

May 12 & 13 News & Notes

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

Calendar Items

Sunday, May 12

8:00 AM Worship (Communion)
9:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 AM Worship (1st Communion)

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Monday, May 13

1:00 PM Bible Study
4:15 PM RLS Softball game in New London
6:30 PM Worship (Communion)

Tuesday, May 14

1:00 PM OWLS Meeting at Trinity, Kaukauna
6:30 PM All Boards Night

Wednesday, May 15

9:30 AM Mommy & Me
RLS Grades 5-8 at FVL Track Meet (5/6 AM, 7/8 PM)
8:00 PM Men's Softball at Memorial Park-Field 3

Thursday, May 16

Kids' Heart Challenge at RLS in afternoon
4:15 PM Home RLS Softball game vs. Emanuel
6:00 PM Private Confirmation in church
6-7:30 PM FVL Band Open House

Friday, May 17

8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service
6:00 PM 3K/4K Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 18

Cleaning Crew #4

Sunday, May 19

*(Camp Phillip Door Offering &
Refreshments between services)*

8:00 AM Worship
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.**

o **Divine Call**

Mr. Benton Witte has received a call from St. Paul Lutheran School in Saginaw, MI to serve as their 7th grade teacher and technology director. Please keep Mr. Witte in your prayers as he decides where he can best use his gifts to serve the Lord.

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
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 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
 - **Mondays – 1:00 PM**
 - o “Genesis” – led by Pastor Belter in the Church Library
- o **Special Bulletin Covers**

We are still accepting donations to help with the cost of special bulletin covers for the spring and summer seasons. Please see the hall bulletin board for a donation form. The average cost for the each of the special services is approximately \$20, but any donation amount would be welcome. Thank you to those who have already donated: Sandy Gunther in memory of Don Gunther and Jean Riley; Marlene Wegner in memory of Don Wegner.

o **Summer Worship Schedule**

Our summer worship schedule begins at the end of May. NOTE that on Memorial Day weekend (**May 26th**), worship times change for summer as follows: Sundays **8:00 AM & 9:45 AM** with Bible study options still to be determined. MONDAY worship remains at **6:30 PM**. The "summer schedule" remains in effect through and including Labor Day weekend, **Sept. 2**.

o **Save the Date**

VBS – **July 22-26, 2019**

○ **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.

○ **Confirmation Picture Search**

We are still looking for confirmation class pictures from **1965, 67, 1973, 74, 76, 78, 1980, 84, and 2002**. If someone in your family 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!

○ **First Communion/Confirmation**

On **Sunday, May 12th**, our new confirmands will take communion together as a class during our **10:30** service. This year's confirmands are: Caleb Bartmann, Madelyn Birling, Hayden Hesse, Carsten Jungwirth, Ricky Knaack, Ethan Melso, Savannah Parsons, Benett Reader, Teagan Selle, Preston Torbenson, Will Toshner, Austin Van Dam, Liberty VanDenHeuvel, Haley Verhagen, Micaiah Wagner, Levi Wolfgramm, and Katelyn Zidek.

On **Thursday, May 16th**, 3 of our young members will be confirmed in a private service. Clayton, Gavin, and Maddox Meulemans will make their promises that evening.

We welcome all of these young men and women to their new role in the Riverview family!

○ **Wink Memorial Fund**

On May 7, 1988, the Lord called John Paul Wink home to glory. In thanks for the Lord's grace to John, his parents, Dean and Gertie, set up a memorial fund from which annual interest earnings are transferred into our Youth Group funds. We join the Wink family in celebrating John's life here on earth and eternally in heaven and we give thanks for the ministry funding in his memory.

○ **3K/4K Ice Cream Social**

Our preschool will be holding an ice cream social for family and friends on **Fri., May 17th at 6:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The students will sing songs they have learned and then enjoy a bowl of ice cream!

○ **Retirement Celebration**

Mr. Jon Winkel, our former principal, and his wife Candy, will retire from the ministry this spring. A celebration will be held at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church on **May 19 with a 9:30 service** and meal to follow. Those who wish may send well wishes to Mt. Lebanon Church, 6100 W. Hampton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218.

