

April 7 & 8 News & Notes

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

Calendar Items

Sunday, April 7

(Food Pantry Spring Drive)

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

Monday, April 8

1:00 PM Bible Study
6:30 PM Worship

Tuesday, April 9

6:00 PM Board of Church Properties
6:30 PM All Boards Night

Wednesday, April 10

9:30 AM Mommy & Me
3:15 PM Lenten Worship
4:00 PM Public School Catechism
4:00-6:00 PM Fellowship Meal
6:30 PM Lenten Worship
7:30 PM Senior Choir

Friday, April 12

8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service

Saturday, April 13

Cleaning Crew #6
9:00-11:00 AM Indoor Easter Egg Hunt
6:30 PM Home Bible Study @ the Wings'

Sunday, April 14

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

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

o **Divine Call**

Mr. Peter Wolfgramm has accepted his Call from Grace in Action to serve as Administrator and Presenter. He will transition to 50% of his time with Grace in Action starting on May 1st and join them full-time on June 1st. Mr. Wolfgramm and his family will remain members at Riverview. We wish God's blessings on him as he takes on this new ministry role.

QR Giving Code



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, Brett Van Handel and family, Larry Fredrick, John Eichsteadt, Becky Krowas, Chris Glasel

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

Those in mourning: Family of Melissa Selle, Amy Larson, Family of Alfreda Buboltz, Family of Jean Riley, Family of Marlou Bartelt, Family of James Cloute

Riverview News

- o **Bible Classes**
 - **Sundays – 9:15 AM**
 - o “Letters from our Lord (A Study of the Seven Letters of Revelation)” – led by Pastor Wagner in the Fellowship Hall
 - o “The Blessings of Christian Education” – led by Pastor Belter in the Church Library
 - **Mondays – 1:00 PM**
 - o “Genesis” – led by Mr. Wolfgramm in the Church Library
 - **Home Bible Study – Sat., Apr. 13th, 6:30 PM**
 - o “1 Corinthians 15: Importance of the Resurrection.” – led by Pastor Belter @ the Wings’ – RSVP 830-1732

o **School Choice Window Now Open!**

The application window for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) **CLOSES 4/20**. WPCP offers families the chance to have their student's RLS tuition fully funded. Under our partnership with FVL (Act 59), ALL STUDENTS who meet income and residency requirements are eligible for to apply for WPCP. Details and eligibility charts are found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>. Questions? Contact Mr. Zimmermann or the school office.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Paperwork may be submitted by email to office@riverviewlutheran.org **until 4/20**; however, if you want to drop paperwork off, plan to have it to the office by **3 PM on 4/18** because the **School Office will be closed 4/19 through 4/22**.

○ **School Accreditation Visit**

On April 1st-3rd, Riverview Lutheran School had an onsite visit from a WELSSA accreditation team. These 4 educators spent three days touring the school, interviewing employees, and reviewing the work that was done by our volunteer committees. Thank you to all who helped on these committees! Riverview Lutheran School received a recommendation for full accreditation of our K-8th grade program, (Preschool accreditation will be coming later.) with a score of 94%! The team commended Riverview on several things being done extremely well and gave us a few minor recommendations for things to improve.

○ **Sunday Sermon Series**

We are all voluntary victims of Satan's seductions. Look at your life, and you'll find far too many times of shame and sin when Satan successfully placed a temptation before you and you didn't say no. You may wonder why you did it, but the truth is you did it. Satan knows our every weakness. He custom-tailors temptations for individuals. This Lenten season, we will examine some of those tailor-made temptations. We will see how the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, specifically applies forgiveness and equips us to fight those temptations.

4/7-8 - Living with Past Guilt (Isaiah 43:16-24)

4/14-15 - Not Bowing the Knee (Isaiah 45:22-25)

○ **Food Pantry**

The Apple Valley Food pantry will be doing their annual spring food drive **THIS SUNDAY, April 7** to help stock the shelves for summer. Grocery bags are available on the blue counter to assist you in transporting your donations.

○ **Midweek Lenten Worship**

This Lenten season, we are examining striking three-word phrases in the biblical accounts of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection – “Three Words of Truth” packed with meaning and comfort for sinners. Pastor Robert Balza will share a message focused on Pilate's words, “What is Truth,” in our final midweek Lenten devotional service this **Wednesday, April 10 at 3:15 and 6:30 pm.**

○ **Lenten Meal Schedule**

A fellowship meal will be served from **4:00-6:00 pm each week** between our special services.

