



Rush River Weekly Worship & News Sunday, April 11, 2021 ~ Easter Sunday

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ALL indoor services/activities/events are cancelled until further notice.

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Second Sunday of Easter (Using the ELW hymnal)

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Absolution:

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn: "Thine Is the Glory" ~ ELW #376

1.) Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!

2.) No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan. (Refrain)

Word

First Reading – Acts 4:32-35 ~ Paula Knutson, Reader (?)

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading - 1 John 1:1-2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

✠ **Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia.* Blessed are those who have not seen* and yet have come to believe. *Alleluia.* (John 20:29)

✠ **Gospel** – John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

April 11, Second Sunday of Easter ~ Sermon by Pastor Dave

I think most of us can sympathize with the disciples. I don't think we would have acted any different, at least I don't think I would have. John's gospel says, "On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together, with the doors locked in fear of the Jewish leaders." I think they had a good reason, and I would have, too. When you see that your best friend, teacher, and master has been crucified, you don't need a very big imagination to think that you might be next. Even though there had been reports that he had been resurrected, they were still wondering what that meant. So, they went into hiding during the cover of night, secretly, behind locked doors. We like to think that Easter Sunday would solve all the disciple's fears and doubts. It did not. Over the fifty days after Easter, until the day of Pentecost, the disciples had to figure out what would be the reality for them of the resurrection. Experiencing new life did not just happen overnight. It doesn't happen that way now, either. In the midst of their fear and confusion, Christ came to them. Think of it, the doors were locked, he came and stood among them. You wonder if this doesn't say something about the new resurrected body, where walls were no obstacle to him. It also instructs us that no matter what walls and doors we hide behind, Jesus is able to come to us with his loving care. He's able to reach behind the walls where we have hidden ourselves. He's able to dispel our fears and meet us right at the point of our need. Nothing is too difficult for him. Jesus didn't wait until they were no longer afraid, he came to them amidst their confusion and fear.

Years ago, Scottish writer Ralph Turnbull told a scary story that took place during World War I. In 1918, a destroyer carried the British Prime Minister, Lloyd George, from France to England. The weather during the crossing was frightful, and when they reached Dover, the conditions were so bad, even in the harbor, that they could not get alongside the docks. So, they sent for a small motor boat called a launch to carry the Prime Minister to shore. The only problem was how to get him from the destroyer to the launch. The

destroyer was rolling alarmingly, and there was danger of him falling into the sea. What they did was to station five men on the launch. The Prime Minister was led to the gangway, and the officer in charge told him that at the word "Go," he was to step forward and release his hold. So, he waited. The ship rolled down the next swell until the upper edge of the side of the boat was almost submerged. When the ship had reached the limit of her bow, the officer shouted, "Go!" And the Prime Minister stepped forward and let go. He fell directly into the small boat below and was caught as neatly and surely as if he were a baseball in a center fielder's hand. He was safe because he trusted the officer's word.

I can't think of a more perfect picture of faith than that. It means letting go and trusting ourselves completely to the promises of God. When the disciples were cowering behind locked doors, Jesus stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. Needless to say, the disciples were ecstatic when they saw the Lord. It wasn't Christ's words that reassured his disciples, but his presence. It was knowing he was alive. Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote, "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow." This is true of all of us. If we know within our hearts that Christ lives, we can walk with confidence regardless of our situation. Elizabeth Kubler Ross, who was the closest thing to an expert we've had on death and ministering to the dying, showed a group of seminary students a drawing that a child had made. The child had terminal cancer but refused to talk to anyone, withdrawing behind a wall of silence. The only communication offered by this child was through his drawings. This particular drawing that she showed to the class had a beautiful little cottage off to the side of the paper. Above the cottage was a bright and brilliant sun shining. Surrounding the cottage was a beautiful lawn with flowers and trees. In front of the cottage was a family of four; a mother, a father, and two children at play. In the center of the paper stood a tiny figure facing a large army tank, which was bearing down upon him, about to run him down. Obviously, the tiny figure represented the tiny child who saw himself helpless before a gigantic force which was about to destroy him. Dr. Ross asked the seminary students, "How could you help this child communicate his fears, how could you offer him comfort?" Two students answered her challenge. One student drew a picture of a figure holding a stop sign in front of the tank. This did nothing to soothe the child when it was shown to him. The second seminarian drew another person in the picture. And the person was doing nothing more, nothing less, than simply standing by the little child who was facing the gigantic force, holding the hand of the child. That broke the wall of silence and enabled the child to finally pour out all of his pent-up feelings. All the little fellow needed was to know someone was with him. He wasn't alone.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked in fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After this, he showed them his hands and side. They knew they were no longer alone. The situation was still serious, and their lives were still in danger. But they would not have to face it alone. Christ was with them. That's the good news. Someone is beside us, holding our hand. No matter what the force may be against us, we will prevail. The Lord is alive, he will not forsake us. "Because he lives, we can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone." If we are smart, we will find peace in the presence of the risen Christ.

