



# Rush River Reminder

## October 2017

**Worship Service @ 10:30 AM ~ Sunday School @ 9:15 AM**

## **Thoughts from Pastor Dave:**

I want to share this with you. My brother Mons and I grew up on a farm in Iowa. Mons was a great encourager to me, as well as mentor and friend. I always value his thoughts and insights. Now we, like many other families, are going through this thing called cancer. I would like to share what he has written.

**"We are thankful on a daily basis for friends, prayers and the presence of God in our lives.**

**Shirley and I repeat the prayer included in our worship books. It is our companion on this health journey and a renewed sense of our mortality.**

**'Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden,  
through perils unknown.  
give us faith to go out with good courage,  
not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us  
and your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Amen.'**

**We invite you to pray the hymn prayer with us that is included in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship book (Hymn #617). It is our prayer during these weeks and months. It is a good model for all of us.**

**'We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind and soul.  
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.'**

**As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,  
come risen Christ among us still with pow'r to heal again.**

**You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.**

**When nights are long with wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,  
Grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.**

**We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,  
In trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.'**

**We live in hope and faith. As we receive Eucharist every Sunday, one of the prayers after receiving Communion is encouraging: ‘We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.’”**

Mons gives us hope even as he walks through this stressful time. We do not know what the here and now holds. We do know a loving God holds the hereafter. In the meantime, I remind God that there is still an old Pastor that needs his brother's friendship and mentoring.

Pastor Dave

On Sunday, October 29, five young people from Rush River Lutheran Church will be confirmed: Jayda Anderson, Tarhia Davis, Brady Gordon, Taylor Kasten and Brinley Kugel. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.



## Council Corner ~ October 2017



I have always enjoyed the rich history of our church, and we are thankful that almost six generations ago in 1855 pioneers to the area consecrated the ground on which a church would be built still known today as Rush River.

Within the past year the Cemetery Board, as happens often, received a request, this time from a lady named Lisa Peterson Moschkau of Cold Springs, Minnesota hoping to find the grave of her great-great grandmother, Mari Olsdatter Berge. What is of significance here is that Mari Olsdatter died in 1855 and was the first person to be laid to rest in our cemetery. Our church history records, therefore, have quite a bit of information about the circumstances surrounding the first burial at Rush River and that information is available in the history booklets celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. Lisa had similar information concerning her great-great grandmother so it is obvious that the family and Rush River had shared information at an earlier date.

Mari Olsdatter Berge and her husband Peter and their five children immigrated from Norway in 1849 and lived for a time in Jefferson County, Wisconsin before loading up the family and possessions and traveling by oxcart to Martell Township in 1855. Tragically, Mari died giving birth that same year to a baby, which survived.

The following paragraph comes from another descendant of the family and speaks to the importance and significance of the founding of this church:

"My great grandfather wanted his wife to have a Christian burial. A plot of ground about ten miles north (at what is now North Rush River Lutheran Church) had been consecrated that past summer. There were no roads so they followed an Indian trail and the Rush River until they reached the cemetery. She was the first white Christian woman buried there. I am sure some kind of marker was placed on her grave but no trace of it has been found."

Note: "North Rush River" is incorrect location.

Our cemetery map had no record of the actual gravesite either, and a problem with just going out and looking at old gravestones hoping to find a grave is that many of the old limestone markers are too weathered and worn to read. Family records did note that the stone might be broken, however, so we did have one clue. Well, a barely legible broken stone with the name of Mari Olsdatter was found at the very crest of the hill straight back from where a church would someday be built.

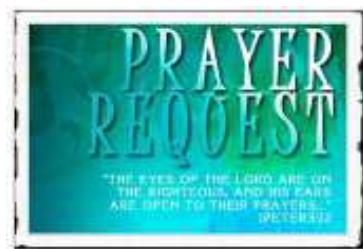
We will now include the grave on the new cemetery map presently being made, but it will not be long before the writing on the stone is lost forever. It would be nice if in some way this historically significant grave of this young mother of six, whose husband somehow gained a degree of peace by burying his wife in the consecrated ground of Rush River, could be more permanently noted.

Cemetery Board members are Barry Danielson, Jerid Peterson, Tim Wells and myself and any of us could show you the grave and stone if you are interested.

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST, Don

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**Remembering our friends and family in prayer:** Adelaide Boettcher, Edna Christenson, Betty DeRoy (Carol Bennett's sister-in-law), Betty Monicken, Ellen Monicken-Knuth, Gene Nelson, Mark Nelson, Evan Peterson, Wayne Ramberg, Arnie Roen, the family and friends of Roger Swenson, Pat Swenson, Steve & Roberta Sylla, Angie Symanietz and Mons Teig



If you would like your name added, or to add anyone else to our list, please call Kathy Swenson at 715-425-6046 or see the church website at [rushriverlutheran.org/prayer-request](http://rushriverlutheran.org/prayer-request).

