

February 16 & 17, 2020

News & Notes

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Mission Statement:
Growing in faith and
sharing the Gospel of
Jesus Christ with
all people.

Calendar Items

QR Giving Code



Sunday, February 16

(FVL Sunday – FVL Door Offering)

- 8:00 AM Worship (FVL A Capella Choir sings)
- 9:15 AM Bible Study/Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship (FVL A Capella Choir sings)

Monday, February 17

(FVL Door Offering)

- RLS Spirit Week – Pajama Day
- 1:00 PM Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Worship
- 7:40 PM Board of Lay Ministry

Tuesday, February 18

- RLS Spirit Week – Favorite Sports Team Day
- 9:00 AM JULIETs Breakfast at Maple Tree

Wednesday, February 19

- RLS Spirit Week – Mismatch/Crazy Hair Day
- 9:30-11:00 AM Mommy & Me
- 4:00 PM Public School Catechism
- 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

- RLS Spirit Week – Tie-Dye or Neon Day
- 6:30 PM Book Club

Friday, February 21

- RLS Spirit Week – Blue & White Day
- 8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service
- 2:20 PM RLS Pep Rally

Saturday, February 22

- (Cleaning Crew #1)
- 8:00 AM Basic Bible Christianity
- 9:00-9:45 AM K-3 Basketball
- A Team BB Tournament @ FVL

Sunday, February 23

- 8:00 AM Worship (Communion)
- 9:15 AM Bible Study/Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship (Communion)
- A Team BB Tournament @ FVL
- VEX IQ State Tourney @ Fox Cities Expo Center

See your monthly newsletter for Usher,
Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Power Point
Assistant, and Greeter schedules.

Prayer Requests

Please email faithinaction@riverviewlutheran.org for special prayer requests to be passed on to our Prayer Chain. Please obtain permission before making a prayer request for anyone.

Health issues: Todd Kuepper, John Eichsteadt, Becky Krowas, Dave Vannieuwenhoven, Brenda Laabs, Mark Disterhaft, Jason Keske, Marlene Glaze

Those in the military: Krista (Stege) Lihрман, Jordan Beyer, Karen Arndt, Alycia Marshall, Brock Miller

Those in mourning: Family of Bob Hochholzer, Family of Diane Reschke, Family of Henny Jansen, Family of Verona Geiger, Family of Carol Dietz, Family of Erlene Brehmer

Riverview News

- > **Upcoming Bible Studies**
Visit www.RiverviewLutheran.org/BibleStudy
 - **Sundays – 9:15 AM**
 - A Matter of Life and Death – led by Pastor Wagner in the Fellowship Hall
 - The Wonders of God – led by Pastor Belter in the Church Library
 - **Mondays – 1:00 PM**
 - Justification – led by Pastor Belter in the Church Library
 - **Saturdays – 8:00 AM**
 - Basic Bible Christianity – led by Pastor Wagner in the Church Library
 - **Christian Book Study–Tue., Mar 3rd, 6:30pm**
 - *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?* – led by Pastor Wagner
 - **Home Bible Study – Sat., Feb. 15th, 6:30pm**
 - Jesus’ “I AM” Statements – led by Pastor Wagner hosted by Dave & Jill Miller RSVP: 738-0218
 - > **Sunday Bible Studies – 9:15 am**
 - Pastor Belter is leading a Bible Information Class, “The Wonders of God,” in the church library.
 - Pastor Wagner is leading a study called “A Matter of Life and Death.” Upcoming Topics:
 - Feb 16 – “If I should die before I wake...” (the death of children)
 - Feb 23 – Quality of Life
 - Mar 1 – A Godly Perspective on Aging
- Come and be fed on God’s Word together!

> **Facebook Bible Study Discussion Group**

A new private discussion group has been formed on our Facebook page to discuss readings in the Berean Challenge or other questions and insights connected to Riverview Bible Studies. Join the group to be a part of the discussion.

