

September 8 & 9, 2019

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, September 8

(Food Pantry Sunday)

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

Monday, September 9

1:00 PM Bible Study
4:30 PM RLS CC Meet in New London
6:30 PM Worship (Communion)

Tuesday, September 10

6:00 PM Board of Evangelism
6:30 PM All Boards Night

Wednesday, September 11

9:30 AM Mommy & Me
4:00 PM Public School Catechism
4:15 PM RLS Soccer & VB games in Weyauwega
7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 12

6:30 PM 50/75 Anniversary Committee Meeting

Friday, September 13

8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service
5:30-8:30 PM RLS Welcome Back Fellowship Night

Saturday, September 14

Cleaning Crew #7
9:00 AM LWMS Mission Coffee Hour
RLS B Team VB Tournament at St. Peter, Appleton

Sunday, September 15

(Anniversary Kickoff/Pastor Kuether preaches)
(FVL Mortgage Door Offering)
8:00 AM Worship
(Refreshments between services)
9:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 AM Worship

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, Alice Greene, Brenda Laabs, Jean Schroeder, Mark Disterhaft

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

Those in mourning: Family of Brett Van Handel, Family of Larry Fredrick, Family of Faye Ebert, Family of Marge Eldred

Riverview News

○ **Upcoming Bible Studies**

● **Sundays – 9:15 AM**

- Seeking the Straying & Welcoming the Wandering – led by Pastor Wagner in the Fellowship Hall

● **Mondays – 1:00 PM**

- Justification and Galatians – led by Pastor Belter in the Church Library

● **Home Bible Study – Sat., Sept. 21st, 6:30pm**

- Jesus' "I AM" Statements – led by Pastor Wagner @ the Raschkas – 580 Windy Wood Lane, Wrightstown.RSVP 532-9165

○ **New Sunday Bible Study**

All of us know someone who has wandered from the spiritual fold. How can we encourage them to come back? And how will we treat them when they return, so that they keep coming back to hear God's Word and worship and serve our Lord with us? Join us for a new Bible study, "Seeking the Straying and Welcoming the Wandering," led by Pastor Wagner, **Sundays at 9:15 am**, in the Fellowship Hall.

○ **Updated Bible Study Webpage**

Updated information about current and upcoming bible studies is now posted on our website. Check it out at www.RiverviewLutheran.org/BibleStudy.

○ **Sign In Reminder**

Please note, that with school back in session, all visitors (church cleaning, counting committee, etc.) will need to sign in and out at the office for security reasons.

○ **The Blessings of Home**

There's something about home. Home is where you relax after a long day of work. Home is where you can let your hair down, because you know the people there will love you, even with your quirks and flaws. Home is where you feel most safe, in a world which is anything but.

Jesus intended for his church to be more than a school where we learn about God's Word. He intended it to be more than a cathedral where we praise our Creator. Jesus intended for church to be a home, a place where we gather with Christian family and enjoy all the blessings of home.

On **October 27th-28th**, we are celebrating *Welcome Home* Sunday. We will talk about the importance of having the support of a Christian community. One major goal for this Sunday? We want to have 100% of our members in attendance. Let's pack the house! Let's see what that looks like, when *every* member comes together. Please do everything possible to set that date aside so you can join your brothers and sisters in Christ.

○ **Kwik Trip Scrip Special Event**

For the month of September only, Kwik Trip has increased the rebate percentage for their Scrip cards. If you prepay for cards **by 10:00 am each Monday in September**, Mrs. Diersen will order them at that time and have them ready later that week. With this special deal, you earn a 10% rebate instead of the usual 5%.

○ **Senior Choir**

Senior Choir rehearsal have begun. They are **Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm**. Any member in 7th grade and up is welcome to join us. If you have any questions, see Susie Jaeger or Rhoda Belter.

○ **Worship Schedule Change**

This Sunday, **September 8th**, our worship schedule returns to **8:00 and 10:30 am** on Sundays with Bible study and Sunday School at **9:15 am**. **Monday** worship will remain at **6:30 pm**.

○ **RLS Welcome Back Fellowship Night**

Join us from **5:30-8:30 pm on Friday, September 13th**, for an evening of food, friends, and fun. A full nacho bar, drinks and dessert will be available until 6:45 pm. There will be bingo from 7:00-8:00pm, and a campfire will begin at 8:00 pm. This is a family event for our entire congregation! Come, meet and welcome the families of our Riverview Lutheran School. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This event will be held rain or shine! Please bring your own lawn chairs and bug spray.

○ **LWMS Mission Coffee Hour**

Riverview's LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) is sponsoring a mission coffee hour on **Saturday, September 14th, at 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

○ **Door Offering**

On **September 15th and 16th** we will be holding a door offering after each service to support the FVL "Let the Children Come" mortgage payment. See the FVL News section for more information on this project.

○ **JULIETs**

On the third Tuesday of each month, Riverview's JULIETs (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) meet for breakfast. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 17, at 9:00 am**. They meet at the Maple Tree Restaurant and Pancake House, 2106 S. Oneida St. Call Julie Wing at 830-1732 for more information.

