

January 13 & 14

News & Notes

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

Calendar Items

Sunday, January 13

(Food Pantry Sunday/

Refreshments between services)

- 8:00 AM Worship (Communion)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 9:15 AM New Member Orientation
- 10:30 AM Worship (Communion)
- 4:00 PM Pastor Wagner Installation
Dinner to follow in gym

QR Giving Code



Monday, January 14

- 1:00 PM Bible Study
- 6:00 PM RLS Robotics League Night @ UW Fox
- 6:30 PM Worship (Communion)

Tuesday, January 15

- 9:00 AM J.U.L.I.E.T.s Breakfast @ Mary's North
- 6:30 PM Board of Lay Ministry

Wednesday, January 16

- 9:30-11 AM Mommy & Me
- 4:00 PM Public School Catechism
- Home RLS C BB Games vs Zion, Morrison @ 5:15pm
- 7:00 PM Senior Choir

Thursday, January 17

- RLS A Boys' BB Game @ New London @ 6:00pm

Friday, January 18

- 8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service
- Home RLS A&B BB Games vs St. Paul, GB @ 4:30pm

Saturday, January 19

- Cleaning Crew #1
- 9:00 AM K-2nd Basketball
- RLS Robotics @ FVL Tournament

Sunday, January 20

(Hope Center Door Offering)

- 8:00 AM Worship
- 9:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 11:45 AM Voters' Meeting
- 6:00 PM Pioneers

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: Lori Soehrmann, Todd Kuepper, Brett Van Handel and family, A member's brother facing many serious challenges, Larry Fredrick, John Eichsteadt, Marlene Glaze, Karen Reffke, Don Wolff, Tim Maass, Becky Krowas, Sharon Glasel

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

Those in mourning: Family of Gary Theimer, Family of Duane Zeuske, Family of Rhoda Winder

Riverview News

- **Bible Classes**
 - **Sundays – 9:15 AM**
 - “Colossians” – led by Pastor Belter in the Fellowship Hall – **Jan. 6th- Feb. 10**
 - **Mondays – 1:00 PM**
 - “Genesis” – led by Mr. Wolfgramm in the Church Library
- **Wagner Installation**

Pastor Wagner will be installed at a special service on **Sunday, January 13th at 4:00 PM** with a dinner to follow.
- **Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone for your love and support for Rhoda during her time of illness. Thanks also for your Christian concern for us this past week. We truly appreciate the efforts of everyone who assisted with organizing, serving, and cleaning up the meal.

In Christian Love, The Family of Rhoda Winder
- **Bulletin Cover Donations**

Thank you to those who donated toward the cost of our Christmas/New Year special bulletin covers. Donations have been made by Larry & Carol Fredrick in memory of their parents; Lonnie & Naomi Iris in honor of all past and present teachers at Riverview; Dave & Jill Miller; Sharon Schulz in memory of Emil & Beatrice Francek and Arvid Schulz; Marlene Wegner in memory of Don Wegner, Joann & Harold Dreier, Ken Thern, and Ervin Wegner; Sandy Gunther in memory of Donald Gunther; Steve & Betty Lehmann; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Olson in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James LaRock.

○ **Riverview Spirit Wear**

Riverview now has an online spirit wear store. Follow the link below or on our website to see what items are available. <https://riverviewlutheran.itemorder.com/sale> If you would like to verify what size you might need, you can stop in at Silly Toast (583 N. Perkins St., Appleton) and check it out.

○ **K-2 Basketball**

On **Saturday mornings in January and February**, Riverview will be running a K-2nd grade basketball camp. These sessions run from **9-9:45 AM**. Please speak to Peter Wolfgramm for more information.

○ **50/75 Celebration**

As part of Riverview's 50/75 Celebration we are looking to celebrate RLS graduates who are now RLS or FVL federation parents. We are looking for pictures of these past graduates and present students to create a slideshow to be shared as part of our celebration on **February 3, 2019**.

If you have electronic pictures, they can be sent to jzidek77@aol.com (physical pictures can be put in church mailbox #119). We plan to have a fellowship hour between services and would like to invite these alumni to join us. If you have contact information for any of these alumni who are not current members, please share it so that we can send them an invitation.

○ **Ushers Needed**

We are looking for individuals that would be willing to help out periodically with ushering duties for **Monday night services**. All confirmed members of Riverview and eighth graders in confirmation class, male and female, are welcome to participate in the ushering program. If you would be willing to usher on Monday evening for one month (or even one week of the year), please contact Kevin Wundrow at 419-1945 or Kevinwundrow@att.net.

○ **Offering Envelopes – Giving Statements**

Your envelopes for 2019 and your giving statements for 2018 are in your church mailboxes. Thank you!

