



Upcoming Events...

Classroom Christmas Parties

We will be having our annual Christmas pizza parties in the classrooms on Friday, December 21st. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the school/office entrance to volunteer to help with serving or to bring soda and desserts for the party. A note was sent home last week regarding teacher/staff gifts. If you wish to contribute, please return the envelope to the office by Friday, December 7th.

Our Mission

To promote and support Christian Education while stimulating fellowship among educational staff, parents, students, and all other members of Riverview Lutheran Church.

Christmas Mission Tree

There will be a "mission tree" in the church entry again this year. Gifts given will go to children in orphanages & schools in Haiti. Envelopes from the tree may be put in the offering plate. Sheets with more information on this project are located by the tree.

Join us for Bible Study



- Sundays at 9:15 am –
 - **Sharing our Faith – based on "To the Ends of the Earth"** – led by Pastor Belter in the Fellowship Hall – December 2 & 16
- Mondays at 1:00pm –
 - **Genesis** – led by Mr. Wolfram in the Church Library
- Home Bible Study – Sat., Dec. 8th, 6:30 pm
 - **Isaiah 9: Prophecy of the Prince of Peace** – led by Mr. Wolfram @ Bonnie Heimlich's – RSVP 450-8133

Guest Preacher & Door Offering

On December 9-10, Pastor James Mattek of WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions will be our guest preacher and Bible study leader. He will share more about the healing & helping ministries of WLCFS, which include Christian counseling, in-home care services, and senior living solutions. Pastor Mattek has served WLCFS since 2004. As Director of Ministry at WLCFS, Pastor Mattek provides doctrinal leadership and works in mission advancement. To learn more about WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions, please visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org. We will also have a door offering that weekend to support this ministry.

Sunday School Practice

Parents of Sunday School and Public School catechism students, please plan to have your children at church on Sat., Dec. 15th from 8:30-10 am. This will be the ONLY full rehearsal for the Christmas program the next morning.

Help Needed

On Dec. 18th at 6pm, help is needed to decorate in the gym for our Children's Christmas Service. Please let Peter Wolfram know if you are able to come that day. On December 23rd at 9am, help is needed to take down the chairs to open the basketball court for practice.

Office Hours

The office will be closed 12/24-25 and 12/31-1/1. Please call ahead from 12/21 – 1/2 to ensure the person you need to speak with is available.



"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman."

Galatians 4:4

Timing is everything. How true this is in so many ways: delivering the punch line in a joke, running a play in football, or the instrumentalists and the choir starting together. All these need good timing. Our Lord God Almighty has perfect timing. For thousands of years he had promised and predicted through his prophets. He promised that the offspring of a woman would come to rescue and save fallen mankind. As we begin this wonderful month of December, we are not just thankful for God's good timing, we are eternally grateful that God sent his Son to redeem us. Without the Savior's coming, we would continue to be lost and condemned creatures. We would have no peace. We would have no hope. Christmas and the birth of God's Son changed all that. Jesus, the eternal, perfect Son of God, came into this world to redeem us. His

QR Giving Code



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perfect life, his all-atoning death, and his physical resurrection made all this true and real for us. So the time has come once again to go in spirit to Bethlehem. The time has come to prepare with the Wednesday Advent services. The time has come to celebrate and thank God, because "God sent his Son, born of a woman." O come, let us adore him!!!

Yours in Christ,
--Pastor Dennis Belter

Pastor Wagner's Arrival

To help welcome the Wagner family to Riverview, we are collecting donations of non-perishable food items and/or Scrip cards. Please make Scrip arrangements with Sandy Diersen. A table for the donations will be in the church entry.

Pastor Wagner will be installed at a special service on Sunday, January 13th at 4:00 PM with a dinner to follow. Chicken will be provided; please bring a dish to pass or a dessert. A sign-up sheet is in the church entry.

Serving in December...