# October 2017 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SS: 9:15 am; Worship: 10:30 am; Coffee & Con-versation, 11:30 AM	2 Men in Mission 6:30 PM	3 SCV Pastor's Conference, Wilson Lutheran, Wilson	4 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation, 5:45 PM; 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation, 6:30 PM	5 Quilters, 9 AM	6	7
8 SS: 9:15 am; Friends of RR Mtg, 9:30 am; Worship: 10:30 am; Coffee & Conversation, 11:30 AM	9	10 Council Mtg, 6:30 PM	11 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation, 5:45 PM; 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation, 6:30 PM	12	13	14 Peace Circle, 9 AM @ church, Jane Nolte, hostess
15 SS: 9:15 am, Christmas Program Practice begins; Worship: 10:30 am; Coffee & Con-versation, 11:30 AM	16	17 Endowment Board Mtg	18 Confirmation @ Hope Luth., RF: Meal, followed by Rick Steves' Reformation video (All are welcome)	19	20 Newsletter items due	21
22 Sunday School: 9:15 am; Worship: 10:30 am; Coffee & Con-versation, 11:30 AM	23	24	25 9 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Supper, 6 PM w/families; NO 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Conf.	26	27	28
29 Sunday School: 9:15 am; Worship: 10:30 am – Confirmation Sunday	30	31			Pastor Dave's office hours: Wed & Thurs; 10 – 1:30 10 am-12	Linda's office hours: Wed & Thurs, 10 – 1:30

## Worship Leaders in October

	Readers	Communion Assistant	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Preparation
Oct 1	Ione Hayes	Bob Kotz	Bob & Kathy Swenson	Kugel Family	Toni Lubich & Wanda Wells
Oct 8	Sunday School Students		Gary & Susie Mead	Kugel Family	
Oct 15	Toni Lubich	Bob Kotz	Dianne Erickson	Kelly Ebbens, Annette Kelly, Toni Lubich, Roberta Sylla,	Toni Lubich & Wanda Wells
Oct 22	Dennis Friese		Carol Bennett & Gene Larson	Kelly Ebbens, Annette Kelly, Toni Lubich, Roberta Sylla	
Oct 29	Karen Knutson	Bob Kotz	Toni Lubich & Audrey Berseng	Kelly Ebbens, Annette Kelly, Toni Lubich, Roberta Sylla	Toni Lubich & Wanda Wells

Thank you to Roberta Sylla for baking communion bread for the month of October!

Thank you to Ariel Stephan for faithfully ringing the church bell!!

## **August Income: \$8,332.75**

## **August Expenses: \$9,449.69**

**Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments or for more information if you would like any.**      Roberta Sylla, Treasurer

The council made the decision to repay another \$2,000.00 to the loan from the Endowment Fund. Our outstanding balance is now \$4,000.00.

Thank-you to everyone who donated to the ELCA World Hunger Program. The total collected and sent was \$728.05. We also collected \$25.00 towards the Hurricane Response program. Thank you!



## **Memorial Gifts**

We are very fortunate to have received the following memorials which were used towards the new lighting in the kitchen, with the families' approval:

In memory of Paul Chapin: \$100.00

In memory of Margaret Ramberg: \$500.00

Rush River Lutheran Church would like to thank both of these families for sharing the memorials! It is greatly appreciated!!



A memorial service for Howard Christenson  
was held at Rush River Lutheran on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

A funeral service for Roger Swenson was held at Rush River Lutheran  
on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## New Reformation Symphony with the Minnesota Orchestra



November 3, 4, 5, 2017  
More information available at  
[www.minnesotaorchestra.org](http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org).



**Please submit your news items to the office by email or drop them in the basket on the office desk! November newsletter items are due by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!**



## **Sunday School News**

**Sunday School students will begin practice for their Christmas Program on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.**



## **Confirmation Schedule for October**

- \*Wednesday, October 4 at RRLC, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 5:45 & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:30 PM
  - \*Wednesday, October 11 at RRLC, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 5:45 & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:30 PM
  - \*Wednesday, October 18 at Hope Lutheran, River Falls: Meal at 6 PM,  
followed by Rick Steves' Reformation video showing. Confirmation students  
are requested to attend with their families.
  - \*Wednesday, October 25: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Supper with families, 6 PM.  
No 7<sup>th</sup>/8th Grade Confirmation on this date.
  - \*Sunday, October 29: Confirmation Sunday

**The Pierce County WIC Project is a Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) that supplies qualifying families with nutrition counseling, referrals to needed community services, and free healthy foods. For more information, contact Pierce County WIC at 715-273-6758. More information is available on the church bulletin board.**

# **SAVE YOUR EMPTY PILL BOTTLES**

Bring your clean, empty, plastic medicine containers to church. Please remove the label as best as possible. They can be left on the donation table by the elevator. Myren and Karen Cowles will get them where they need to go. If there are any questions, their phone number is 715-441-5921. The Roberts Lions Club and 3 area Village Pharmacies in Baldwin and Glenwood City will get them to Matthew 25 Ministries.

