



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 21, 2021

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A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

In case you missed it: Last week (January 15th) the elders moved from masks "required" to masks "recommended"

concern-wise).

- We again recommend the continued use of masks as a widely practiced form of potentially limiting the spread of COVID, flu, colds, etc., along with other reasonable health protecting practices like frequent (not paranoid or compulsive) hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, etc., while at the same time stating that we will not enforce mask use for those attending. We expect those attending our live services to be comfortable in the company of others wearing or not wearing masks.
- We recommend self-quarantining in all cases of anyone feeling sick and potentially suffering any number of illnesses.

We will continue to monitor and adjust our course as numbers dictate. As always, we ask you to be gracious and mindful of each other.

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RVC | kids

RVC | kids is open during Sunday services. If you are making a decision to return and need details, please contact Tracy Fettner to let her know. This will help in scheduling volunteers.

RVC | kids needs an attendant to check in visiting families. If you are interested in this or other opportunities to volunteer with RVC | kids, please reach out to Tracy (tracy.fettner@rvcoshkosh.com).

Giggles

A smile is refreshing. A laugh is welcomed. However, an all out belly laugh is cherished, especially among children. It was a morning that I had the blessing of being with children. I had multiple ages sitting together in a group, and we had just finished reading *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Robert McTurk. We started to play 'clap your hands and tap your legs', a pattern game. Everyone was smiling and enjoying the game. Then one of the three year olds, who was so invested in doing it right, tapped her cheeks

stopped to see how she would respond. She began to laugh, her sister and I began to laugh, those around us began to laugh, and even those who didn't even know why we were laughing began to laugh. We laughed for what felt like five minutes. I finally had to stop, because two of the adult helpers were wondering why we were laughing so hard. It was one of those "you had to be in the moment to see the innocence in all of it" moments. Laughter is a beautiful and special gift from God--one I wish I had more of. Being with children allows me those memorable moments to tuck away and, when life gets hard, the Holy Spirit reminds me how much joy I had laughing in that moment. It reminds me not to take things so seriously.

There is such uncertainty around us. How will our children grow into strong Christ followers when we live in a world that offers and encourages calling the bad things good? How are we to honor the Lord in the way we live and with our attitude when there is so much negativity in the world? I pray that God gives you wisdom beyond all understating that you might raise your children with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I pray you are able to cherish the laughter among your children.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4).

Tracy

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RVC MEN

Our next RVC Men meeting will be on Saturday, February 13, at 7:00 a.m. My guess is you have noticed that we are living in a volatile age. One day we are getting stimulus checks and the next the Capital building is being breached. Most churches have one-third or less of their people back worshipping together. The current cultural trends are blaming Christians and the church for more and more of their problems. We don't know how long the church will look like it has for the last few centuries. But, with that said, we are not afraid. The gates of hell shall not prevail against the church.

February to focus on making disciple-makers. That means we will be studying the Scriptures on how Jesus made disciples who made disciples. We will be training you to come alongside someone else and help them develop their relationship with Christ. We will be working at training and releasing an army of disciple-makers. We hope you'll plan to join us on Saturday, February 13, at 7:00 a.m.

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

At our January Prayer & Praise Night on Sunday, January 31, we are planning on doing baptisms. If you haven't been baptized as a believer and would like to publicly proclaim your faith, contact Pastor Wyatt or the church office. We hope to see you there. The service will go from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and, just a reminder, there is no child care.

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HELP WANTED

We are looking for people to fill a few volunteer positions.

Compassion Team Members

In January we will be restarting the "Compassion Team". Jeff Gorr will be heading up this ministry. If you are interested in helping RVC make an impact on our community, contact Pastor Dave or Jeff Gorr (info@allseasonspe.com).

Compassion Team Purpose:

To show God's love to our community for the purpose of God's glory.

Key Verse:

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light

Matthew 5:14-16

Specifics:

1. To increase RVC's awareness and impact on the needs of our community
2. To plan 2-4 (one time) community-impact projects annually

Building and Grounds

This team is headed by Colin Lee and handles maintenance of and improvements to the physical structure of the building and the surrounding grounds, including the parking lot and green spaces.

Miscellaneous

Greeters / Ushers - Contact Heather Patrick or Bill Gogolewski

Security Team – Contact Pastor Wyatt Fisher

Tech Team / Camera Team – Contact Danny Linse

Kids Ministry – Contact Tracy Fettner

Student Ministry – Contact Steven Blader

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SERMON NOTES AND SPACERS

Sermon notes are available on Sunday mornings. You can pick them up before you enter the Worship Center. They are located in a basket under the missions map.

As a reminder, we also have Spacers available for you under the missions map. (Spacers are 8.5" x 11" pieces of paper that you can use to let people know you want one or two spaces between you.) So, if you'd like to use a Spacer, please pick one up before entering the Worship Center. You will see that we have more chairs in the rows in the middle section, because we have some large families that need more seats.

Note: If you don't use a Spacer, then you can't give the "Stink Eye" when the ushers put people in the row next to you. I am actually teasing a little. I have

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2021 GIVING ENVELOPES AND STATEMENTS

Giving envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup in the Café. If you are new since last year and don't have giving envelopes but would like some, please let Kathi Miller know. Also, if you prefer to give online and no longer need envelopes, you can let her know that, too. Kathi can be reached at (920) 231-2265.

Also, Kathi will be handing out 2020 Giving Statements between Sunday services on January 24th and January 31st. Please contact Kathi with questions or if you would prefer your statement be mailed to you.

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THIS WEEK AT RIVERVALLEY

(Best viewed in landscape orientation on mobile devices)

Sunday, 1/24

Sunday Service (Worship Center)	9:00 a.m.
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High School Youth Group	6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 1/26

Beth Moore Bible Study (Café)	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Elder Meeting (Library)	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 1/27

Middle School Youth Group	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Thursday, 1/28

Ladies Bible Study	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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GIVING UPDATE:

YTD Giving 5/1/20 - 12/31/20

Actual: \$531,818.86

Budget: \$467,740.00

Weekly Giving 1/11 - 1/17/21

\$15,374.94

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