> **75th Anniversary Thank Offering**

Our 75th Anniversary offering to date is \$13,962. Use the blue offering envelopes to support our \$75,000 goal. The gifts will cover the costs of the guest preachers and an anniversary booklet, reduce our mortgage and support Martin Luther College's *Equipping Christian Witnesses* campaign. This is a very special milestone in a church's history. May the Lord move us to offer fitting gifts over the next several months and bless us with generous hearts!

> **February Door Offering**

On **February 16-17**, a door offering will be held to support FVL's "Let the Children Come" campaign. The FVL A Capella Choir will be singing at both Sunday services and Pastor Brad Krause will be the guest preacher. Riverview members who are FVL students will also be serving in various ways that day.

> **Church Library Catalog Online**

Our church library has recently added a number of new selections. If you haven't visited recently, come and check it out. In addition, you can search or browse the contents of our library online (Thanks to Linda and Katie Zwiig). Click on "Riverview Lutheran Church Library" under "resources" on our website, or visit www.librarything.com/catalog/RLC-Appleton.

> **Ash Wednesday Worship**

On **Ash Wednesday, February 26th**, we will again offer an opportunity for Christians to come and have ashes spread on their forehead or the back of their hand in the shape of a cross before and after our worship services. This is a beneficial practice because 1) It reminds us of the wages of our sin, 2) It reminds us of the importance of sorrow over our sin, 3) It reminds us that Christ suffered our punishment on the cross -- by his suffering we are forgiven; by his death we have life, and 4) It offers opportunities for us to share our faith with those who may ask about the ashes.

> **Midweek Lenten Worship**

The overall theme for the 2020 Lenten sermons is "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Special devotional services for Lent will be held **Wednesdays at 3:30 and 6:30 pm, Feb. 26-April 1**. A fellowship meal will also be served from **4:15-6:00 pm each Wednesday**. Set aside time to join us as we journey to the cross together this Lent.

> **Lenten Meal Groups Needed**

We are seeking several families or groups to host Lenten meals to be served between our midweek Lenten services. If you or your group are interested, contact Joan Keller in the office for details or to sign up. Thank you for helping to support this time for fellowship and encouragement!

Lenten Meals will be served from **4:15-6 PM each Wednesday**. Stay late or arrive early and join us for some food and fellowship.

Feb. 26th – Beef Sandwiches (CPTO)

Mar. 4th – Spaghetti Dinner (Senior Choir)

Mar. 11th –

Mar. 18th – Smoked Pork (Elisabeth Wagner)

Mar. 25th –

Apr. 1st – Baked Potato/Hot Dog/Chili Cheese Bar (Athletics)

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 9th –

> **Forward in Christ Magazine**

A limited number of copies of the February edition of *Forward in Christ* are now available in the church entryway. Pick up a copy today.

> **Wisconsin Parental Choice**

The application window for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) is **OPEN NOW until April 16**. WPCP offers families the chance to have their student's tuition fully funded! WPCP is open to ALL students (4K-8 in 2020-21) who qualify, due to our combined school agreement with FVL. Families who currently have a voucher need to re-apply to prove residency. The application and more info is available on our church/school website - riverviewlutheran.org. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Krueger or Mr. Z.

> **Riverview 75th Anniversary Celebration**

Our next observance of our 75th Church Anniversary is **March 8th**. Make a note of it. We will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the very first worship service of our church. It occurred on March 18 in 1945. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear suits and ties, and ladies to wear a hat if you can find one. :) We will use the 1941 Lutheran Hymnal for liturgy and Pastor Belter will preach. "We will tell the next generation!"

> **WELS Annual Report**

WELS Annual Report is available online: Check out www.wels.net/annualreport to see the Synod's annual report and how your Mission Offerings are benefitting souls around the world. Of special note are articles about two Home Missions with Riverview connections: Pastor Paul Biedenbender (Sandy Becker's son) and Pastor Jeremy Belter (Belters' son).