○ **New Member Orientation**

If you have joined the Riverview family in the last few months, please plan on attending our New Member Orientation on **Sunday, January 13th at 9:15 am**. There you will meet congregation leaders and learn a bit more about how our organization is run.

○ **Food Pantry**

The January collection date will be the second Sunday, **January 13, 2019**. We had to make changes to the collection schedule for 2019 due to holidays falling on our normal third Sunday of the month collection. Items needed by the pantry are: Baked beans and pork n beans, chunky soups, all crackers and snacks, cookies, canned fruit, canned meats such as tuna, Spam and beef, rice and side dishes, paper towels, dish and laundry soap.

○ **J.U.L.I.E.T.s**

On the third Tuesday of each month, Riverview's group of Juliet's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) will meet at Mary's Restaurant (2312 N. Richmond St., Appleton). The next meeting is on **Tuesday, January 15th at 9 AM**. Call Julie Wing at 830-1732 for more information. You can even buy Scrip before you go to help support our school!

○ **Denver Trip**

Pastor and Rhoda Belter will be in Denver visiting our son and his family from **Jan. 16 - 23**. If emergencies arise, call the church office at 733-3728 or Pastor Wagner at 757-4535.

○ **Scrip Orders: January 17-27**

Mrs. Diersen will not be available for filling Scrip orders during office hours of these dates. If you would like to place an order from **January 17-27**, please email office@riverviewlutheran.org or call/text Tina Somers at 858-5991. The order will be filled at some point during the school day and available for pick up at 3 pm. Scrip will be sold in the narthex on Sundays as usual.

○ **Hope Center Door Offering**

Following services on **January 20-21**, we will have a door offering to support The Hope Center of Appleton. This group of WELS volunteers, housed in St. Matthew Lutheran's building, is an offshoot of the former AAA Pregnancy Counseling Center. Each month, the Hope Center gives supplies to people who are mostly unchurched. These are the some of the items supplied: tissues, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, baby and toddler clothing, feminine products, baby supplies, and spiritual guidance from a WELS Pastor. Presently, about 50 families are served and are directed to our area WELS churches. This ministry is overseen by WELS United, the area churches which do joint work (i.e. Food Pantry, advertising, Reformation service). Thank you for your gifts.

○ **Pioneers**

Pioneers is open to all boys and girls in Kindergarten and up, not just members of Riverview. Riverview's Pioneer group will meet twice a month on Sundays from **6-7:15pm**. The next meetings are **Jan. 20th** and **Feb. 3rd** in the fellowship hall.

○ **Voters' Meeting**

Our semi-annual Voters' Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 20th at 11:45 AM** after the late service. Please attend to hear and be heard on such topics as: plans for the 3K call, slight bylaw updates, and our congregation's long-range goals and how to reach them.

○ **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**. The next meeting is on **Friday, Jan. 25th**. This meeting will be held at Angel's Restaurant.

○ **RLS Spelling Bee**

Join us at **8:30 am on Friday, February 1st** as several 5th-8th grade students compete for the title of School Champion and the opportunity to advance to the regional spelling bee at St. Paul Appleton on **March 8th**.

○ **Box Tops for Education**

Thank you to those who save these promotional items to raise money for our school. If you have a pile hiding somewhere at home, please bring them in soon. They have to be mailed by **February 1st** to receive funds during this school year. Thank you!

○ **Downsizing**

One of our shut in members is moving into an apartment and has many items for sale. Some items are listed here: curio cabinet, 2 end tables, small TV, bedding for queen & twin sizes, electric fry pans, electric knife, and slow cooker. If interested, call the Riverview office or Pastor Belter.

○ **Janitorial Help Needed**

The Board of Church Properties is looking for someone to help with the school janitorial duties. This will be a paid position for approximately 5 hours per week starting immediately through June 30th, 2019. Contact Andy Zidek at 920-203-6059 for more information.

○ **Thank You!**

I'd like to thank the congregation for their friendship and support during the time I helped out at Riverview until Pastor Wagner arrived.

Pastor Andrew Martens

FVL News

○ **College Planning Session**

Parents and students are invited to a college planning overview session. This free event will be hosted at FVLHS on **Wed., 1/16 at 10 AM & 6:30 PM**. Learn how academics, admissions, and financial strategies can work together to save money. RSVP to Edana Beck at 920-423-3896 or edana.beck@thrivent.com. The session leader will be Thrivent Financial representative Troy Beck.

○ **VEX Volunteers Needed**

FVL hosts its fourth annual FVL VEX Experience on **Saturday, 1/19**. This event is the largest VEX competition in the state! Interested in volunteering? Volunteers receive a shirt and refreshments. Sign up at fvlhs.org/vex. Questions? Contact Nathan Nolte at nnolte@fvlhs.org.

