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# # Rio Shopper

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Delivered Bi-weekly. December Publication dates are December 13th & 27th. Look Inside For Local History, News & Events.

Mon, Dec 15th Meatloaf, Buttered Red Potatoes, Veggie, Roll & **Dessert** 4 to 6:15 (Weather Permitting)





Dinner? Call Mark by December 17th

Holiday Essentials Available

Semi Boneless Prime Rib - \$11.99lb

Semi Boneless Ham (Whole & Halves)

Turkeys\*Shrimp\*7 Layer Salad\*Swedish Meatballs\* BBQ Cocktail Wieners\*

Party Trays available (Taco, Shrimp,

Winter weather may affect upcoming meals. Check Facebook for updates.

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Mon, Dec 22nd Roast Pork Loin, **Au Gratin** Potatoes, Veggie, Roll & **Dessert** 4 to 6:15

Mon, Dec 29th Chicken **Broccoli** Alfredo, Salad, **Garlic Bread &** Dessert 4 to 6:15 (Weather Permitting)

Wed, Dec 31st Join us New Years Eve -**Dinner to** Go!! We will be Serving:

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Soup

(Weather

Permitting)



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for info. 920-992-5220

**Need help with your Christmas** 

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Save The Date! January 19th!!

Brats & Gyro's

The Rio Community Club announces the ANNUAL RIO HOLIDAY LOVE LIGHTS You can honor a loved one by completing this form as indicated below. (One light bulb per person, please – Suggested donation, three dollars per person) PLEASE CIRCLE ONE for each name on your list In Honor Of MV – In Memory of a Veteran In Memory Of HV – In Honor of a Veteran or Current Service Personnel **M** – CIRCLE ONE CIRCLE ONE H/M/MV/HVH/M/MV/HVH/M/MV/HVH/M/MV/HVH / M / MV / HV — H / M / MV / HV — H/M/MV/HVH/M/MV/HVH/M/MV/HVH/M/MV/HVH/M/MV/HVH/M/MV/HV— H/M/MV/HVMy donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ is for the **Community Tree**. My donation of \$ is for the **Veteran/Serviceman's Tree**. THIS DONATION IS GIVEN BY: Name Email Address Phone Number

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY TO INSURE PROPER SPELLING OF NAMES.

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If you would like to donate: non-perishable, non-expired food donations may be dropped in the bin at Columbus Pick n Save and monetary donations may be deposited into our savings account at Farmers and Merchants Union Bank. We will also be receiving donations at the Stuff the Squad event at Columbus Pick n Save on Sunday, November 23rd and at the Holiday Train in Columbus on Wednesday, December 10th.

If you have questions, are planning a food drive, or have a large amount of food to donate, please contact Colleen @ 920-210-6266. More information about the Food Pantry is available by going to www.cityofcolumbuswi.com and clicking on Government/Departments/Community Center/Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support!



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#### MUSIC AT REDEEMER

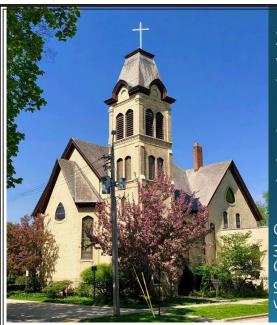
#### MUSIC SUNDAY AT REDEEMER

Please join us on December 21st for a morning of music and worship as the Redeemer Senior and Handbell Choirs bring their talents to our 9:00 am service at Redeemer Lutheran Church – 610 Lincoln Avenue in Rio.

All are welcome.







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# Columbia County Senior Dining Menu

DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 19, 2025

**MONDAY-**Hamburger on a WW Bun w/Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Peas & Cheese, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Oranges

**TUESDAY**-Scrambled Eggs w/Red Peppers, Sausage Gravy over a Biscuit, Fried Potatoes, Blueberry Scone. **WEDNESDAY**-Baked Chicken, Dressing/w Gravy, California

Blend, Vegetables, Cranberry Salad. **THURSDAY-** Meatballs in Mushroom Sauce, Rice, Green Beans, Peaches, WW Roll.

