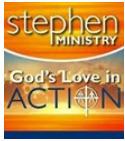




RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

MISSION STATEMENT OF RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rushford Lutheran Church is people gathered by God's Word and Sacraments and sent to make Christ known to all persons and to serve all people.



CHRIST CENTERED * BIBLE BASED * FAMILY FOCUSED * MISSION MINDED
Rushford Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministries site.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Worship service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)

Home Phones: Dial in for worship service

9:15 AM Worship service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)

Home Phones: Dial in for worship service

Live stream of 9:15 service on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search "Rushford Lutheran Church"

MONDAYS

10:00 AM Recorded worship available on website

5:30 PM Coffee House Worship
Note no worship 7/5

(Communion following 1st & 3rd Sundays)

Private Communion

is available for those who are still not able to come to live worship and receive



Holy Communion due to personal health risks. Private communion will be administered in Pastor's office Mondays from 8:30 am to 11 am. Appointments are not needed, but are appreciated by calling church office 507.864.7152 or Pastor Steve at 507.703.1221.



Water Fun at the Dells

Youth in grades 6th-12th enjoyed a trip to Mt. Olympus in the Wisconsin Dells on Tuesday, June 22. A total of 27 students and 3 chaperones attended the trip.





The main surgeon said the surgery went better than they hoped for. Thank you Lord Jesus for your presence in the operating room and in our lives. Thank you to Pastor Steve for leading RLC in prayer and to all who prayed and sent cards.

God Bless you all,
Roger Ekern

We want to thank Pastor Steve and all our brothers and sisters in Christ for the prayers, cards and kind acts shown to us during our surgeries and now during treatments for Sue. May God bless each one of you.

Psalm 139:10, ESV: "even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

John and Susie Magnuson



The church office will be closed Monday, July 5 due to the holiday. Regular office hours are Monday –Thursday 8 AM—Noon.



PASTOR'S CORNER

I walked out of the education wing door the other day and noticed a couple admiring the restored stained-glass window on the north side. They had been watching the progress of the project on their regular walks by the church. I introduced myself, although they already knew me from a past funeral, which is not uncommon. And of course, they had past connections and current family here at RLC. They belong to a much more liberal Lutheran Church in the area, as they put it, "for family reasons." I firmly believe in the Motel 6 motto: "We'll leave the light on." It was a good conversation. Hopefully, they know the door is always open.

After 165 years of doing church in this community, the door has swung back and forth many times. Not that long ago, the choice was made by RLC to move away from that more liberal Lutheran denomination to something we found closer to home, closer to our understanding of scripture, closer to what we believe. My last congregation in Nebraska was actually one of the 26 charter congregations of Lutheran Congregations in Mission in Christ, making the move way back in 2001. The association that now numbers over 950 churches. In talking with Pastor Perry Fruhling, our association's coordinator of pastoral ministry, that number is going to start climbing again soon as more and more Lutheran congregations see the light and breakaway from the ELCA.

Along with that, similar moves are happening in the United Methodist Church, and have already happened in the Presbyterian Church in the USA. Even the Southern Baptist Church, is finding it increasingly difficult to try to keep control over the vast diversity of beliefs and Biblical understandings of its 16,000 congregations under one gigantic roof. Change in churches, and entire denominations, is more normal than we might have been led to believe.

Heritage. On Sunday, August 1, we will pause for a moment to reflect on our heritage. Our past, present, and future, at RLC. Former Pastor Jim Nelson (1983 to 1992) will be our guest preacher. Many of you were baptized, confirmed, married, or heard words of consolation from Jim while he pastored this flock. A potluck/cookout, complete with kids' games over in the city park, will follow the 9:15 service. It will be a good day to celebrate our past, but an even better day to reflect on the blessings of our present. And with that, it is a fantastic day to invite a friend, family member, neighbor, or former member. It's part of the whole "leaving the light on" thing.

I am always very conscious of the fact that you have many choices of which church to attend on a Sunday morning. The old "we've always been a member of that church and we will always be a member of that church" idea really

ended quite a while ago. My father still adamantly believes that. His loyalty to the congregation that he has been a member of since the late 1950's really astonishes me. The number of reasons why someone attends one church over another is also astonishing. RLC is not and cannot be a church that offers everything that everyone wants. But we are Lutheran, biblical, and traditional on purpose; that is our place and our calling in this community. For many people, that is what they want.