USHERS

8:00am Worship:

Tom Olson (Head)
Mark Diersen
Arlene Ehlers
Dave Fischer
Ken Gruber
Ben Jaeger
Linda Zweg

10:30am Worship:

Dave Miller (Head)
Todd Blobbe
Ryan Blobbe
Jim Heiden
Bill Wenberg
Linda Wenberg

POWER POINT

ASSISTANTS

8:00am Worship

12/2 Derek Birling
12/9 Ally Basken
12/16 Erin Greshay
12/23 Noah Nolte
12/30 Jonah Gagnon

10:30am Worship

12/2 Hope Dumke
12/9 Autumn Shea
12/16 Matt Rhoades
12/23 Jonathan Gentz
12/30 Blake Larson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:00am Worship:

12/9 Dan Vanden Heuvel
12/23 Peter Wolfgramm
12/30 Kevin Wundrow

10:30am Worship:

12/9 BJ Witte
12/23 Mike Melso
12/30 Tim Selle

NYE 12/31-Warren Bartels

November Board Highlights

Spiritual Growth Board

- The board is looking to fill two vacancies. For this and other reasons, the board will not meet again until Pastor Wagner arrives.

Lay Ministry Board

- Discussing a new committee and revised board position to focus on worship enhancement.
- Phone-calling committee gave Thanksgiving service information to those who need worship attendance encouragement.

Stewardship Board

- Grateful that Riverview members have given \$63,000 to FVL's building project.
- Finalizing a year-long board calendar.
- Area accountant has given us advice about the costs of audits required, as well as accounting changes needed when we enter school choice program.
- Encouraging senior members to investigate IRA required withdrawals as charitable contributions for our church, school, FVL, or Synod.
- Budget discussions are beginning for 2019 - 20 fiscal year.

Evangelism Board

- Thank you to all who attended the New Member Welcome Dinner.
- Christmas invitation postcards will be sent out in December. Extras will be available to invite a friend.
- Christmas for Kids will be co-hosted with St. Matthew in their gym on Saturday, December 8th.

Church Properties Board

- Thank you to volunteers who assisted with fall church cleaning week!
- We are working towards updating classroom door locks to increase school security.
- Thank you to everyone who assisted with cleaning the parsonage in preparation for the Wagner family!

School Board

- Discussed school choice partnership agreement with FVL.
- Discussed community outreach program with St. Elizabeth Hospital.
- Exploring a spirit wear "locker room" with Silly Toast of Appleton.

School Choice

On Nov. 11th, a proposal asking Riverview to enter school choice under the umbrella of FVL's administration was approved by the voters. FVL's Board of Regents also approved this proposal on Nov. 20th. This arrangement will allow ALL current Riverview students who qualify to apply for the school choice program for next school year. Please continue to watch for more information.

Children's Christmas Service

On FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st, at 6:00 pm, RLS students in grades 3K-8 will be leading their Christmas Service in the Activity Center. If there are family members that cannot attend on Friday evening, they are welcome to join us at 8:30 that morning for the "dress rehearsal". Please remember that the students are dismissed at noon that day.

Scrip Christmas Gifts

Have you considered using Scrip to purchase gift cards for that person on your list who is difficult to shop for? You'll have several choices, won't have to make a trip to the store, AND you'll earn money for your school at the same time. Can't decide which restaurant or store card to order? Scrip gift certificates are also available so that the recipient can choose which scrip vendor's cards they would like to purchase. Please call the office at 733-3728 with any questions or to order ahead. Orders placed by 10 am on Dec. 17th should arrive by Christmas.

K-2 Basketball

On Saturdays beginning in December, Riverview will hold a basketball camp for boys and girls in Kindergarten through second grade. This camp focuses on teaching fundamental basketball skills in a fun way. Come as often as your schedule permits. Please wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes. Thank you to Mr. Tim Schmidt for heading up this program. Additional parent help is appreciated.

Christmas for Kids

Children from age 3 through 4th grade are invited to join us at St. Matthew on Saturday, Dec. 8th from 1-3:30 pm. Celebrate Jesus birth and the true meaning of Christmas. Please go to riverviewlutheran.org to find a link to register ahead of time.



Marionettes

FVL's Fox Folk Marionettes will be presenting "The Search for the King" at the Apple Creek YMCA on Sat., 12/1 at 11 am & 1 pm, and again at St. Paul-Green Bay for their Christmas for Kids event at 1 pm on Sat., 12/8.