April 10th – Soup & Sandwich (Pioneers)

April 18th – Burgers/Brats/Hot Dogs (Athletic Assoc.)

○ **Lenten Service Ushers**

Extra assistance is needed for the mid-week Lenten services and Holy Week services. Please see the sheets on the counter in the church entry.

○ **Sunday Bible Study**

Struggling with apathy, threatened by false teachers, persecuted, fighting to live as Christians in an anti-Christian world... These things not only describe us today, they also described Christians in the first century. Jesus wrote seven brief letters to them (recorded in Revelation 2-3) that are filled with important practical encouragement for us today. Pastor Wagner is leading a study of these "Letters from our Lord" in the fellowship hall Sundays at 9:15 am.

Pastor Belter's class will review a few school highlights as we discuss Christian Education. As we go forward, we will focus on Parenting, Discipline, Love, and Forgiveness. This class will be helpful to parents of small children to high school age teens. We seek to share across generations to help today's parents. We will meet in the church library.

○ **Scrip Designation Forms**

Please stop at the scrip table, see Sandy Diersen in the office, or check your church mailbox to sign a designation form stating how you would like your rebate applied for the 2019-2020 school year. This form **MUST BE** filled out **ASAP** to ensure that your earnings are applied as you want them to be. The last day to have Scrip purchases applied to the 2019-20 school year is **April 14th.**

○ **Spring Cleaning Week**

As your schedule permits, please plan on assisting with spring cleaning at church the week of **April 8-13.** A checklist will be available in the church entry. Come in when it is convenient for you. We will do some interior painting on **Friday, April 12th at 9:00 AM.** Thanks in advance for your help!

○ **Outreach Easter Egg Hunt**

Children in 2nd grade and younger are invited to join us for an indoor Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 13th, from 9:00-11:00 am.** Stations include: Egg Hunt, Easter movie, Coloring Contest, and Craft. Please enter at the school/office doors. Invite a friend!

○ **Door Offerings**

On April 14-15, we will have a door offering to support “Grace”, a WELS initiative to help build a pastor training institute in Viet Nam. (Read more on page 4.) **On April 28-29,** another door offering will help support our team of students headed to the Worlds Robotics competition in Louisville that week.

○ JULIETS

On the third Tuesday of each month, Riverview's group of Juliet's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) meets for breakfast. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 16th at 9 AM**. This month they will be trying the new Maple Tree Restaurant and Pancake House at 2106 South Oneida Street. Call Julie Wing at 830-1732 for more information.

○ Holy Week Schedule

Our focus on "Three Words of Truth" continues as we head to the upper room on Maundy Thursday ("Given for You"), the cross on Good Friday ("It is Finished"), and the empty tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday ("He Has Risen"). Join us for worship this Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday, **April 18th, 3:15 & 6:30 pm**

Good Friday Tre Ore, **April 19th, 12:00-3:00 pm** at St. Paul, Appleton

Good Friday, **April 19th, 6:30 pm** at Riverview

Easter Worship, **April 21st, 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am**

(Easter breakfast will be served from **7:30-10:00 am**)

There will be no Monday worship on **April 22nd**.

○ Men's Softball Team

Riverview is planning to have a team in the Wednesday night Men's Church Softball League. Games are played at Memorial Park in Appleton **starting in May**. Please contact Peter Wolfgramm if you are interested in enjoying this great opportunity for fellowship and fun!

○ Youth Group/Easter Breakfast Donations

We will be serving the Easter breakfast on **April 21st from 7:30-10:00 am**. Help is also needed on **Sat, April 20th**. Sign-up sheets for donations and for volunteers are on the blue counter.

○ Save the Date

VBS organizational meetings – **Thursday, April 25 @ 6:30pm or Sunday, April 28 @ 9:15am**

VBS – **July 22-26, 2019**

○ ROMEOs

On the last Friday of each month, a group of Riverview's Retired Old Men Eating Out gathers for breakfast at **8 am**. The next meeting is on **Friday, Apr. 26th**. This meeting will be held at Angel's Restaurant.

○ RLS Upper Grade Plays

On **Fri, April 26th, beginning at 6:00 pm**, the 5th-6th grades will present "Macbeth, the Musical Comedy".

Following that show, the 7th-8th grades will present "Check, Please!" If you can't make those performances, the dress rehearsal will be sometime during school that day. More details will be published later. Also, save the date for the K-4th grade plays which will start at **6:00 pm on Friday, May 10th**.

