

# The River View

## Riverside

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November 2021

### From the Pastor—

At every year's General Assembly, commissioners are asked to serve on "standing committees," which are designed to split up some of the more routine business of the assembly for the sake of efficiency and to bring recommendations back to the main group. I have served in several different committees in my time, but the most interesting was probably when I served on the Memorials Committee in 2017. This committee is responsible for reading a list EPC teaching elders (pastors) and ruling elders (Session members) who went to be with the Lord during the past year.

While this might not seem like interesting work to you, it was a profound experience. In fact, the reading of memorials at General Assembly has consistently been one of my favorite parts of our gathering. I heard the same from another young pastor that same year. In between reading sections of the list (which usually totals 200 or so names), we pause and sing a verse of the hymn "For All the Saints."

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Each name represents a fellow believer who confessed Jesus' name, found strength in him to serve, and ended their course on earth trusting in "their one true Light." I find this legacy of faithfulness deeply encouraging.

I've been reflecting on this as we come up on a day not usually observed in Evangelical contexts, All Saints' Day (November 1). Originally, it was a day for remembering martyrs, those who had died defending the faith, who have always received special notice in the church. It was eventually expanded to include celebration of noteworthy "saints."

But the distinction between "saints" and "ordinary" Christians is not warranted by the New Testament. Paul routinely refers to all the Christians in a given city as "saints" (Greek: *hagioi*, "holy ones"). Even the children of believers he calls by the same word (1 Cor 7:14). A true remembrance of "all saints" would involve reflection on the lives and faith of all our forebears in the church, as in the hymn "For All the Saints."

We at Riverside have such a "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1) before us. Our particular worshipping community spans nearly 125 years of faithful witness in Sartell. I thank God for the pastors, elders, deacons, and volunteers who have served here, whose love for God and people made this church what it is today. As we give special attention to gratitude this November, let's remember with thanksgiving those who have served us faithfully at Riverside in years gone by. And let's not forget to show our appreciation to those who are still with us, whose love for God and this church has blessed many, many others.

Pastor Isaac

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# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 Deacons	3 6:30 am Men's Study 6:30 Youth Group (Riverside)	4 9:00 Women's Study Psalm 119 Week 9	5 10:00 Men's Study	6
7 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship and Communion	8	9 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	10 6:30 am Men's Study 12:00 RAYS 1:30 Grief Group 6:30 Youth Group (Harvest)	11 9:00 Women's Study Psalm 119 Final Week	12 10:00 Men's Study	13
14 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship	15	16	17 6:30 am Men's Study 1:30 Grief Group 6:30 Youth Group (Riverside)	18 9:00 Women's Study	19 10:00 Men's Study	20
21 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship  <b>Decorate Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas</b>	22	23	24 6:30 am Men's Study 1:00 Grief Group 6:30 Youth Group (Harvest)	25 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	26 	27
28 9 am Praise Team 10 am Worship <b>Advent week 1</b>	29	30				

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 and Fri 9:00-1:00  
 Treasurer—Mark Johansen 253-0786  
 Custodians—ServiceMaster (contact office)  
 Prayer Line—Ruth Tidd 320-387-2980

**September Session report**  
 Minutes are available from the office.

**Avg September Attendance— 71**

**Budget Summary - as of September 30, 2021**

	Actual	Budgeted
Sept. Income	10,397.79	12,009.00
Sept. Expenses	17,873.16	16,068.15
YTD Income	152,535.32	147,981.00
YTD Expenses	140,382.50	154,619.01
YTD Net Income (loss)	12,152.82	

**Riverside Planned Mission Support - 2021**

- Pregnancy Resource Center
- YFC—BRAID
- Haiti - Hope Orphanage
- EPC WO (Burdsall, Hamd, McKay)
- Chicago 7/20
- Arrive Ministries SENT
- Terebinth Refuge
- St. Cloud Christian School

**November Birthdays**

- 4 Sarah Justin
- 11 Acacia Pennertz
- 14 Roger Weihrauch
- 15 Bruce Glanzer
- 15 Owen Gould
- 23 Linda Farrell
- 24 Scott Holte
- 30 Mark Olson



*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!*

**November Anniversaries**



None

**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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- 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 Larger Community



The Philemon Project's GROW Early Childhood Development (ECD) Center and Adult Mentoring (AM) Program was founded to provide underserved Lebanese, migrant, and refugee children with the best possible early childhood development program, an approach that should significantly narrow race- and income-based achievement gaps. Additionally, we work to improve family situations by helping these children's parent(s) through our adult mentoring program.

Here is an excerpt from their recent newsletter:  
**Lebanon is in need of hope**

**A year ago in Beirut, one of the world's worst** accidents happened and caused a massive explosion. The city of Beirut was shattered, leaving over 200 dead and billions of dollars in damages. Today, Lebanon has still not recovered from the August 4th blast, and Beirut is gutted from the explosion and aftermath.

### Hope-Filled Announcement!

**On the explosion's first anniversary, we have** some hope-filled news to share. We are happy to announce that God has provided a property for us to replicate our early childhood development and adult mentoring ministry. The replication vision entails creating the same missional project as our Burj Hammoud facility, which has been very fruitful in impacting children and parents alike with the Gospel.

### Replicated New Site

This new site will not only allow us to replicate the early childhood development center, but our close cooperation with Resurrection Church Beirut will also allow a church to be planted in the same building. The building will include large airy classroom spaces, large outdoor play spaces, bathrooms, and a kitchen. These spaces will be used by the church plant as well.

### Phillemon Project cont. Fruitful Work

At The Philemon Project GROW center, our staff shares God's love in Jesus Christ with children and parents alike on a daily basis. Our children hear the name of Jesus scores of times a day. We engage the parents on a daily basis. Some of our families are now in Bible studies with Resurrection Church, **and in the new replicated site we'll have two RCB evangelists** (one from Lebanon and the other from Egypt) partnering with us as we share space with the church plant.

### Hope-Filled Project

This is an exciting time in the life of The Philemon Project! Our next goal is to renovate the facility. Thank you for your generosity in supporting The Philemon Project. Your giving comes at an unprecedented time and demonstrates what matters to Jesus — caring for those in need.

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.thephilemonproject.org/>

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### Dream Center "Shoeboxes of Love"

We will be collecting items to be donated to the **Dream Center's Shoeboxes of Love program** again this year. Donations can be dropped off anytime through December 5th. The youth group will be packaging them up after church that day and bringing them to the Dream Center. Items we need are: hygiene products (deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, comb, soap and shampoo), hats, socks, gloves, underwear, towels, washcloths, devotion books and empty large shoeboxes.

**Drive-Up Communion  
 at Riverside—  
 November 7, 12:00—12:30 pm**



From 12:00—12:30 pm on **November 7th**, 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

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320-428-5784 (cell)      Wed. 12:00-4:00  
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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)

**Rejoice** always,  
**pray** continually,  
**give thanks** in all  
circumstances;  
for this is God's  
will for you in  
Christ Jesus.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

### 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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