I believe I have said from time to time, we are: Christ centered, Bible based, family focused and mission minded. The first two we do very well, at least in my opinion. The third, family focused, we are starting to do much better with the addition of Kristin Burdey as our youth director. The last one, mission minded, we do quite a bit of, but we just don't talk enough about what we do (for example in 2020, \$35,262 went to support local, national and international missions. Yes, it's a big door!) This is what being Christ centered is really all about – serving and loving others.

Indeed, this is our heritage, our past, present and future. This is who we are at Rushford Lutheran Church: Christ centered and Bible based. And that, my friends, is what "leaving the light on" means. That it is not about us, it's about Him. Or, as Jesus himself put it: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, ESV)

In Christ's Loving Service,

Pastor Steve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RLCW Bible Study The 10 a.m. Bible Study scheduled for the first Thursday of each month will not held in July or August. It will resume again on September 2.

Homebound, Nursing Home and Hospital Visitation

Pastoral visitation and worship services have returned to normal at our local nursing homes. Worship services open to all residents at Good Shepherd home are now each Thursday at 1:30. Currently they are being held in the dining hall rather than the chapel at Good Shepherd in order to provide better social distancing. Pastor Steve is one of six area pastors that lead these services. He will be leading the community service on July 22. Due to the large number of RLC residents we have living at the home, Pastor Steve also does a service for RLC members on the third Monday of each month. The date for July is the 19. Pastor meets with the residents at Bremmer Suites and the Apartments in the community room at Bremmer at 1:00 p.m. He then meets with RLC members at the nursing home in the activity room at 1:30 p.m. The service is typically a couple of hymns, a brief devotion, and Holy Communion.

If you or a family member needs to be on the Homebound List due to the inability to safely attend public worship, please contact Pastor Steve directly.

Hospital visitation are still being restricted to a small number of family at all of our area hospitals. The exception to this is in the case of imminent death. If you desire a pastoral visit while in the hospital please add Pastor Steve to your visitor list during admission, or notify the spiritual services department at the hospital. You do need to specifically request that your pastor be allowed visits while in the hospital. As always, please let us know here at church when you are in the hospital so that you may be included in prayers. Due to HIPPA regulations, hospitals do not notify congregations when a member of a church is admitted.

Good Samaritan Society Home Care

If you are homebound and need a skilled service, you may qualify for Good Samaritan Society Home Care Program. With a doctor's order for Skilled Service by your primary care physician, a registered nurse would complete an assessment to determine if an individual would qualify and what Skilled Service would be beneficial to the individual and goals would be discussed.

Call Dee Lehner, LPN, Good Samaritan Society Home Care to learn more or with questions: 507.377.1701.

E-mail Your E-mail We know you are already getting this e-mail, but please think of a fellow member or a family member of RLC that are not yet receiving the news. Please send their email to rlc@acegroup.cc (With their permission, of course).



If you are not receiving the news in your e-mail after signing up, check the spam folder on your e-mail's inbox. Sometimes it get's swept into the spam folder automatically.



No Internet? No Wi-Fi? You Can Still Tune In. Call for more information on our home phone system to listen to weekly services via your phone.

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

At Rushford Lutheran Church, we use **Vanco**

Services for direct payments. Just go to our website www.rushfordlutheran.com and look for the Tab GIVING, click on that. There will appear a box. Click on Sign In/Sign Up at the top right corner of that box. It will walk you through the set up.

OR visit www.vancopayments.com/OnlineGiving to set up your giving account.

You can also download the free app "Give+" on your smart phone, search for Rushford Lutheran Church and follow the set up. You may choose to give to various funds. You can set your offering or contribution to be a one time, weekly, biweekly, monthly, etc.

GIVE+

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Mark Lutheran Church St. Mark Lutheran Church of Rushford has invited us to help celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of its congregation on Sunday, July 18, 2021. The day will begin with a joint worship service of St Mark/St John's congregations at 10 a.m. in Rushford with guest pastor, Rev William Mueller. Pastor Mueller served as pastor from 1994 to 2003.

Following worship there will be a short observance of past pastors/teachers that helped make St. Mark what it is today. A brat/hamburger luncheon will be served outside on the church yard with entertainment of music by a group of four sisters called Sister Luv.

Rushford Ambulance Service

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) classes start July 12. EMRs can provide immediate lifesaving care and basic interventions to assist the EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) who have more advanced skills. Rushford Ambulance Staff provides certified training on Monday nights to cover approximately 36-40 hours. You'll have plenty of assistance with current EMTs helping you through the class work and skills. For more information call 507-864-7577.



Rushford Lutheran Church Women

Ladies Mission Work: Every Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Coffee Fellowship for July will be served by Hannah Circle.

