



# Rush River Reminder September 2021

Worship Services @ 9:30 AM on September 5, then 10:30 AM beginning September 12



## Council Corner

It has been a busy summer at Rush River with worship inside and at the ballpark pavilion and listening to our beautiful choir selections. Bible School saw 22 children joined together in singing, games, outreach activities, and having fun at church. We continue to enjoy fellowship with coffee and treats after services and Worship and Witness served a delicious pie and ice cream social. The quilters tie quilts the first Thursday of the month and welcome all who would like to join the group. The Men in Mission will have had the corn feed, and the Friends of Rush River Bingo and lunch is planned for September 19<sup>th</sup>.



Sunday School plans to resume on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that church will return to 10:30 services with Sunday School at 9:15. Please check the calendar and encourage youth to participate in The Rushers youth group. They meet at the ballpark and have activities that are of interest to that age group.

As we look to fall, we are concerned about the COVID variants and how our worship and fellowship may be impacted. We will keep you informed if changes are necessary. It is possible we may return to alternate seating on Sundays and ask for more social distancing. Our goal is to keep our congregation healthy by using safe practices. No one wants to return to the closures of the past year.

Our Council has approved the pre-buy purchase of LP from Countryside (Landmark) at \$1.54/gallon, applying our \$1250 credit from 2020. It would be a positive thing to use more fuel this year, as that would mean we are inside!

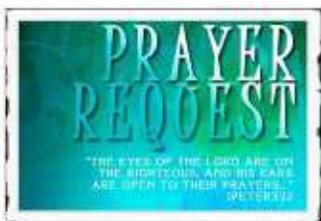
Donations to the ballpark are welcome and will be used for projects to increase its appeal and usefulness. Our benches are in place and the cross made by the youth adds to our services. The council is looking to add a shed for storage of items that can stay at the ballpark throughout the year. All are welcome to use the ballpark; please schedule with the office.

Our giving is helping others. In June \$1000 was given to the Pierce/St. Croix Free Clinic and \$1000 each to the food banks in Ellsworth, River Falls, Spring Valley and Baldwin. In July \$1000 was sent to Lutheran Relief and Disaster. We are blessed to be able to share our offerings throughout the community and the world.

Your Rush River Congregation Directories are here. They are on the table as you enter the sanctuary. It is wonderful to have a handy reference to other members of our congregation.

In Gratitude,

Toni



**Remembering our friends and family in prayer: Dave Anderson, Norma Anderson (now home), Britta Carlson (daughter of Dan Carlson & Beth Cedarholm) – Britta attends the U of M and was hit by a stray bullet when going out for pizza on August 14<sup>th</sup>...she had a 5-hr. surgery and is expected to make a full recovery; Genaro Castillo (Norma Anderson's nephew), Baby Ryn (Rachael Hayes' daughter), Derick, Kaylynn and Baby Heinerl family, Barb Hoyt, Sonia Kotz, Evan Peterson, Ashley Plahn, Michael Rasch, Traci Sabby and Eli Sylla**

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).



**Sunday School Rally Day** is quickly approaching. Put September 12, 9:15am on your calendar. Sunday School will be held each Sunday from 9:15-10:15.

We are in need of Sunday School teachers. Please let us know if you are interested in teaching a class, substituting, or co-teaching with someone.



We are updating our roster so please email us at [rushrivereducation@gmail.com](mailto:rushrivereducation@gmail.com) if you need the form sent to you.

Thank you and let me know if you have any questions.

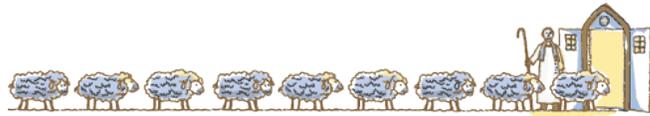
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**PLEASE**

Make sure that **ALL doors** are locked and lights are turned off if you are the last to leave RRLC! Thank you!



**Opportunities for Outreach—Friends of Rush River**

School supplies will be collected during July, August, and Sept. Some will be given to local children who come to the River Falls Free School Supply Giveaway and others will be used for School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Cash donations are welcome {checks to Friends of Rush River}.

Please put items on the donation table.

Thank you for Reaching Out in Love.