Choir Concert

The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas concert on 12/16 at 4 pm. The concert is free and open to all. The concert will be livestreamed--check fvlhs.org for the link.

Holiday Office Hours

Thur., 12/20 & Fri., 12/21 – OPEN 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
12/24 - 1/2 – Offices are closed
Thurs., 1/3 – Normal School Office hours resume
Fri., 1/4 – Normal SCRIP Office hours resume

Musicfest

FVL Musicfest 2019, will be held 1/27 with performances beginning at noon. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Musicfest is currently seeking items or basket donations for the Silent Auction. Interested in helping? Find out more at fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest or call 920-560-5122. Please bring donations to the FVL Office by 1/7.

Math Bowls

Congratulations to our teams that competed in the FVL Math Bowls. In the 7th-8th grade bowl, the team of Hayden H. and Robbie K. placed 1st, with the team of Levi W. and Ethan M. coming in 3rd. Hayden placed 1st and Levi placed 2nd in individual points. In the 5th-6th grade bowl, the team of Christian M., Dylan K., Grant S., and Logan P. placed 2nd. Christian placed 5th in individual points.

Pajama Drive

Riverview is participating in the 10th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive. For each set of pajamas donated, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a book to children dealing with instability in the home. If you would like to donate, please bring a full set of pajamas (or appropriate nightgown) for any size or season to school by Wed., Dec. 12th.

Pioneers

Lutheran Pioneers is a Christ-centered youth program for boys and girls that provides an informal educational experience in Christian fellowship with one another. Pioneers is open to all boys and girls in Kindergarten and up. Riverview's Pioneer group will meet twice a month on Sundays from 6-7:15pm. This year's kickoff event is Sun., Dec. 2nd from 6-7:15 pm in the fellowship hall.

Membership Changes

(Church updates cont. from pg. 3)

Jennifer Van Handel – (prospect) Baptized 9/8/18
 Brett Van Handel – (prospect) Baptized 9/8/18
 Lyonel Arnold – Called to glory 9/25/18, Funeral 10/1/18
 Rachel (Gentz) Buser – Transfer to Bethany, Appleton
 Mabel Zeuske – Called to glory 10/31/18, Funeral 11/5/18
 Mark Weber – Called to glory 10/31/17, Funeral 11/5/17
 Nicole Nelson, Taylor (C), Connor, MaKayla – Release (unable to locate)

Advent Worship/Meals

Please join us for our Wednesday Advent services at 3:15 and 6:30 pm.
 December 5th – Pastor Pries – Jesus Comes with Enlightenment
 December 12th – Pastor Backus – Jesus Comes with Comfort
 December 19th – Pastor Martens – Jesus Comes with Proof
 Also, join us for a light dinner and fellowship from 4-6 pm on Wednesdays between our services.
 December 5th – Hosted by Pioneers – Eggrolls, Chicken Stir Fry, Rice
 December 12th – Hosted by Stewardship Board – Subs & Hot Dogs
 December 19th – Hosted by RLS Staff – Ham Sandwiches

Highlighting Events at RLS

- Kindergarten-2nd grade basketball program – Sat., Dec 1st, 8th, and 15th - (9-9:45 am the first two weeks, 10-10:45 am on the 15th)
- Robotics (teams B & C) at Winneconne – Sat., Dec. 1st
- Robotics League Nights – Monday, Dec. 3rd & 17th @ UW Fox, 6 pm
- Advent Worship – Wed., Dec. 5th, 3:15 or 6:30 pm
- Christmas for Kids (St. Matthew) – Sat., Dec. 8th, 1-3:30 pm
- Advent Worship – Wed., Dec. 12th, 3:15 or 6:30 pm
- Sunday School Christmas Practice – Sat., Dec. 15th, 8:30-10 am
- Advent Worship – Wed., Dec. 19th, 3:15 or 6:30 pm
- Sing for Children's Christmas Service – Fri., Dec. 21st, 8:30 am and 6:00 pm
- Christmas vacation – Noon, Fri., Dec. 21st through Tue., Jan. 2nd
- A, B, and C team basketball games – See calendar for start times
 - Sat.-Sun., Dec. 1st-2nd – Tipoff Classic @ FVL (A)
 - Tue., Dec. 4th – @ St. Paul, Appleton (C girls only)
 - Thurs., Dec. 6th – Home vs. SP, Weyauwega-Parents' Night (A&B)
 - Thurs., Dec. 13th – @ Trinity, Brillion (C)
 - Fri., Dec. 14th – Home vs. Shepherd of the Valley (A Boys, B both)
 - Thurs., Dec. 20th – @ Martin Luther, Oshkosh (A&B)

