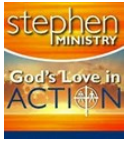




# RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JUNE 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.



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**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  
(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.

## Senior Recognition Sunday

Congratulations to the Class of 2021



L-R: Emma Schuster, Rylin Hoel, Kobe Lind, Megan Ekern, Lakyn Rasmussen, Calli Kingsley, Alyvia Eide. Missing: Jacob Stennes.

*May you keep your faith grounded while fulfilling your career endeavors!*



Left: RLC Scholarship Recipients Calli Kingsley, Megan Ekern & Alyvia Eide



Right: Seniors each received a quilt made by the RLCW Quilters.



## Grief Share Begins

Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m. @ RLC  
April 6—June 29

Led by Becky Stocker & Glen Kopperud

For more information call Becky at 507.923.9051.

To sign up call Becky or the church office at 507.864.7152.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (ESV)

As the effects of the pandemic appear mostly over, and as the summer months finally settle in, things are still a bit unsettled here at RLC. But it has nothing to do with the Coronavirus. Jean, our long-term business manager (14 years) is retiring. Not only did Jean cover all of the normal "church secretary" operations, she also served as our financial officer, the one writing the checks and balancing the books. As few individuals are good at both, the position of office manager has been divided into various skill sets. As of this writing, Linda Lea will serve as our new church secretary. Brenda Tesch will be replacing Jessica Heiden next month producing the monthly newsletter. June Vitse will fill in the gap as our financial secretary, paying the bills and keeping financial things afloat.

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will supply  
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of yours according to his  
Riches <sup>in</sup> GLORY  
in CHRIST  
**Jesus**  
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

And that's not all. For the past year, even during the pandemic, Kristin Burdey has been volunteering hours of time directing a new lady's choir, a men's choir for Easter, and hosting Wednesday evening youth group activities. Kristin's position has been expanded by the Church Council to serve as our Youth Ministry Director. A position that has been talked about and needed at RLC for many years. The position is focused primarily on a ministry with 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on Wednesday nights. This fall she will also be offered a paid position as an adult choir director, while at the same time continuing to work with the Cherubs and Praise Team on Sunday mornings.

Christine Anderson continues to serve in her role as Family Education Director, facilitating our Sunday School and Confirmation ministries. David Hinz quietly cleans up the mess we all make as our custodian. Owen Fenske has a side job mowing the church properties. And of course, Shary Evavold and Portia Lee faithful continue serving our Lord through their music ministries.

An old pastor's saying is that the only ones who appreciate change in church are the babies in the nursery. Well, yes and no. The church, like any business, will experience staff changes. We are very blessed that our God continues to supply our every need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (to paraphrase the Apostle Paul). Financially our congregation not only weathered the pandemic well, but now stands on a firm financial foundation. The staff changes mentioned above will not come with large increases to our budget. But it will take some time getting use to knowing who is doing what!

Along with that, there are still some lingering effects to the pandemic. One of which is reflected in our Sunday morning sanctuary space. Due to a number of considerations, most of which is the ongoing safety of our members, the Church Council has decided to continue offering two worship times on Sunday mornings, 8:00 a.m. and 9:15, as well as the Monday evening coffee house worship at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The dreaded green tape on the church pews is gone. However, a bit of social distancing is still recommended, at least for the month of June.

Yes, it has been quite a year. And as we slowly come out of this "Pandemic Year" it is actually a good time for these staff changes. Early summer at church

APRIL - JUNE  
**Portals of Prayer**  
Daily devotional books are available to pick up in the church office.

is actually preparation time for fall, for the fall program and all that it entails. So having a few months for our staff to adjust to these changes is a blessing. Change, rest, rejuvenation, and a re-commitment to our core values as a congregation is what our staff needs most, including me. And maybe you too! Because one of the ways that "God supplies all of our needs according to his riches" is through each of you. All of our staff working with all of our members working with and through and under Christ Jesus. What a blessing it is when we can see, so vividly, God providing for all of our needs!

In Christ's Loving Service,

*Pastor Steve*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO LINDA LEA

Linda will begin her post in the church office Tuesday, June 1. (She has been training with Jean the past couple weeks in the evening.) Linda has years of experience working at Acentek in Houston, MN. Office hours will remain open to the public M-Th 8 AM to Noon. We are excited to also welcome Brenda Tesch who will be developing the monthly newsletter. June Vitse will be overseeing the finances and the payroll will be outsourced.