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| Unsharpened pencils   | Spiral Notebooks |
| Colored Pencils       | Highlighters     |
| Pencil Boxes          | Scissors         |
| Crayons (boxes of 24) | Rulers           |
| Erasers               | Plastic Folders  |
| Dry Erase Markers     | Washable Markers |
| Glue Sticks           | Ear Buds         |
| Pencil sharpeners     | Backpacks        |



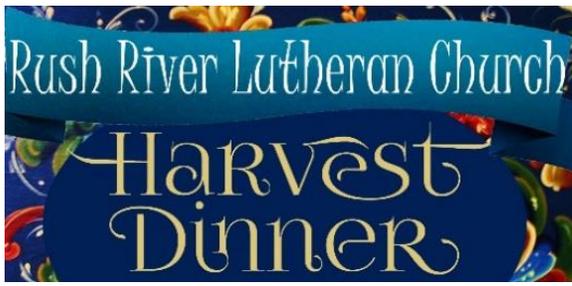
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Rushers Teen Youth Group, 7 PM @ shelter	2 Quilters, 9 AM	3	4
5 Worship @ 9:30 AM; Coffee Time, 10:30 AM	6 Labor Day; Cleaning Crew #4	7	8 Confirmation Students (gr. 7-9) meet w/ parents, 6 PM @ church	9	10	11
12 Sunday School, 9:15 AM; Worship @ 10:30 AM; Coffee Time, 11:30 AM	13 Cleaning Crew #5	14 Council Mtg, 6:30 PM	15 Rushers Teen Youth Group, 7 PM @ shelter	16	17	18
19 Sunday School, 9:15 AM; Worship @ 10:30 AM; Coffee Time, 11:30 AM	20 Newsletter items due; Cleaning Crew #6	21	22 Autumn begins	23	24	25
26 Sunday School, 9:15 AM; Worship @ 10:30 AM; Coffee Time, 11:30 AM	27 Cleaning Crew #1	28 Worship & Witness Mtg, 4:30 PM	29	30	Pastor Dave's office hours: Tues & Wed	Linda's office hours: Wed & Thurs, 10 AM-1:30 PM

### Worship Leaders in September

	Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild
Sept 5	Dave Davis	Peggy Kugel & Karen Cowles	Dave & Gloria Davis	Toni Matz & Ione Hayes	Cindy Johnson & Toni Matz
Sept 12	David Austrum		Annette Kelley & Kelly Ebbens	Jim Knutson family	
Sept 19	Karen Cowles	Peggy Kugel & Karen Cowles	Jerid Peterson family	Dennis & Diane Friese	Cindy Johnson & Toni Matz
Sept 26	Diane Friese		Bob & Kathy Swenson	Carol & Ariel Stephan	

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





While we would like nothing more than the fellowship and food of the Harvest Dinner on September 26th, the committee has decided that with the uncertainty of Covid and the Delta variant, this would not be able to be done in a safe manner. Our committee met one week to begin plans and by the following week, with the increase of Covid cases, we felt that it did not make sense to continue planning an indoor eating event.

We again want to support our neighbors in need near and far and plan to send out letters again asking for our congregation's support. You can watch for this letter the first week of September. We are hopeful and excited that next year will allow us to again plan our annual fall Harvest Dinner festival.

God's blessings!  
The Harvest Dinner Committee



**Update on Traci Sabby**

"Thanks to everyone for the prayers and concern. Traci just found out that she has 5 months of chemo ahead of her. We are hoping for the best for her. She could have a lot of things happening to her. Please keep her in your prayers. Thank you!"

Traci's address:

**Traci Sabby**  
**7337 Woodstock Curve**  
**Bloomington, MN 55438**



**Thank you**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated pies for our Pie and Ice Cream Social last month! We enjoyed a morning of fun and fellowship and could not have done it without your help and generosity.

Blessings,  
Worship & Witness Committee



Mark your calendars now for the first annual **Friends of Rush River Bingo Event on September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan on joining us for lunch and bingo right after church. Bring your whole family, good luck charms and your change to buy bingo cards. While we aren't promising cold cash for wins, we will have lots of cool prizes for the winners. Get ready to dab away!

# Highlights From VBS

Vacation Bible School was held 2 nights in early August. We had 22 children attend each night. We made crafts, played games, sang, discussed a Bible verse, and enjoyed a camping themed snack each

night. Our theme was camping and serving others. Together we assembled 48 Blessing Bags that contained a bottle of water, granola bar, wash cloth, a card/note from the kids, and many toiletry items in a large zip lock bag. These were donated to the River Falls Food Pantry. Six twin-sized fleece tie blankets were made and donated to Our Neighbor's Place in River Falls.



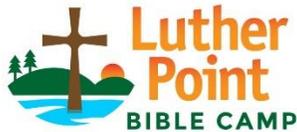
Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!

