



Rush River Reminder

June 2021

Worship Service @ 9:30 AM (in house)



Council Corner - April

April is here, with promises of warmer weather, rain, and new growth. We are grateful for the Rush River Congregation and their continued support as we work together to provide services and continued worship opportunities for our members and others.

We plan to continue our outdoor services, dependent on the weather and the continued reduction of COVID and increase in vaccinations. Our cleaning crews have started again this month in anticipation of indoor activities. Ladybugs Beware! As we slowly and safely come together, Council, Choir, Confirmation, Worship and Witness, and Quilters will meet at church. All groups will practice safe COVID precautions.

Thank you to all who have stopped at Rush River and done something to keep our church looking good and maintained during this long closure. If there were a list of people and things done, it would surely fill this page. Thank you to those who cared for the Altar, did readings, provided music, and spent countless hours working to ensure that our services are available through print, email, and Facebook. Your efforts are appreciated.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to find a person to take over the duties of Treasurer. Please let us know if you know of anyone who could do this for Rush River.

Your council is busy working to upgrade our Rush River website so information may be more easily accessible. We also are looking to the best way to continue streaming services when we are back to indoor worship. Thank you to Emily for her hours of dedication in taping and getting the services on Facebook. Having witnessed many services being taped, it is quite a 'dance' to make sure all the mikes are working, the sound is clear, the ringing of the bell is coordinated with the music, and the visuals show the beautiful interior of Rush River.

Bruce is working with a forester to get our trees logged. It has been 14 years and the trees are mature enough to harvest.

We are also looking to purchase/install a security system for the outside of the church and moving ahead with repairs/painting to the front of the church.

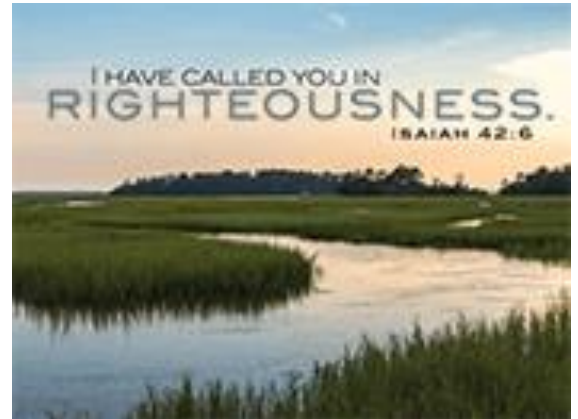
In February, Pierce County began plans to make changes to Y, north of the church. This involved purchasing land from the church. Rush River received \$4000 for the purchase of .49 acres and Existing Right of Way purchase of .09 acres. The view to the north when leaving church will enable a safer exit. Many trees have been removed to achieve this. Thank you to Bruce for all your time. Y, to the north, will be closed for about 6 weeks so please use the south entrance off of Hwy 29.

A heartfelt thank you to our Congregational Council for welcoming me with all their help and knowledge, also to Don for leaving such organized notes and continuing to be available to share his experiences.

In Gratitude,
Toni

Council Corner - May

It has been a busy May at Rush River Lutheran Church as we transitioned back to in-person worship. We welcome all to our services as we continue to present worship through emailed services, in-person worship, taped services on Facebook, and mailed paper copies. If you wish to receive our service in a



way other than what you are currently receiving, please notify Linda so those changes can be made. Pastor Dave has stayed in touch with members and is now able to visit many of them in person.

June may bring a service at the ballpark, weather permitting. We are looking to purchase more tables/benches as soon as they are available. Our indoor services have gone well with alternate pew seating and we have enjoyed seeing and hearing our beautiful choir. Hopefully, we will hear them during the summer months also.

Activities are returning to Rush River. Our ushers will be back in June. Those attending the Confirmation Service May 23rd received homemade Communion bread once again. Our Confirmands and guests attended a chicken dinner served by the Friends of Rush River. Lisa Cheever is now the main contact for Friends of Rush River.

Thanks to the cleaning crews and all who help in any way to keep our church clean and beautiful. Annette Kelley is the contact person for the cleaning crews. Through an endowment grant, our Altar Guild continues to beautify the altar with flowers. The flower containers outside the church are filled with blooming plants, through another endowment grant. Our plants are faithfully watered.

Many of you have noticed that our service on May 2 was presented twice on Facebook. It was taped earlier in the week and then taped again on Sunday to see if it were possible. The sound and visual came through very well. Thank you, Emily. We will continue to explore getting a recording device that can be used to tape or live stream our services. Your Facebook comments are appreciated!

