, take heart. There is no law about this, no points awarded for completion, no test at the end of the quarter. There is, however, great blessing in making the deliberate decision to structure your household as a worshiping community. Worth a shot, right?

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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Helping Hands serving cake at Country Manor</i> 6:30 Deacons	2 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 6:30 Helping Hands	3	4 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	5
6 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship/ communion 11:20 SS 6:30pm Haiti Team Mtg	7	8 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	9 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) Noon—RAYS	10	11 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS (last until fall)	14	15	16 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	17	18 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	19 KFF in FH
20 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship Haiti Fundraiser Lunch	21	22 6:30 Family Ministry	23 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	24	25	26
27 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship	28 <i>Memorial Day— office closed</i>	29	30 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	31	June 1	2 9-3 Crafts

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



Haiti Fundraiser lunch

after church on **May 20**. Funds raised will help our mission team defray some of their travel expenses as they head to the Hope Orphanage in Port au Prince, Haiti, on August 2-6.

Craft Day—due to scheduling conflicts and holidays, there will be no Ladies Craft Day in May. Join us on JUNE 2!

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		253-0786
Custodians—ServiceMaster		(contact office)
Prayer Line—Judy Swanson		320-240-9070

May Birthdays

- 6 Mary Lou Olson
- 9 Darwin Kelley
- 11 Scott Stamp
- 12 Rhiney Axel
- 17 Laura Newhouse
- 18 Angelina Holte
- 20 Scott Gallion
- 26 Matt Zieske
- 27 Harriette Nelson
- 28 Lindsey Henry
- 29 Ashley Patterson



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—April 10, 2018

Minutes are available from the office on request.

March 2018 Stewardship/Worship Summary

Sunday	Offering	Attendance
Mar 4	3,307.00	73
11	6,392.23	89
18	5,886.65	115
25	2,964.25	122
Online	3,909.75	
Month Total	22,456.98	Avg 100

General Fund as of 3/31/18

REC Checking Acct (EOM)	19,237.46
Debit card account	339.49
Petty Cash	58.03
TOTAL General Fund	19,634.98

Special Accounts

General Savings Acct	84,674.58
Barnabus Acct	6,722.95
Development Fund	11,605.37
Haiti Fund	18,803.06
Projects/Memorial Account	12,867.38
Willing Workers (closed)	.00
Gordon Scholarship fund	40,838.64

Total Special Accounts 175,511.98

Total Current Assets 195,146.96

Designated Gifts—March 2018

Haiti paint project 287.00

Missions Disbursements—March 2018

Pregnancy Resource Center	291.66
YFC—BRAID	166.67
JWM	100.00
EPC WO missionaries (Burdasall)	200.00
Terebinth Refuge	1,000.00

May Anniversaries



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|---------------------------|------|
| David & LaVonne Weihrauch | 5/3 |
| Dave & Linda Christiansen | 5/5 |
| Matthew & Beth Pennertz | 5/21 |

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 Koltjes (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)	320-529-8636
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!](#)



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!

May-June 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.



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 18

Fri. Morning Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—Sept-May 4
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.

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Riverside's prayer chain is undergoing some changes to involve more people in the prayer life of the church. In addition to the current confidential phone-tree prayer line, we are adding text messaging for non-confidential prayer requests which will also be sent to our congregation email list. If you would like to add your name to any of the three, please contact the office or fill out one of the response cards located in the pew racks at church and drop it in the offering plate.

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.

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 potluck 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: Ruth Tidd, Nadine Sagen, Dave Jones

Mission update

(Thank you note received from the Burdsall family)

Dear Riverside EPC congregation—

We wanted to thank you again in physical form, for your support and your prayers. We appreciate it so much! We are learning the power of prayer as we realize the need to hide our hearts in God and to rely on His power and not keep trying to figure out all our worries ourselves. This is pretty much a daily thing to remember :^) so thank you for the support as we go forward!

Also, want to mention, if you are not getting **email updates, please let us know, Don't want to be missing anyone because I mis-entered an email.** :^)

We will all be at GA this June and look forward to connecting/talking to some of you there!

