

RiverWorks invites you to  
**CROW RIVER**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**IN THE PARK**



You do not want to miss the highlight of the day, warm food, fireworks and beautiful trees! Right after the last sparkling fireworks have exploded, one hundred trees will all light up down the center sidewalk of Riverside Park. **It's breathtaking!**

DECEMBER 7, 2024 | RIVERSIDE PARK, ROCKFORD, MN

**4:00 pm**  
**Christmas Festivities**

Food for sale at the Lion's Building. Soups, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, hot chocolate and more. **Nothing over \$3.00.** As always, bonfires to keep you warm.

Welcome back Mr. & Mrs. Clause handing out treat bags and taking pictures, sing carols with Rockford High School Chamber Choir.

**New This Year On the Main Stage!**

Experience The Nativity Story: a heartwarming retelling of the miracle in Bethlehem, narrated and brought to life by a children's performance. This special event is sponsored by Our Father's Lutheran Church.

**5:30 pm**  
**Fireworks and Tree lighting**

The sky lights up with Christmas Fireworks Sponsored by the City of Rockford. Brighter and more beautiful in the clear winter sky!

**After the fireworks the park gets lit!** The park walkway becomes a Christmas Wonderland when 100 trees are lit up!

**Thank you** to all the individuals, businesses and organizations that sponsored a tree! Thank you to Rockford Troop 490 for putting up all the trees. Thank you, Darcy of Rockford City Parks & Recreation for all the help with getting the trees up and wired up for lighting.

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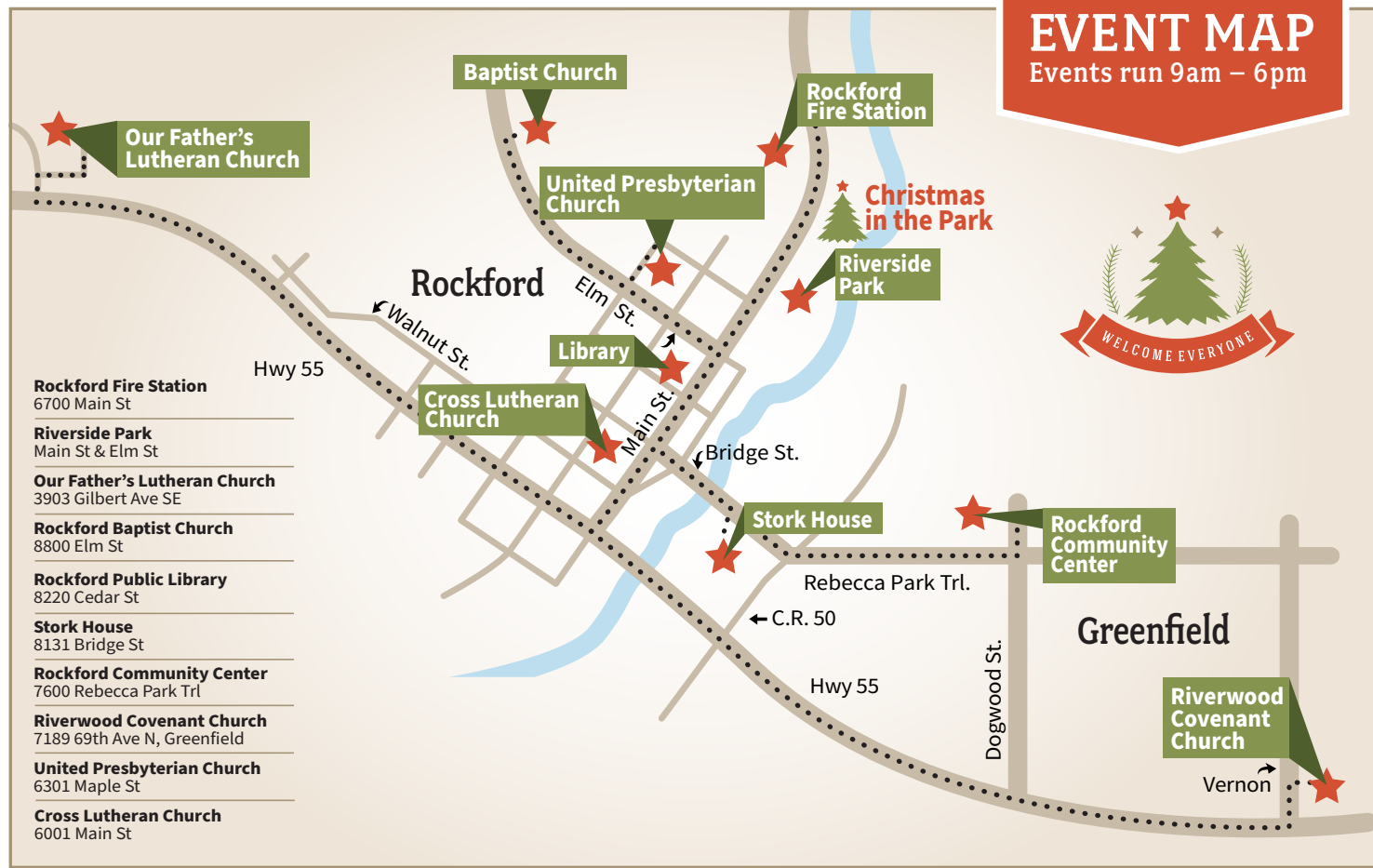
Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 9 am - 6 pm

*Grab your family and enjoy all the fun and festive events!*



Event details have been brought to your home this year thanks to:





**EVENT MAP**  
Events run 9am - 6pm



Since RiverWorks began in 2009, the heart of our organization is *Community Helping Community*.

