

The River View

Riverside

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April 2021

From the Pastor—

In recent weeks and months, politicians and government officials have been promising that help is on the way, hope is on the horizon, and the light is at the end of the tunnel. We have thrown extraordinary amounts of money and effort at ending the coronavirus pandemic and its effects, and everyone is more than eager to see the end of it. With vaccines now widely available, there seems reason to hope. I gratefully received my shot a few weeks ago, hoping to do my part to stop this virus.

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Hope is an energizing thing, like seeing the sun after a gloomy day or new green growth pushing up out of dead earth. Without some hope of improvement, life can be intolerable. But as Solomon **quips, while “a longing fulfilled is a tree of life,” “hope deferred makes the heart sick” (Prov 13:12 NIV).** An unrealized or extinguished hope crushes us.

We always risk disappointment when we set our hopes on worldly things—whether monetary gain, **success, achievement, a sports team’s victory, change in the weather, fortune, or pandemic conditions.** If the “light at the end of the tunnel” is something this world has to offer us, we’ll ultimately be disappointed. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, “[W]e fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (4:18 NIV).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ births in us an undying hope secured for us in that unseen world. As the **Apostle Peter says, “In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3 NIV).** Jesus’ resurrection proves that disappointment, disease, and death do not have the final word. The proverbial light at the end of the tunnel, for those who trust in Christ, is that we will see our Savior in person in a joyful and **glorious reunion beyond the ravages of sin and grief and suffering. That is what Peter calls “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:4 NIV).** It is a hope that will not disappoint.

We’re all hoping we can put this pandemic in the rearview mirror soon and move on with life, but that is a hope tied to this world. Pre-COVID life is a poor substitute for the resurrection. This Easter season, let’s recall where our hope truly lies as Christians. In Peter’s words, “set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed” (1 Peter 1:13 NIV). He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Isaac

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Schedule of Worship for Holy Week</p>			30 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 pm Lenten Study	1 Maunday Thursday 9:00 Women's Study	2 Good Friday 10:00 Men's Study 6:30 pm Good Friday Service	3
4 Easter Sunday 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship and Communion  <p>Easter</p>	5	6 6:30 Deacons	7 6:30 am Men's Study	8 9:00 Women's Study	9 10:00 Men's Study	10
11 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship	12	13 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	14 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 Youth Group	15 9:00 Women's Study	16 10:00 Men's Study	17
18 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship	19	20	21 6:30 am Men's Study	22 9:00 Women's Study	23 10:00 Men's Study	24 Rivers and Lakes Presbytery Meeting
25 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship	26	27	28 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 Youth Group	29 9:00 Women's Study	30 10:00 Men's Study	

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



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 – Janelle Daniel Tues- Fri 9:00-1:00
 Treasurer—Mark Johansen 253-0786
 Custodians—ServiceMaster (contact office)
 Prayer Line—Judy Swanson 320-240-9070

April Birthdays

- 2 Elijah Pennertz
- 3 Jacob Markgraf
- 16 Mike Beltinck
- 19 Matthew Pennertz
- 25 Christy Gould



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

January 12th Session report

Session minutes are available from the office

Avg February Attendance—46

Budget Summary - as of February 28, 2021

	Actual	Budgeted
Feb. Income	14,360.92	13,209.00
Feb. Expenses	14,862.98	15,921.15
YTD Income	25,805.47	25,918.00
YTD Expenses	28,725.37	31,082.30
YTD Net Income (loss)	(\$2,919.90)	

April Anniversaries



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| Mike & Diane Beltinck | 4/17/93 |
| Keith & Deb Koltes | 4/20/02 |

