

January 6 & 7 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 6

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Pioneers Meeting

QR Giving Code



Monday, January 7

1:00 PM Bible Study
Home RLS A Boys' BB Games vs VHS @ 6:15pm
6:30 PM Worship

Tuesday, January 8

Home RLS B Girls' BB Games vs Bethlehem @ 4:15pm
6:00 PM Board of Church Properties
6:30 PM All Boards Night

Wednesday, January 9

9:30-11 AM Mommy & Me
4:00 PM Public School Catechism
7:00 PM Senior Choir

Friday, January 11

8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service
1:00 PM Geography Bee
Home RLS A&B BB Games vs ML, Osh. @ 4:15pm
(Grandparents' Night)

Saturday, January 12

Cleaning Crew #7
9:00 AM K-2nd Basketball
10:00 AM Set up gym for installation dinner
6:30 PM Home Bible Study
hosted by Vannieuwenhovens

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 – please sign up on blue counter in narthex

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, Sue Raschka, 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
 - **Home Bible Study – Sat., Jan. 12th, 6:30 PM**
 - “Exodus 20: The 10 Commandments.” – led by Mr. Wolfgramm @ Vannieuwenhovens’ – RSVP 450-8133
- **Wagner Welcome**

To help welcome the Wagner family to Riverview, we are collecting donations of non-perishable food items and/or Scrip cards. Please make Scrip arrangements with Sandy Diersen. A table for the donations is in the church entry.

Pastor Wagner will be installed at a special service on **Sunday, January 13th at 4:00 PM** with a dinner to follow. Chicken will be provided; please bring a dish to pass or a dessert. A sign-up sheet is in the church entry.
- **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.

- **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>

○ **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**. This month's meetings are **Jan. 6th and 20th** in the fellowship hall.

○ **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.

○ **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 jjzidek77@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.

○ **2019 Offering Envelopes**

Your envelopes for 2019 are in your church mailboxes. Please make sure to take yours and your children's. Thank you!

○ **RLS National Geographic Geography Bee**

Join us at **1 pm on Friday, January 11th** as several 5th-8th grade students compete for the title of School Champion and the opportunity to advance farther in this contest sponsored by National Geographic.

○ **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!

○ **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, which operates out of St. Matthew's building, provides mentorship, transportation, and material resources to assist families in making positive life-affirming choices.

○ **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.

○ **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.

FVL News

○ **Musicfest Donations Needed**

FVL Musicfest 2019, will be held **1/27 with performances beginning at noon**. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Musicfest is currently seeking items or basket donations for the Silent Auction. Interested in helping? Find out more at fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest or call 920-560-5122. Please bring donations to the FVL Office **by 1/7**. **OUR JUNIOR CHOIR WILL BE SINGING FOR THIS EVENT FROM 1:00-1:10 PM IN THE LARGE GYM AT FVL.**

○ **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.

○ **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.

Mission News

○ **Mission Tree**

There will be a "mission tree" in the church entry again this year. Gifts given will go to children in orphanages & schools in Haiti. Envelopes from the tree may be put in the offering plate. Sheets with more information on this project are located by the tree.

○ **Help Wanted**

The Lutheran Women's Mission Society assigns missionaries to congregations so that those groups can befriend and encourage them with prayers, letters, a birthday card, etc. World Missionary John Roebke and Home Missionary Joel Schwartz are assigned to Riverview. Information for these 2 families can be found on the blue counter in the church entry. Let's see if we can increase our personal support and prayers for these workers and their families. Thanks in advance!

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.

○ **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.

○ **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.