○ **Youth Group**

Riverview members in 8th grade thru 12th grade are invited to the Krueger's house for an evening of planning and fun on **Saturday, September 21st, 6:00-8:00 pm**. We will spend the evening planning upcoming youth group events for the year and enjoying some fun activities. RSVP on the Facebook group, or by email to school@riverviewlutheran.org, or by text to 920-915-5136.

○ **Fox Cities Marathon**

On **Sunday, September 22nd**, plan to leave home early for worship and bible study at Riverview. Street closings may hinder your normal route. Check out the marathon route online. foxcitiesmarathon.org.

○ **ROMEOb**

On the last Friday of each month, Riverview's ROMEOb (Retired Old Men Eating Out) gather for breakfast at **8:00 am**. The next meeting is on **Friday, September 27th**, at Angel's Restaurant, 1401 E. John St.

○ **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 **Wednesday, September 11th**. 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.)

○ Voters' Meeting

Our fall Voters' Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 29th, at 11:45 am**. Please come to hear ministry and financial reports from called and elected leaders.

○ Ministry Anniversaries

Plan to attend worship on Sunday, **September 29th**, as we give thanks for Mrs. Amy Larson and Mr. Seth Zimmermann who are both celebrating 20 years in the teaching ministry. These teachers will receive a gift from the congregation in recognition of their faithful service. Refreshments will also be served between the services.

○ Christian Book Study

A deeper dive into our Christian faith and the challenges it faces - that is the goal of a new series of book club Bible studies. Participants will purchase a copy of the book and read a designated section to discuss the first Tuesday of each month (**beginning October 1**), at **6:30 pm**. Our first book will be "**Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?**" by Matthew Richard. This book not only reminds us who the real Jesus of the Bible is, but it also reveals twelve false christs who are embraced, loved, promoted, and revered—even by well-meaning Christians. You might be surprised by the false christs you have fallen into following. Join us for this faith-building study. Sign up to purchase the book on the blue counter or at RiverviewLutheran.org/BibleStudy.

○ Riverview 75th Anniversary Celebration

In 2019-20, Riverview is celebrating 75 years of the Lord's blessings upon our ministry in Appleton. A series of special services is planned. Details are at www.RiverviewLutheran.org/RLC75. Here are the events happening this fall:

Sunday, Sept 15 8:00 & 10:30 am (Mon 6:30 pm)	Anniversary Year Kick-Off Guest Pastor Lon Kuether (served at Riverview 1996 – 2000)
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Sunday, Nov. 3 8:00 & 10:30 am	Guest Pastor Christian Winkel (son of the congregation) Theme: Recruitment for Ministry Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir at Worship Potluck lunch following 10:30 service
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Sunday, Nov. 17 7:00 pm	Choir Concert by Martin Luther College Choir
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○ Off to College?

If you or your child is heading off to college this fall (or staying at home and attending college), there are two important steps you should take:

- Send an email to the church office to let us know where you will be attending and your updated contact information.
- Register with WELS Campus Ministry (wels.net/campus-ministry) to receive free *Meditations* and *Forward in Christ* and connect with the Campus Ministry or WELS contact pastor for your campus.

○ Thierfelder Thank You

- Dear Riverview Family,
Thank you for awarding me the Thierfelder grant for attending Martin Luther College. These next few years I plan on pursuing a career in early childhood education. I humbly ask for your continued prayers as I begin down a new path to teach the next generation of God's abundant love.

God's blessings, *Hannah Bartmann*

- The Congregation of Riverview,
I want to thank you all for your support as I continue to train for the public ministry. One of the many great blessings I have received is the comfort of your encouragement.
Thank you, In Christ, *Josh Frailing*
- Dear Riverview Lutheran Church,
Thank you for putting aside some of your own earnings to help lessen my financial burdens by offering me the Thierfelder grant. The support from the entire congregation has been both uplifting and humbling. I will always be thankful for that support for me and for others on the same path. I will be happy to know that I have all these supporters with me, and I will carry that thought with me as I continue through my years at MLC and into the future the Lord has planned for me.

In Christ, *Colin Krueger*

○ Thank You

Thank you to the anonymous Riverview donor who gave a generous gift to the Neenah Family Praise Choir. They appreciate the support and will use the gift to further their ministry of music.

○ Pastoral Every Member Visits

Pastor Wagner would like to visit all of the Riverview families. Visits can be scheduled at church, at your home, or at another convenient location. Sign up at pastor-wagner-visits.appointlet.com/s/emv.

○ **Help Needed**

1. Our member Lori Christianson has been helping water the plants in our church building. Her work schedule is changing slightly and she is looking for someone to help share that responsibility. If you are willing and able to help in a call-in or every other week capacity, please put a note in Lori's church mailbox to let her know. Thank you!
2. RLS is looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom serving meals to the students from approximately 11:00 am–1:00 pm each week day. If you can help on even one of these days, please contact Tina Somers at 920-858-5991.