Berry Klop talks about a trip to an amusement park he and his wife took with his son Matthew when Matthew was quite small. After riding several kiddie rides, Matthew wanted to try the rocket ride, which was quite scary. Sitting in the seat, Berry tucked Matthew safely between his knees, and off they went. As the rocket twirled through the sky, Matthew whimpered a little and said, "Hold me, Daddy." Once he leaned against his father's arms, he relaxed and even wanted to ride the rocket ride again. After that experience, says Berry, whenever he himself faced something new and frightening in his life, he found himself whispering to his Heavenly Father, "Please hold me," just as his son had asked to hold him. Berry reports that as soon as he became aware of God's presence, he could relax and even begin to enjoy himself. This is the true secret of peace within. Maybe it's time we quit running. Maybe it's time we nestled ourselves in the arms of our Heavenly Father. Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said, "Peace be with you!" Jesus wants his followers to have peace. Peace is our greatest need. Peace comes when we lean on the arms of our Heavenly Father. Peace comes as we share the peace with those around us. As Jesus says to us each and every day, "Peace be with you!" Amen.

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! ~ ELW #382

1.) Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears; bowing down in joy before him, rising p from grief and tears.

Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead!

2.) Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall! We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all. All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. (Refrain)

Nicene Creed: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others (*specific needs may be named*). Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community (*name*). Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy (*especially*). Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

Offering: Please consider making your offering online at <https://rushriverlutheran.org/give/> or mail your offerings to Rush River Lutheran, N8623 County Rd Y, River Falls, WI 54022

✠ **Offertory Prayer:** God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

✠ **Words of Institution**

Distribution/Communion

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

****In our prayers:** Dave Anderson, Norma Anderson, Barb Hoyt, Gary Johnson, Sonia Kotz, the family of Betty Moniken, Evan Peterson and Jane Swenson. (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.) (Norma is dealing with back pain; Lisa asked that cards to be sent to her to brighten her day. Norma's address is: 1425 East 7th St., St. Paul, MN 55106.)



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From the Cemetery Board

We are accepting bids to mow the RRLC cemetery lawn. Bids should be submitted by April 15th. You may contact Tim Wells if interested. Mail: 1665 18th Ave., Hammond, WI 54015; or call 715-684-9995.



Each household will receive 1 large box of assorted food items.

John Coughlin Food & Resource Center
FREE Food Distribution
(COVID Food Assistance Program)
Open to households that are in need.
April 22, 2021; 11 am – 1 pm (while supplies last)
Pierce County Fairgrounds: 364 N Maple St., Ellsworth, WI East entrance



“From Fear to Freedom”

“The disciples had good reason to be afraid. Their teacher, perceived as a threat to social, political, and religious order, had just been crucified; now with rumors swirling about his mysterious resurrection, it wasn’t clear if Jesus’ followers would face the same dire fate on a cross. Today, most of us, fortunately, can live without fear regarding when and where we are able to worship. At the same time, when we take a moment to look at the world around us, it doesn’t take long to notice what a strong influence fear has on our lives.

Fear not of things like tornadoes or spiders or bats, but rather fear of things that keep our hearts closed off from others and God and that keep our truest selves locked up inside. As it was for the disciples in today’s reading, our unaddressed fears can get in the way of our recognizing what Jesus is doing in our midst. They turn us in toward ourselves rather than outward toward those who could be blessed by our gifts and who need our care and love. They keep us from growing in our relationship with God and as the people God has created us to be.

Although it can be scary to acknowledge our fear of being inadequate or of losing control or of being alone, or whatever our deepest fear may be, when we do, that’s when something powerful can happen. A sense of peace and joy is never far away. Not only are we released from our fear, but giving voice to our fears can set others free from theirs as well.

When Jesus appeared to those first disciples locked together behind closed doors, he came offering peace, and he breathed on them the Holy Spirit. In that moment their lives were changed—forever, and for good. The same is true for us when we dare to surrender our fears to God and embrace God’s future for us with courage.”

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**COVID-19 one year later
and the needs are still staggering.**

The reports I’m getting from our global COVID-19 response teams are troubling. More than a year after the start of the pandemic, the needs are still colossal. And our resources to respond are quickly depleting.

Too many children, women, men and seniors from Indonesia to India and from Kenya to Peru lack basic protections. And people struggling in poverty, refugees and other marginalized groups are at the greatest risk of not being able to receive a vaccine and getting sick and dying.