Quilting: Quilting will take place July 12 at 1 PM.

RLCW Meeting will be Wednesday, July at 1:30 PM; The Board will have the lunch and Miriam Circle will have the program.

RLCW Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021

President Bean opened the meeting and turned the program over to the Priscilla Circle. Helen Peterson gave devotions. She told about the "Missing Man Table" which is a symbol of the fallen soldier. There was a round table set up with each of the symbols, including a white tablecloth, a white plate with a slice of lemon on it. A glass, a vase with a red rose, a Bible and an American flag. She explained what each of the symbols represented. She then read the poem, "In Flanders Field". Annika Bakkum-Ekern



sang two songs, "America the Beautiful" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" accompanied by Beatty Darr on the guitar. The group sang "You're a Grand Old Flag. The program was then turned over to Coy Pederson, who is a grandson of Darlene Chiglo. He is a graduate of Loras College and is attending law school in Idaho. He gave a very interesting talk on Vexillology, which is the study of flags. He told the history of how flags came to be and what stars and stripes stand for. He showed examples of many different country flags, including the Norwegian flag. He showed the Minnesota flag and told what the different symbols stood for. He also explained about the Christian flag. He told how a flag as a military honor is folded with 13 folds before folding it into a triangle. The program closed with the group singing "God Bless America".

President Bean called the business meeting to order. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved showing a balance on hand of \$5,476.42.

Old Business: A motion was made, seconded and passed to give a \$300.00 donation from the Salad Luncheon receipts to the Wagon Train supporting Special Olympics. Also, \$500.00 to Kids Activity Camps as part of the yearly budget.

New Business: A donation of \$1,000.00 will be given to the window restoration project. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Announcements: The next meeting will be July 7 at 1:30pm. Miriam Circle has the program and the Board will serve lunch. Sunday morning coffee for July is by Hannah Circle. Birthdays and anniversaries were noted and prayer requests given. The meeting closed with Lord's Prayer and the Table Prayer was sung. Lunch was served by the Hannah Circle.

Donna Boyum, secretary

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 14, 2021

Reminder to turn in meeting notes from each committee to church office (email: rlc@acegroup.cc)

PRESENT: John Munter, Jim Bernier, Dean Hatlevig, June Vitse, Shari Michel, Glen Kopperud, Barb Johnson

ABSENT: Vicki Nelson, Amy Luhmann

OTHERS PRESENT: Pastor Steve Chellew, Linda Lea (Business Office Coordinator)

1) Devotions & Prayer Concerns

Devotions: June Vitse - "Don't Worry"

Prayer Concerns: Family of Dorothy Anderson, Clifford Hallum, Susie Magnuson

2) Adoption of Agenda

Amendment to New Business: Good Shepherd Golf Classic

3) Secretary's Report--MA

a. May Minutes

4) Treasurer's Report --MA

a. May Financials - Doing well

5) Pastoral Report

- 10 hospital visits
- 9 homebound visits
- 2 baptisms
- 2 funerals
- 1 wedding
- 1 committal service

6) Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to accept resignation of Jean Krambeer and Jessica Heiden, accept the hiring of Linda Lea and Brenda Tesch (volunteer). **MA**
- b. Stained Glass Window Update – Window completed; total cost \$46,410.
- c. Firepit - No new discussion
- d. Pastor's Parsonage windows - Will finish project. Funds are available.
- e. Ratify motion for Furnace/Air in White Parsonage. Project completed.
- Cost to put in central air (\$3200) and furnace (\$3200). Motion stands.
- f. 165th Anniversary. Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021. Membership Committee is helping to organize. Pastors Nelson and Roger have been invited. Children's games are being organized.
- g. Bluff Country Financial – Contract approved.

7) New Business

a. Summer Worship Times - Will continue 8am, 9:15am Sundays, 5:30pm Monday Coffee House Worship. Council will continue to discuss on monthly basis.

b. Variance for Car Port -- No further communication has been received from renter.

c. Youth Checkbook - Discussed appointing a treasurer on Youth Committee to handle funds.

d. Approve Endowment Committee brochure - Jim brought trifold brochure to council. Melissa Feine created. WonderInk will print. Council approved.

e. Good Shepherd Golf Tourney is August 14, 2021. In 2020, RLC was their major support. Money was put towards new Call light system. Motion made to give \$1000 now. **MA**

8) Committee Reports: MA

Addition to worship committee—currently have full slate for music for summer worship.

9) Information/Announcements

Thank you card read from Jean Krambeer.

10) Other business

Alley House - Will add to council agenda for next month.

