

# The River View

## Riverside

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September 2021

### From the Pastor—

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem,” says the psalmist. “May those who love you be secure” (Ps 122:6 NIV). While I would never want to discourage anyone from praying for the city our government officially recognized as the capital of Israel a few years ago, I do not think such a prayer exhausts the intent of this verse.

Throughout the psalms, Jerusalem is often referred to as Zion or Mt. Zion, for the hill on which the city was built and, originally, the name of the Jebusite fortress that David conquered to win the city. Zion points to something more than a city. It is where people go to meet with God (Ps 122:4), where God rules his people (Ps 122:5). Zion is the place God loved (Ps 78:68) and chose to dwell (Ps 132:13), where he reigns (Ps 50:2; 99:1; Isa 24:23).

The New Testament picks up on this spiritual concept of the city of God, describing Christian worship as presently occurring at “Mount Zion ... the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb 12:22). Believers are known as citizens of this Jerusalem above (Gal 4:26), which will one day be joined with a new earth and become our forever home (Rev 21–22).

From a whole-Bible perspective, then, praying for the peace of Jerusalem means to pray for the peace of the church wherever God has planted it. But because the church is still located in cities, we ought to pray for the places where the church is, especially where it is in hardship. Thus Jeremiah asks his readers to pray for the “peace and prosperity” of Babylon (Jer 29:7), as it is the home of God’s people during the exile. In 1 Timothy 2:1–2, the Apostle Paul similarly urges prayers for the political entities where believers seek to live “peaceful and quiet lives.”

I read today’s news with Psalm 122 ringing in my ears and feel an urge to pray for the peace of Afghanistan. We need to pray for believers who have no opportunity to leave, that God will protect them and their families. We need to pray for those seeking evacuation, whether Afghans or missionaries or other ex-pats, that they would find a safe way to a new home. We need to pray for Christ’s church to find opportunities to meet the needs around them in the name of Jesus. We need to pray for the emerging government of Afghanistan, that it would “hold no terror for those who do right” (Rom 13:3), especially Christians. And we need to pray that God’s kingdom would come in Afghanistan, where no human solutions are obvious to intractable problems that ultimately reside in human hearts. Lastly, we should pray for the churches throughout the world in communities that will be receiving people fleeing Afghanistan, that they may shine the light of Christ and respond with Christlike love that overcomes suspicion and apathy.

See [epconnection.org](http://epconnection.org) for prayers from EPC global workers for this situation.

Pastor Isaac

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# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 pm Women's Study	2 9:00 am Women's Study	3 10:00 am Men's Study	4
5 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship and Communion	6	7 6:30 Deacons	8 6:30 am Men's Study 12:00 RAYS 6:30 pm Women's Study 6:30 pm Youth Group	9 9:00 am Women's Study	10 10:00 am Men's Study	11
12 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship	13	14 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	15 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 pm Women's Study	16 9:00 am Women's Study	17 10:00 am Men's Study	18
19 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship	20	21	22 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 pm Women's Study 6:30 pm Youth Group	23 9:00 am Women's Study	24 10:00 am Men's Study	25
26 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship	27	28	29 6:30 am Men's Study	30 9:00 am Women'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—Ruth Tidd 320-387-2980

### No July Session report

June minutes are available from the office.

### Avg July Attendance—57

### Budget Summary - as of July 31, 2021

	Actual	Budgeted
July Income	25,537.54	26,909.00
July Expenses	15,283.05	19,878.15
YTD Income	126,669.32	124,963.00
YTD Expenses	106,937.46	122,099.38
YTD Net Income (loss)	19,731.86	

### Riverside Planned Mission Support - 2021

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

### September Birthdays

- 1 Kim Koopmeiners
- 2 Willem Zieske
- 4 Tod Paulson
- 6 Keith Koltes
- 7 Linda Christiansen
- 9 Beth Pennertz
- 11 Jim Swanson
- 16 Rose Johnson
- 17 Dave Jones
- 18 Dennis Woggon
- 21 Rick Petersen
- 24 Jessica Markgraf
- 29 Steve Umbarger
- 30 MayBelle Gordon



*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!*

### September Anniversaries



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|-----------------------|---------|
| Richard & Sharla Huls | 9/8/79  |
| Dave & Mary Grundahl  | 9/11/81 |
| Tod & Linda Paulson   | 9/14/74 |
| Chet & Karen Johnson  | 9/27/86 |

### 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

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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	

<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](http://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.

### 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](http://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

### Looking for New Volunteers!

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!



## Bible Studies

(at the church unless noted)

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

**Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study**  
Casket Empty  
6:30 p.m.—May-Sept 22—Gould House

**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.**

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has a full roster of Deacons to be submitted at the called congregational meeting on October 24th.

We are still looking for nominations for Elders to serve from 2022-2024. If you feel led to serve or would like to nominate someone, please contact Linda Paulson or Dave Jones.

A Huge Thank You to all of our VBS Volunteers!  
The kids all had a fun week learning to Trust Jesus on the Rocky Railway!

## Our Larger Community

### Hope Orphanage—Fontamara, Haiti

Haiti has certainly been having a rough year. Their location puts them in the line of fire for hurricanes and earthquakes, both of which have destructive consequences where infrastructure is poor. Add to this the disturbing and uncertain circumstances around the assassination of President Jovenal Moise, **and they're having a pretty rough time of it down in Haiti.**

As was mentioned in worship a few weeks ago, Hope Orphanage in Fontamara has not been affected by the earthquake, being a good distance away. Fortunately, the operations of the orphanage are also unaffected by political unrest in the country. Nevertheless, needs remain.

**We recently spoke with Brunard Michel, the orphanage's business manager about how things are going down there and what the needs are. Apart from the regular need for food and supplies, we spoke about the start of school and the children's need for uniforms, shoes, books, and school fees.** Hope Orphanage is committed to providing education for all the children. We were able to raise \$493.92 during VBS for this project, and we thank all who gave.

If you are interested in supporting the work of Hope Orphanage regularly, we invite you to set up a monthly sponsorship through our online giving page (\$38 recommended). Designated contributions through the Sunday offering are also welcome, though the biggest need is for regular donations.

You can find Online Giving to Hope Orphanage through our website—<https://secure.myvanco.com/YOCN/campaign/C-Z8QJ>

Drive-Up Communion  
at Riverside—  
September 5th,  
12:00—12:30 pm



**\*Please note updated time**

From **12:00—12:30 pm** on September 5th, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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