

March 15 & 16, 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, March 15

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Bible Study/Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship (Sunday School sings)

Monday, March 16

Spring Break - No School at RLS
1:00 PM Bible Study
2:00 PM LWMS Meeting
6:30 PM Worship

Tuesday, March 17

Spring Break - No School at RLS
9:00 AM JULIETs Breakfast at Maple Tree

Wednesday, March 18

Spring Break - No School at RLS
9:30-11:30 AM Mommy & Me
3:30 PM Lenten Worship
4:00 PM Public School Catechism
4:15-6:00 PM Fellowship Meal (Smoked Pork –
Hosted by Elisabeth Wagner & Steve & Betty Lehmann)
6:30 PM Lenten Worship
7:30 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

Spring Break - No School at RLS

Friday, March 20

Spring Break - No School at RLS

Saturday, March 21

(Cleaning Crew #5)
8:00 AM Basic Bible Christianity
9-11:00 AM LWMS Meeting
6:30 PM Home Bible Study-hosted by Pastor &
Elisabeth Wagner

Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM Worship (Communion)
9:15 AM Bible Study/Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship (Communion)

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

> **Voters' Meeting**

A Voters' Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 29th**
at 11:45 am. Please plan to attend, as ministry plans,
budget, and board nominations for 2020-21 are
presented and approved.

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: John Eichstadt, Becky Krowas, Brenda Laabs, Mark Disterhaft, Jason Keske, Marlene Glaze, Judy Schmidt

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 Verona Geiger, Family of Todd Kuepper

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
 - March 15 – Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease
 - March 21 – Terminal Illness and End of Life Issues
- 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. 31st, 6:30pm**

- *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?* – led by Pastor Wagner

• **Home Bible Study – Sat., Mar 21st, 6:30pm**

- Jesus' "I AM" Statements – led by Pastor Wagner, hosted by Pastor & Elisabeth Wagner RSVP: 757-4535

> **Forward in Christ and Meditations**

Copies of the March edition of *Forward in Christ* magazine and the March-May edition of the *Meditations* daily devotional are now available in the church entryway. Pick up a copy today.

> **Midweek Lenten Worship**

Scripture often pictures our Savior Jesus as the warrior who fights and defeats sin, death, and Satan. Each of this year's midweek Lenten services focuses on an aspect of our Savior-warrior as fights our enemies and triumphs over them for us. The theme for our midweek Lenten services is "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Join us for special devotional services **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 watch our Savior go to war for us this Lent.

> **Lenten Meal Schedule**

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.

Mar. 18th – Smoked Pork (Elisabeth Wagner & the Steve & Betty Lehmann)

Mar. 25th – Picnic Theme (Jeff Theimer)

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

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 9th – Spanish Hamburgers (Ladies of Riverview)

> **Scrip Designation Forms**

Please stop at the scrip table or see Sandy Diersen in the office to sign a designation form stating how you would like your rebate applied for the 2020-2021 school year. This form needs to be filled out **before March 31st** to ensure that your earnings are applied as you want them to be.

> **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. 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.

> **Spring Break Office Hours**

Church office hours during spring break (**March 16-20**) will be **9am-1pm.** The church administrative assistant will be available during these times; the Pastors will have limited availability; Sandy Diersen, Accountant, will be available. Scrip will be available during Spring Break weekdays. The School office and teaching staff will also off during spring break.

> **Spring Cleaning**

Come in as your schedule permits the **week of March 15-21** to assist with additional cleaning not done weekly by the cleaning crews. A list of tasks is on the counter in the church entry. We also plan to do some interior painting on **Saturday, March 21st, at 9:00 am.**

> **Riverview 75th Anniversary Celebration**

Our next observance of our 75th Church Anniversary is **June 7th.** We will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our Founding. Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven will preach. A lunch will be served at Liberty Hall. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

> **75th Anniversary Thank Offering**

Our 75th Anniversary offering to date is \$15,943. 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 next several months and bless us with generous hearts!

> **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., March 18th.** 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.)

> **Home Bible Study**

Our next home Bible Study will be hosted by the Wagners on **Saturday, March 21st, at 6:30 pm.** We will continue our look at Jesus' "I AM" statements, as we study John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life." RSVP to Pastor Wagner at 757-4535, if you plan to attend.

> **Culver's Night**

On **March 23rd from 5:00-8:00 pm,** join us at Culver's of Darboy for good food and fellowship. Culver's will donate a percentage of their sales to our school. Buy Scrip before you go to earn even more.

> **RLS Open House**

Have you considered enrolling your children in a Lutheran elementary school? Do you know others who might be looking for a quality education for their children? Riverview Lutheran School will hold an Open House on **Tuesday, March 24th, from 6:00-8:00 pm.** Join us, and invite a friend to check us out.

> **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, March 17th, at 9:00 am**. Call Julie Wing at 830-1732 for info.

> **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, March 26th**.

> **Easter Flowers**

Those who wish can order Easter plants for the altar and to take home afterward. Forms are the church entry counter. The orders are due by **Sunday, March 29th**.

