

The River View

Riverside

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November 2018

From the Pastor—Public Reading of the Scripture

Hopefully you have noticed over the past few weeks that we have had other people up front reading Scripture in our worship services. This is, of course, no accident. At the urging of our worship committee, the Session committed to provide readers in the worship services. This is an opportunity to participate in worship, which is the work of the whole church, not just a few leaders. I am grateful for those who have read and those who will be reading in the future.

I would encourage readers of all ages to sign up with the office to read on a Sunday. Send Jane an email (office@riversideepc.org) or call the office, and we'll get you on the list. We can give you as much advance notice as you would like. In addition, we will be involving members in the Advent readings once again this year starting on December 2 and in the Christmas Eve service. I will be asking around, but volunteers are most welcome!

As we have seen in Nehemiah, the public reading of God's Word is powerful and formative for the church. We are a people of the book!¹ When giving instructions to young pastor Timothy, Paul urged the Ephesian church as follows: "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching" (1 Tim 4:13). He gives similar instructions to churches in Colossae, Laodicea, and Thessalonica (Col 4:16; 1 Thess 5:27). Preaching may be more direct in its address to the heart, mind, and soul, but reading is more unifying; it connects us all to our common story.

I like what the church leader Tertullian said in his late second century defense of the Christian faith: "We assemble to read our sacred writings.... [W]ith the sacred words we nourish our faith, we animate our hope, we make our confidence more steadfast" (*Apology* 39). In reading together, we are nourished, revived, and encouraged.

Reading Scripture in worship is a simple, practical, and fulfilling way to participate in congregational worship. God's Word never goes out without effect (Isa 55:11), and you can be privileged to bless the church by bringing it to us. Together, let us devote ourselves to the public reading of Scripture!

Pastor Isaac

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¹ It's interesting to note that this identification with the book of Scripture was such a defining characteristic of Christian and Jewish communities in the 7th century AD that Muhammad frequently used the phrase "people of the book" (*'Ahl al-Kitāb*) to describe Christians and Jews in the Qur'an.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				15 9:00 am WBS	2 9:00am MBS	3
4 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship/ communion 11:20 SS	5	6 6:30 Dea-	7 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 6:30 pm Helping Hands 6:30 Nehemiah Study 6:30 Youth - Riverside	15 9:00 am WBS	9 9:00am MBS	10
11 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS	12	13 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	14 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) Noon—RAYS 6:30 Youth - at Harvest	15 9:00 am WBS Directory Photos - 2-8 pm	16 9:00am MBS Directory Photos - 1-8 pm	17 8-5 KFF (fell. hall) Directory Photos 10-5pm Youth Event AirMaxx 7-9pm
18 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS	19	20	21 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at First United Meth, 1107 Pine Cone Rd	22 office closed Thanksgiving	23	24
25 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship 11:20 SS	26	27 6:30 Family Ministry	28 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 6:30 Youth at Harvest	29 9:00 am WBS	30 9:00am MBS	

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

Youth (5th-12th)

Join us at **AirMaxx** from 7-9pm on Saturday **November 17!** Invite your friends. Cost is \$5 per person which includes 2 hours of jump time, 2 slices of pizza and a drink. If you invite a friend, their ticket is \$5 and yours is free! RSVP to Matthew. Waivers (including invited friends) must be filled out in advance (see email from Matthew for link.)

Matthew Pennertz

Riverside Church Youth Director
320-405-8212

matthew_pennertz@hotmail.com

Our Youth will continue to partner with Harvest Fellowship, alternating locations between Riverside and Harvest. The weeks we are at home, 5th grade on up is welcome, at Harvest it's 7th on up.



This year at First United Methodist Church
1107 Pine Cone Rd. South, Sartell
Nov. 21, 7pm

If you would like to be part of the mass choir for this service, rehearsals will be in the FUMC sanctuary on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 and Nov. 21 at 6:00 pm

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

November Birthdays

- 2 Naomi Eden
- 4 Sarah Justin
- 6 Jason Eden
- 7 Don Crusier
- 11 Acacia Pennertz
- 14 Roger Weihrauch
- 15 Bruce Glanzer
- 15 Owen Gould
- 16 Corinna Myra
- 23 Linda Farrell
- 24 Jane Borrón
- 24 Scott Holte
- 25 Noah Nyholm
- 27 Gina Braswell
- 30 Mark Olson



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—October 9, 2018

Minutes are available from the office on request.

Sept. 2018 Stewardship/Worship Summary

Sunday	Offering	Attendance
Sept 2	2,317.61	70
9	10,237.00	80
16	11,506.25	100
23	1,817.00	101
30	3,999.25	91
Online	2,853.10	
Month Total	32,730.21	Avg 88

General Fund as of 9/30/18

REC Checking Acct (EOM)	55,247.46
Debit card account	568.63
Petty Cash	58.03
TOTAL General Fund	55,874.12

Special Accounts

General Savings Acct	84,131.71
Barnabus Acct	6,878.92
Development Fund	11,616.99
Haiti Fund	16,401.28
Projects/Memorial Account	16,547.24
Gordon Scholarship fund	40,437.15

Total Special Accounts 176,013.29

Total Current Assets 231,887.41

Designated Gifts—September 2018

Missions Disbursements—September 2018

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

November Anniversaries

None on file



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 Koltés (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!](#)



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!

November/December Coffee Host signup is now happening. Use link above or on our website 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

Wed. Evening Nehemiah Study

6:30 pm. Through Nov. 7
Childcare available

Thurs. Morning Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—Sept-May

Current Study - "The Lord's Prayer"
by Albert Mohler

Fri. Morning Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—Sept-May



P R A Y E R C H A I N

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 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, Judith Loudon, MayBell Gordon.

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

Thursday Bible Study - On Thursdays 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



Consider sharing your Thanksgiving holiday traditions with SCSU international students this year!

More than 1200 international students/scholars come to St Cloud State from nearly 90 countries. National statistics suggest that only 25% of these students will ever be in an American home during their time of study in the United States. Consequently, their perception of Americans/Christians is based on what they see on TV or in videos or on campus. By extending your hand of friendship to them this year, you can change that perception.

Whether your Thanksgiving tradition includes a feast with extended family and friends or you celebrate it as a quiet day at home, sharing this day helps international students understand how Americans give thanks on this traditional cultural holiday, while allowing you the opportunity to meet new people from around the world.

No special arrangements are required to make the day special. Set a few extra places at the table, invite the students to help prepare food, participate in your family's traditions and get to know the meaning behind this unique North American holiday. Joining with you in an extended family/friend celebration is also great!

Contact Lisa Myra (lisamyra@gmail.com or 320-267-9314) by Nov. 11 if you have any questions or want to sign up to host. What an opportunity to reach out to the world with God's love!

We're Updating Our Photo Directories!
Photos will be taken at the church by Lifetouch on **November 15-17**
Reserve your spot now to have your family portraits done for the new Directory. Use this [link](#) or use the link on our webpage scrolling banner of Facebook page. Not an online kind of person? Help signing up will be available after church on Nov. 4 or 11 or call Jane in the office during regular office hours.
Each family who participates will get a complimentary portrait and church directory. There is **NO requirement to purchase** any additional photos though you will be given an opportunity to order family portraits which will arrive early December. To make it even sweeter, discount coupons will be available for families who bring a food shelf donation, for seniors (60+) and for active military and first responders!
(Please plan on an hour time commitment in case there are delays with earlier groups.)

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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)

Daylight Savings ends
November 4. Fall back!

November 6
VOTE!!!!

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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