<http://www.evansburqumc.com/ministries/outreach/matthew-25-empty-pill-bottle-recycling/>

In developing countries, medicines – when actually obtainable – are often dispensed into bags.

In developing countries, medicines often actually substances are often dispensed into hand, plastic, leaves or any other available container. Matthew 25 Ministries accepts donations of basic medical supplies such as empty pill bottles to help improve health care quality in developing nations. Donations of clean, unlabeled pill bottles help the poorest of the poor in many ways: Medicine can be distributed in sterile containers. Pill bottles that are not appropriate for shipping are recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25:Ministries' programs.

This plastic recycling program keeps thousands of bottles out of landfills each year. Placing a nickel, dime or quarter in each pill bottle helps with shipping costs to send the bottles to developing countries.

**Matthew 25: Ministries** accepts the following types of empty pill bottles:

## Prescription pill bottles

## Large and small pill bottles

## Pill bottles with and without child resistant caps

Over-the-counter pill bottles.

# HOW you can **HELP**

You can help improve the quality of health care in hospitals and health clinics in developing countries by saving and donating basic medical supplies such as pill bottles

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Wow! What a successful Fall Dinner! Thanks to those who did the planning, providers of food, and all of you that served and waited on tables, and of course, all the clean-up! You gave it an upbeat feeling and the comments were very good. Good job, **Rush River Lutheran!!**

Pastor Dave & Dixie

# Harvest Dinner & Country Store

## Thank you!

A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone that helped in any way with the Harvest Dinner & Country Store!

### Endowment Presentation during Worship October 8

In case you were unable to join in earlier, the Endowment Board will show a "condensed" version of their Powerpoint presentation during the worship service on October 8.

The presentation will give general information about the Endowment, including how it supports Rush River Lutheran and goals for the future!

The Endowment



Mission | Vision | Growth

*Join us for*  
**Coffee &**  
*Conversation*

Please take a look and sign-up for providing the hospitality for a Sunday morning - there is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter. Perhaps sign-up as a ministry group you are part of or team up with a friend?

## Hospitality

Consider yourselves "at home" and part of the "family"! Come on down for Coffee & Conversation after worship - enjoy refreshments and relax for a little while with friends.

### Sunday School 2nd Sundays!

The 2nd Sunday of the each month is our S.O.S. Sunday, otherwise known as our Sundays of Service!

On October 8th, we will be making Prayer Cards!

After the opening, we meet together in the fellowship hall to explain and complete our S.O.S. project. Parents and other grown-ups are welcome and encouraged to attend!





# Friends of Rush River Lutheran Church

## Christmas Card 2017 FUNDRAISER

Friends of Rush River, formerly known as Healthy Communities, was established in 1997. It is an active organization of women of Rush River Lutheran Church, whose goal is to provide outreach to those in need and to provide support for Rush River Church activities.

Friends of RR collect and distribute donations of food, clothing, school

supplies, and items for Lutheran World Relief. Based on fundraisers, monetary donations are made to organizations which include Grace Place, Turningpoint, and Our Neighbor's Place. Funds are also used to address individual needs in the community.

Friends of Rush River also organize the Confirmation Dinner, Christmas

caroling, the Annual Silent Auction, and other activities.

All are welcome to join as an active member or assist as needed to help us "Reach Out in Love" to better our community and be a voice for our congregation.

Please contact Toni Lubich if you are interested in joining this group. 715-220-8051

### Again this year, Friends of Rush River...

Are offering you the chance to take care of your Christmas Cards. Simply choose one of three card designs, fill out the name/greeting description, fill out the form and turn in along with money. There will be two deadlines, November 1st and December 1st. This will give the designer time to create your card and place the orders as a group.

### Prices

|          |         |            |                |
|----------|---------|------------|----------------|
| 25 ..... | \$17.00 | 100 .....  | \$68.00        |
| 50 ..... | \$34.00 | 100+ ..... | Call for quote |
| 75 ..... | \$51.00 |            |                |

4x8 Cards with white envelopes, prices include design.

Cards will be delivered to church for pick up.

Make checks payable to: Friends of Rush River

Early Deadline: November 1

Late Deadline: December 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Style of Cards: A B C D E F (circle one)

Amount of Cards (groups of 25) \_\_\_\_\_

Total of Order: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo Instructions:** If your photos are digital, please e-mail them to lisalechristensen@gmail.com. If photos are hard copies, please submit with your order. Your photos will be returned with your card order.

