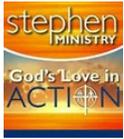




# RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MAY 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.

## Confirmation Sunday

**Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmation Class**



Photo by: Ross Himlie Photography

Row 1: Kallie Eide, Lauren Honken, Ava Bohanon.

Row 2: Christian Zibrowski, Aubrey Invgalson, Riley Huntley, Kaylee Hahn.

Row 3: Camdyn Anderson-Ingram, Evan Skalet, Pastor Steve Chellew, Matthew Brand, Cassandra Boyum.



## Palm Sunday

After the Palm Sunday processional and worship service, the Sunday School children enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt.





## Grief Share Begins

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

Led by Becky Stoker & Glen Kopperud

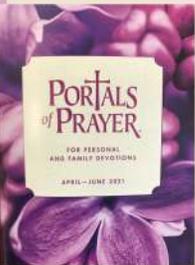
For more information call Becky at 507.923.9051.

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



## Spring Salad LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 19, 11-1  
RLC Fellowship Hall



APRIL - JUNE

### Portals of Prayer

Daily devotional books are available to pick up in the church office.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Shortly after graduating from seminary and starting at my first church in Napoleon, Ohio, I attended a seminar by the Christian leadership guru John Maxwell. The seminar was something like “Ten Things They Didn’t Teach You in Seminary.” After just a couple of years of being a pastor, I very much realized that John’s list could have been twenty or thirty or even many more things that we never taught us what to do in seminary. That list could go on and on.

Including how to run a church. Or how to hire staff. Or how to train up people to do ministry. Or how to read a church budget sheet. Or how to raise money for a million + building project (something I’ve only had to do once, thank the Lord!). And yes, even how to let staff go when things are not working.

Simply put: how to be a manager, while at the same time, remaining a pastor. They didn’t teach that in seminary back in the 1980’s. I hope seminaries are doing a better job of teaching that now, although I highly doubt it. And one of the reasons seminaries doesn’t do that well is actually good.

Because the church is not a business. Oh, there is lots of stuff that happens that is good to do in a business-like fashion. Accounting. Record keeping. Scheduling. Promoting (also known as advertising.) And yes, even sometimes selling. Selling ideas, not widgets. But still selling. Yes, a good background in business would certainly be a blessing to most pastors. As long as they don’t forget one very important thing.

The church is not a business. What is it then? A ministry, the ministry. Or as the Apostle Paul puts it:

<sup>11</sup> And God gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... (Ephesians 4:11-13, ESV)

For the past fourteen years, God has blessed Rushford Lutheran Church with a business manager named Jean. Much of Jean’s ministry was to do the business stuff of the church so that the pastor of the church could do the ministry stuff of the church better. And yes, notice how the two blur together. For in the middle of the word administration we find the word ministry, oddly enough. The ministry of administration. The ministry of the business side that is “the church.”

And today, we thank Jean for the past fourteen years, for her ministry. For she will be retiring at the end of this month. And we bless her, and we thank her. It has not been an easy fourteen years. (Think of all that has happened at RLC and Rushford itself since 2007!) Indeed, we thank her for working through the transition of a new pastor, and then for an extra year during this time of Covid crisis. We thank her for staying longer than she had really wanted to. If not as long as we had wished.

Ministry. Administration. Business. The business of the church. No, the church really isn’t a business, not like most anyway. And yet still there are things that

must be done at church in a business kind of way. And I am certain that God will guide us and bless us into whomever he gives us to help us in that task in the future.

In the meantime, we continue: "...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..." (Ephesians 4:12). Because Christ, the real business manager of his body, his bride, the church, Jesus Christ never retires. And the business of ministry goes on.