Your emergency gift now will help:

- Provide masks and essential items through COVID-10 Defense Kits.
- Reach local leaders with the information they need to let neighbors know when the vaccine is available and why it is important.
- Install handwashing stations and help people in remote areas access clean water.
- Equip clinics and medical staff so they can store and distribute vaccines.
- Ensure our most vulnerable neighbors have access to a vaccine.

With your emergency gift today, you will be part of the largest global health effort in human history to reach our most forsaken sisters and brothers who will otherwise be forgotten.

Please don’t hesitate. The pandemic isn’t slowing down and neither can we.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Until your love reaches every neighbor

**Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO**

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Baltimore, MD 21230
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Luther Point Bible Camp



Brochures are available in the church office. Registration for Summer Camp 2021 is open. (\$15 Early Bird Discount when registering by May 1; \$55 Member Discount: You qualify if your church contributed all the Association Member Church assessment for 2020; Incentive Discounts: \$20 Invite a Friend – Invite a first-time LPBC camper; \$20 Sibling – Oldest camper pays full price.) Plans at this time are for limiting capacity to 50%, subject to change with updated information from the WI Health Dept., Burnett County Health Dept., and the CDC. The LPBC website will continue to update with the most up-to-date information. For more details, go to www.LutherPoint.org.

Phone: 715.689.2347

E-mail: info@lutherpoint.org

Also, LPBC is looking for persons willing to help in various ways. Contact the RRLC church office or the camp for more details.

Upcoming Retreats at LPBC: Renew and Recharge for Church Leaders, Apr. 11-13 (call the church office for more details)

Crafting for the Soul, Apr. 15-18; Artists of all mediums and levels; Take time to focus on your creative passion and surround yourself with the beauty of God's Creation. Luther Point will supply the space, food and faith inspiration!

Family Weekend Getaway, Apr. 16-18; Includes morning worship, bible study and family activity. Spend the rest of the day with your family and end your day with campfire worship.

Wellness Retreat, Oct. 1-2; Healthy Habits - the Key to Wellness...Explore wellness routines, self-care resources and much more.

For more information, contact the church office or Luther Point (with the above contact information).

Luther Point is welcoming back small groups to the Retreat Center, with enhanced cleaning, special offers and pricing. We hope you consider booking your men's/women's group, church council retreats, or youth groups. Call for more details: 715-689-2347 or retreat@lutherpoint.org Retreat Center starts at \$75 per person per night and includes meals, bedding, and our beautiful Retreat Center and Camp Facilities. * Minimum of \$750 per group.



Treasurer Position

Rush River Council is currently seeking someone to fill the Treasurer's Position which is held by Emily Pierson. This is a paid position. The Constitution states that the Treasurer must be a voting member of the congregation. Emily has done a superb job in managing Rush River's finances and attending to general bookkeeping, fundraising, and tax responsibilities. She will be available to make the transition run smoothly.

Time commitment varies throughout the year and includes attending Council Meetings (2nd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.), working with Quicken, Excel, and Revelations (giving program), collecting and recording offerings, providing financial and donation reports, paying employees, maintaining tax records, etc.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please let me or a Council member know. There is a more specific list of duties available and we welcome any questions. Rush River Lutheran Church has a very caring and helpful Council to work with you.

Peace,

Toni

715-426-5217



As of April 5th, COVID-19 vaccines are open to anyone age 18 and over at Pierce County Public Health for Wisconsin residents who live or work in the state.

Book your appointment with Pierce County Public Health. No cost: Vaccine and appointment is free. Call 844-684-1064. Calling on Mondays is advised as appointments open for reservations each week at 8:30 AM on Monday. Or book online: <https://piercecovid19vaccine.as.me/> It is important that Pierce County residents remain vigilant and continue to adhere to prevention measures while Pierce County Public Health and local healthcare organizations work diligently to vaccinate priority populations.

Walgreen's Pharmacy: Limited supply for those who meet state-specific eligibility criteria. Make an appointment ~ Online:

https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid19?ban=covid_vaccine_landing_schedule

Address: 1047 N MAIN ST River Falls, WI 54022 ~ Do Not Call. You'll need to create a [Walgreens.com](https://www.walgreens.com) pharmacy account.

More Covid Vaccine Information

Freeman Drug has a Covid vaccination clinic available for persons living, working, or going to school in Wisconsin. Check their website, freemandrug.com/covid-19-vaccine-scheduling, for details on vaccination criteria and signing up for an appointment for yourself or for someone else. The number is 715-307-9465. Please do not call the pharmacy for scheduling. Western Wisconsin Health, Baldwin, has a waitlist you can access online and they will call you when an appointment is available. Check out the Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium for a listing of locations:

<http://wwphrc.org/covid-19-community-testing/>.



COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Community Testing Site Continues into 2021

(with less invasive swab)

COST: FREE. No insurance is needed.

WHO: * Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms

*Close contact to someone who tested positive

NOTE: Parents must be present to consent to testing for minors (5-17 years)

WHEN: The new hours for this site will be mornings only, from 9AM to 12PM on Mondays.

WHERE: Pierce Pepin Cooperative, W7725 US-10, located at the corner of Hwy 10 and Hwy

63 in Ellsworth (enter the testing site on Hwy 63). Ellsworth, WI. All drive-up, no appointments. Make it faster (recommended) by pre-registering on the day of your test: <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov>

**Guard Site testing extended through May, same location.

**Gov. Evers and the DHS has moved up the vaccines for people with medical conditions for COVID-19 vaccination eligibility to March 22. Go to <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>



Need Assistance?

Some individuals are offering help, such as grocery store gift cards, for anyone from RRLC who may be in need during this pandemic. If you would like assistance (it will be kept anonymous), please contact the church office.

Volunteers needed at Grace Place Front Desk

Front desk responsibilities include: Greeting donors & visitors, Answer phones, Assist residents with supply requests, such as shampoo, soap, cleaning supplies, etc., Miscellaneous projects by staff (faxing, copying, folding, etc.), Checking on supplies and stocking toilet paper, paper towels, etc.

Available times: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

With questions: 715-529-1283 or email at Jacky.Ouellette@usc.salvationarmy.org OR start the application by clicking on "Volunteer in this community" at www.sagraceplace.org



EIGHT WAYS TO WELLNESS: Discover the Dimensions for a Healthier You

Friday, April 23 Occupational Well-Being 8:30—9:30 am Physical Well-Being 10:00—11:00 am

Friday, April 30 Intellectual Well-Being 8:30—9:30 am Environmental Well-Being 10:00—11:00 am

Friday, May 7 Spiritual Well-Being 8:30—9:30 am Emotional Well-Being 10:00—11:00 am

Friday, May 14 Financial Well-Being 8:30—9:30 am Social Well-Being 10:00—11:00 am

Register for this FREE Zoom event at: <https://forms.gle/jcHXrVMoRPERRc8d7>

For questions, contact Selena Freimark, Health & Well-Being Educator with Extension St. Croix County, at selena.freimark@wisc.edu or 715-531-1947.

Join us Friday mornings for Eight Ways to Wellness: Discover the Dimensions for a Healthier You! Wellness is often categorized into several interconnected dimensions. It's a holistic integration of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. During this 8-session interactive series, you'll learn more about each of the eight dimensions along with ways to help find a personal harmony with the dimensions that are most authentic for you.

Eight Ways to Wellness: Discover the Dimensions for a Healthier You Session 2: April 30, 2021 Intellectual Well-Being: Recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills. **Environmental Well-Being:** Good health by occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well-being. **Session 3: May 7, 2021 Spiritual Well-Being:** Expanding our sense of purpose and meaning in life. **Emotional Well-Being:** Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships. **Session 4: May 14, 2021 Financial Well-Being:** Satisfaction with current and future financial situations. **Social Well-Being:** Developing a sense of connection, belonging, and a well-developed support system. All of the sessions are interrelated; we recommend attending all eight sessions to get the most out of the topics. However, we realize this might not be possible, so feel free to attend the ones you are able to; you'll still walk away with more insight into whatever topic you can explore.

Session 1: April 23, 2021 Occupational Well-Being: Personal satisfaction and enrichment derived from one's work. Physical Well-Being: Recognizing the need for physical activity, sleep, and nutrition.

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TRUST IN HIS TIMING

RELY ON HIS PROMISES

WAIT FOR HIS ANSWERS

BELIEVE IN HIS MIRACLES

REJOICE IN HIS GOODNESS

RELAX IN HIS PRESENCE



"Come near to God and He will come near to you." ~ James 4:8

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.evansburgumc.com/ministries/outreach/matthew-25-empty-pill-bottle-recycling/>



In developing countries, medicines—when actually obtainable—are often dispensed into hands, pockets, 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

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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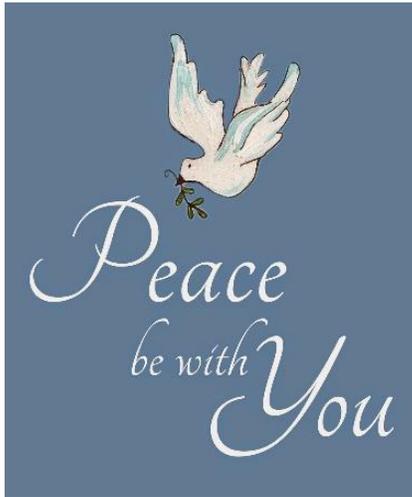
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