

# The River View

# Riverside

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## From the Pastor—"Sing"

The Bible does not give us a great deal of information about what life will be like after the resurrection and final judgment, but one thing that shows up frequently is *singing*. The Book of Revelation may as well be a musical for the frequency with which songs break out. From the innumerable multi-ethnic multitude of ch. 7 to the victorious saints of ch. 15, eternity thunders with the sounds of sung praise. I have no reason to think these scenes are merely symbolic: I fully expect that we will all unite in song in heaven. Some of the most moving experiences of my life have been times when I was swept up in singing with a huge number of fellow believers.

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The Sing! Conference that I attended with my wife and seven others from Riverside in September was a foretaste of heaven in that way. Of course, singing with thousands of other Christians was not the sole reason for traveling to Nashville; the conference had plenty to offer for all of us in seven plenary sessions and dozens of seminars covering every conceivable aspect of church music from history to technology and more. The three values enumerated at the start by organizers Keith and Kristyn Getty were (1) deep theology, (2) vibrant artistry, and (3) helping families and churches sing.

We are privileged to be living at a time when so much good music is being written for the church. One of the great blessings of the Sing! Conference was getting to hear from people serving in local **churches who resonate with the values above but due to the nature of their work don't get recording contracts and end up on the radio.** We were greatly encouraged to hear what creative, theologically-minded people with a heart for the local church are coming up with. You can expect to hear some of these new songs making their way into the worship services eventually.

As we strive for excellence in our Sunday worship, it can be hard sometimes to keep up with **unfamiliar music. To help increase familiarity, we have been posting Sunday's songs on the [Riverside Facebook page](#), and we will soon be giving titles in the bulletin in case you'd like to look up the songs and listen at home or in the car.** We especially encourage families to sing together—for us, this has often been as simple as pulling up a YouTube video of whatever song we had in mind and singing **along. (It's amazing what's out there!)**

We sing because we want the word of Christ to dwell in us richly (Col 3:16). We sing because, as **Ligon Duncan pointed out at the conference, "Sing" is the command given to God's people more often than any other in the Bible!** We sing to grow in our faith—expressing our emotions, stimulating our memory, and fixing truths about God in our hearts. **Together, let us "sing of the LORD's great love forever" (Psalm 89:1)!**

Pastor Isaac

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 Deacons	3 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 6:30 pm Helping Hands 6:30-Nehemiah Study 6:30 Youth at HF(7th+)	4 9:00 am WBS	5 9:00 am MBS	6
7 9am Wor Team 10 worship/ communion 11:20 SS	8	9 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	10 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) Noon—RAYS 6:30 Nehemiah Study 6:30 Youth at Riverside (5th+)	11 9:00 am WBS	12 9:00 am MBS	13
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21 9am Wor Team 10 worship 11:20 SS	22	23 6:30 Family Ministry	24 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 6:30 Nehemiah Study 6:30 Youth at Riverside (5th+)	25 9:00 am WBS	26 9:00 am MBS	27 Sartell Craft Sale 10-1:30 SFX gym
28 9am Wor Team 10 worship 11:15 *Called Cong meeting 11:20 SS	29	30	31 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) 6:30 Nehemiah Study 6:30 Youth TBD			

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

## Youth

Our Youth will continue to partner with Harvest Fellowship in October, alternating locations between Riverside and Harvest. The weeks we are at home, 5th grade on up is welcome, at Harvest it's 7th on up.

**Matthew Pennertz**  
Riverside Church Youth Director  
320-405-8212  
[matthew\\_pennertz@hotmail.com](mailto:matthew_pennertz@hotmail.com)  
[riversideepc.org](http://riversideepc.org)

**3 Week Adult Sunday School Class**  
Teaching Purity to the Next Generation  
October 14, 21, 28 from 11:20-12:00

See page 5 for details

**Brief Congregational Meeting**  
October 28\* following worship  
to elect Deacons and Elders for 3 year  
terms beginning in January, 2019

\*tentative date

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

### October Birthdays

- 5 Calvin Gould
- 6 Deb Johansen
- 6 Bob Koopmeiners
- 7 Etta Rudolph
- 9 Frank Gabrelcik
- 9 Moses Braswell
- 11 Matthew Pennertz Jr
- 12 Dave Grundahl
- 15 Sue Easterlund
- 16 Judy Hitchcock
- 19 Jax Gerber
- 19 Mary Grundahl
- 23 Kiera Westlund
- 25 Elaine Rogers
- 30 Mark Johansen



*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!*



### October Anniversaries

- Matt & Ally Westlund 10/1
- Adam & Ashley Patterson 10/9
- Frank & Kathy Gabrelcik 10/23
- Joe & Andrea Hanson 10/25
- Greg & Jennifer Easterlund 10/26

### Stated Session Meeting—September 18, 2018

Minutes are available from the office on request.