> **WELS International Youth Rally**

Registration opens March 2 for the 2020 Youth Rally, open to students completing 8th-12th grades in 2020. Find more information at www.wels.net/youthrally. Interested Riverview members should register at tinyurl.com/riverviewyouthrally. Contact Mr. Nathan Nolte or Pastor Wagner with any questions.

> **JULIETs**

On the third Tuesday of each month, Riverview's JULIETs (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) meet for breakfast at the Maple Tree Restaurant, 2106 S Oneida St. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, February 18th, at 9:00 am**. Call Julie Wing at 830-1732 for info.

> **Mommy & Me**

This group for moms/caregivers and their kids (ages 5 and younger) gets together **every other Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 am** at Riverview. Their next meeting is **Wed., Feb. 19th**. Contact Sheryl Winsor (sbwinsor@gmail.com or text 920-268-3605) to be added to the Facebook group to receive updates (e.g., scheduled dates, change of location, etc.)

> **Riverview Ladies Book Club!**

Ladies of Riverview, it's not too late to join Riverview's Ladies Book Club! Our next book is *Small Great Things* by Jody Picoult. We plan to discuss it at our next meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 20 @ 6:30 PM** If you need a copy of the book or have any questions about book club, talk to Susie Jaeger.

> **Cheerleading**

Cheerleading competition is on 6:00 PM on **Friday, February 21st**, at FVL.

> **RLS A Team Basketball Tournament – IMPORTANT - HELP NEEDED**

- RLS is in charge of the concession stand at the FVL tournament this year. Every school in the conference takes a turn running it and this year it happens to be Riverview. We are going to need volunteers to work the concession stand during the tournament. Thank you in advance for volunteering your time. Please sign up in the church entryway if you are available to help us on **Saturday, Feb. 22**.
- Riverview will receive some of the profits from this event so we are trying to keep our purchase costs down. Because of this we are also asking for donations for the concession stand. Please sign up in the church entryway and enter your name next to the items you can bring.

> **Camp Bird Registration Now Open**

Camp Bird offers a weeklong camp for children completing grades 5-8 in Crivitz, WI. Registration is now open for this year's camp weeks. Find more information and registration at www.campbird.org. Register soon, as camps fill up quickly.

> **Robotics**

Reminder that the RLS Robotics teams will be participating in the Robotics State Tournament at the Fox Cities Expo Center on **Sunday, February 23rd**. Admission is free. Come support our team!

> **Kwik Trip Scrip Special Event**

For the month of February, Kwik Trip has increased the rebate percentage for their Scrip cards. If you prepay for cards by **each Monday at 10 am**, Mrs. Diersen will order them at that time and have them ready for you later that week. With this special deal, you will earn a 10% rebate instead of the usual 5%. The final date to order for this special will be Monday, **February 24th**.

> **R.O.M.E.O.s**

On the last Friday of each month, a group of Riverview's Retired Old Men Eating Out gathers for breakfast at **8 am** at Angel's Restaurant. The next meeting is on **Friday, February 28th**.

> **RLS Skate Night**

Join us at Skate City in Kimberly on **Saturday, February 29th, from 4:30-7:00 pm** for our annual family roller skating outing. Whether you are an accomplished skater, a novice, or it has been many years since you have laced up a pair of roller skates, we hope you will join us for this fun afternoon. Ticket prices are yet to be determined, but typically cover skate rental (even if you bring your own skates). Watch for signup sheets!

> **Regional Spelling Bee**

The RLS Spelling Bee was held on February 7th. Thank you to all the students that participated. Congratulations to Greta Nolte (1st place), Noah Nolte (2nd Place), and Isabelle LaLuzerne (3rd place). Greta and Noah will be representing RLS at the regional spelling bee on **March 5th** at Faith, Fond du Lac.

> **LWMS Spring Rally Help Wanted**

The Mission Rally will be at Riverview on **Sat., April 18th**. We will be preparing to host and provide a meal for about 200 people. Would you give us your service?

- Volunteer to work on one of the committees.
- Information for food donations will be coming
- Cash envelopes are available to support this event
- Plan to attend and learn about mission work in Russia.