### Thank You



A special thank you to Pastor Steve and Rushford Lutheran Church members and ladies for the beautiful blue lap robe. Appreciate all the cards, prayers, phone calls and kindness you shared prior to, during and after my surgery. Feeling very blessed to be a part of the Rushford Lutheran Church Family. Peace to all. Gerald Eide

### RLC Youth Group Wisconsin Dells – Mt Olympus

Tuesday, June 22nd 2021

Leave from RLC 8:30 am

Return 7:00 pm

Morning snack provided

Hot dog lunch provided at park

Cost: \$35.00

Entering 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade (bring a friend)

Sign-up with the office by June 14<sup>th</sup>

**(MINIMUM OF 25 PEOPLE MUST GO)**



Flowers for the summer will soon be placed in the planters out front. Anyone wanting to contribute to the planter fund, please drop off your contribution to Linda.

### Homebound, Nursing Home and Hospital Visitation

Covid-19 mandates and the safety of our elderly continue to restrict visitation to many of our nursing home members and those who are hospitalized. Hospital regulations currently restrict hospital visitation to one or two immediate family members. This regulation may be waived if the person hospitalized is placed on hospice care or death is imminent. This hospice exception also applies to members of our church living at Good Shepherd. In February, Pastor was able to visit Bremmer Suites Assisted Living residents since none of the residents or staff currently have Covid-19. However, visitation by pastor to the nursing home unit itself has not yet resumed. Members living in the Good Shepherd apartments and in their homes are able to receive pastoral visits and Holy Communion.

Due to the large number of our members who are either elderly or dealing with cancer or long-term illnesses, the visits are not monthly (there are currently 38 members on pastor's visitation list) Pastor has set Monday mornings aside for private communion for members who still need social distancing due to health concerns. Please call the church on Monday mornings if you want to come in (507-864-7152).

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

## Rushford Lutheran Church Women

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

**Coffee Fellowship** for June will be served by Martha Circle.

**Quilting:** Quilting will take place June 14 at 1 PM.

**RLCW Meeting** will be Wednesday, June 2 at 1:30 PM; Hannah Circle will have the lunch and Priscilla Circle will have the program.

### RLCW Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

President Bean opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She then turned the meeting over to the Ruth Circle. Linda Paulson gave devotions. Bean Boehmke told of her experiences as a foster care parent. Along with her own 3 children, she and her husband fostered 22 children in 12 years while also doing child care and hosting 4 exchange students. She told of many interesting experiences with the children. One emotional story she told took place on Mother's Day in 2017. She was now living in Rushford and working at the nursing home. A gentleman came to the home looking for her. It turned out to be one of a set of twins who lived with them about 30 years ago. This was a very special Mother's Day gift.

Janice Kampe read a poem, "Me Again, God". Members of the Ruth Circle led the group in singing "MOTHER".

President Bean called the business meeting to order. There was no secretary's report. The treasurer's report was read and approved showing a balance on hand of \$4,215.88. It was also reported that the cookbook sales, so far, have totaled \$5,380.00

**Old Business:** A reminder of the Salad Luncheon on May 19. Karla is still in need of workers. She passed a sign-up sheet around for those who can help.

**New Business:** Roberta Anderson reported that the Wagon Train supporting Special Olympics will be held again this year. A donation to this will be decided on after the Salad Luncheon. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Announcements:** The next meeting will be June 2 at 1:30pm. Priscilla Circle has the program and Hannah Circle has the lunch. Martha Circle has Sunday morning coffee for June. Birthdays and Anniversaries were noted, including a Happy 60th Anniversary to Denny and Shirley Darr. The Lord's Prayer was said and the Table Prayer was sung.

Lunch was served by the Martha Circle.

Donna Boyum, secretary

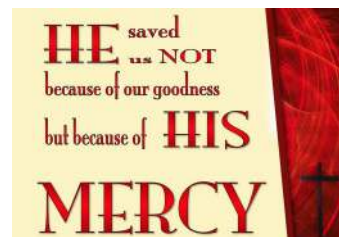
## FAMILY EDUCATION

We had a fun time at our obstacle course on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as our Sunday school year came to an end. Continue to remember that "God is Greater" and that Jesus is our greatest superhero! Congratulations to the winners of the balloon bears! And, I'm so proud of the students that came regularly and received an attendance award...I hope you enjoy your ice cream treat. Thank you to all those that volunteered as teachers and helpers!



Vacation Bible School returns this summer! Students entering grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> are invited. Please sign up by June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by sending an email to: [christineandersonmn@yahoo.com](mailto:christineandersonmn@yahoo.com) and you will be sent a registration form.

VBS Dates:  
Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
VBS Times: 6pm – 8pm  
Lessons, crafts, games, snacks!



I look forward to preparing for next year and hope to see many faces return to Sunday school in September. Our theme is "Because of His Mercy" based on Titus 3:5, "He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit." Those who believe that He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins and through believing in Him are given life everlasting. We don't earn it by good deeds. It is the greatest free gift!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** There is a need for volunteers for teachers, substitutes, and helpers. I pray that you decide to volunteer in some way. Without volunteers, we wouldn't

have the great Sunday school that we do. Thank you to those who do volunteer in whatever way they can. Please contact me as soon as possible if you'd like to volunteer at Sunday School.