Our new treasurer, as of June 1, will be Nicky Brookshaw. We welcome her and know that we will enjoy having her as a valuable member of Council. Nicky and Emily have spent many hours working to assure a smooth transition. Special thanks to Emily for stepping in when our beloved Roberta was unable to continue. We have appreciated the work Emily has provided in keeping us up to date with current technology programs.

Emily has accepted the position of auditor for Rush River. She will fill Sandy Gerwien's position.

Our timber sale contract went to Anderson Logging Inc., of Dallas, WI. Our agreement includes \$42.00/cord for White and red pine logs and \$5.00/cord for red and white pine pulp. The contract is to be completed by June 30, 2023.

The road north of the church continues to be closed temporarily. While it appears, per the signs, to be closed from the south, it is open to the church.

Our new photo/contact book is underway. Members should have received a mailing asking for address, email, phone information, and offering options for photos.

We are pleased that work on the ballpark pavilion continues. Soon the posts will be wrapped and a new swing set completed. The swing set is the result of yet another endowment. The ballpark pavilion is there for the use of our members. If you have an occasion and you wish to use the ballpark, please let a council member know. Currently, there is no charge for members, only that the area is left cleaned up and garbage is removed. Nonmembers may use the ballpark by going to the Council with a request and a donation.

Through a WELCA donation, 5 tables were ordered for our meeting area and to have available when needed. They should have arrived the end of May. 5 of the old tables will be available to interested members. No cost but a donation is always appreciated.

Since we are returning to our monthly newsletter and calendar, please let Linda know of any events that should be posted. Every member of Rush River Lutheran Church provides some form of volunteer service to our church, much of which happens and may not seem noticed but is not taken for granted. Thank you to our generous church community. It has been far too long since we have enjoyed each other's fellowship.

In Gratitude,
Toni



Remembering our friends and family in prayer: Dave Anderson, Norma Anderson, Michael Bond, Genaro Castillo (Norma Anderson's nephew), Rachael Hayes and Baby, Derick, Kaylynn and Baby Heinerl family, Barb Hoyt, Sonia Kotz, Susie Mead, Evan Peterson, Ashley Plahn and Michael Rasch

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.



Sent by one of the Pierce County Road crew working on Cty Rd Y Tuesday morning, May 25th!



Congratulations to our Confirmands

On Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost Sunday), two young people from Rush River Lutheran Church were confirmed: Perry Kotz (parents: Lisa & Bob Kotz), and Kennedy Wang (parents: Chad & Jill Wang).

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys.



First Communion Classes

First Communion classes will be held on June 13 and 20 after church.

First Communion Sunday will be June 27th.




On Sunday, June 6, we will be recognizing and honoring our High School Seniors: Tarhia Davis, Brady Gordon, and Taylor Kasten during our worship service. Congratulations, seniors!!

Plans are underway for an outdoor service on Sunday, June 13th (at the Ballpark Shelter). Hope to see you there!



Thank you to Laura Bond for beautifying our church entryways once again with flowers of the season! They are lovely!



A graveside service for Sylvia Ann Haugen was held on Thursday, May 27th at Rush River Lutheran Church Cemetery.



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:

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.



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- High Pressure Wash or Soft Foam Wash
- Triple Shine Vehicle Enhancer/Cleaner
- Spot Free Rinse
- 95 Second Super Dry



Does your car need a wash? We can help! The Ultimate Car Wash Card is good at any Kwik Trip or Kwik Star Store. It includes 5 Ultimate Car Washes for \$36.00. The best part is that a portion of all sales stays here at Rush River Lutheran! Please contact Emily at 715.977.7485 with any questions or for your card!



2021 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Dave's office hours: Tues & Wed	Linda's office hours: Tues: <u>12:30 – 4:00</u> Wed: 8-11:30	1	2 7 th & 8 th Gr. Confirmation, 5:45 PM	3 Quilters, 9 AM	4	5 Peace Circle @ Cindy Johnson's, 9 AM (outside, weather permitting)
6 Worship w/Graduate Recognition @ 9:30 AM	7 Men in Mission, 6 PM; Cleaning Crew #3	8 Council Mtg, 6:30 PM	9 7 th & 8 th Gr. Confirmation, 5:45 PM	10	11	12
13 Worship @ 9:30 AM (Outdoor Service)	14 Cleaning Crew #4	15	16	17	18	19
20 Worship @ 9:30 AM; Newsletter items due	21 Cleaning Crew #5	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship @ 9:30 AM	28 Cleaning Crew #6	29	30			

Worship Leaders in June

Readers:

June 6: TBD
 June 13: TBD
 June 20: TBD
 June 27: TBD

Please submit your newsletter items to the office **by email** or **drop them in the basket on the office desk!** **July newsletter** items are due **June 20th**.
 Thank you!

