

## From the Pastor— Reformation Jubilee

October 31, 2017, marks five hundred years since Martin Luther published “Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences,” commonly known at “The Ninety-Five Theses.” Thanks to a great deal of careful planning by my wife, I’m thrilled that the two of us will get to be at the Castle Church in Wittenberg on the very night of the anniversary, taking part in the festivities on a Luther-themed tour!

In stark contrast to the fanfare and celebration with which modern Germany is greeting this anniversary, the 1517 publication of the 95 theses was somewhat of a dud, causing barely a stir. Luther, a theology lecturer in Wittenberg, was hoping to stir up a lively theological debate over some practices in the medieval Roman Catholic Church that did not line up with his reading of the New Testament. Quickly, however, the document was translated from its scholarly Latin into common German, and it set off a storm of controversy that ultimately led to what we know as the Protestant Reformation.

At this June’s General Assembly, we had the privilege of hearing historian Mark Noll talk about Luther’s legacy—both the parts we celebrate and those we don’t. When challenged about his views in the city of Worms, Luther famously said, “I consider myself convicted by the testimony of Holy Scripture, which is my basis; my conscience is captive to the Word of God” (as translated by Heiko Oberman, 1989). This conscientious appeal to Scripture alone was a powerful motivator for reform in the church, leading to a simpler, more biblical form of worship and church government. It also led to a crisis of interpretation, since the church magisterium was no longer regarded as infallible in its teaching. Whom, then, do we believe and follow?

A lack of unity has plagued Protestantism ever since, with the interesting and joyful exception of hymnody. Noll asserted that congregational singing has done more for Protestant unity than any doctrinal statements have ever done. From Luther’s best-known hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” to the popular congregational songs of our day, Protestants assert our unity most powerfully in song, though we may worship in separate governmental structures. While the initial concerns that led to the Reformation were theological, its results were felt most keenly by ordinary Christians who received the freedom to worship, read Scripture, and sing in their own language.

The legacy of Luther is ours, but we must bear it with humility and vigilance, striving to be “a church reformed and always reforming according to the Word of God.”

Pastor Isaac

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# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45am Wor Team Pr 10 worship/Comm. 11:20 SS	2	3 6:30 Deacons	4 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 6:30 p.m. Women's	5	6 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	7
8 8:45am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS 11:20 Meeting for all CC volunteers in CC room	9 6:30 pm Mission Committee	10 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	11 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 12:00 RAYS	12	13 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	14 9-3:00 La- dies Craft Day
15 8:45am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS Bonfire/cookout	16	17	18 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	19	20 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	21
22 8:45am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS	23	24	25 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	26	27 9:00 am MBS 9:00 am WBS	28 <i>Sartell Churches Craft &amp; Bake Sale—SFX</i>
29 8:45am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS	30	31				

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

*Sartell Churches Craft and Bake Sale is coming up on October 28. This annual sale, held in the St. Francis Xavier school gym, is a great time to start your holiday shopping for hand-crafted decorations and gifts. It is also our **Helping Hands women's group** (formerly Willing Workers) primary fundraising opportunity. Watch for bulletin information on how you can help out!*

**Bonfire at Ruth Tidd's Farm,  
9250 95th Ave NE, Foley  
October 15 from 4-7pm**

Come enjoy fellowship, games, & a bonfire cookout in the countryside! Please bring a side dish to share. You may also bring roasting sticks, chairs, a blanket, and lawn games.

At about 5pm the fire will be ready for roasting hot dogs. The church will provide hotdogs, buns, condiments, drinks, s'mores, plates, etc. Please RSVP to the church office, 320-251-5801, or [office@riversideepc.org](mailto:office@riversideepc.org), by Wednesday, October 11th to help with food planning.

### 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 Borron **Tues.-Fri 9:00-1:00**  
 (additional hours on Wednesday afternoon)  
 Treasurer—Mike Dille 253-3246  
 Custodians—ServiceMaster (contact office)  
 Prayer Line—Judy Swanson 320-240-9070

### Stated Session Meeting—September 12, 2017

Minutes are available from the office on request.

### Aug 2017 Stewardship/Worship Summary

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Aug 6	10,286.00	91
9	3,126.00	75
16	2,255.00	69
23	4,190.00	84

Online 3,941.25

Month Total 23,798.75 Avg 80

### General Fund as of 8/31/17

REC Checking Acct (EOM)	37,768.89
Debit card account	405.69
Petty Cash	62.95
<b>TOTAL General Fund</b>	<b>38,237.53</b>

### Special Accounts

General Savings Acct	69,085.88
Barnabus Acct	8,221.64
Development Fund	11,605.37
Haiti Fund	13,618.58
Projects Account	31,094.55
Willing Workers	2,732.79
Gordon Scholarship fund	38,043.66
Scholarship CD—F&M	5,345.15
Scholarship CD—F&M	8,869.09
Scholarship CD (Lib)	5,950.83
Scholarship CD (Lib)	5,154.36
Scholarship Sav. Acct	12,724.23

