

The River View

Riverside

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May 2021

From the Pastor—

Some updates are in order as we make our slow crawl toward “normal,” but first a reminder. Returning to life “as it once was” BC (Before Covid) is not the highest priority. Life always involves change. Growth involves change. Looking back to the “good old days” is comforting and nostalgic, but a return to the past is not the way forward. Many a church has been tempted to worship at the altar of an idol named The Way We’ve Always Done Things.

Our God announces at the culmination of the book of Revelation, “I am making all things new!” (21:5). Until that point, we’re going to be living in hope and expectation, living in the uncomfortable “between” when God’s good work among us is begun but not yet perfected. Our longing must not be for what once was, but for what shall be as God’s kingdom comes, his will is done, and his glory is seen among us more and more.

With that lofty introduction, here are a few things you can expect in the coming months:

First, we are planning to restart **Children’s Church** on **May 16**. We want our worship service to be a welcoming place. One barrier we can remove for visitors with small children is to give them a place to receive age-appropriate instruction during the sermon if they desire. Members of the Christian Education Committee will be contacting previous teachers and helpers looking to restart our rotation of **Children’s Church** volunteers. **New volunteers are needed too. Please consider this opportunity to serve.** I am immensely grateful for those who give of their time for the sake of others in our church.

Second, Riverside’s VBS has been scheduled for **August 16–20**. Please mark that date on your calendar and begin praying now! We are looking forward to a chance to welcome children here with **Bible teaching, singing, and all the fun we can have together.** Our first VBS leaders’ meeting will happen after the service on May 23. More information will follow!

Also in mid-May I plan to begin a new sermon series for the summer, tentatively titled “The Classics.” I’ll be preaching through treasured passages and narratives from all over the Bible. I was reminded recently that there is good reason why familiar texts resonate with so many people. The power of God’s word grows as we get more familiar with it. Got a favorite passage you’ve been waiting for years to hear a sermon on? Let me know! I haven’t selected all of my texts yet.

Finally, we plan to get back to our mid-week community hot dog cookouts over the summer. I’d hate for that fancy hot dog roller of ours to go to waste! Starting in June, we’ll be in the parking lot weekly rolling out the dogs and chips.

With great affection,

Pastor Isaac

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May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Walk for Life
2 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship and Communion	3	4 6:30 Deacons	5 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 pm Women's Study	6 9:00 Women's Study	7 10:00 Men's Study	8
9 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship Happy Mother's Day	10	11 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	12 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 pm Women's Study 6:30 Youth Group	13 9:00 Women's Study	14 10:00 Men's Study Gould Family Vacation	15 
16 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship and Children's Church Isaac and Christy on Vacation	17	18	19 6:30 am Men's Study	20 9:00 Women's Study	21 10:00 Men's Study	22
23 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship and Children's Church VBS Leaders Mtg	24	25	26 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 pm Women's Study 6:30 Youth Group	27 9:00 Women's Study	28 10:00 Men's Study	29
30 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship and Children's Church	31 Memorial Day					

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

March 9th Session report

Session minutes are available from the office

Avg March Attendance—41

Budget Summary - as of March 31, 2021

	Actual	Budgeted
March Income	13,011.40	13,109.00
March Expenses	17,108.52	17,194.48
YTD Income	38,816.87	39,027.00
YTD Expenses	45,833.89	48,276.78
YTD Net Income (loss)	(\$7,017.02)	

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

May Birthdays

- 1 Joan Pahl
- 6 Mary Lou Olson
- 12 Rhiney Axel
- 14 Karen Johnson
- 18 Angelina Holte
- 20 Scott Gallion
- 26 Matt Zieske
- 28 Lindsey Henry
- 28 Nadine Sagen
- 29 Ashley Patterson



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!

May Anniversaries



Matthew & Beth Pennertz 5/21

Your 2021 Elders/Deacons

Elders

- 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:

- 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

Key:

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

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

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

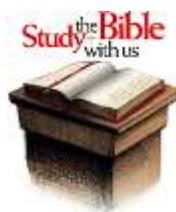
Riverside wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

[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

Ruth Tidd— 320-387-2980

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



Save the Date!

What: Riverside Church Picnic

When: June 27, 2021

Where: Watab Creek Park
7 Riverside Ave N, Sartell, MN

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Our Larger Community



A Shelter for Hope and Healing

Hello, Dear Friends and Supporters of Terebinth Refuge,

Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow! I am so excited to tell you that Terebinth Refuge now has PERMANENCY in our beautiful house we have been calling home for the last two years. Yes! The home that many of you have poured your hard work and donations into was purchased by a generous donor and will be leased back to us for FREE! We will share more about this donor in the future. There will be no rent payments expected. We cannot begin to tell you the joy and thankfulness we are feeling! Please join with us in celebrating this exciting news and our 2-year anniversary as of April 2nd. Enjoy our virtual tour at <http://tiny.cc/TerebinthRefuge2020>.

FAITH has been our theme for Terebinth Refuge this year. What I know is...God is Faithful, and He calls us to listen for Him and then walk out what He calls us to do. That is walking in Faith. As we walk in obedience, (which I believe is where joy is found), He is faithful to complete His plans in and around us. Even now, God is asking us all to walk in Faith as we seek His help to navigate the COVID-19 crisis. Who of us could have imagined this worldwide epidemic? But God knew, and He is with us during it! I also know that Terebinth Refuge was God's idea, and has been, and continues to be a walk of faith. Faith in what He told me He was going to do, faith to move forward when times are difficult, faith in believing He is able... "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us. To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20,21)

We continue to see how God uses all of you as faithful partners to Terebinth Refuge. Thank you so much for being an integral part of walking this faith journey with us. We could not do it without God or you!

Love, peace & prayers for our country,

Cynthia (CeCe) Terlouw Founder and



**Drive-Up Communion
at Riverside—
May 2, 12:00-1:00**

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 12:00-1:00 pm on May 2nd, 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.

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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 (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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