10) Adjournment / Closing Prayers

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Johnson

MAY CASH SUMMARY REPORT

Balance brought forward 5/1/2021	\$ 9,985.43
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$37,243.70
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$31,075.70</u>
TOTAL ON HAND 5/31/2021	\$16,153.43

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY

Worship led by Pastor Steven Chellew
Altar Guild: Alison Kjos and Donna Boyum
Organist: Shary Evavold
Pianist : Portia Lee

Projectionists: Lisa Chellew, Sandy Rasmussen, Becky Stocker,
Steve Burdey
Videographers: Dean Hatlevig, Jeremy Tesch, June Vitse,
Barb Johnson

	8:00 Worship	9:15 Worship
7/4/21	Scripture Reader: Becky Stocker	Vicki Nelson
Communion	Ushering: Marv Bestul and Claire Olstad	Louis Boehmke and John Campe
7/11/21	Scripture Reader: Dr. David Hinz	Shari Michel
	Ushering: Dennie Darr and Gordy Elliott	Tom Kopperud and Jim Bernier
7/18/2021	Scripture Reader: Letitia Kopperud	Vicki Nelson
Communion	Ushering: Wayne Meyer and Kerry Heiden	John Peterson and Mike Messenger
7/25/21	Scripture Reader: Dr. David Hinz	Linda Paulson
	Ushering: Brendon Honken and Dale Evavold	Dale Rasmussen and Lowell Rasmussen



SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE SUNDAY NIGHTS 6PM-9PM

JULY 11
BOB ROSS NIGHT

JULY 25
CHRISTMAS IN JULY

AUGUST 8
MURDER MYSTERY

AUGUST 22
GAME NIGHT
KIDS VS ADULTS

AUGUST 29
END OF SUMMER BASH

Heritage Sunday

August 1, 2021



- 165th Anniversary of the Congregation (1856-2021)
- 115th Anniversary of our sanctuary
- 15th Anniversary of narthex addition

Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Guest Preacher: Pastor Jim Nelson
(RLC 1983 -1992)

Potluck/Cookout starting at 10:30 a.m.
Meat, beverage & table service provided.
Please bring a salad/dessert to share.

Children's Games—Balloons by Kevin

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6p Vacation Bible School	2 Office Closed	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 8a Worship w/ Communion, Youth Trio — Solo, Coffee & Fellowship to follow in Basement 9:15a Worship, Youth Trio — Solo, Live Streamed, Coffee & fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study	5 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Worship Posted Online No Coffee House Worship No Worship Committee	6	7 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work 1:30p RLCW Meeting w/ program, hosted by Miriam Circle 6:30p Family Education Committee	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 8a Worship, Coffee & Fellowship to follow in Basement 9:15 Worship, Sister Luv, Live Streamed, Coffee & Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Adult Bible Study	12 10a Worship Posted Online 1p Quilting 5:30p Coffee House — Fellowship Hall 6:30p Finance Committee 7p Church Council	13	14 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work	15 9:30a Ruth Circle 1p Miriam Circle 1:30p Hannah Circle	16 Office Closed	17
18 8a Worship w/ Communion, Maynard Thompson trumpet trio, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow 9:15a Worship w/ Communion, Maynard Thompson trumpet trio, Live Streamed, Coffee & Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study	19 10a Worship Posted Online 1p Communion at Bremmer, followed by communion at GSLH 1:30p Priscilla Circle 5:30p Coffee House Worship — w/Communion, Fellowship Hall 6:30p Membership Committee	20	21 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work	22	23 Office Closed	24
25 8a Worship, Highway 30, Coffee & Fellowship to follow 9:15a Worship, Highway 30, Live Streamed, Coffee & Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study	26 10a Worship Posted Online 5:30p Coffee House Worship w/Communion, Fellowship Hall	27	28 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work	29	30 Office Closed	31

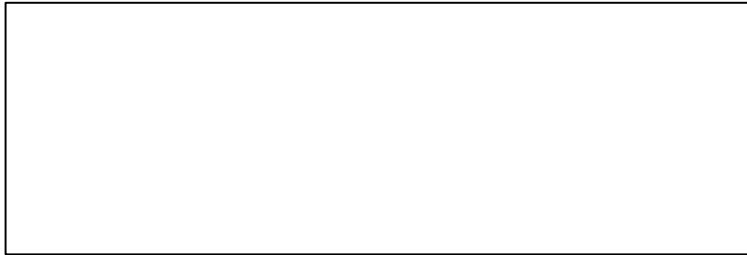
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