**Our Mission** | Meeting the local needs of hunger, affordable quality goods and community building. We envision a connected community creating hope and a quality of life in which all people thrive.

**Our Programs**

- Lunch Box Express** | Food delivery for students in our community
- Thousand Hearts** | Creating opportunities to volunteer
- Food Shelf** | Providing food with love for every table
- Good Eats by RiverWorks** | A food truck for the community
- Crow River Christmas** | A community holiday tradition



**Scan this code** to explore the positive impact RiverWorks has made in our community. A heartfelt thank you to all who have donated, sponsored, or matched contributions over the past year—your generosity has made this impact possible.

For more information, please visit:  
[riverworksonline.org](http://riverworksonline.org)



**Did you know?**

**350**

Unique families served  
(June 2023 - May 2024)

**40%**

of the people we serve are children in our community.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**The Jolly Jingle Jog 5K Fun Run! 9 am**  
Please pre-register and see event details at [www.TotalStrengthFitness.com](http://www.TotalStrengthFitness.com). The 9th annual Jolly Jingle Jog will start at Riverside Park at 9:00a.m. Come early for treats, music, and socializing. This is a FREE event, but please bring a grocery bag of food or personal items for RiverWorks Food Shelf. We are running for pancakes again this year! Our route ends at Our Father's Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast. The first 100 to register receive a special commemorative ornament! Sponsored by Total Strength Fitness.

**Rockford Fire Auxiliary Toy Drive**  
**Collection Boxes** BANKWEST, Dollar General Store, Lake Sarah Dental, Lampert Lumber, Our Father's Lutheran Church, Riverwood Covenant Church, RiverWorks Thrift Store, Rockford City Hall, Rockford Library, Rockford Schools, Sunshine Station, Tractor Supply.  
**Donation Cash Boxes** BANKWEST, RiverWorks Thrift Store, Rockford City Hall, Sabourin's Wine & Liquor, Tractor Supply.

**United Presbyterian Church**  
**10 am - 1 pm**  
Come and join us for Once Again Christmas featuring new and used Christmas items to rehome. Children's activities will be creating new Christmas items from recycled materials. Take your own Christmas Photos with costumes provided. Bake Sale and free hot beverages and cookies.

**Rockford Holiday Expo**  
**9 am - 3 pm** at the Rockford Community Center. Come shop local vendors for your favorite crafts, canned goods, decorations, hats, gloves, and jewelry! Find unique gifts all while supporting the local community!

**Rockford Baptist Church**  
**9:30 am - 11:30 am**  
Make & take Christmas Tree ornaments. Fun for kids and parents! Stop in for free refreshments.

**Girl Scouts Christmas Gift & Crafts Sale at the Fire Station**  
**10 - 11:30 am** "KIDS ONLY" with an Elf as a helper  
**11:30 - 1:30 pm** Open to the public  
Girl Scouts craft items will be for sale, and nothing is priced over \$10.00. Girl Scout elves will be available to help little ones to shop for that someone special. Baked goods, lunch and concession items will be available for purchase. Back by popular demand gift baskets in a silent auction. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Pet Pantry at RiverWorks Food Shelf.

**Our Father's Lutheran Church**  
**9am - 11 am | Pancake Breakfast**  
Run to our doors or cheer for the joggers at the finish line and join us for a Pancake Breakfast 9am-11am. Full pancake breakfast for \$5 a person.  
**9am - 11 am | Crow River Christmas Market**  
Enjoy a morning of crafts, music, and a yummy bake sale—don't miss the lefse! You won't want to miss our annual Silent Auction where there is always something for everyone. We welcome our community for a time for fellowship to celebrate the Christmas season.

**Pictures with Santa at the Fire Station**  
**10 am - 2 pm**  
Activities for the kids! Hot chocolate & cookies. Bring a toy for the Rockford Fire Auxiliary Toy Drive to benefit local families. The biggest need is items for teens. Check us out on Facebook Rockford Fire Auxiliary.

**Music & Crafts at the Rockford Library**  
**10 am - Noon**  
**10 am - 11 am** Rockford HS Choir  
**11 am - Noon** Rockford HS Band  
Refreshments will be provided, and a book and gift basket fundraiser for Friends of the Library.

**Riverwood Covenant Church**  
**Noon - 2 pm**  
Come and make a gingerbread house out of graham crackers and create an ornament to hang on your tree. There will also be a family Christmas movie playing for all who would like to warm up from the cold and watch with friends and family.

**Stork House Christmas**  
**Noon - 4 pm** The Rockford Area Historical Society hosts a Christmas Open House. See the Ames-Florida-Stork House decorated for Christmas and at its sparkling best! Guests will arrive in a horse-drawn wagon, enjoy a tour of the house, musical entertainment, cookies, and hot chocolate around the outdoor fire. Kids may bring their letters to Santa and drop in his special mailbox on-site (8131Bridge St., Rockford)! This is the last day to purchase a \$5 quilt raffle ticket - drawing is at 4:00pm. Please note: The Ames-Florida-Stork House closes at 4:00 pm.

**Cross Lutheran Church**  
**10am - 3 pm | "A Candy Cane Christmas"**  
A Play, showing at the top of each hour. Rejoice in the meaning of the Candy Cane. Enjoy snacks and Candy Cane crafts for the kids.

**Have time between events?**  
**Stop by the RiverWorks Thrift Store**  
Open 10 am - 4 pm  
7945 Hwy 55, Rockford, MN 55373

**Free Horse & Wagon Rides**  
**1 - 5 pm** From the park to tour the Stork House. Sponsored by Rockford Lions Club.

**Christmas in the Park**  
**4:00 pm** See back for details