Riverside Planned Mission Support - 2021

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

Your 2021 Elders/Deacons

Elders

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| Patrick Farrell (19-21) B, W | 320-232-3643 |
| Linda Paulson (19-21) M, N | 320-420-2921 |
| Matthew Pennertz (19-21) F | 320-405-8212 |
| Bruce Glanzer (20-22) F, M | 320-290-6818 |
| Dave Jones (20-22) N | 320-267-1054 |
| Mark Olson (20-22) P, WC | 320-252-7242 |
| Rick Petersen (21-23) P, B | 320-774-5006 |
| Ruth Tidd (21-23) WC, CE | 320-387-2980 |
| Matt Zieske (21-23) CE, W | 320-249-5253 |

Deacons:

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| Mike Beltinck (19-21) UG, CP | 320-363-4238 |
| Deanna Petersen (19-21) CP, MM | 320-774-5005 |
| Gean Wiltgen (19-21) CS, MM | 320-290-2798 |
| Jay Blomquist (20-22) FL, FS | 320-229-2766 |
| Dave Markgraf (20-22) S, RS | 320-493-2720 |
| Angelina Holte (21-23) T, V | 503-841-9603 |
| Josh Mumme (21-23) DL, CH | 320-266-7101 |
| Julie Pennertz (21-23) H, UG | 320-333-8270 |

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| <u>B</u> Building/Grounds | <u>F</u> Finance |
| <u>CE</u> Christian Education | <u>N</u> Nominating Committee |
| <u>M</u> Missions/Outreach | <u>W</u> Worship |
| <u>P</u> Personnel | |
| <u>WC</u> We Care | |

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

Our Riverside Community

You are welcome to join us in person at 10am on Sundays or you can join us online at riversideepc.org/sunday or on our [YouTube channel](#) to view our worship in a live stream format.

If you are unable to view our service online, the audio portion of the sermon will be available on our website, usually by the following Tuesday. We can also provide CDs (audio only) or DVDs (audio/video) of the service. Let us know if you need a copy and which format works best for you.

Volunteers are needed!

We need volunteer ushers, readers, sound techs, and projection/streaming techs. Training is available for these jobs. Please sign up for a Sunday you can help on our [SignUpGenius Sunday Servants](#) page. Blessings to you!

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Riverside wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

[Online Giving](#) lets you go to RiversideEPC.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

Mail Giving—If you prefer to mail your contributions to the church or use your bank's Bill Pay option, please use our PO Box number rather than the street address:

Riverside Church
PO Box 139
Sartell, MN 56377-0139



Bible Studies

(at the church unless noted)

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. weekly

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

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study
10:00 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— 320-387-2980

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



We want to extend our sincere appreciation to Ehlinger Lawn Service for many years of donating their time and services to the church plowing snow and mowing our lawn.



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Our Larger Community



WALK FOR LIFE
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

Walk with us, so they can too!



**PREGNANCY
RESOURCE CENTER**
• MEDICAL CLINIC

Pregnancy Resource Center is excited to announce their Walk for Life 2021. The Walk for Life is Saturday, May 1st at Community Park in Waite Park. Check in and staggered walker starts will begin at 9:00am. There will be music, food, and a chance to connect with PRC friends! Help Pregnancy Resource Center continue to thrive by fundraising, securing your pledges, and walking at the annual Walk for Life, Saturday, May 1st! Pre-registration is required due to Stay Safe MN Guidelines. Register and fundraise at www.PregHelpFriends.com.

**Drive-Up Communion
at Riverside—
April 4, 11:30-12:00**



Are you participating in our live stream worship and interested in taking communion? The EPC Book of Worship states that communion must be administered "in conjunction with the reading and preaching of the Word, with the prayers of the people accompanied with hymns of praise" (W.3-3F). In recognition of the complexity of the present time, the Session has decided to offer communion to live stream participants in the parking lot after worship.

From **11:30-12:00 pm on April 4**, those who have joined the worship service live stream may receive communion at their vehicle with health precautions taken. Pull in from 1st Ave N, and head over toward the church where Pastor Isaac or an elder will meet you with the elements.

Ph. (320) 251-5801
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

Financial Secretary—Pam Dille

Monday (working from home) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Secretary—Janelle Daniel office@RiversideEPC.org

Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

(additional hours possible with prior arrangement)



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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