○ **Musicfest Donations Needed**

FVL Musicfest 2019 is **Sun., 1/27 from noon to 4 PM**. This family-fun event showcases FVL student musicians. Enjoy the musical talent, the Fox Folk Marionettes, the silent auction, and more. Lunch & desserts will be available for purchase. Adults are \$3. Students with FVL ID or FVL Passport are free. Proceeds benefit the FVL music programs and the Let the Children Come mortgage effort. **OUR JUNIOR CHOIR WILL BE SINGING FOR THIS EVENT FROM 1:00-1:10 PM IN THE LARGE GYM AT FVL.**

○ **Junior Foxes Baseball**

Registration is open for the 2019 FVL Junior Foxes baseball team for boys ages 13-18 (7th-12th grade). The season begins in late April and goes to the third week of July. The team plays in the Fox Valley Youth Baseball League. Registration is open **until 3/8/19**. Register through the FVL Schools Youth Sports page or contact Dennis Plaster (dplaster88@gmail.com) at (920) 851-7048.

○ **Employment Opportunity**

FVL is hiring a part-time custodian. Normal school year hours are Monday-Friday 5:30-10 PM. Job description, duties, and pay rate are found at fvlhs.org/Benefits include health insurance and 401K match. Email applications to ttechlin@fvlhs.org. Additional custodial hours are available at St. Peter Lutheran School-Appleton from 3:15-5:30 PM during the school year.

○ **Help Needed**

Costume Designer needed! FVL needs a volunteer to help costume our March musical. We need someone organized and reliable who can communicate well with teens and adults. Knowledge of clothing design and sewing is a must. Will work with director to create costumes appropriate to roles and setting. Email Sharon at smundt@fvlhs.org.

Area Church/Synod News

○ **DivorceCare**

Immanuel-Greenville will be offering a DivorceCare class on **Tuesdays (January 8-April 2) from 6:30-8:30 pm** in their Emmaus Library

DivorceCare is a teaching tool to support anyone who has been hurt by the pain of divorce or separation. This program offers short videos each week, a helpful workbook, and ample time for group discussion and support. To register, visit www.divorcecare.org or call 920-757-5639. Cost is \$20 for the workbook.

○ **Faith Fit Dance Fitness Class**

Our Shepherd Child Care & Family Ministry (3335 North Lynndale Drive, Appleton) will host an 8-week Dance Fitness Class on **Mondays from 5:30–6:15 pm beginning January 14, 2019**. Faith Fit is a dance fitness class (think Zumba-esque) that encourages women of all ages and abilities to continue on their fitness journey, one step at a time! No matter where you are at on your journey-YOU MATTER. We dance to positive uplifting music from the likes of TobyMac, Mandisa, and more! The class is free, but childcare is available for a small fee. For more information contact Emily at churchoffice@bethanyappleton.org.

○ **Women's Event**

Ladies, kick off your new year with a focus on God in your life at the "My God is so Big" event being held at St. Peter Lutheran Church (N2740 French Rd., Appleton) on **January 19 from 9-11 am** (check-in begins at 8:40). This opportunity for worship, Bible study (bring your own Bible), and fellowship is planned for ages 15+ and will feature keynote speaker Gretchen Adrian. She will discuss "My Big God and my journey with cancer." Register for free at 920-739-2009.

○ **School Choice Workshops**

Want to learn more about the School Choice program? Who is eligible? What elementary schools are involved? How to apply? Three FREE regional workshops are being offered by FVL Schools. The time is **6 PM** and the dates are **2/4** at St. Mark-Green Bay, **2/5** at St. Peter-Freedom, and **2/7** at Martin Luther-Oshkosh. No registration needed. Come to find out how your students can have their Christian education paid in full through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

○ **Men of His Word Conference**

The 10th annual Men of His Word Conference with the theme "Built on the Rock" will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on **Saturday, February 9, 2019**. Adult registration is \$50 and youth registration is \$25. (\$60 and \$30 after **January 27th**) Please go online at menofhisword.org (or see blue counter) to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, etc.

○ **WELS Young Professionals Network**

"The Inseparable" Facebook group is intended for young professionals in WI. If you're 20's to early 30's, join the Facebook group to connect and share community events, so that you can gather together and develop strong friendships.

The name is inspired by Romans 8:39, to remind you that nothing can separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. The first group event will be **March 2, 2019**, in the afternoon and early evening. It will be at N5830 Rockland Beach Road, Hilbert. The plan is to have a winter fire, play games, and, weather permitting, ice fishing and sledding/tubing. Snacks and coffee will be provided. For more information, join The Inseparable Facebook group or text Sonya at 666-2863.