In Christ's Loving Service,

*Pastor Steve*



**Jean Krambeer**



**THANK YOU** 

for 14 years of dedication to  
Rushford Lutheran Church

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rushford Lutheran Church is looking to fill the position of Part-Time Parish Secretary. This is a part-time position Monday thru Thursday. The position could be perfect for

one individual or a job share position with two individuals. Qualifications desired are: Experience in Microsoft Word & Excel and Power Point a plus. Must be self-motivated and able to prioritize workload. Excellent personal and telephone experience. Must be cheerful and be able to work well with a diverse age group. Be able to prepare and present written and oral reports to the pastor, church council and organizations. Interested persons can pick up an application and copy of the job description from Jean in the church office. We would like to have the position filled by the first part of May.

### **Thank you!**

To Pastor Steve and Rushford Lutheran Church and so many friends for all the prayers, calls and so many cards and well-wishes. Thank you so very much. I'm blessed!

~ Ada Kjos

### **Thank you!**

To Pastor Steve, R.L.C. and all others,  
First of all—I apologize for this late comment, but want to especially "THANK" everyone for your prayers, concerns, personal calls and hundreds of cards, wishing me well as a Survivor of Covid-19! With all of you and the good LORD made this recovery happen!

Thanks again!

~Lupy

### **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.

#### **Reminders for attending in-person worship**

- Face masks are required at all public gatherings in Minnesota.
- *We encourage face masks brought from home. We do have a supply but appreciate it if you're able to bring one.*
- Seating in the sanctuary will be every other pew. Please social distance between families.
- Offering plates will be on stands at the doors. (Thank you for keeping our congregation strong so far through this crisis.)
- Special instructions will be given for communion.
- The sanctuary will be limited to approximately 150 people.

## Rushford Lutheran Church Women

**SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON:** MAY 19th 11am - 1 pm at Rushford Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall

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

**Coffee Fellowship** for May will be served by Priscilla Circle.

**Quilting:** Quilting will take place May 10 at 1 PM.

**RLCW Meeting** will be Wednesday, May 5 at 1:30 AM; Martha Circle will have the lunch and Ruth Circle will have the program.

## FAMILY EDUCATION

Please join us on May 9<sup>th</sup> as our Sunday school year comes to an end. I will recognize our teachers and helpers and give a recap of our year. During Sunday school there will be obstacle course fun (hopefully outside) and prizes. There will also be a drawing for 3 lucky attendees to win a gift for mom (or keep for themselves) ...a balloon bear made by *Balloons by Kevin*. Always remember that "God is Greater!" and that Jesus is the ultimate superhero!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> for students entering 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grades. This will be at the church from 6pm-8pm. Kids will need to be signed up by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Watch for posters!

If you would like to help during VBS, please let me know. Helpers with food, crafts, games, etc are always needed and greatly appreciated!



**May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Senior graduate recognition** at 9:15 AM church service. Breakfast at 8:15 AM. Letters will be sent to students and parents. **Scholarship recipients** will also be recognized. *My best wishes to all of you as you start the next chapter in your life. God will be with you!*

He is Risen! Students in P3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade waved palms in the palm processional on Palm Sunday. The egg hunt on Palm Sunday was a fun time for the students! They each had to find 14 eggs. Thank you to all those that helped to make it a success!

The **4<sup>th</sup> grade** didn't get to visit the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester this year, but pop tabs were still delivered. In place of a tour, we watched a video to show how important RMH is and how great of a place it is for kids needing medical treatment and their families.

Summer will be here soon! **Camp information** is available for any students interested. Contact me or the office for

information about financial assistance available to send students to camp.

Though different than past years, I've had another wonderful and rewarding year as the Family Education Director. I thank everyone that helped and I thank God for giving me this opportunity. I look forward to next year and hope we can have everyone back in our classrooms Sunday morning.

**May is Sunday School Teacher appreciation month. Thank you to these teachers and helpers:**, Audra Skalet, Evan Skalet, Karen Zibrowski, Melissa Feine, Christine Anderson, Sharon Horton, Brendon Honken, Beth Tudahl, Steve Burdey, and Pastor Steve Chellew. Thank you to Kristin Burdey for leading the Praise Team.