**FRIDAY-** Tuna Casserole, Broccoli, 5 Cup Fruit Salad, Wheat Bread Stick.

#### DECEMBER 22- DECEMBER 26, 2025

**MONDAY-**Goulash w/Kidney Beans, Corn, Pears, French Bread.

**TUESDAY-**Meatloaf, Au gratin Potatoes, Italian Bread, Vegetables, Strawberry Yogurt, Wheat Roll.

WEDNESDAY- Christmas Eve - CLOSED THURSDAY- Christmas Day - CLOSED

FRIDAY- Glazed Ham, Baked Sweet Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Cherry Cheesecake, WW Roll.

 Columbia County Meal sites

 Columbus
 920-763-2124

 Pardeeville
 608-617-1821

 Portage
 608-742-9211

 Poynette
 608-635-2122 option 2

\*Menu subject to change without notice ADRC 608-742-9233 or 888-742-9233

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Columbia County

# **LOCAL BLOOD DRIVES**

# New Testament Baptist Church

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026** N2232 Duborg Rd Columbus WI 11:30 am to 5:30 pm

# **Rio Middle School**

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 411 Church Street, Rio WI 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS
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#### HALL RENTAL

Rio American Legion

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Wyocena, WI 53969

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## Rio Boys Basketball

Monday, December 15 Varsity & JV @ Randolph 7:15 5:45 Friday, December 19 Varsity & JV vs. Montello 7:15 5:45 Monday, December 29

Varsity & JV @ Johnson Creek 7:15 5:45

#### Rio Girls Basketball

Thursday, December 18 Varsity & JV vs. Pardeeville 7:15 5:45 Friday, December 19 Varsity @ Hilbert 6:30

#### Fall River Boys Basketball

Monday, December 15 Varsity & JV @ Princeton 7:15 5:45 Friday, December 19 Varsity & JV vs. Markesan 7:15 5:45

# Fall River Girls Basketball

Thursday, December 18 Varsity & JV vs. Montello 7:15 5:45 Monday, December 29 Varsity Tournament @ Omro 5:00 **Tuesday, December 30** Varsity Tournament @ Omro 2:30

#### **Rebels Wrestling**

Saturday, December 13 Boys Varsity Dual @ Whitewater 9:30 Monday, December 15 Boys Varsity Quad @ Fall River 7:00 This schedule courtesy of . . .