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## Luther Point Bible Camp

### Upcoming Retreats at LPBC:



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

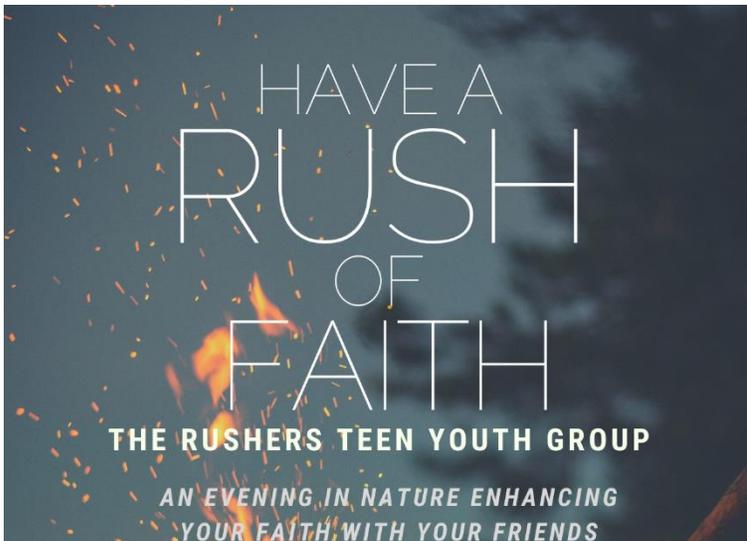
For more information, contact the church office or Luther Point.

[www.LutherPoint.org](http://www.LutherPoint.org)

Phone: 715.689.2347

E-mail: [info@lutherpoint.org](mailto:info@lutherpoint.org)

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](mailto: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.



## CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH COLLEGE-AGE YOUNG ADULTS!!

The Rushers Teen Youth Group continues to meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at church. This is for any and all high school through college-age youth. The group will meet again on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM.

Please join us—and bring a friend!



## Thank you notes received



“July 22, 2021

Dear Members of Rush River Lutheran Church,

Helping to bridge health disparities - that's what we do! Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to the Free Clinic of Pierce and St. Croix Counties. Sharing God's blessings with us is truly a testament of our prayers being answered.

In 2020, we were able to keep our doors open even during the pandemic and had over 1,100 patient visits to the clinic and dispensed approximately 3,500 prescription medications. Our patients are grateful to have a place to turn to for medical care.

As we look forward to the promise of brighter days ahead, we know the great things that can be accomplished when we work together and place our trust in God. Thank you for helping us carry out our missions and commitment to keeping our communities healthy and thriving.

In unity we can achieve great things.

Kindly,  
Mary Steele  
Clinic Manager

Thank you for 'Reaching Out In Love' to us!"

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“August 19, 2021

Dear Rush River Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 to the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).*

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

With your gifts, you are putting God's love into action—living faithfully, witnessing boldly, serving joyfully and giving abundantly. Your generosity allows this church to continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ by equipping leaders, positioning communities to grow and sharing the love of a faithful and abiding God.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind  
Executive for Philanthropy”



If you have walked or driven down to the ballpark/Shelter, you may have noticed that a lot of work has been done to clear and clean out the church yard next to the road going down to the shelter. Barry Danielson has spent many hours working on this project, and it looks great! Thanks, Barry!!



## Ultimate Car Wash Cards Available

- Undercarriage Flush
- Presoak
- 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!

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### WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEING A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER

On average 123 people die by suicide each day

1 in 5 people live with a mental health condition

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

Sign up for a FREE Adult Mental Health First Aid Training at <https://wirose.wisc.edu/community-programming/Virtual-Adult-Mental-Health-First-Aid> First Aiders will complete a 2-hour, self-paced online class, and then participate in a 6-hour, Instructor-led Zoom Meeting. The Zoom meeting may be 1 day or split into 2 days depending on the training dates. Trainings are offered through the Wisconsin Rural Opioid and Stimulant Engagement (WiROSE), funded by SAMHSA to address opioid and stimulant prevention, intervention, and recovery. WiROSE is a project of the Extension Health and Well-being Institute.

Zoom time • Sept 8th & 9th (9am - noon)



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Extension University of Wisconsin-Madison



**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.



**~ 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!



**STICK TOGETHER**

“True friends are like the best kind of glue – they stick with you through the happy times, the stressful times, the confusing times, the silly times. As Alexandre Dumas wrote in *The Three Musketeers*, ‘All for one and one for all.’ When the world seems overwhelming or you aren’t sure of the next step to take, know that those who care about you have you covered with their love and their prayers and their best thoughts. And when it’s their turn to feel anxiety or pressure or joy, you can be the glue they need. When you stick together, you can get through anything.”



~ from *Sunday Punday: Celebrate the Little Everyday Joys That Make Us Smile*”

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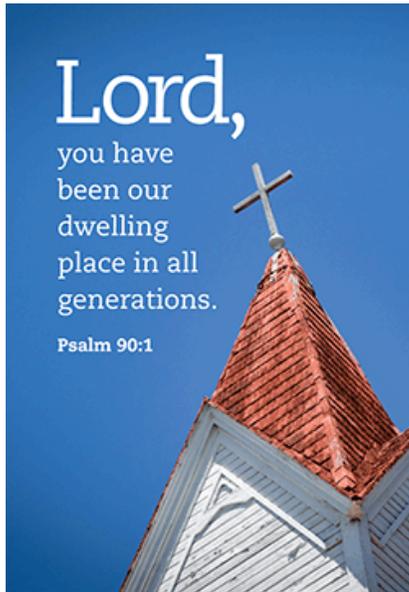
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