Please write names/message how you want it to appear on your cards.

Please contact Lisa Christensen with questions. Proofs will be sent to you via email.

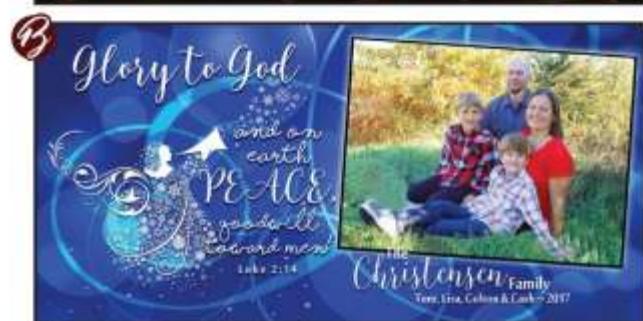
715-307-5049 or lisalechristensen@gmail.com



Friends of Rush River Lutheran Church

# Christmas Card 2017 FUNDRAISER

## CARD CHOICES



Each of these Christmas Cards can be set up with up to **2 PHOTOS** and a **PERSONAL GREETING**. Please fill out the first page of this form. If you have any questions about your order or your photos, please feel free to contact Lisa Christensen.

*Thank you for supporting  
Friends of Rush River Lutheran Church!*



## Opportunities for Outreach

Friends of Rush River will be collecting winterwear for kids age infant to 18 years, and distributing them through Basics for Local Kids, PO Box 61, Ellsworth, WI 54011. Adult winterwear is needed for the older teenagers. Cash donations are tax-deductible and may be sent to that address, donated on-line at [www.BasicsForLocalKids.org.](http://www.BasicsForLocalKids.org.), or given to a member of Friends of Rush River. Please bring items to church and leave by the donation table. Thank you for once again as we Reach Out in Love.



### **Trinity Lutheran Church Fall Supper and Bazaar**

**1250 Broadway Street, Hammond, WI**

**Thursday, October 5, from 4:00-6:30 PM**

**Serving: Hot Turkey and Gravy on Biscuits, Corn, Coleslaw, Pickles, Milk, Coffee and Homemade Desserts**

**Free Will Offering**

**Craft Tables, Baked Goods, Preserves and Produce**



**Words cannot express how we have appreciated the prayers, cards, thoughts, visits, food, etc. Especially our family and people from Rush River, Pastor Dave and Dixie for their prayers and regular visits which we so looked forward to. Thank you, everyone!**

**Love,**

**Arnold & Evie**

**Clinical Services Center @ UW-Stout offers affordable individual, couple and family therapy services and education assessment services.**  
**Brochures are available on the church bulletin board.**

"While bringing communion to a member at a residential care facility, I was greeted by one of the nursing staff who recognized me as the pastor of the congregation where she'd recently brought some residents to worship. She remarked, 'Pastor, you look much different in your clothes!'"

**David D. Olson  
Sandpoint, ID**

From *Laughing with Lutherans*

Edited by Julie B. Sevig

### **GODSTOCK 2017**

**Where: Metropolis Resort, Eau Claire, WI**

**Band: Lightswitch**

**Featuring: Synod Youth Board**

**Cost: \$85/Participant**

**Theme: Pray More – Worry Less**

**Speakers: Missy & Andrew Rock**

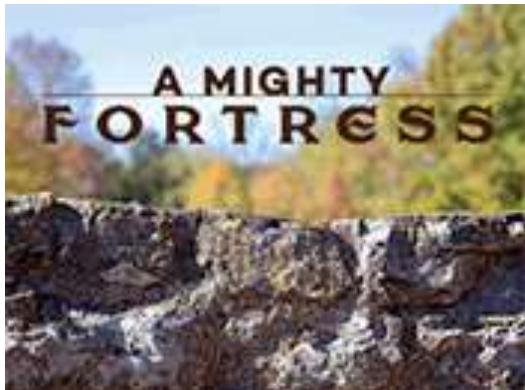
**When: Nov. 10-12**

**Register: September 1 – October 27**

**For more info/to register: SYBNW.ORG**

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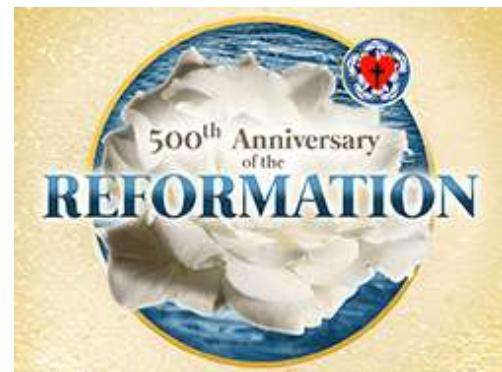
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Worship Service 10:30 AM ~ Sunday School 9:15 AM

Confirmation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

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Church: 715-684-3701



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