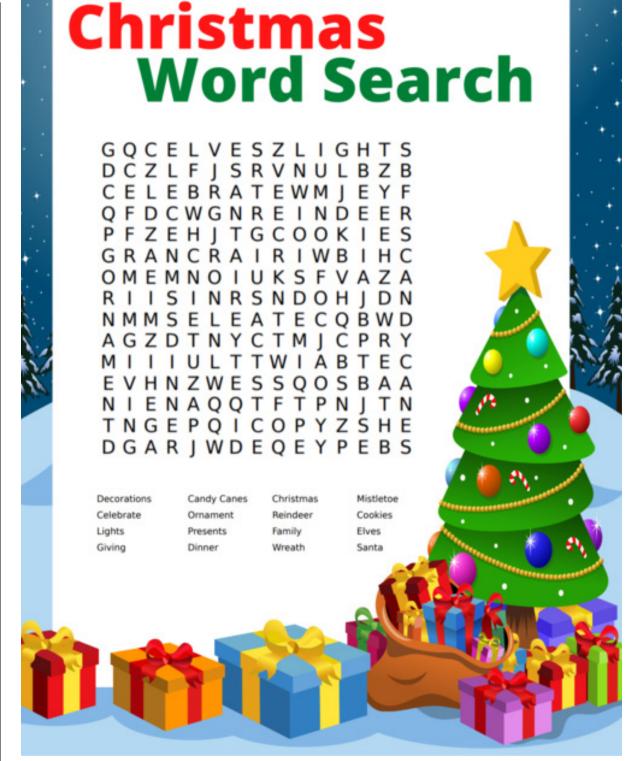
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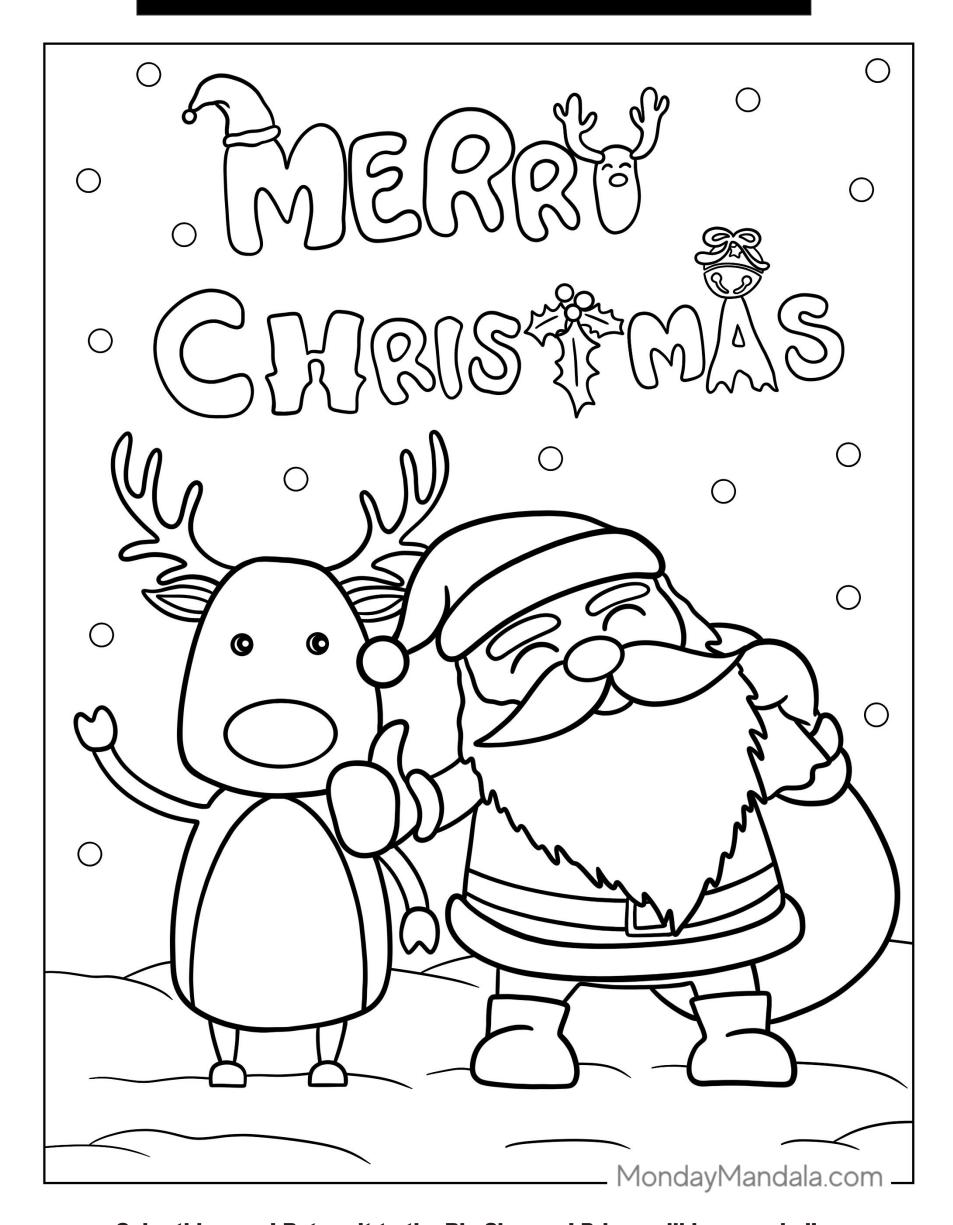


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# COLORING CONTEST!



