

November 18 & 19

News & Notes

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

Calendar Items

Sunday, November 18

(WELS Relief Fund Door Offering)

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

Monday, November 19

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

(WELS Relief Fund Door Offering)

Tuesday, November 20

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

Wednesday, November 21

8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service
9:30-11 AM Mommy & Me
5-6 PM Fellowship Dinner
(Sloppy Joes-Athletic Association)
6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thursday, November 22

No School at RLS
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Worship

Friday, November 23

No School at RLS

Saturday, November 24

Cleaning Crew #8

Sunday, November 25

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.

○ **Doors Locked**

In an effort to increase building security **on Sundays, the school entrance door will lock at 10:35 AM.** The church entrance door will remain unlocked during the entire 10:30 AM service.

○ **Yard Sign Frames**

Please return any wire stands that you have at home from Riverview yard signs. We can reuse those and save some money for our next project. Thanks!

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, Rhoda Winder
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 Lyonel Arnold, Family of Mabel Zeuske

Riverview News

- **Bible Classes**
 - **Sundays – 9:15 AM**
 - “To the Ends of the Earth” – led by Pastor Belter in the Fellowship Hall (Oct. 28 – Nov. 25)
 - **Mondays – 1:00 PM**
 - “Genesis” – led by Mr. Wolfgramm in the Church Library
 - **Home Bible Study – Sat., Dec. 8th, 6:30 PM**
 - “Isaiah 9: Prophecy of the Prince of Peace” – led by Mr. Wolfgramm @ Bonnie Heimlich’s – RSVP 450-8133
- **Door Offering**

Following services on **Nov. 18-19**, we will have a door offering to support the Christian Aid & Relief Fund. About Christian Aid & Relief: “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10). The Christian Aid & Relief committee helps those with their physical needs when disaster strikes both locally as well as around the world. Not only does this help others physically, but also opens the door for us to help those affected with their spiritual needs. Currently, WELS Christian Aid and Relief is coordinating volunteers to help with cleanup and rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Michael. Efforts are primarily focused on Amazing Grace, Panama City, FL.
- **Washing Machine Available**

Free to a good home is a GE washing machine in the parsonage basement. It is an older style unit that is not high efficiency. Please contact Andy Zidek if interested.

○ **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.

○ **J.U.L.I.E.T.s**

The second meeting of the Juliet's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) will be held at Mary's Restaurant (2312 N. Richmond St., Appleton) on **Tuesday, Nov. 20 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!

○ **Thanksgiving Worship**

1. A traditional Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Matthew on **Wed., Nov 21st at 6:30 pm**, and again at Riverview on **Thurs., Nov. 22nd at 9 am**.

2. The Praise Band from Bethany Lutheran Church in Appleton will lead a worship service in our gymnasium on **Wed., Nov. 21st at 6:30 pm**. Our school children, grades K-8, will sing. (There will also be a supper in our Fellowship Hall before the Wednesday night service from 5-6 pm. The RLS Athletic Association will be serving sloppy joes.)

○ **Office Hours for Thanksgiving Week**

The Riverview church office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22nd-23rd** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

○ **Advent Worship**

Our Advent services for this year will be held on **Wednesdays, November 28, December 5, 12, and 19, at 3:15 and 6:30 PM**. Eternal Love pastors will join us under the theme "Jesus Comes: With Enlightenment, With Proof, With Comfort."

○ **Fellowship Meals**

Our fellowship meals this year will run from **4-6 pm on Advent Wednesdays**. The menus are:

- **Nov 28** – Pizza served by Men's Softball
- **Dec 5** – TBD served by Pioneers
- **Dec 12** – Subs & Hot Dogs served by Stewardship Bd
- **Dec 19** – Ham sandwiches served by Riverview Staff

○ **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, Nov. 30th**. This meeting will be held at Angel's Restaurant.

○ **Parsonage Cleaning**

The Board of Church Properties is planning a deep cleaning of the parsonage before Pastor Wagner's arrival. We are seeking volunteers to help with the cleaning on **Friday, November 30th from 9AM - 3PM**. Please consider helping if your schedule permits.

○ **K-2 Basketball**

On **Saturday mornings in December through February**, Riverview will be running a K-2nd grade basketball camp. These sessions typically run from **9-9:45 AM** with a few exceptions for the holidays. Please speak to Peter Wolfgramm for more information.