Food Pantry

The December collection for the pantry is Sunday, December 9, 2018
 The following is a list of items needed by the pantry: Chunky soups, jam, hamburger, tuna and chicken helpers, canned fruit, canned meats like ham/Spam/tuna, rice, rice and noodle side dishes, all crackers, cookies, and personal care and household cleaning products. Thank you to all for your support of our pantry. Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us at the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday School Christmas Service	Dec. 16th–10:30 am
Riverview Lutheran School Children's Service	Dec. 21st – 8:30 am & 6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	Dec. 24th – 3 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Dec. 24th–6:30 pm
Christmas Day	Dec. 25th – 9:30 am
New Year's Eve (with Communion)	Dec. 31st – 3 pm

Poinsettias

Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us and we would like to again decorate the church sanctuary and entry with poinsettias and greens. If you are interested in helping with the cost of this venture, please place your donation in your offering envelope and write "Poinsettias" on the "OTHER" line. Thank you for your help in beautifying our church.

Ministry Financial Support Update

Offerings Needed and Offerings Made to Support Ministry
 Program Approved by Voters for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

	July-Oct Plan	July-Sept Actual	Difference
General Fund	\$ 213,694.76	\$ 187,863.27	\$ (25,831.49)
Building Fund	\$ 45,353.36	\$ 33,744.40	\$ (11,608.96)
WELS	\$ 10,234.20	\$ 8,672.60	\$ (1,561.60)
FVL	\$ 7,629.20	\$ 6,497.15	\$ (1,132.05)
RLS Fees	\$ 49,534.68	\$ 82,436.51	\$ 32,901.83
Other	\$ 4,024.76	\$ 755.78	\$ (3,268.98)
Total Revenue	\$ 330,470.96	\$ 319,969.71	\$ (10,501.25)
Total Expenses	\$ 366,547.55	\$ 366,983.33	\$ (435.78)
Net	\$ (36,076.59)	\$ (47,013.62)	

Payment of school fees is helping cover costs. We have only met our weekly needs twice in the last 8 weeks. May our thanks for the Lord's rich blessings move us to increase offerings. (Church updates cont. on pg. 6)

Serving in December...

GREETERS

8:00am Church Doors:
 12/2 Roger & Linda Kusserow
 12/9 Dan & Diane Vanden Heuvel
 12/16 Jim & June Vandenberg
 12/23 Chad & Shae Doran
 12/30 Dave & Jo Vannieuwenhoven

8:00am School Doors:

12/2 Ed & Heidi VanDenHeuvel
 12/9 Terry & Julie Wing
 12/16 Jami Greshay
 12/23 Lon & Naomi Iris
 12/30 Bob & Rhonda Hochholzer

10:30am Church Doors:

12/2 Gary & Dottie Sedo
 12/9 Merlin & Bev Gentz
 12/16 Krueger Family
 12/23 Ray & Carol Mogensen
 12/30 Ardy Sheldon & Tracy Maddaloni

10:30am School Doors:

12/2 Rob & Mechelle Walker
 12/9 Gerald & Faye Ebert
 12/16 Huettl Family
 12/23 Mike & Deb Melso
 12/30 Katalinick Family