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### **Redeemer Lutheran Church**

610 Lincoln Ave. Rio 920-992-3553

**Pastor Anne Wickland** 

office@rioredeemerlutheran.org www.rioredeemerlutheran.org



Sunday Worship - 9:00 am - Watch on Facebook Live Listen on Radio FM 101.7

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

AA Meeting Thursdays @ 6:00 pm (Church Basement)



#### **HOURS**

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<u>Sunday</u>

Sunday School will be the first Sunday of the month beginning in Oct. 8:30 to 9:20 am.

Sunday School is for students age 3-High School.

9:30 am Worship Council Meets 2nd Mon. of Month WOC Meets last Weds. of Month

# Faith Bible Church

N4777 Elm Street - Rio, WI 53960 Pastor Ramsey Bobzin 920-992-3274

www.fbcrio.org

Come pray, sing and worship Our God and Our Savior - The Lord Jesus Christ. Join us every Sunday and throughout the week as we study the "Bible" Chapter by Chapter, Verse by Verse and Word by Word.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** 

WORSHIP/CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY EVENING: Prayer and Praise - 5:00 PM TUESDAY'S: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 1:00 PM - Call for Details 2ND SATURDAY/MONTH: Men's Prayer Breakfast-7 AM

Sermons can be heard on our website: www.fbcrio.org or Facebook

# **INFORMATION**

(effective January 1, 2025)

COLUMBUS/FALL RIVER FOOD PANTRY

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

We serve Thursdays, 4:00 pm to 6:45 pm, by appointment. We are located in the back of the Columbus Community Center, 125 N Dickason Blvd, Columbus.

#### Call 608-893-3079 to schedule an appointment.

If your call is not answered, please leave a clear message with your name and phone number. Messages will be checked daily.

Si Ud. necesita ayuda con la comida, favor de llamar al 920-287-8122 y pida Marcos para programar una cita.

#### Thank you to the following churches for serving:

Connection Church - Pastor Jamie Turner \* St. Jerome Catholic Church - Father Jim Leeser \* Faith Lutheran Church - Pastor Andrew Perger \* Olivet Congregational UCC \* Zion Lutheran Church - Pastor Tim Schwartz \* First Presbyterian Church \* Columbus United Methodist Church - Rev. Sang Wook Park \* Columbus Community Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chris Baker \* Wisconsin Academy - Pastor Jonathon Fetrick

# Nativity of the Lord Pastorate DeForest/East Bristol/Poynette/Rio/Doylestown/Columbus

Parochial Administrator: Fr. James Leeser; Parochial Vicar: Fr. Joji Thirumalareddy; Parochial Vicar: Fr. Bala Kasipogu, Main phone: 608-846-5726. Emergency sacramental line: 608-453-5763. See nativitylord.org for the most up-to-date schedule of Mass Times, Reconciliation and Adoration opportunities.

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

St. Patrick Catholic Church, N4085 Bruce St., Doylestown; Sun. 8 a.m.

St. Jerome Catholic Church, 1550 Farnham St., Columbus; Sat. 4:30 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.

St. Olaf Catholic Church, 619 Jefferson St, DeForest; Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.;

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1935 Hwy V, Sun Prairie; Sun. 10 a.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 655 S. Main St., Poynette; Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.

## A Holiday Gift for that Military Veteran Rio American Legion Memorial Bricks

The Rio American Legion has Memorial Bricks for you to honor your veteran, ands to provide a way to let others know of their service to this great country. The cost is \$100 per brick. Each brick will be etched with the veteran's name and other significant items of their service. Once completed, the brick can be placed in our Memorial Park on Rio's main street or kept at a site of the families choosing Please give us a contact number and make the check out to the Rio American Legion. You may call Jerry at 920-988-3389 for more information.

Mail the order form and check the Rio American Legion, Box 91, Wis, 53960.

Suggested Information:
4 lines with 17 spaces per line ONLY. Please print each letter/number clearly as what you put down is what gets cut into the stone.
Veteran's Name/Rank
Military Branch & Unit
Duty Station/Ship
Dates of Service - Beginning and end

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**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY** 

Bread Basket Food Pantry will be by appointment only. Contact Joanne Sanderson; 920-348-5568 or the Church office; 920-348-5859.