○ **Door Offering**

Our monthly door offering on **May 19-20** will support Camp Phillip, a Lutheran summer camp that many of our children attend. Riverview is one of their federation churches, and this is one way we send our support.

○ **Handchime Concert**

Mrs. Jenise Nolte and her class of 5th-6th grade students will present a short concert on **Monday, May 20th at 2 pm** in the church sanctuary. Come to enjoy some classics and some old favorites!

○ **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, May 21st at 9 AM**. This month they will meet at the new Maple Tree Restaurant and Pancake House at 2106 South Oneida Street. Call Julie Wing at 830-1732 for more information.

○ **RLS Graduation**

The 2018-19 Riverview Lutheran School Closing Service and Graduation will be at **6:00pm on Thursday, May 23rd**. All 3K-8th grade students are scheduled to sing for this service and should be in their classrooms at **5:45 that evening**. Following the service there will be a reception for the 8th grade graduates in the Activity Center. Join us in celebrating God's blessings upon our students and our ministry this year!

○ **Ascension Day Worship**

Our Savior ascended into heaven to show that his saving work was done and to reign on heaven's throne for the good of his Church. Join us to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord in a festival worship service on **Thursday, May 30th, at 6:30 pm**.

○ **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, May 31st**. This meeting will be held at Angel's Restaurant.

○ **School Anniversary Celebration, Wolfgramm Farewell, Church Picnic**

"Tell the Next Generation" has been the theme of our school's 50th Anniversary celebration. On **June 9, at 9:00 AM**, our celebration will conclude with a special worship service, program, and meal, all in our Activity Center. We will also hold a Farewell for Peter and Missy Wolfgramm, since he has accepted a call to a different ministry. Our guest preacher for the day is Martin Luther College professor Jeff Schone who vicared for Riverview in 1986.

The committee will lead us that day, but here are some important notes:

- YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!
- PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.
- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SET UP, SERVE FOOD, AND TAKE DOWN.

On this memorable day we hope to see many former Riverview school teachers, enjoy a picnic meal, and enjoy outdoor games for all ages. Meat will be provided for the meal, but all are asked to bring a salad or dessert. You can sign up in the church entry on Sundays or in the school entry during the week. Thank you!

FVL News

○ **Upcoming Events**

May 13 7:00 PM Jazz Band/Choraliers Concert

May 21 7:00 PM General Board Meeting

May 25 10:00 AM Graduation (Doors open at 9 AM)

○ **Golf Outing**

FVL's Annual Golf Outing is **6/13** at Royal St. Patrick in Wrightstown. Find sponsorship & registration info at fvlhs.org. Sign up by **5/15** for an early discount.

○ **Beginning Band Open House**

This event where new and interested students can try out various instruments will take place in the FVL Commons on **Thursday, May 16th from 6-7:30 PM**. Parents and students can come any time that evening, and don't need to plan to stay for the entire time. We will have many instruments set up for trial. Yes, it does get a little loud with all of the "music" being played, but seeing the smiles on the faces of the students and parents makes it all worth the effort! We will also have information concerning renting instruments from Heid Music, and possibly a representative from Heid's as well to answer any questions you may have.

If students and parents cannot attend our Open House event, they are still able to join the FVL Schools Band Program next fall. Please contact James Neujahr at jneujahr@fvlhs.org and he can assist you with any questions you may have.

○ **Field Repair Update**

Many have been asking about the status of repairs to FVL's soccer and football fields. Here is the latest...

With warmer spring weather ahead, our contractor is staging equipment here on-site so that as soon as the conditions are right, the work that still needs to be completed can be done. The goal is that, God-willing, the fall home seasons for football and soccer can go on as scheduled. We ask for your continued prayers for this project.

For those interested in more detail, here is the current situation...

1) All drains on the varsity football field are now at proper grade to receive run off water. The east half of the varsity football field is complete. The west side is ready to be graded out and sod to be installed.

2) The varsity soccer game field has been regraded, just about half of the field has new sod in place, and the next half is graded and ready to receive sod.

3) One more top dressing application is needed to complete the practice soccer field.