Total Special Accounts **178,591.57**

Total Current Assets **216,829.10**

### Designated Gifts—August 2017

Project Fund 2,000.00

### Missions Disbursements—August 2017

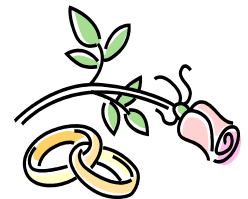
Pregnancy Resource Center	291.66
YFC—BRAID	166.67
JWM	100.00

### October Birthdays

- 5 Calvin Gould
- 6 Deb Johansen
- 6 Bob Koopmeiners
- 7 Etta Rudolph
- 9 Frank Gabrelcik
- 9 Moses Braswell
- 11 Matthew Pennertz Jr
- 12 Dave Grundahl
- 15 Sue Easterlund
- 16 Judy Hitchcock
- 19 Jax Gerber
- 19 Mary Grundahl
- 23 Kiera Westlund
- 25 Elaine Rogers
- 30 Mark Johansen



*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!*



### October Anniversaries

Matt & Ally Westlund	10/1
Adam & Ashley Patterson	10/9
Frank & Kathy Gabrelcik	10/23
Joe & Andrea Hanson	10/25
Greg & Jennifer Easterlund	10/26

### Your 2017 Elders/Deacons

Elders:	Responsibility Areas	
Lydia Hoffman (15-17)	(W, M)	320-761-0326
Mark Johansen (15-17)	(FM, F)	320-253-0786
Garrity Gerber (15-17)	(F, W)	320-761-7936
Matthew Pennertz (16-18)	(A, N)	320-492-1976
Linda Paulson (16-18)	(M)	320-252-7210
Dave Jones (17-19)	(A, WC)	320-267-1054
Mark Olson (17-19)	(WC, P)	320-252-7242
Dennis Woggon (17-19)	(FM, N)	320-393-2709
Key: <b>A</b> Adult Ed/Small Group	<b>B</b> Building/Grounds	
<b>FM</b> Family Ministry	<b>E</b> Finance	
<b>M</b> Missions	<b>N</b> Nominating Committee	
<b>P</b> Personnel	<b>W</b> Worship	
<b>WC</b> We Care		

Deacons:		
Jill DuMonceaux (15-17)	(UG,MM)	320-251-7673
Stephen Pennertz (15-17)	(S,H)	320-237-1445
Andrea Mumme (16-17)	(CS)	320-492-6080
Deb Koltjes (16-18)	(RS,MM)	320-253-3763
Ruth Tidd (16-18)	(DL,FL,CH)	320-387-2980
Scott Gallion (17-19)	(UG,CP)	320-202-9655
Cindy Glanzer (17-19)	(V, T)	320529-8636

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](http://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—"Desiring God" by John Piper



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.

Riverside's *We Care* team has continued to visit homebound members, and those we just haven't seen for a while, to make sure they are ok and know they aren't forgotten. If you know of someone the team should touch base with, please give their name to one of the We Care team members—Pastor Isaac, Mark Olson, Ruth Tidd, Dave Jones, Nadine Sagen, or Beth Pennertz.



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](http://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!

October/November Coffee Host signup 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 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**

## Children and Youth

### **PRAY TEAM**

*(Praying Riverside Adults for the Youth)*

*The Family Ministry Committee is excited to introduce a new plan for organizing a team of adults who will commit to pray for the children and youth of Riverside Church. We are looking for adults who will regularly pray for a particular child and make efforts to greet that child on Sundays and at other church events. There is no pressure to build a mentor-type relationship, this is simply a way for the child to feel and know that they are a valuable member of Riverside's body of believers. We hope to have some information and prayer requests specific to each child for you to use as a starting off point for your prayers and conversations. Please speak to Linda Paulson ([320-420-2921](tel:320-420-2921) or [llpaulson@hotmail.com](mailto:llpaulson@hotmail.com)) if you would be interested in joining this team!*

## Our Larger Community

### **Extending Hospitality to International Students**

Through St. Cloud State University, families in the area have the opportunity to host international students for Thanksgiving and/or Easter. Would you like to invite a couple of students to join your family for Thanksgiving this year? Most international students never have the opportunity to visit an American home. We have the opportunity to extend hospitality and share with students our family traditions and share why we celebrate these holidays.

If you would like to host students for Thanksgiving this year, please call the Center for International Studies by November 13 at (320) 308-4287. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Lisa Myra.

Ph. (320) 251-5801  
[office@RiversideEPC.org](mailto:office@RiversideEPC.org)

## Office Hours

Pastor—Isaac Gould      Mon., Tues., Thurs . 9:00-4:00  
320-428-5784 (cell)      Wed. 12:00-4:00  
[pastor@riversideepc.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@RiversideEPC.org)  
Tuesday-Friday      9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
(additional hours possible with prior arrangement)

# Church Cookout/bonfire October 15th

### 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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Join the Journey

**Riverside**