

The River View

Riverside

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January 2020

From the Pastor—

As we begin this new year, I would like to share a passage of Scripture that I was praying through this morning and make it a prayer for our church. It comes from 2 Thessalonians, where Paul is writing the church about the return of Christ and the need to live in readiness for it.

With this [i.e., the soon return of Christ] in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11–12

The first prayer for the church is that God will count us worthy of his calling. As members of the **visible church, we have responded outwardly to the “call” of the gospel to repent and believe in Jesus. Paul isn’t talking about proving yourself deserving of salvation—no one will ever do that!—rather, he prays that the church’s conduct would be suitable or fitting to those whom God has called.** Not all who are outwardly called by the gospel live worthy of that calling. *May God find us living as those who have been brought out of darkness and into his glorious light!*

The second request elaborates on the first and calls on God’s power to transform how we live from the heart outward. For God to “fulfill every good purpose of yours” means that God will help us carry out *our* plans that are “good,” that is, in accord with his will and the growth of his kingdom (see the Lord’s Prayer). “Every act prompted by your faith” describes the things we intend to do *because we are followers of Christ.* We all plan to do many things in this new year for various reasons. *May God grant us divine power to carry out the plans he puts in our hearts and that flow from our desire to do his will.*

The goal of this prayer is that the Lord Jesus would be glorified in his church. The glory of Jesus appears uniquely through an obedient and faithful congregation. **The church, in Paul’s prayer, is to share in this glory (“you in him”), all by the gracious work of God.** *May Christ be glorified in our church, and us in him, as we live our out faith by grace.*

I will be praying this for Riverside this year, and I invite you to join me in it. May God do great things among us through hearts devoted to him!

Pastor Isaac

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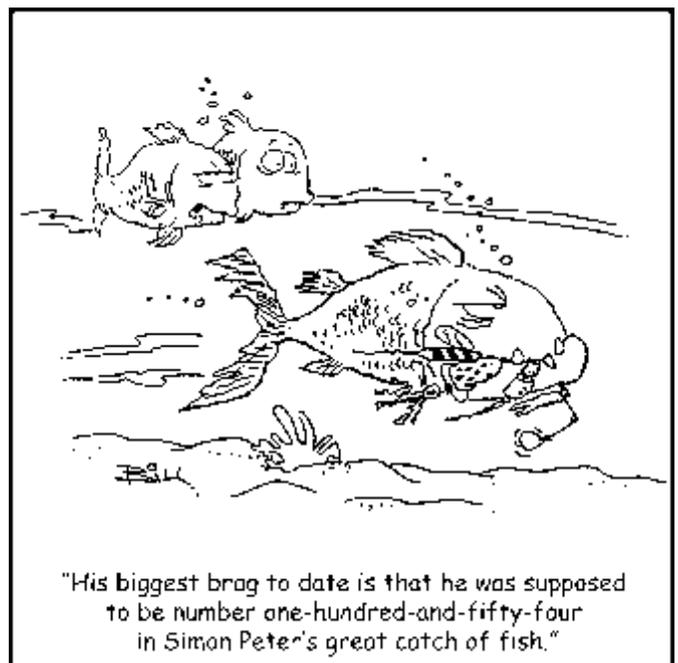
Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3 9:00 am Men's Study	4
5 9am PrTeam 10 am Worship/ Comm/ <i>Installation</i> 11:20 SS/Coffee	6	7 6:30 Deacons	8 6:30 am Men's Study (Perkins) Noon—RAYS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Helping Hands	9 9:00 Women's Study	10 9:00 am Men's Study	11
12 9am PrTeam 10 Worship 11:20 SS/Coffee	13	14 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	15 6:30 am Men's Study (Perkins) 6:30 Youth	16 9:00 Women's Study	17 9:00 am Men's Study	18 8-5 <i>Kindred Family</i>
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26 9am PrTeam 10 Worship 11:20 SS/Coffee	27	28	29 6:30 am Men's Study (Perkins) 6:30 Youth	30 9:00 Women's Study	31 9:00 am Men's Study	

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

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 19th following worship

Members are encouraged to attend to receive reports for 2019 and review the 2020 budget.

(Non-members are welcome to attend but may not vote.)



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

Session Meeting December 10, 2019
 Minutes are available from the office on request.