○ **Christmas for Kids**

Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to St. Matthew on **Saturday, December 8th from 1-3 pm** to celebrate Jesus' birth and the true meaning of Christmas with their friends. Christmas for Kids is co-hosted by Riverview and St. Matthew. Registration can be completed online at riverviewlutheran.org or through Mr. Wolfgramm.

○ **Poinsettias**

Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us and we would like to again decorate the church sanctuary and entry with poinsettias and greens. If you are interested in helping with the cost of this venture, please place your donation in your offering envelope and write "Poinsettias" on the "OTHER" line. Thank you for your help in beautifying our church.

○ **Holiday Bulletin Covers**

If you are interested in helping with the cost of this year's special bulletin covers, please see the hall bulletin board for a donation form. The average cost for the each of the special services is approximately \$25, but any donation amount would be welcome. Any donations made in memory or in honor of someone will be listed in the News and Notes during and after the holiday season. Thank you for this special enhancement to worship.

○ **FVL Building Project Support**

"Let the Children Come" is the campaign theme for the remodeling and expansion at our Lutheran high school. Please continue to support this campaign. (**Checks should be made payable to FVLHS and placed in the special offering envelope in your church mailbox. Checks made out to Riverview will not go towards this special building program.**) Thanks in advance for these gifts so that more teens may receive an excellent Christian education at FVL.

○ **Firehouse Thank You**

Thank you members of Riverview for all your heartfelt gifts of generosity, kindness and words of encouragement which helped make the remodeling of Fire Station #3 a reality. It was such an amazing experience and great opportunity for our Love of Christ to shine through to our community. I have been keeping in touch with the fire chief to schedule a walk through once everything is completed. It looks like that might be sometime in December or after the first of the year.

God's Blessings, Mrs. Brown

FVL News

○ **“Let the Children Come” News**

Praise the Lord! FVL is happy to announce that the initial funding goal of one million dollars for the Let the Children Come building expansion has been met! In gratitude, we say "thank you" to our loving Lord and our loyal supporters. Please join us in prayer that just as the Lord helped us reach this goal, he will continue to open the hearts of many to help FVL reach the annual goal of \$475K to pay off our building debt on schedule and stay true to our mission to share Jesus with teens here in the Valley and around the world.

○ **FVL and FVL Schools Band Concert**

Join us on **Sunday, 11/18 at 2 PM** for a concert featuring both the FVL and FVL Schools bands!

○ **Enrolling Current 8th Graders for 2019-2020**

Parents enrolling 8th graders at FVL for 2019-20 -- please complete the online enrollment application at fvlhs.org. (Click “Enroll at FVL” on the right side of the screen.) Once completed, you will receive a link to set a scheduling appointment on **the evening of 11/19**, or to request a different date that fits your schedule.

○ **Appleton Christmas Parade**

FVL & FVL Schools are again sponsoring the broadcast of the Appleton Christmas Parade! Watch for the FVL Schools commercials and tune in for FVL Enrollment Director Ben Priebe's live interview from downtown Appleton. The date is **Tues., 11/20 at 7 p.m.** Check it out on WFRV-TV5.

○ **Fox Folk Marionettes**

FVL's Fox Folk Marionettes will be presenting “The Search for the King” at the Apple Creek YMCA on **Sat. 12/1 at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.** They will be sharing the same program at St. Paul-Green Bay for their Christmas for Kids event at **1 p.m. on Sat., 12/8**. Come and enjoy this great family-friendly Christmas tradition!

Area Church/Synod News

○ **Community Old-Time Gospel Singalong**

The Sunshiners are a group of people who love their country and love their Lord. They were recruited by entertainer Paul Pagel. Paul and the Sunshiners perform every month at the Wisconsin State Veterans Home in King and also at assisted living places and nursing homes in the area.

Because the Sunshiners have enjoyed great success this year, they want to share their songs with people in this area. They will present a free Community Old-Time Gospel Singalong on **Sunday November 18** (no Packer game!) at the Thompson Community Center, 2331 E. Lourdes Dr., Appleton, at **2:00 P.M.** Everyone is welcome!

○ **DivorceCare “Surviving the Holidays”**

Are you divorced or separated and wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? At this free seminar, held on **Monday, November 19 from 6:30-8:30 PM** in the Immanuel-Greenville, Emmaus Library, you will learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, helpful tips for surviving social events, and ways to give your kids a good holiday experience. Register by calling Immanuel's office at 920-757-5639 or email churchoffice@immluth.org.