ALTAR GUILD

12/1-15 Barb Arndt/
 Sandy Arndt
 12/16-31 Cindy Wundrow/
 Jeanne Kaminske

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						1 (Cleaning Crew #1) 9:00-9:45 AM K-2 nd Basketball Robotics (teams B&C) at Winneconne RLS A Teams at Tipoff Classic @ FVL
2 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship RLS A Teams at Tipoff Classic @ FVL	3 1:00 PM Bible Study 3:00-5:30 Basketball practices 6:00 PM Robotics League-UW Fox 6:30 PM Worship	4 3:00-8:00 PM Basketball practices <u>RLS BB Game @ St. Paul, Appleton</u> 5:00 PM Girls' C Team 6:30 PM Planning Council	5 9:30-11:00 AM Mommy & Me 3:15 PM Advent Worship (5 th -6 th Grades sing) 4:00 PM Public School Catechism 4:00-6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner 4:15-5:30 PM Cheerleading practice 6:30 PM Advent Worship 7:30 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	6 <u>Home RLS Games vs. SP, Weyauwega</u> (Parents' Night) 4:30 PM Girls' B Team 5:30 PM Boys' B Team 6:30 PM Girls' A Team 7:30 PM Boys' A Team	7 8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service	8 (Cleaning Crew #2) 9:00-9:45 AM K-2 nd Basketball 1:00-3:30 Christmas for Kids (Held at St. Matthew) 6:30 PM Home Bible Study (Hosted by Bonnie Heimlich)
9 (Food Pantry) (Refreshments between services) (WLCFS Door Offering) 8:00 AM Worship (Communion) (3 rd -4 th Grades sing) 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship (Communion)	10 1:00 PM Bible Study 3:00-7:30 PM Basketball practices 6:30 PM Worship (Communion) (WLCFS Door Offering)	11 3:00-6:30 PM Basketball practices 6:00 PM Board of Church Properties 6:30 PM All Boards Night	12 9:30-11:00 AM Mommy & Me 3:15 PM Advent Worship 4:00 PM Public School Catechism 4:00-6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner 4:15-5:30 PM Cheerleading practice 6:30 PM Advent Worship 7:30 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	13 3:00-8:00 PM Basketball practices <u>RLS BB Games @ Trinity, Brillion</u> 5:30 PM Girls' C Team 6:30 PM Boys' C Team	14 8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service <u>Home RLS BB Games vs. SOTV</u> 4:15 PM Girls' B Team 5:15 PM Boys' B Team 6:15 PM Boys' A Team	15 (Cleaning Crew #3) 8:30-10:00 AM Sunday School Christmas practice 10:00-10:45 AM K-2 nd Basketball
16 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship (SS Christmas) (Sunday School sings)	17 1:00 PM Bible Study 3:00-5:30 PM Basketball practices 6:00 PM Robotics League-UW Fox 6:30 PM Worship	18 9:00 AM J.U.L.I.E.T.s Breakfast at Mary's Restaurant North 3:00-6:00 PM Basketball practices 6:00 PM Christmas service setup & decorating in gym 6:30 PM Board of Lay Ministry	19 (Chairs set up in Activity Center) 9:30-11:00 AM Mommy & Me 3:15 PM Advent Worship 4:00 PM Public School Catechism 4:00-6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner 4:15-5:30 PM Cheerleading practice 6:30 PM Advent Worship 7:30 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	20 (Chairs set up in Activity Center) <u>RLS BB Games @ ML, Oshkosh</u> 4:15 PM Girls' B Team 5:15 PM Boys' B Team 6:15 PM Girls' A Team 7:15 PM Boys' A Team	21 (Chairs set up in Activity Center) 8:30 AM RLS Children's Service (4K-8 th Grade sings) RLS Noon Dismissal 6:00 PM RLS Children's Service (3K-8 th Grade sings)	22 (Cleaning Crew #4) (Chairs set up in Activity Center)
23 8:00 AM Worship (Communion) 9:00 AM Take down chairs from gym 10:30 AM Worship (Communion)	24 (No School at RLS) 1:00 PM NO BIBLE STUDY 3:00 PM Christmas Song Service 6:30 PM Candlelight Service (Senior Choir sings)	25 (No School at RLS) 9:30 AM Christmas Day Worship (Senior Choir sings)	26 (No School at RLS)	27 (No School at RLS)	28 (No School at RLS) 8:00 AM R.O.M.E.O.s Breakfast at Angel's Restaurant	29 (Cleaning Crew #5)
30 8:00 AM Worship (Communion) 10:30 AM Worship (Communion)	31 (No School at RLS) 1:00 PM NO BIBLE STUDY 3:00 PM New Year's Eve Worship (Communion)			(School Resumes January 3)		