

Calendar for November 26– December 3



WEEKLY GPS

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PRAY

STUDY

Sunday, November 26

9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Hanging of the Greens & Soup Lunch

Monday, November 27

10:00 AM Two Rivers Readers
12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Bible Study

Tuesday, November 28

3:30—6 PM Young Lions Roar

Wednesday, November 29

12:00 PM Prayer/ Devotion via FB & Zoom
3:30—6 PM Young Lions Roar
6:00 PM Bells rehearsal
7:30 PM Choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 2

12:00 PM Meal site

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Sunday School

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: John 21:16

Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Genesis 33:1-17 and John 21:1-19	
Monday	John 21:20-25	Peter's fate and false rumors
Tuesday	Genesis 35:1-15	Jacob establishes Bethel
Wednesday	Genesis 35:16-29	The deaths of Rachel and Isaac
Thursday	Genesis 37:12-36	Jacob's sons
Friday	Genesis 38:1-19	The story of Tamar, part 1
Saturday	Genesis 38:20-30	The story of Tamar, part 2

Reflecting on the Genesis reading

- ◇ The reconciliation of Jacob and Esau is one of the most shocking moments of Genesis. When has forgiveness surprised you? Is there a relationship in your life that feels impossible to repair?
- ◇ How does God restore relationships? What role did Jacob play in the restoration?

Reflecting on the John reading

- ◇ The disciples, in their grief, decide to go back to normal. They go fishing. There, they experience resurrection. When is a surprising time that you have experienced resurrection?

Looking forward to Advent

- ◇ What are ways that we can prepare spiritually for Christmas?

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Upcoming Sermon: Grandmothers of Jesus

Dec. 3 Advent 1 Tamar Genesis 38:13-19, 24-27

Dec. 10 Advent 2 Rahab Joshua 2:1-21

Dec. 17* Advent 3 Ruth Ruth 3:1-18, 4:13-17

*"Christmas Sweater Sunday"

Dec. 24 Advent 4 at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.

Genesis 33:1-17 (CEB)

Jacob looked up and saw Esau approaching with four hundred men. Jacob divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two women servants. He put the servants and their children first, Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph last. He himself went in front of them and bowed to the ground seven times as he was approaching his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, kissed him, and they wept. Esau looked up and saw the women and children and said, "Who are these with you?"

Jacob said, "The children that God generously gave your servant." The women servants and their children came forward and bowed down. Then Leah and her servants also came forward and bowed, and afterward Joseph and Rachel came forward and bowed.

Esau said, "What's the meaning of this entire group of animals that I met?"

Jacob said, "To ask for my master's kindness."

Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what's yours."

Jacob said, "No, please, do me the kindness of accepting my gift. Seeing your face is like seeing God's face, since you've accepted me so warmly. Take this present that I've brought because God has been generous to me, and I have everything I need." So Jacob persuaded him, and he took it.

Esau said, "Let's break camp and set out, and I'll go with you."

But Jacob said to him, "My master knows that the children aren't strong and that I am responsible for the nursing flocks and cattle. If I push them hard for even one day, all of the flocks will die. My master, go on ahead of your servant, but I've got to take it easy, going only as fast as the animals in front of me and the children are able to go, until I meet you in Seir."

Esau said, "Let me leave some of my people with you."

But Jacob said, "Why should you do this since my master has already been so kind to me?" That day Esau returned on the road to Seir, but Jacob traveled to Succoth. He built a house for himself but made temporary shelters for his animals; therefore, he named the place Succoth.

John 21:1-19 (CEB)

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing." They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No."

He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."



It's time to order poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary on December 17th and Christmas Eve, December 24. Please fill out the form below and place it along with your payment in the offering plate on Sunday morning. You may also mail the order form and payment to the church office— 1820 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201.

The cost is \$10.00 per poinsettia. Please make checks payable to Two Rivers UMC and mark "Poinsettia" in the memo portion of your check. Also, please indicate if your poinsettia is to be delivered to a shut-in, to our home address or if you will pick it up after the Christmas Eve worship service.

Order deadline is November 26th

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