> **VBS – Save the Date**

Our 2020 Vacation Bible School – “Splash Canyon” – will be held **July 13-17**. Planning is underway. Save the date to bring your children, invite others, and/or volunteer to serve. If you would like to assist with the planning, contact Elisabeth Wagner.

FVL News

> **FVL General Board Meeting**

All RLS parents are invited to attend a meeting of the FVL General Board (currently also the governing board of RLS due to a combined school agreement with the WPCP). This meeting will take place in the auditorium at FVL on **Monday, February 24th at 7 pm.**

> **Daddy/Daughter Dance**

FVL Schools’ annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held at FVL on **Sunday, March 1st** from 2-5 PM. Girls ages 3-13 and their fathers (or other male guardian) are invited to dress up and come for an afternoon of dancing, photos, crafts, games, snacks, and more! Tickets are \$8/person and are available online at fvlschools.org or at the door. Anyone interested in helping with the dance should contact Megan Beyer at mbeyer@fvlhs.org.

> **FVL Family Open House**

All public, private, and homeschooled students and their parents are invited to our Family Open House on March 3! The open house will run from 12-7 PM. Students and their families will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet teachers, and learn more about the FVL experience. Fill out this form to register. More info at fvlhs.org. Contact Director of Enrollment Ben Priebe with questions.

> **FVL Theatre**

FVL Theatre is presenting the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* on **March 6, 7, & 8**. Reserve tickets are on sale now at fvlhs.org.

> **FVL Tuition Help**

The application window for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) and FVL’s Tuition Assistance program runs from **2/3 through 4/16**. WPCP offers families the chance to have their student’s FVL tuition fully funded. Incoming 9th graders, homeschoolers, or students transferring from a public high school are eligible for WPCP. Families who don’t meet WPCP eligibility are welcome to apply to FVL’s Tuition Assistance program. Details and eligibility charts are found at fvlhs.org. Questions? Contact Mrs. Heather Knoll at hknoll@fvlhs.org.

> **Host Families Needed for 2020-21**

This is a great way to share your faith with our international students and learn about other cultures. A stipend to offset the cost of hosting the students is included. Interested? Contact Monica Uhlenbrauck.

Area Church/Synod News

> **GriefShare**

Your Journey from Mourning to Joy begins with an 11-session support group intended for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. You may attend any or all sessions. Sessions will be held beginning at 10am Saturdays **February 8 through May 2**. The group meets in the Narthex of St. Luke Lutheran Church 705 E. Greenfield Drive in Little Chute To reserve your spot, please RSVP to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/117684>, to Deb at office@stlukeslittlechute.com or simply call the church office at 920.788.4408.

> **WELS United Annual Meeting**

WELS United in the Fox Valley will be hosting their annual meeting on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** at 6:30 PM at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (129 S Mason Street) in Appleton, WI. All area WELS members – men and women -- are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion. WELS United is a cross-congregational ministry devoted to the simple concept that we can accomplish more working together than we can alone. If you would like to learn more about the work of WELS United and the many possibilities for serving through one of our shared ministries please plan to attend!

> **Wisconsin Herd WELS Night**

The Wisconsin Herd will be hosting a WELS night for all members to purchase discounted tickets for the **Thursday, February 27th game!** WELS Members will receive special recognition during the game. Tickets may be purchased online at www.herdgroups.com/wels.

> **The Hope Center**

Do you have two hours a week to serve those in need in the Fox Valley? The Hope Center is looking for a few more volunteers to join the team as we are currently serving 60+ family units each month! Volunteers are needed to greet clients, pack supplies, and/or preform so easy data entry--whatever is your best gift. Training is provided. Volunteers work on a team of 3-4 for a two-hour shift once per week. All shifts are currently available.: Tues 9:30-11:30, Wed 2:30-4:30, and Thurs 1-3. If you are interested in learning more about our outreach ministry to those in need in the Fox Valley, call us at 920-739-0039 or see our website at hope-center.org.