

November 25 & 26

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 25

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

Monday, November 26

1:00 PM Bible Study
6:30 PM Worship (Communion)

Wednesday, November 28

9:30-11 AM Mommy & Me
3:15 PM Advent Song Service
4:00 PM Public School Catechism
4-6 PM Fellowship Dinner
(Pizza-Men's Softball)
6:30 PM Advent Song Service
7:30 PM Senior Choir

Thursday, November 29

Home RLS C BB Games vs Trinity, Brillion @ 5:15pm

Friday, November 30

8:00 AM R.O.M.E.O.s Breakfast @ Angels
8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service
9AM-3PM Parsonage Cleaning Day
RLS A&B BB Games @ St. Paul, Green Bay @4:30pm

Saturday, December 1

Cleaning Crew #1
9:00 AM K-2nd Basketball
RLS Robotics @ Winneconne Tournament
RLS A Team BB Tournament at FVL

Sunday, December 2

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 AM Worship
RLS A Team BB Tournament at FVL

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

o **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.

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, Sharon 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 Lyonel Arnold, Family of Mabel Zeuske

Riverview News

o **Bible Classes**

• **Sundays – 9:15 AM**

- o “To the Ends of the Earth” – led by Pastor Belter in the Fellowship Hall (Oct. 28 – Nov. 25)

• **Mondays – 1:00 PM**

- o “Genesis” – led by Mr. Wolfgramm in the Church Library

• **Home Bible Study – Sat., Dec. 8th, 6:30 PM**

- o “Isaiah 9: Prophecy of the Prince of Peace” – led by Mr. Wolfgramm @ Bonnie Heimlich's – RSVP 450-8133

o **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.

o **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 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.

○ 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.

○ 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

○ 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!

Mission News

○ 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.

○ 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 **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.

Area Church/Synod News

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 **Koiné Concerts in Green Bay**

Koiné, the WELS Hymn band from Milwaukee will be coming to Green Bay for 2 Christmas concerts on **December 13 & 14 at 5pm** at the Green Bay Distillery. The concert will be a presentation of favorite Christmas songs, mostly familiar hymns from their two Christmas albums, Anno Domini and Emmanuel Lux, plus a few new surprise arrangements. This is a ticketed event which includes a buffet style meal.

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.