Avg Attendance—November: 89

Budget Summary - as Nov 30

	Actual	Budgeted (through 11/30)
Nov Income	11,482.76	19,348.00
Nov Expenses	17,485.18	15,820.01
YTD Income	194,595.35	213,765.00
YTD Expenses	213,461.52	191,096.13
YTD Net Income (loss)	(18,866.17)	22,668.87

Riverside Planned Mission Support - 2019

- Pregnancy Resource Center
- YFC—BRAID
- Haiti - Fontamara Orphanage
- JWM (Haiti orphanage salary support)
- EPC WO (Burdshall, Hamd, McKay)
- Chicago 720
- Arrive Ministries SENT
- Terebinth Refuge
- Place of Hope
- St. Cloud Christian School

Elders

Rick Petersen (18-20)	320-774-5006
Deb Johansen (19-20)	320-253-0786
Matthew Pennertz (19-21)	320-405-8212
Linda Paulson (19-21)	320-420-2921
Patrick Farrell (19-21)	320-232-3643
Dave Jones (20-22)	320-267-1054
Mark Olson (20-22)	320-252-7242
Bruce Glanzer (20-22)	320-529-8636

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

January Birthdays

- 2 Levi Markgraf
- 6 Toby Gould
- 9 Diane Beltinck
- 12 Mike Dille
- 12 Zachary Henry
- 12 Liz Rogers
- 13 Sara Moorlag
- 18 Holli Zieske
- 27 Linda Paulson
- 28 Jessica Paulson
- 31 Ally Westlund



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!

January Anniversaries



Luke & Hanna Henderson 1/1/16

Your 2020 Elders/Deacons

(committee assignments not made yet for 2020)

Deacons:

Josh Mumme (18-20)	320-266-7101
Stephen Pennertz (18-20)	320-237-1445
Nadine Sagen (18-20)	320-980-9395
Mike Beltinck (19-21)	320-363-4238
Deanna Petersen (19-21)	320-774-5005
Gean Wiltgen (19-21)	320-290-2798
Jay Blomquist (20-22)	320-229-2766
Dave Markgraf (20-22)	320-493-2720
Christine Morris (20-22)	320-292-7022

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

Thurs. Morning Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—Sept-May (Note time change)

New Study begins January 9: "How to Read the Bible"

Fri. Morning Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—Sept-May

New Study begins January 3:

"Apologetics: Reasonable Faith Defenders"



PRAYER CHAIN

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.



Hospitality Ministry

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!

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.

January/February 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.

Our Larger Community

Thank You from Terebinth Refuge

We pray you have had a great holiday season with your loved ones!

As we move into the new year, we praise God for the many blessings He provides through people like you!

As we continue to provide critical housing and services to women who have experienced sexual exploitation and their small children during these cold winter months, we know that none of this would be possible without the generosity of our amazing donors, funders, and supporters. You help provide a safe home for the women and children we serve, but it is so much more than that. Your generous gifts provide safety, healing, hope, and time as women begin to heal and learn about who God has created them to be. This blessing of time and a safe home with supportive and loving staff allows them to start dreaming about a new future.

The needs of these precious women are great.

Thank you to those of you who have so graciously donated to help women begin to heal and start new lives!

On behalf of our Residents, Staff, and Board of Directors, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to support this ministry.

God bless you, and Happy New Year

CeCe Terlouw, Founder & Executive Director

Ongoing Adult Fellowship Opportunities

RAYS—Riverside Always Young Seniors— 2nd Wednesday at Noon, September-May. New participants always welcome! Come for a pot-luck lunch and fellowship with other retirees (or anyone over 55 who has their lunchtime free!)

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 - 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 Men's Study - Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM. (Sept—May) Join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study! Current Study: *Romans*

Contact: Rick Petersen (320) 774-5006.

Women's Opportunities

Thursday Bible Study - Thursdays at 9:30 AM (Sept-May) New Study: *Jesus and the Journey to Joy*, by John Piper. New members are welcome!

Contact: Ruth Tidd (320) 387-2980.

Helping Hands meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (September-May) at 6:30pm.

Contact: Beth Pennertz, (320) 405-8211

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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.—12:00 p.m.
(additional hours possible with prior arrangement)

January 19th Annual Meeting 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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