○ Anniversary Event

Pastor Andy Luehring, RLS graduate, will preach for us on **Apr. 28/29**. The theme for the day is Confirmation Renewal. As we celebrate the faithfulness of our God in giving us 50 years of our school, we want to encourage all our members to renew their confirmation promises and to be faithful to the Lord. Riverview confirmation pictures will be displayed and refreshments served between services. Members, please ask your adult children confirmed at Riverview to return for the services that day. All people present who were confirmed at RLC will be asked to stand by 10 year divisions.

○ Confirmation Picture Search

In connection with the above event, we are looking for pictures of confirmation classes from 1965, 67, 1973, 74, 75, 76, 78, 1980, 81, 82, 83, 84, 87, 88, 1991, 92, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2001, 02, 03, and 04. If your child was confirmed in one of these years and you have a picture of the entire class, please contact the office so that we can scan a copy to complete our records. Thank you!

○ RLS at Timber Rattlers

On **Sunday, April 28th at 1:05 pm**, several of our RLS families will be attending a Timber Rattlers game at Fox Cities Stadium. More details will follow on how to order tickets if you'd like to join us.

FVL News

○ FVL Tuition Help

Applications for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) and FVL's Tuition Assistance program are **open until 4/20**. WPCP offers families the chance to have their student's FVL tuition fully funded. Incoming 9th graders, homeschoolers, or public school transfers are eligible. Families who don't meet WPCP eligibility can apply to FVL's Tuition Assistance program. Details and eligibility charts are found at fvlhs.org. **IMPORTANT: Submissions can be made electronically until 4/20; however, if you wish to drop off at the FVL School Office, all paperwork needs to be in by 4 PM on 4/18 because the office will be closed Good Friday (4/19) and Saturday (4/20).** Questions? Email hknoll@fvlhs.org.

○ Electronics Recycling

FVL's annual Electronics Recycling event will be **April 12 and 13**. Bring your outdated electronics to FVL. Some costs may apply. Check fvlhs.org for details.

○ **Employment Opportunity**

FVL is hiring two Administrative Assistant positions. One will assist in the Business Office; the other will assist Activities Director Shawn Hill. Find the job descriptions and applications at fvlhs.org. Application deadline is **4/30**.

○ **Youth Sports**

FVL Schools, public, and homeschool students are invited to register for spring and summer Youth Sports activities. Links are under "Breaking News" on the fvlhs.org home page. Check back often to see the latest options! Fall football registration closes **at noon on April 15**.

○ **Upcoming Concert**

FVL's Spring Band Concert is **Sunday, April 14 at 2 PM**. All are welcome.

○ **Summer Camps**

Register now for FVL's 2019 Summer Camps! Sports camps plus options for Art, Engineering, Computer Science, and Band are offered. Find out more by clicking on the "FVL Summer Camps" link at fvlhs.org.

○ **Testing for Incoming Students**

All incoming FVLHS freshmen should plan on taking the ASPIRE test. Riverview Lutheran School students taking this test at school over the next few weeks. If not offered at your school, the test is being offered at FVL on **April 27 from 9 AM-12:45 PM**. FVL covers the cost. Contact rfowler@fvlhs.org with questions.

○ **Scholarship**

Ladies Guild Memorial Scholarship grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to new FVL freshmen or incoming upperclassmen who demonstrate financial need and a love of Christian education. Deadline is **4/20**. Details at fvlhs.org.

Area Church/Synod News

○ **Hope Center Volunteers Needed**

The Hope Center has recently been blessed with four new volunteers to help with our valuable community outreach. We thank God for this response, along with your support and your prayers. We continue to be in need of a volunteer **EVENT COORDINATOR** to organize an August back-to-school event for the families of The Hope Center. If you would be interested in serving in this way, please contact Kara Witthuhn, Client Services Director, at 920-540-4995.

○ **Camp Phillip Activities**

The Veteran Spiritual R & R Retreat (**May 3-5**) is intended for and open to veterans, men and women who have any degree of post-traumatic stress related to their military service. This retreat is only for veterans. No spouses or family for this retreat. There is **NO COST** to the participants. All expenses are covered by the LMSG and travel assistance will be available. Register by visiting <http://www.lutheranmilitary.org> or by contacting pastorhacker@gracewaukesha.org or 262.547.3688. Registration is limited. A waiting list will be established if necessary.

○ **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. Spend two days learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God's grace. The result? A healthier marriage. Space is limited, so register early. Visit www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment for more information and to register.

Mission News

○ **Grace – Hmong Outreach in Vietnam**

The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi. This is an incredible, unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach the more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. Please see the brochure in your church mailbox to learn more about this incredible story and opportunity or visit wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.