Thanks again
 In His grace
 Scott & Colleen and kids
 cburdsall@serge.org

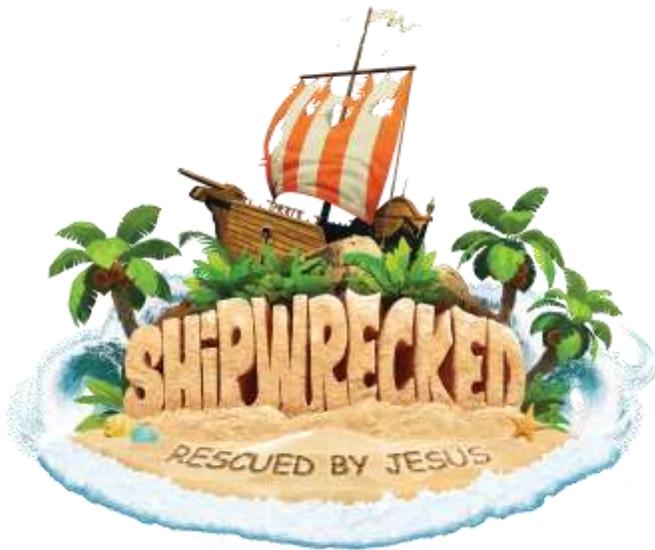
The Missions committee has become aware of this volunteer opportunity at Terebinth Refuge:

Calling all handy men or women for hanging, mudding, taping and texturing sheet-rock and walls in basement of Terebinth Refuge, approximately the week of May 7th. If you have experience in this area and are able to help, please contact Katie Hansen (katie.terebinthrefuge@gmail.com).

Thank you for all the ways you are supporting this local ministry.

The Missions Committee

Children and Youth



June 11 - 15

(Age 4 to completing 5th Grade)

Riverside VBS

Register now on our [website](#) or use the paper form on the next page to reserve your child's spot!

You will receive a VBS music CD once you are registered.

(See Linda Paulson for your copy)

VBS Volunteer Opportunities

VBS Volunteers Needed- Please contact Linda Paulson if you can volunteer the week of VBS and contact Nadine Sagen if you can help with decorations before VBS.

VBS—June 11 - 15, 9:00 - Noon.

There are LOTS of opportunities to help out! Teachers, guides, helpers, games, snack crew, etc.! Contact **Linda Paulson, 320-420-2921** or llpaulson@hotmail.com.

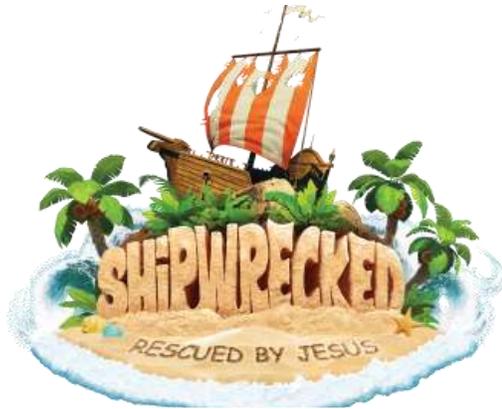
Can't be here to help that week?

Consider helping with decorations (they look SUPER fun this year) - either making the decorations or helping with set up the week before VBS. All skill levels welcome! **Contact Nadine Sagen, 320-980-9395** or nesagen@gmail.com

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.



Vacation Bible School Registration

Riverside Church
 405 Riverside Ave. N
 Sartell, MN 56377
 320-251-5801

June 11-15

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon, Monday-Friday

Please register by June 3, but space is limited so register soon to reserve your spot.

Ages 4 through those who have completed Grade 5

Cost: There is no registration fee required. Donations will be accepted.

Please fill one registration form for EACH child.

Child's Name _____ **Birth Date** ___/___/___

Grade Just Completed _____

Parent's Names _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ (Where you can be reached during VBS)

2nd phone _____

E-mail _____

Person to Contact in Case of an Emergency:

Name _____ Daytime phone _____

Relationship _____

In case of an emergency, do you give your consent to obtain medical attention?

Yes No Signature _____

Doctor's Name _____ **Phone** _____

List any allergies or medical conditions we should know about:

Who IS allowed to pick up your child _____

Is there a specific person who is NOT allowed to pick up your child? _____

As best you know, will your child be able to attend all 5 days? Yes No

If "no" please list the days he/she CAN'T attend: _____

Home church, if any _____

Is there a buddy your child would like to be grouped with? Name _____

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Office Hours

Pastor—Isaac Gould Mon., Tues., Thurs . 9:00-4:00
320-428-5784 (cell) Wed. 12:00-4:00
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)

Haiti Mission Trip
Fundraiser Dinner
May 20
Following worship

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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