○ **75th Anniversary Thank Offering**

To give you an opportunity to thank the Lord for 75 years of blessings on Riverview, the Stewardship board has authorized a Thank Offering. Special offering envelopes will soon be in your church boxes with a goal of collecting \$75,000. We wish to cover the costs of the celebration and of our guest preachers, who are coming from across the country. The remainder of these special gifts will be divided between paying down our mortgage and assisting with a building project at Martin Luther College. (Details will be coming in November.) 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!

FVL News

○ **FVL Giving Day**

FVL's 2nd Annual Giving Day is **Tues., September 17th**. The goal is to raise needed support for the Let the Children Come mortgage payment due at the end of October. The annual payment amount is \$475K and the FVL Federation currently needs to raise another \$250K to meet that responsibility. Gifts can be given online, through the mail, or in person. Your gift is needed and appreciated. All gifts are tax deductible.

○ **FVL Community Parents Night**

FVL How much "screen time" is healthy for your child . . . or for you? Screenagers is the topic of our FVL Schools Community Parents Night on **Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:30 pm**. This video-based presentation will help parents wrestle with this tough question and consider strategies to better balance your child's "screen time." Free child care is available for children ages 4 & up.

○ **Help Needed**

FVL Theatre needs a volunteer costume designer for its 2019-20 season. Knowledge of clothing design and sewing is a must. We need someone organized and reliable who communicates well with teens and adults. Will work with directors to create costumes appropriate for Cheaper by the Dozen in October and Fiddler on the Roof in March. Email Sharon Mundt (smundt@fvlhs.org) to apply.

Area Church/Synod News

○ **Early Childhood Help Needed**

St. Paul Early Childhood Center in Appleton has openings in their Early Childhood Center for the following positions:

- Full-time Infant assistant (must be Lead qualified with previous licensed child care experience)
- 2 Full-time Toddler assistants

Interested individuals for these positions need to be willing to get down on the floor to play with children, care for their needs, and nurture them with songs, stories, cuddles and hugs. Duties for these positions include feeding, diapering, guiding through play, and cleaning up after children. The ability to lift small children is required. Qualified and experienced applicants are preferred but not required, unless otherwise noted. Contact Director Candy Schulz at 920-733-9061 or at cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com for more information or to apply.

○ **WELS Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a two-day marriage enrichment event **September 20-21, 2019**. The cost is \$185 per couple and includes some meals and all enrichment sessions. Space is limited, so register early. Visit www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment for more information and to register.

○ **Depression / Anxiety Support Group**

Meeting at St. Peter Lutheran Church, N2740 French Road, Appleton on **Saturdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm (starting September 28th)**.

What is depression really? How can it be successfully treated? What does God say about depression and anxiety? We will study the book "A New Light on Depression" for answers to these questions and many more. This group will give needed support for those who live with depression. Family members, pastors, friends, etc. are invited as well. For more information or to register visit <http://922church.com/wholeness>.

○ **After Care Attendant Needed**

Shepherd of the Valley Preschool is looking for an After Care Attendant. The After Care Attendant will provide basic care giving, help with children's toilet needs, and monitor the indoor and outdoor environment for safety while demonstrating Christ's love through word and actions. The hours would run from Monday-Friday 11:30 am - 6:00 pm (subject to change because of pick-up times). The After Care Attendant must believe, support, and teach the doctrines and teachings of the Bible in accordance with WELS Lutheran Confessions as well as Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran School's philosophy, mission, and objectives. They must be a member of a WELS church. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Megan Schoenbach at 920-725-1822.

○ **Part-time Financial Secretary Needed**

Mount Olive School is seeking a Part-time Financial Secretary to work 8-12 hours/week (Fridays during the school year, other hours are flexible). Candidates must have basic bookkeeping knowledge, payroll experience, and familiarity with QuickBooks and Microsoft Excel. The starting wage is \$11.00-\$13.00, depending on experience and abilities. For more details about the position or to be sent an application/job description, please contact the Mount Olive's School Office at school.office@mountoliveappleton.com or call 739-9194. The deadline for applications is September 20th.

Mission News

○ **LWMS Door Offering**

On Monday, October 14, and Sunday, October 20, a LWMS door collection will be taken. These monies will help support Hmong Evangelist training to reach Hmong communities and then the training for those who become pastors and teachers. The other half of the offering will be used to reach out to the 1.2 billion people of the World Mission fields in Africa. What great blessings we can bring to these two missions through our gifts. Riverview is one of the 30 congregations which make up the Paperland Circuit.

○ **LWMS Fall Rally**

The annual fall rally will be held on **Saturday, October 26th**, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay. Registration begins at 8:30 with program beginning at 9:30. Pastor Jasper Sellnow (formerly of Mt. Olive) will be speaking about his work in a new mission in the Adams-Friendship area. Plans are being made for bus transportation to the rally. All information and sign-up is on the hall bulletin board.

ALL ladies of Riverview are members of LWMS. Look for upcoming mission opportunities to help with this work. Ideas for mission projects like mission fairs and sending encouragement cards to missionaries and their children and more are being considered.