Serving residents of the Cambria School District

MONETARY DONATIONS may be sent to Joanne Sanderson, Treasurer, W2207 Vaughn Rd., Cambria, WI 53923.

#### Attention Rio Area Food **Pantry Customers!**

Please come to the front door of the pantry to pick up your order form which will be filled and brought to your car.

#### Rio Depot Park Shelter

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#### **Rio Community** Library

**HOURS** Mondays & Wednesdays

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Saturdays -** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Closed Sundays & Holidays email: questions@riolibrary.org website: www.riolibrary.org



#### 920-992-3206

Please review the guidelines when entering the library 324 W. Lyons St.

We also offer curbside pick up.

#### RIO FOOD PANTRY 104 Lincoln Ave., Rio Serving the Rio, Otsego, Doylestown, Cambria and Friesland areas/School Districts. OPEN 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month 10:00 AM - Noon

**EVERY 4th MONDAY** we will also be open from 5 PM to 6 PM

Donations of food & money are accepted during open hours. Monetary donations can also be sent to Rio Area Food Pantry PO Box 355 Rio WI 53960

Checks should be made out to the Rio Area Food Pantry. For more information contact Gina Gray (608)234-7454, Bob Risgaard (920) 992-5258, or Jim Nelson (920) 992-3618.

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## JOIN THE RIO AREA HISTORICAL

**SOCIETY TODAY!** 

**OUR MEETINGS: Third Saturday of each month** at 10:00 am at the RAHS Museum, 126 Lincoln Ave., Rio ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

View our picture gallery & stories on our Facebook page. For more information or

## "WE NEED TO COLLECT & PRESERVE"



#### The History of Rio's two High Schools

The first High School was built in 1911 and dedicated in January 1912. The second one dedicated in 1977. The first class graduated from this High School in 1913 (five people) The first building was added on to several times in its lifetime.

Rio Junior/Senior High School was dedicated in 1977. In 1971 the new school building program began. At the July and August 1971 annual school meeting a Citizens Advisory Committee was formed and given the task of gathering all information available about the needs of the Rio High School then and into the foreseeable future.

The Citizens Advisory Committee Members:Mr. Marvin Jameson, Mr. Jerry Franz, Mrs. Gertrude Stilson, Mrs. Jean Briggs, Mr. Donald Hohlstein, Mr. Otis Underdahl, and Mr. Gerald Christiansen.

In 1972 the Committee suggested that the present high school facilities be maintained for a minimum of two years. In 1975 the Citizens Advisory Committee became active again and it was decided a feasibility study should be done. The firm of Mochon, Schutte, Hackworth, and Juerisson was contracted to complete this study. The feasibility study provided three different options to be evaluated. The Board decided that constructing a new facility was the option the district should attempt to explore.

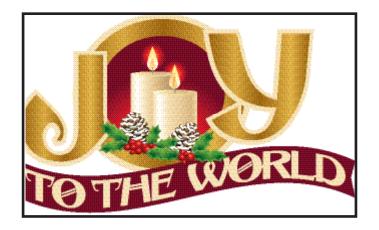
A successful referendum was held on 9/14/1976 with ground breaking taking place on 11/29/1976. The first day of classes in the new building was held on Monday 10/31/1977. The total cost of the new school was \$2,146,751.00 and the contractor was Kraemer Brothers, Inc. of Plain, Wisconsin.

#### By: Darlene Lerum

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Fire Dept. and Emergency Equipment and Vehicles that are used to respond to a call require a minimum clearance of 14 feet high and 12 feet wide

Our goal is to be able to reach you as Quickly and safely as possible.



Rio Fire Dept. & Fall River Fire Dept.



### OLIVET CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship: Sunday at 9 am Sunday School: after Worship - 10 am

> ALL ARE WELCOME! Web page: olivetucc.org

> > 313 W. Prairie St. Columbus WI 53925