It takes many dedicated people to make the family education department successful. We appreciate all the volunteers and feel blessed to have an opportunity to work with you all! Thank you to those serving on the Family Education committee.

I will soon be **recruiting teachers** for next year. It would be wonderful if you contacted me first to let me know that you'd like to volunteer to teach full or part time or be a substitute or helper! I pray that God leads you to do so.

Enjoy the Spring weather and have a fabulous summer!  
Christine Anderson, Family Education Director 507-858-5968  
or christineandersonmn@yahoo.com.

### **Christine Anderson**

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## **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 12, 2021**

**Multi-Purpose Meeting Room**

**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, Glen Kopperud, June Vitse, Vicki Nelson, Barb Johnson

**ABSENT:** Shari Michel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pastor Steve Chellew, Jean Krambeer (Business Office Coordinator)

### **1) Devotions & Prayer Concerns –**

*Consistently Attending Religious Services Increases Life Expectancy -Barb Johnson*

**Prayer Concerns – Cliff Hallum, Ada Kjos**

### **2. Adoption of Agenda- MA**

- Firepit

### **3. Secretary's Report -MA**

a. March Minutes

- March 8 minutes
- March 21 minutes

### **4. Treasurer's Report- MA**

- a. March financials - Giving remains strong; up from last year
- b. Alley house is rented

### **5. Pastoral Report - MA**

- 5 hospital visits all by phone, 16 home bound (almost all in-person), 1 funeral, 2 baptisms
- On April 1 Pastor was able to personally visit Good Shepherd and was able to see everyone. Services have resumed and he will be visiting Bremmer Suites and Good Shepherd moving forward.
- Pastor would like to attend an LCMC pre-retirement retreat end April at minimal cost to RLC to be held at Camp Okeechobee.
- Pastor is planning to take some time off in May and June
- Pastor asked about our first Grief Share meeting. Glen reported attendance was good with 4 men, 3 women (3 are from congregation, rest out of town)

### **6) Unfinished Business**

- a. Building Renovation – Jerome's work is finished.

We have kept \$4700 back, which will be used to pay for the bricks for the north side of chimney. Terry will help if Jerome is unable to complete.

**b. Revision of Job Descriptions –** Two job description drafts were handed out:

1. Youth Ministry Director and 2) Choir Director
2. The HR Committee will meet to discuss with a goal to have something in place so as to have person hired in time for fall program planning.
3. Stained Glass Window – Allen forwarded two pictures of the progress on window. Looks great! Discussion on exterior color, possibly go with yellow. Window will look brighter on the inside.
  - Balcony windows need to be restored/ repaired. May not need full restoration but rather just repair.
4. Firepit – Council discussed a request to put a firepit on church property for youth to have bonfires.
  - Permit is required, Fire Department measures location; as the Fire Chief is presently out of town, Dean will be in contact with him and get back to Council. Pastor has a fire pit that could be utilized.

### **7) New Business**

**a. Sanctuary Projection Screens –**Pastor has quote from Sim Sound and Video for digital screens in front of sanctuary. Bid approx \$32,000 for 2 screens and confidence monitor (a screen Pastor would use instead of reading from printed paper) essentially 3 big TV screens. Amount in account presently \$18,183 (\$14,000 shy). Current screen has ripples

when air conditioning turns on.

**b. Organ Renewal Project** – Discussion began when it was noted that the stained glass windows behind organ may need repair. It is possible to digitize current organ to play digital files. How this works—a 'substitute organist service' will send digital files and it plays the organ. Pipes and current organ will remain. Digitizing price \$50-60,000 . Another Option: Electronic organ is comparable with more range of sound, but will not feel the same as pipe organ. Electronic organ has speakers. Pipe organ moves air within building. Council realizes this will be a very emotional discussion but one that needs to begin. Endowment Committee is holding \$46,000 towards this endeavor. Dean named a few people who currently play organ and may keep them in mind if need arises.

