

Welcome to River Terrace Church

TODAY at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

"Jesus, Our Teacher on: *Who Makes a Difference*"

based on Matthew 5:13-16

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Christian Services

Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Adult Forum: Gym

"Safe Church: Policies and Practices"

River Terrace staff will present an overall picture of our policies and practices to ensure protection to everyone in the church community.

Youth Missions Fundraiser and Spaghetti Luncheon

Today - starting at 11:15 AM

Next Sunday: May 12 at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

"Jesus, Our Teacher on: *Bible Relevance*"

based on Matthew 5:17-20

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Vacation Bible School

Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Adult Forum: Gym

"J. R. R. Tolkien" A discussion with

Megan Fontenot, graduate student and Tolkien scholar.

Discussion Questions for Groups or at Dinner

1. Describe your relationship with salt. Or, a time you've really been glad for light.
2. When Jesus says, "*You are the salt of the earth...the light of the world...*" does it feel like an affirmation or a burden? Explain.
3. What about Jesus' teaching in vv 13-16 is most startling to you? Why?
4. Describe if any of these ideas is helpful to you: Remember who's talking. Go back to Beatitude #1. Listen carefully. Personalize the problems. Know "small" things matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Missions Fundraiser and Spaghetti Luncheon: Our annual fundraiser to support our High School Mission Trip and IMPACT Lansing for middle schoolers is TODAY. We will be serving a spaghetti lunch, have a few silent auction items and present other creative ways for you to help support our youth missions efforts. We will be serving the meal during and after second service. Hope to see you there!

Ignite Sunday Night: Our annual "Unbirthday Party" is TONIGHT! With so many birthdays to celebrate throughout the year, we combine them into one big party and celebrate everyone all at one. We will have pizza, cake, and Milkshake Madness (which, after last week's confusion, just means we are having milkshakes for dessert). Friends are always welcome!

Ignite Event: Games & Goodies: Middle and high school students are invited for a night of fun and fellowship on Friday, May 10, from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Stevens' house. The games and snacks are just an excuse to spend time with a great group of people, share some laughs, and maybe compete a little bit. RSVP to Brendan for the location!

VBS Sign Up is now LIVE! Volunteers and children can visit our website at riverterrace.org to sign up for "ROAR! Life is Wild! God Is Good!"

The Annual Spring Clean Up is Tues., May 7, starting at 5:00 PM. Contact Laura at laura@riverterrace.org or call the church office to sign up. Pizza will be provided.

An Evening of Gospel: Thurs., May 9, at 6:15 PM in the gym. Come out to enjoy old favorite songs with performances by the quartet 4-Hymn and other local musicians and support **Campus Edge Fellowship**. This event includes a picnic style dinner.

River Terrace University Granger Tour on Fri., May 17, at 10:00 AM. Learn more about waste collection and disposal, recycling and energy production from landfill gas. Please sign up in the church office and let us know if you'll be meeting us at the Granger site (16980 Wood Road, Lansing) or wanting to carpool, and if you are interested in lunch at Boston Pizza in Eastwood after the tour.

Art Gallery on May 19: Those interested in submitting works to a River Terrace temporary art gallery, please talk with Pastor Ken.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is on May 19, at 10:15 AM. The meeting agenda includes the election of two new Elders and two new Deacons. Elder Nominees are: **Derek Bajema, Sandee DeVries, Rich Jess and Florence Lamberts.** Deacon Nominees are: **Brad Geers, Jodi Harkema, Melisa Keeley, and Jason Scheeneman.** Absentee ballots are available in the office if unable to attend.

THIS WEEK

Campus Edge Fellowship: Mon., May 6, 6:00 PM, 1518 River Terrace Drive. Grad students, join us for dinner and a study of Ruth 1. Contact brenda@campusedgemsu.com for your questions.

Annual Spring Clean Up: Tues., May 7, starting at 5:00 PM.

Christian Service Brigade: Tues., May 7, 7:00 PM. Boys, gr. 1-12.

Pastor's Bible Study: Wed., May 8, 10:00 AM, Quad.

Prayer Gathering: Wed., May 8, 12:30 PM, Prayer Room.

Quality Living: Wed., May 8, 6:00 PM, Rooms 6 and 7.

Choir Rehearsal: Wed., May 8, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary.

English as a Second Language: Wed., May 8, 6:30 PM, West Quad.

An Evening of Gospel: Thurs., May 9, 6:15 PM, Gym.

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Thurs., May 9, 7:00 PM, Quad

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Sat., May 11, 9:00 AM, Quad

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Fresh Fruit Collection for the Homeless Angels is next Sunday.

Giving Box: Diapers and Wipes: All sizes: newborn through toddler.

Community Assistance Program: All kinds of crackers and cracker snack packs.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND PRAYERS

Bill VerMeulen had surgery last week and remains at McLaren Hospital. No visitors please but prayers are appreciated. **Elaine Morris** is a patient at Sparrow Hospital.

Darlene Workman is recovering at home after a hospital stay.

Your continued prayers are appreciated for **Aidan Bieber, Kim Emery, Lucille Kuiper, Jane Outslay, Jim Pignataro, Margie Stephenson, Lynn Stewart, YenYing Tsai and Jean Wallin.**