### August 2018 Stewardship/Worship Summary

Sunday	Offering	Attendance
Aug. 5	1,835.00	85
12	2,625.00	86
19	2,978.25	101
26	3,811.50	89
Online	3,365.36	
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>14,615.11</b>	<b>Avg 90</b>

**General Fund** as of 8/31/18

REC Checking Acct (EOM)	39,971.01
Debit card account	189.21
Petty Cash	58.03
<b>TOTAL General Fund</b>	<b>40,218.25</b>

**Special Accounts**

General Savings Acct	84,121.10
Barnabus Acct	6,853.08
Development Fund	11,615.52
Haiti Fund	16,319.87
Projects/Memorial Account	16,544.52
Gordon Scholarship fund	40,934.71
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	<b>176,388.80</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>216,607.05</b>

**Designated Gifts—August 2018**

Memorial Fund	\$2,000.00
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**Missions Disbursements—August 2018**

Pregnancy Resource Center -	291.66
YFC—BRAID	166.67
JWM June	100.00
EPC WO (Burdshall) - June	200.00

### Your 2018 Elders/Deacons

- Elders:** Responsibility Areas
- Matthew Pennertz (16-18) (F, B) 320-492-1976
  - Linda Paulson (16-18) (A, M) 320-252-7210
  - Deb Johansen (18) (FM, W) 320-253-0786
  - Dave Jones (17-19) (WC, N) 320-267-1054
  - Mark Olson (17-19) (WC, P) 320-252-7242
  - Dennis Woggon (17-19) (FM, A, N) 320-393-2709
  - Joe Newhouse (18-20) (F, B) 320-469-1038
  - Rick Petersen (18-20) (W, P) 320-774-5006

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

- Deacons:**
- Deb Koltes (16-18) (RS,MM) 320-253-3763
  - Ruth Tidd (16-18) (DL,FL,T) 320-387-2980
  - Jess Markgraf (18) (CS) 320-291-3109
  - Scott Gallion (17-19) (UG,CP) 320-202-9655
  - Cindy Glanzer (17-19) (V, T) 320529-8636
  - Jay Blomquist (18-19) (UG) 320-229-2766
  - Josh Mumme (18-20) (CH, CP) 320-266-7101
  - Stephen Pennertz (18-20) (S,H) 320-237-1445
  - Nadine Sagen (18-20) (V) 320-980-9395

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](http://SignupGenius.com) or click here to volunteer as a [Sunday Servant!](#)



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](http://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!

October/November 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.



## Bible Studies

(at the church unless noted)

### Wed. Morning Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. weekly—Sartell Perkins

### Wed. Evening Nehemiah Study

6:30 pm. Through Nov. 7  
Childcare available

### Thurs. Morning Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—Sept-May

Current Study - "The Lord's Prayer"  
by Albert Mohler

### Fri. Morning Men's Bible Study



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— 387-2980

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

### In-Home Communion offered

In-Home Communion will be offered for those who are homebound and unable to attend worship. Please contact Pastor Isaac to make arrangements for a visit.

### 3 Week Adult Sunday School Class

### "Teaching Purity to the Next Generation"

October 14, 21, 28 from 11:20-12:00

Come join us as we share about teaching our children about God's plan for sexual purity and why it's important to start earlier than one might think. You will also learn about many great resources to help in this process. This class is not just for parents - it's for grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. We can all have an impact on the next generation.  
Class is led by Todd & Lisa Myra.

Ongoing Adult Fellowship Opportunities

R A Y S

R.A.Y.S.—Riverside Always Young Seniors—  
2nd Wednesday at Noon. If you've retired (or just have your lunch hour free!) join us for a potluck lunch and fellowship each month. New members are always welcome!

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* - Currently about eight men are 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 Study* - This study meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM. (Sept—May) Donuts and coffee are served as we study the Bible together. Men of all ages are welcome.

Contact: Wally Hitchcock (320) 253-7724.

Women's Opportunities

*Thursday Bible Study* - On Thursdays at 9:00 AM (September-May) several women meet here for a time of prayer and Bible study. This study is offered from fall through spring - all women are welcome.

Contact: Ruth Tidd (320) 387-2980.

*Helping Hands* meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Treats provided. Women of all ages and life stages are welcome.

Riverside's We Care team would appreciate your input on members or regulars that might need or appreciate a visit from one of our team members. Contact Mark Olson or one of the We Care team members: Ruth Tidd, Nadine Sagen, Dave Jones, Judith Loudon, MayBell Gordon.

In the Area—



Love working with kids? Have time to spare?  
Please call to learn more about

Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program!

Adults age 55 and over can receive an hourly tax-free stipend (\$2.65/hour) for volunteering 15 hours per week, or more if they wish, at local schools and Head Starts. Volunteers help children with activities, reinforce learning, help with art projects, and more. This is a great opportunity if you have time to spare, love to be with children, and could use some **extra non-taxable income.**

For more information, please call Sara at



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Our church subscription to the studies on Rightnow Media continues to be available for all of you to use. There are hundreds of studies and children's content on RightNow-Media.

As part of Riverside's membership, anyone in our congregation is eligible for a free account.

If you haven't signed up for your free account yet, and would like to do so, please contact Pastor Isaac or the office to get the required invitation link sent to you.

**Sartell Churches Craft and Bake Sale**

Saturday, October 27th  
10:00—1:30

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

Our Helping Hands group works from June through October in preparation for this major fundraiser sponsored by the churches of Sartell. Come start your holiday shopping and enjoy the traditional chicken wild rice soup!

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Riverside      St. Francis Xavier      The Waters*

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## Office Hours

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320-428-5784 (cell)      Wed. 12:00-4:00  
[pastor@riversideepc.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@RiversideEPC.org)  
Tuesday-Friday      9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
(additional hours possible with prior arrangement)

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### 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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