**8. Committee Reports - MA**

**9. Information/Announcements**

Jean announced her retirement-- after 14 years of service she announced her last day to be Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Position will be posted very soon. Persons would not have to be members of RLC. Posting will be put in church bulletin immediately, and word of mouth. Depending on response, more circulation may be needed, i.e. newspaper and Facebook.

**10) Adjournment / Closing Prayers**

Adjourned at 8:30pm, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY**

Worship led by Pastor Steven Chellew  
 Altar Guild: Marlene Boehmke, Becky Stocker  
 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

Barb Johnson

**MARCH CASH SUMMARY REPORT**

<b>Balance brought forward 3/1/2021</b>	<b>\$4,488.75</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$79,211.05</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$76,730.10</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ON HAND 3/31/2021</b>	<b>\$6,969.70</b>

*Many talented and loving hands at work during RLCW quilting.*



*The stained glass being removed on the north side to be restored.*

		<b>8:00 Worship</b>	<b>9:15 Worship</b>
<b>5/2/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Becky Stocker	Shari Michel
	Ushering:	Marv Bestul and Claire Olstad	Louis Boehmke and John Campe
<b>5/9/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Tesh Kopperud	Christine Anderson
	Ushering:	Dennie Darr and Gordy Elliott	Tom Kopperud and Jim Bernier
<b>5/16/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Dr. David Hinz	Lynne Munter
	Ushering:	Wayne Meyer and Claire Olstad	John Petersen and Mike Messenger
<b>5/23/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Tesh Kopperud	Shari Michel
	Ushering:	Brendon Honken	Dale Rasmussen & Lowell Rasmussen
<b>5/30/21</b>	Scripture Reader:	Dr. David Hinz	Sam Schaus
	Ushering:	RLC Women	RLC Women

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b> 8a Worship, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 9:15a Worship, Live Streamed, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 11a Praise Team</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10a Worship Posted Online 4:30p Worship Committee 5:30p Coffee House Worship—w/Communion, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:30-8p Grief Share</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work 1:30p RLCW Meeting 6p Education Committee Mtg 7p Youth Gathering</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10a RLCW Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>1</b> /</p>
<p><b>9 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8a Worship, RLC Ladies, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 9:15a Worship, RLC Ladies, Live Streamed, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a <b>Last Day of Sunday School</b>, Adult Bible Study 11a Praise Team</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10a Worship Posted Online 1p Quilting 5:30p Coffee House —Fellowship Hall 6:30p Finance Committee 7p Council— Quilting Room</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:30-8p Grief Share</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work 6:30p Youth Committee Mtg. 7p Youth Gathering</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>15</b> (Offsite) Wedding Brad Stienner &amp; Kelsey Wilding</p>
<p><b>16</b> 8a Worship w/ Communion, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 9:15a Worship w/ Communion, Youth Trio, Baptism, Live Streamed, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study 11a Praise Team</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10a Worship Posted Online 1:30p Priscilla Circle 5:30p Coffee House Worship—w/Communion, Fellowship Hall 6:30p Membership Committee</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:30-8p Grief Share</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work 11a-1p Spring Salad Luncheon 7p Youth Gathering</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:30a Ruth Circle 1p Miriam Circle 1:30p Hannah Circle 5p Martha Circle</p>	<p><b>21</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23 SENIOR RECOGNITION</b> 8a Worship, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 8:15a Graduating Seniors Breakfast 9:15a Worship, Praise Team, Sr. Recognition, Live Streamed, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10a Worship Posted Online 5:30p Coffee House Worship—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:30-8p Grief Share</p>	<p><b>26 Jean's Last Day</b> 9a Men's Helping Hands 9a Ladies Mission Work 7p Youth Gathering</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> 8a Worship, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 9:15a Worship, Baptism, Live Streamed, Coffee &amp; Fellowship to follow in Basement 10:15a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>31</b> 10a Worship Posted Online 5:30p Coffee House Worship—Fellowship Hall</p>					

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