> **Easter for Kids**

We invite all children up to grade 2 to join us for Easter for Kids on **Saturday, April 4th, from 9:00-11:00 am**. Come anytime for crafts, games, an Easter video, and an Easter egg hunt. Think of an unchurched friend whom you might invite to join us for this fun event. Members who would like to volunteer to help should contact Mr. Witte.

> **Check out the Church Library**

If you haven't visited our church library recently, come and check it out. Several new books have been added recently. You can also search or browse the contents of our library online. Click on "Riverview Lutheran Church Library" under "resources" on our website, or visit www.librarything.com/catalog/RLC-Appleton.

> **Lutheran 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, even non members of Riverview in grades Kindergarten and up. We will be meeting about two times per month on **Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:15**. Our meetings generally will open with devotion, followed by a sing-a-long, then a lesson in whatever skill we are working on for that week, followed by a related project, then a snack and we usually end with a game. There is a Movie Adventure Camp March 27-29 in Fort Atkinson for boys, our District Pinecar Derby April 4 with boys and girls from all over the area, and weeklong summer camps available to both boys and girls. If interested in joining Pioneers, please contact jennie.shea75@yahoo.com.

> **Pine Car Derby**

On **Saturday, April 4th**, Riverview will host the District Pioneer Pine Car Derby. Children and adults (even non-Pioneers) can enter their cars (\$5 fee—covers kit) in speed and/or craft categories. The winners can then move on to the national competition to be held later this year. Full concessions will be available for purchase. Volunteers are needed to help with judging the craft portion of this event. Please contact jennie.shea75@yahoo.com if you are interested.

> **Lutherans Women's Missionary Society
SPRING RALLY**

Riverview is very honored to be hosting the LWMS Spring Rally on **Saturday, April 18th 8:00 am-1:00 pm**.

8:00-9:00: Registration, Refreshments

9:00: Devotion, Business

10:00: Missions update

10:45: Speaker-Russia

12:30: Lunch

Please sign up to COME. Please sign-up to HELP. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. If you would like to help defray our costs for that day, please take an envelope, and place your donation in the offering plate any Sunday between now and the time of the Rally.

HELP Needed: Sat. March 21, 9:00; church library:

We will be assembling the LWMS rally centerpieces and gifts to be given out. Come and help us.

The recent LWMS door offering will go to:

- World Mission-Africa: WELS missionaries now serve five of Africa's 54 countries which translates to fellowship with nearly 60,000 Lutheran brothers and sisters. Recently nine more African countries have reached out for fellowship and theological training. This training helps African nationals become qualified pastors, teachers, and lay leaders in their respective church bodies.
- Home Mission- Hmong Evangelist Training: God has opened many doors into the Hmong community. Your gifts will support the ongoing expense for study materials, instructors, and assistance to students.

The LWMS Christmas tree donations provided:

- \$350 to Jeremy Belter's Church in Colorado
- \$200 for our school in Antigua where our member Jenna Miller teaches
- \$130 to our Befriend a Mission church in Plover, WI.

Thank you for supporting missions.

> **VBS – How You Can Help!**

Join us in an amazing evangelism opportunity by assisting with Riverview's 2020 VBS, Splash Canyon, coming July 13-17! Here are ways you can help out beginning right now:

- Lend decorations and props that fit the white river rafting theme
- Donate items - watch for more on this in the coming months!
- Donate time and skills - we are currently looking for individuals interested in the following: building simple sets and/or decorating, planning crafts, planning games, telling Bible stories, and team leading
- Pray - ask the Lord to bless our planning and preparations to share Jesus with those who come to VBS

To help in this amazing event or to learn more, contact Elisabeth Wagner (elisabethswagner@gmail.com).

> **Online Worship**

Riverview worship and chapel services are available to view online? Search for "Riverview Lutheran" on YouTube, or click on "Worship Video" under the Resources tab on RiverviewLutheran.org.

FVL News

> **FVL Tuition Help**

The application window for both the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) and FVL's Tuition Assistance program is open **through 4/16**. Families who qualify for WPCP need not apply to Tuition Assistance. New students are also eligible to receive the annual Ladies Guild Memorial Scholarships.. Contact Mrs. Heather Knoll at hknoll@fvls.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.

> **FVL Youth Sports**

FVL Schools, public, and home school students are invited to register for these youth sports opportunities! Middle School Track: Register by 3/27
Softball Clinic: Register by 4/17
Junior Foxes Football (Appleton Saints): Register by 4/19

> **FVL Choirs Sacred Concert**

The FVL Men's, Women's, and A Cappella Choirs will perform in their annual sacred concert on Sun., **3/29 at 6 PM**. The concert will also be livestreamed on the FVL YouTube Channel.

> **FoxFest Dinner Auction**

FVL's FoxFest 17th Annual Dinner Auction is **Friday, April 24, 2020, from 5-10 PM**. Our theme is Disco! Plan to dress in your "grooviest" ensembles! Doors open and silent auction begins at 5 PM. Tickets are available until 4/3; no tickets will be sold at the door. Purchase your tickets online today! Visit fvls.org for more info.

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 Night at Miller Park**

Mark your calendars and plan to join thousands of WELS members for the 7th Annual WELS Night at Miller Park on **Friday, July 24th 7:10 pm** game vs Pittsburgh Pirates!

> **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.