

2024

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 12 pm Meal Site
4 Fill the Wagon Sunday for the Little free Pantry 9:30 am Wor- ship/ Communion 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages	5 12:00 pm Pas- tor's Bible Study 4:00 pm Grief- Share 3:30—6pm YLR	6 3:30—6pm YLR	7 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion 3:30—6pm YLR 6:00 pm Bell rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	8 8:00 pm Big Steppers	9 12 pm Meal Site	10 12 pm Meal Site
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18 1st Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages	19 Presidents' Day 12:00 pm Pas- tor's Bible Study 4:00 pm Grief- Share	20 3:30—6pm YLR <i>February</i> <i>Compass</i> <i>Deadline</i>	21 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion 3:30—6pm YLR 6:00 pm Bell rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	22 8:00 pm Big Steppers	23 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site	24 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site
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Confirmation 2024

10 young people were blessed, confirmed, or baptized on January 7. It was a joyful day as each of them shared their individual “Theme Verse” and their group verse, which was Galatians 6:2.

Pictured front row left to right: Oliver Cooley, who also sang “On Eagles Wings” with his mother Meghan; Jude Muir; Lilah Durbin; Celeste Greiff, who was baptized.

Second row: Eliza Hanna, Lucy McCoy, Lily Hanna, Jasmine Aline, who received a blessing with the class but wants to get baptized this summer; Charles Cooley; and Autumn Glass, who was confirmed in 2016 and helped lead the class with Pastor Robb.

Back row: Pastor Robb and Liam Muir.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14

Our Lenten experience will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with a service at 6:00 p.m. We will once again be sharing the service with Church of Peace UCC and Pastor Jane Courtright. We will have snacks afterwards in the back of the sanctuary to encourage a time of fellowship between our two congregations.



February Birthdays

02/03 Grant Dahlstrom
 02/03 Ivan Mejia
 02/04 Gary Camp
 02/08 Luke Cooley
 02/10 Bennett Cooley
 02/12 Charles Cooley
 02/14 Garrett Atkinson
 02/24 Oliver Cooley
 02/27 Kent Cornish
 02/27 Gary Johnson

If you have a birthday in February and we've missed it, please call the church office to update our records.



Winterfest Rescheduled

Our combined winter youth retreat was snowed out on MLK weekend, so we're going

to try again on Presidents Day weekend, February 16-19. The Surge youth group from Bloomington, Illinois will come to Camp Milan and our youth are invited to join in on their wonderful weekend of worship, games, and fun activities around the Quad Cities. A trip to SnowStar is in the plans – but the weather has to cooperate. A service project at Two Rivers Church on Sunday afternoon is a part of the plan as well.

Pastor Robb will be the main speaker, but this is a chance to get to know some other great adult youth leaders and a great bunch of kids (many of whom came to worship when Kelsey Ross was our guest preacher). Many of the kids from Surge will also be at AIR Camp this June and they will be picking us up for their mission trip to Denver in July. Building some relationships now will help make our summer even more incredible.

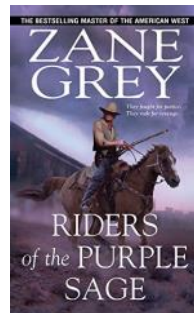
Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will meet on February 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary to discuss our next book, *Riders of the Purple Sage*, by Zane Grey.

Riders of the Purple Sage was first published by Harper & Brothers in 1912. Considered by scholars to have played a significant role in shaping the formula of the popular Western genre, this novel has been called "the most popular western novel of all time."

As always, our group is safe and nonjudgmental, and our discussions are insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun.

We'd love to have you join us! Questions? Please contact the church Office.



Religious Affairs Committee Community Day Celebration



The Rock Island County NAACP annual Religious Affairs Committee Community Day Celebration will be Sunday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline. This is an annual event that tries to bring people of faith together for a time to celebrate diversity and efforts toward racial justice. Two Rivers Church has hosted this event in the past. This year's celebration will feature the Olivet Baptist Men's Choir, a liturgical dance from a member of New Journey AME Church and a keynote speaker yet to be determined. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 1330 13th Street in Moline (at the corner of 13th and 13th). After the service there will be snacks and a time of fellowship.



Prayer Chain

Charlotte Peterson
 793-7783
 Nancy Schwegler
 781-5334

If you want the prayer chain to pray for your concern or you wish to be part of this prayer ministry, please call one of the persons listed above. They will alert the remaining chain members.

State of the Church Report

2023 Year End Financial State of the Church

Income Total for 2023 = \$275,924.24
 Expense Total for 2023 = \$273,561.17
 Surplus (Deficit) for 2023 = \$2,363.07

Bank Balances on Dec. 31, 2023
 General Checking = \$39,135.17
 Dedicated Checking = \$101,752.20
 Retreat Center Checking = \$7,009.38
 Dedicated Savings = \$25,430.36

Break Down

General Church Fund

Income total for 2023 = \$250,678.18
 (General Fund Offering = \$177,876.36)
 (Other General Fund Income = \$72,801.82)
 Expense total for 2023 = \$252,326.65
 Surplus (Deficit) = (\$1,648.47)

Retreat Center Fund

Income total for 2023 = \$25,246.06
 (RC Rental Fees & Donations = \$15,301.00)
 (Funds from RC Ded Acct & Undes. Mem. = \$4,945.06)
 (Funds from Camp Milan Trust = \$5,000)
 Expense total for 2023 = \$21,234.52
 Surplus (Deficit) = \$4,011.54

Balances of Invested Funds on Dec 31, 2023

Principal-Protected Trust Funds = \$2,070,500.77
 (Permanent Endowment, Capital & Camp Milan Trust)

Restricted Funds = \$12,755.00
 (Parsonage Fund)

Available Funds = \$7,401.00
 (Undesignated Funds)

Missional Giving for 2023

(UMCOR, UM apportionments, UM Special Sundays, Our Conference Our Kids, Coat Drive, Good Samaritan Fund, Meal Site and many other causes) = \$41,778

If you have any questions regarding the financial state of the church please feel free to contact the church treasurer, Brianna Pollock, in the church office.

Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

All those in need of prayers for healing and strength.

Our presence—

December 31 = 81
 January 7 = 81
 January 14 Service canceled due to weather
 January 21 = 50
 January 28 = 72

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

December 31 \$2,496.95
 January 7 \$4,782.94
 January 14 \$982.94
 January 21 \$5,863.94
 January 28 \$2,096.84

Our Service -

Members of the community served at Two Rivers Saturday Meal Site & Operation Safety Net (OSN):

December 30 — 73 Meal Site, 63 OSN
 January 6 — 60 Meal Site
 January 13 — 37 Meal Site
 January 20 — 48 Meal Site
 January 27 — 87 Meal Site, 75 OSN



A huge thanks for the poinsettia plant that was delivered to me. It still looks great and I am enjoying it every day. It is so good to be remembered by the loving people from Two Rivers Church, May God's Blessings be upon all of you.

Edie Hafeman



Lenten Worship: Do Unto Others

Jesus taught that we should treat others as we want them to treat us – including those with whom we disagree. Known as The Golden Rule, a version of this teaching can be found in almost every religion in the world. This universal rule holds the power to bring people together again.

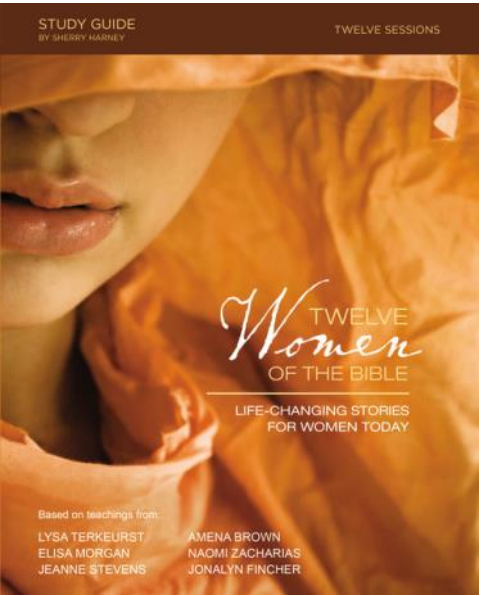
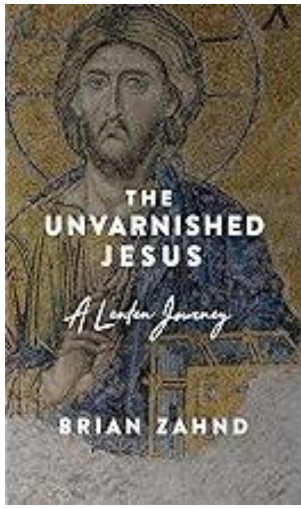
We are hoping to use material produced by Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City during our Lenten season to help people reflect on how they can treat others with kindness. The launch date of this campaign has not yet been announced. This will be the theme of our Worship series during Lent. Still using the Women’s Lectionary, the Scripture readings for Lent all share this theme of treating others with kindness and respect.

Lenten Zoom Book Club

Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m., join Pastor Robb in a Lenten journey with author Brian Zahnd as we read the daily devotional *The Unvarnished Jesus: A Lenten Journey*. The devotional is a 46-Day journey from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday.

Each daily devotion includes a reading from one of the gospels and a one-two page reflection. We will meet at 8:00 p.m. in the same Zoom room as our meetings and prayer group. The link to the Zoom chat will be made prominent on the church website.

Remember, Zoom participation does not require an internet connection. You can call in by phone at 1-309-205-3325 and use the code 961006728# when prompted. If you would like the church to order a copy of the book for you, please let the church office know by February 7 so the books will be available at the Ash Wednesday service.



Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School class will continue their “Women of the Bible” study that they started on January 21.

In this twelve-session small group journey, taught by six acclaimed Bible teachers—including Lysa TerKeurst—you will meet a group of women in the Bible whose lives teach us about ourselves and about who God is. This study will open you to the raw and revealing stories of frailties, struggles, brokenness, and victories of real women from both the Old and New Testaments.

All adults are welcome to join in this meaningful class on Sunday mornings in the Asbury Parlor at 10:45 a.m.



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Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **March** issue of the *Compass* is **Thursday, February 22, 2024**. Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

Welcome Statement



From the beginning of the Jesus movement, followers of Christ declared that there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, nor is there male and female. We, the people of Two Rivers United Methodist Church join in this movement of the Holy Spirit and declare that we celebrate the diversity of our neighborhood and the world. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual and affectional orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We believe that the body of Christ is more vital in its ministry when the whole diversity of the human family may enjoy full participation and leadership in the Church. We welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the Church and society, and acknowledge the pain caused by the exclusionary policies of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to work toward a more inclusive Church and invite you to join us in following Jesus Christ on the Way, marked by greater hospitality, kindness, justice, peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

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