○ **Bethel Bundle (Gospel + Food + Clothes)**

On **Sunday, November 25th**, Bethel in Menasha will host a special outreach event aimed at serving new arrivals to our community. The BETHEL BUNDLE event offers Spanish-language WORSHIP at noon, followed by an American-style Thanksgiving MEAL, and then a free distribution of winter weather CLOTHING for all members of the family. Participate by collecting gently-used (washed) winter clothing: Coats, hats, gloves, mittens, snowsuits, scarves, and boots. Items of any size and for kids, women, and men—all of them are welcome and will be sorted at Bethel by volunteers. (Any items still remaining after the clothing distribution will be offered to Bethel's English Classes for one week, and then donated to Bargain Garden.) Drop off of your items in the marked bin in the narthex at Riverview by **Sunday, November 18**. Thank you to all who pray for and participate in this new event, which will certainly be a welcome blessing to many area families.

o **Advent by Candlelight**

The ladies of St. Matthew would like to invite the ladies of Riverview to our Advent by Candlelight service. This year's theme is "Not a Silent Night". The service of song and devotion is **December 1 at 1:00 pm. The doors open at 12:30.** Please email names of those attending to mjzimmer5z@netscape.net by **Nov 28.** or phone the church office at 733-0916. We would love to have women of any age join us for an afternoon of reflection, focusing on the real meaning of the Advent season.

o **Hope Center Update**

The Hope Center's Board of Directors is currently in need of two board members: a Secretary and Member at Large. We are additionally seeking a Social Media Coordinator. If you are interested in learning more about The Hope Center or volunteer opportunities, please call 920-739-0039 or email thehopecenter1316@gmail.com.

o **Greece Tour**

You are invited to join a 10 day tour to Greece... "In the Footsteps of Paul". The tour, **May 27 - June 5, 2019,** includes a 3 day Mediterranean Cruise. Places of special interest include Phillippi, Corinth, Ephesus, Athens, Meteora, and Santorini. There is also an optional 3 day extension to Rome. For details, contact retired WELS pastor Eugene Kock at pastorkock@yahoo.com.

Mission News

o **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!

o **LWMS Door Offering Update**

The RLC September door collection for LWMS projects totaled \$677.00. The 30 congregations which make up our Paperland Circuit netted \$8,123. These offerings went toward Proclaimers, which are solar-powered audio Bibles. This device can help overcome language/dialect barriers and make it more understandable, as well as reach the visually impaired. The second project was the Caribbean Scholarship Fund. A steady stream of Caribbean candidates is waiting to begin or further pastoral or teacher study for full-time Gospel service.

o **Information from LWMS November Rally**

+Vulnerable Children's Foundation - Zambia, Africa

The VCF works directly with the Lutheran Church of Central Africa to identify congregations able & willing to start schools, fund & monitor them and to give children a better life here and in eternity in a country losing a generation to AIDS. Many children, whether orphaned or not, are vulnerable due to economic status, abandonment or death of parents & have no access to food, housing, education or a prosperous future on earth. These children are also vulnerable due to their spiritual condition. Currently two schools are in full operation in Lusaka, Zambia with 500 children with equal number of boys and girls. Tuition funding is gained through donations for an operating expense of \$250/student/year. There are plans for a third school as funds become available.

+Some more Zambia facts:

No electric stoves; Main food is white maize corn (like mashed potatoes); Roadside stands sell vegetables, charcoal, and roasted mice; 4-year old children walking all alone on roads; Huts made of branches can be found either alone or in groups; Deep pot holes; Travel by foot or bike; Giant ant hills; Holes in the ground; Fields of garbage everywhere for kids to gather; Poor Man's market (a slum where you can buy caterpillars, grasshoppers, etc....to eat); Pencils sharpened with a razor blade.

+India - Christ Ev. Lutheran Ministries (CELM)

What can a small WELS budget do in India with a population of 1.3 billion with 97% being non-Christian? Let's see:

*The main mission focus is to prepare Indian men as pastors. There are 50 Indian men who have completed six years of seminary training & are now serving 5,500 members in 150 of our Lutheran churches; 27 more are now enrolled

*WELS supports and supervises the physical & spiritual needs of poor children or orphans in seven children's homes. Gentle Shepherd Lutheran School provides free education to 200 poor children or orphans

*Translations & publications are important in this ministry.