Have a wonderful summer!

**Christine Anderson**

Family Education Director

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**May 10, 2021**

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

**PRESENT:** John Munter, Jim Bernier, Dean Hatlevig, Amy Luhmann, June Vitse, Vicki Nelson, Shari Michel, Barb Johnson

**ABSENT:** Glen Kopperud

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pastor Steve Chellew, Jean Krambeer (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-MA**

**3) Secretary's Report--MA**

a. April Minutes - Amendment - Pastor Steve attended pre-retirement camp at Okoboji, IA

**4) Treasurer's Report --MA**

- a. April financials - Easter giving - good; Expenses remain in line
- b. Motion to Change Signature Card on All Accounts--MA

**5) Pastoral Report**

- 7 hospital visits: 4 phone, 3 in
- 28 home bound visits (nursing home opened up floor)
- 11 students confirmed
- 2 baptisms
- 1 funeral

**6) Unfinished Business**

- a. Revision of Job Descriptions
  - Part-time Parish Secretary
  - Youth Ministry Director
  - Choir Director
- b. Parish Secretary and Finance positions Update
  - Part-time Parish Secretary – interested candidate
  - Finance Position – still looking
- c. Stained Glass Window Update
  - Work on the outside is going well
  - Balcony windows - marginal
- d. Firepit
  - In Process

**7) New Business**

- a. Summer Worship Times
  - Remove tape from pews beginning June
  - Continue with 2 services in June
- b. 165th Anniversary
  - Date: 1st weekend in August
  - Time: TBD
- c. Parsonage Windows
  - All windows in parsonage will be replaced when current window done
- d. Concrete in area between pastor's garage and parish hall
  - Defer at this time
- e. Bible camps
  - Leave at discretion of student

**8) Committee Reports: MA**

**9) Information/Announcements – None**

**10) Adjournment / Closing Prayers**

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Johnson

## APRIL CASH SUMMARY REPORT

Balance brought forward 4/1/2021	\$6,969.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$39,130.92
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$36,115.19</u>
TOTAL ON HAND 4/30/2021	\$9,985.43

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE

Worship led by Pastor Steven Chellew  
 Altar Guild: Letitia Kopperud and Shirley Darr  
 Organist: Shary Evavold  
 Pianist : Portia Lee  
 Projectionists: Lisa Chellew, Beatty Darr, Linda Lea, Steve Burdey,  
 Becky Stocker, Sandy Rasmussen, Sam Schaus  
 Videographers: Barb Johnson, June Vitse, Jeremy Tesch,  
 Dean Hatelvig  
 Choir Director: Kristin Burdey

		8:00 Worship	9:15 Worship
<b>6/6/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Becky Stocker	Christine Anderson
<b>Communion</b>	Ushering:	Marv Bestul and Claire Olstad	Louis Boehmke and John Campe
<b>6/13/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Tesh Kopperud	Shari Michel
	Ushering:	Dennie Darr and Gordy Elliott	Tom Kopperud and Jim Bernier
<b>6/20/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Dr. David Hinz	Christine Anderson
<b>Communion</b>	Ushering:	Wayne Meyer and Kerry Heiden	John Petersen and Mike Messenger
<b>6/27/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Tesh Kopperud	Kristin Burdey
	Ushering:	Brendon Honken and Dale Evavold	Dale Rasmussen & Lowell Rasmussen

# JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work 1:30p RLCW Meeting 6p Education Committee Mtg 7p Youth Gathering	3 10A RLCW Bible Study	4 Office Closed	5
6 8a Worship w/ Communion, Fellowship to follow 9:15a Worship, Live Streamed, Coffee & Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Adult Bible Study	7 10a Worship Posted Online 4:30p Worship Committee 5:30p Coffee House Worship — w/Communion, Fellowship Hall	8 6:30-8p Grief Share	9 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work 6:30p Youth Committee Mtg.	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 8a Worship 9:15a Worship, Music by Mariah Ciangiola, Baptism, Live Streamed, Coffee & Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Adult Bible Study	14 10a Worship Posted Online 1p Quilting 5:30p Coffee House — Fellowship Hall 6:30p Finance Committee 7p Council— Quilting Room	15 6:30-8p Grief Share	16 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work	17 9:30a Ruth Circle 1p Miriam Circle 1:30p Hannah Circle 5p Martha Circle	18 Office Closed	19
20 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 8a Worship w/ Communion, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow 9:15a Worship w/ Communion, Live Streamed, Coffee & Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study	21 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	22 6:30-8p Grief Share	23	24	25 Office Closed	26
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