June Offering counters:

Jerid Peterson & Bruce Ramberg

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Please remember that our expenses must still be covered. Please give online or mail your offerings to:
 Rush River Lutheran Church, N8623 County Rd Y, River Falls, WI 54022

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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.

YOU ARE MY ROCK

“When you’re out hiking in the mountains, radiant hues and impressive images capture your eye—the shimmer of a waterfall, the daintiness of wildflowers, a verdant canopy of foliage. Often, you don’t notice the base of the mountain until maybe a loose stone makes you stumble. But everything relies upon the rock. Without it, there’s no foundation. No place for those trees and flowers to take root. No formation for that ribbon of water to cascade down. No solid ground for the forest animals to scamper across and discover their burrows in. All things depend upon the solidity of the rock.” ~ from Sunday Punday: Celebrate the Everyday Joys That Make Us Smile

Harvest House Publishers



Christ Jam 2021

Theme: "Under Construction"

IN PERSON, for all middle schoolers who finished 5th-8th grades this year. **WHEN:** Offered at 2 different dates and locations. Please choose **ONE** to attend with your group – July 24 at Luther Point, Grantsburg **OR** August 14 at Luther Park, Chetek. **COST:** \$55 per participant (adults & youth). Register your group (deadline is July 16). Pay registration fee (online or via check). Download & complete parent permission/medical release form: nwswi.org/synod-youth-board/christ-jam-2021



No child should ever become sick or even die because of the water they're forced to drink. But sadly, that's exactly what's happening in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where, every day, vulnerable children are doubled over, suffering from horrible stomach pains.

You can change that. Starting now, when you share your love by making a generous gift, you will **DOUBLE YOUR LIFESAVING IMPACT** through our 2021 Summer Matching Gift Challenge.

That's because a generous group of donors will match your donation—dollar for dollar—until their entire \$175,000 match is met.

In many struggling communities around the world, school is often the only place where children and their families can get clean, safe water, which is critical as the coronavirus pandemic continues to rage on, especially in forsaken places where vaccines aren't available.

Because your heartfelt gift with **DOUBLE** today, it will go **2X** as far in getting clean water directly to students, their families and entire communities.

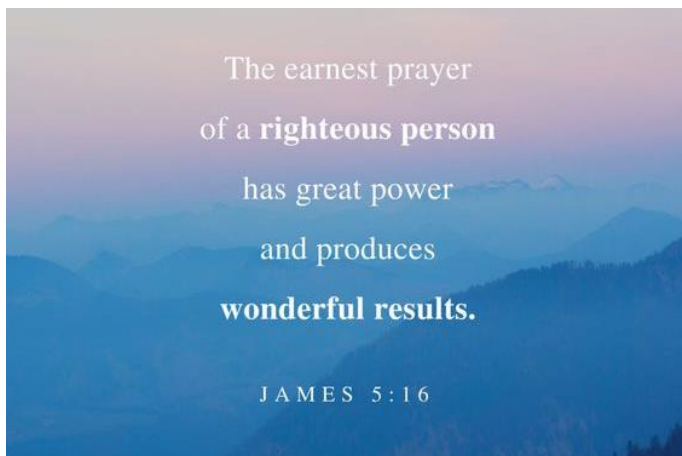
To ensure God's precious children have access to clean, life-giving water, please make your best gift before the match expires on June 30.

Thank you for your unwavering love for your neighbors who have the very least and for your lifesaving generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO

UNTIL YOUR LOVE REACHES EVERY NEIGHBOR





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/>

The Minneapolis VA Medical Center is offering Covid vaccine injections to all veterans, their spouses and caregivers. You can make an appointment at (612) 467-1111 or they are accepting walk in vaccinations at the VA Hospital from 8am to 3 pm m-f. Veterans who have not registered or previously received care at the VA need to bring their DD214 form with them to get enrolled for vaccine.



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>**



~ Still collecting Family Fresh receipts ~

For every \$150,000 in receipts we collect from Family Fresh Grocery Stores, Rush River Lutheran Church will earn \$1,000 from Spartan Nash. Every time you shop at Family Fresh Market or Econofoods, save your receipts. The entire, original receipt must be turned in. Receipts may be dropped off in the jar on the collection table near the main entry. This is an ongoing collection and has no deadline.

Thank you for turning in your receipts!

YOU CAN HELP



Rush River Lutheran Church

N8623 County Road Y
River Falls, WI 54022



**Beginning June 6, worship services will be held at 9:30 a.m.
(through Labor Day)**

Rush River Lutheran Church ~ June 2021

~ Worship service @ 9:30 AM ~

Church contact information

Pastor Dave Teig cell: 715-557-0095 home: 715-268-9663
Church: 715-684-3701



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www.RushRiverLutheran.org



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