4) The west side of the practice football field has been graded out and is ready to receive its first seed application. Once that is done, they will continue to grade out the east side of that field and then apply seed.

As far as progress on finding the person(s) responsible, there is nothing new to report. The \$10K reward is still in place. The vandalism began in the winter of 2017-18, but the worst damage occurred in March 2018. Overall, \$250,000 of damage took place, and both our home football, soccer and track seasons were lost. If anyone has information, they should contact the Appleton Police Department at 920-832-5548.

For those wondering about the timeline of the repairs, the vendor chosen by the Regents could not start work on the project until July 24, 2018 due to previously scheduled projects. (Other vendors considered could not even start until this summer!) The hope last August was to have everything in place for the spring sports seasons of this year. Unfortunately, the unusually wet fall, record-breaking cold winter, and DNR permitting process meant that the spring 2019 track and soccer home seasons also were lost.

If you need more details, you may contact Shawn Hill at shill@fvlhs.org.

○ **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.

○ **Incoming Freshman Football Meeting**

Because of the rescheduled track meet, the informational meeting for all incoming freshmen who are interested in playing football at FVL next year and their parents has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, May 15** following the 7-8th grade track meet (**around 4 PM**). The meeting will take place in the Phy Ed classroom (room 1237, on the first floor, northwest corner of the large gym). Details about the program and summer/fall schedules will be shared. Contact Coach Adam Frey (afrey@fvlhs.org) with questions or if you can't attend.

○ **Host Families Needed**

FVL's International Program needs host families for 2019-20. Share your faith with an international student! Students stay for 9 months and pay their own expenses; families receive a stipend to offset costs. Contact muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org.

Mission News

○ **Grace – Hmong Outreach News Update**

WELS President Mark Schroeder, World Missions Administrator Rev. Larry Schlomer, and Director of Missions Operations Mr. Sean Young have returned from their trip to Hanoi, Vietnam, with exciting news to report: After surveying the land chosen for the theological education center, a memorandum of understanding was signed by WELS and Vietnamese Fellowship Church representatives confirming we can move forward with all land purchase, construction, and training plans! This is a huge step forward as we continue to train the leaders of the Hmong Fellowship Church in the truths of the gospel. For more information on this mission opportunity and how you can support it with your prayers and gifts, visit wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Area Church/Synod News

○ **OWLS Meeting**

The Fox Valley chapter of the OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be holding a meeting on **Tuesday, May 14th at 1:00 pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church (804 Grignon St.) in Kaukauna. All seniors are welcome to attend.

○ **EdTechLead Summit**

Registration is now open for the National WELS Education, Technology, and Leadership Summit, **June 25-27, 2019**. Check out the complete summit schedule, presenter line-up, and frequently asked questions at welsedtechlead.com. Make plans to bring your family for a summer get-away and join us at the Kalahari Resort and water park in the Wisconsin Dells this June.

○ **WELS Night at Miller Park**

Join thousands of WELS members from around the Midwest for an evening of fellowship, fun and baseball at Miller Park! Cheer on the Brewers on **Friday, July 12**, as they take on the San Francisco Giants in a **7:10 pm game!** Sign up in the church entryway to reserve seats and/or order t-shirts with other Riverview families and save on service fees and shipping charges.

○ **Women's Ministry Conference**

WELS Women's Ministry will be holding a conference this summer, **July 18-20**, at Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis. The theme of the conference, "Living Stones," focuses on how Christian women are called to be a part of something bigger. For more information and to register, visit wels.net/wmconference.

○ **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.

○ **Employment Opportunities**

1. Trinity Lutheran School (410 Oak Street, Neenah) is looking for individuals to assume the part time positions of Head Cook & Assistant Cook. Applications and job descriptions are available at the school. For more information please contact principal Ken Kasten at 722-3051 or kenneth.kasten@trinityneenah.net.
2. Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, Greenville, is accepting applications for full-time and part-time custodians to maintain the cleanliness of their campus including the church, offices, school, gym, and new Christian Life Center. Applications can be obtained by contacting the office at churchoffice@immluth.org or 920-757-5639. If you would like additional information on these positions, contact Facility Manager Kurt Bertram at facilitiesmgr@immluth.org or 540-7107.