## May 6 & 7
### News & Notes

**Riverview News**

- **Bible Classes**
  - Sundays @ 9:15 AM
  - Bible Basics – in Fellowship Hall
    - NO CLASS THIS WEEK
  - Mondays 1:00 PM
  - Selected Psalms – in Church Library
- **Home Bible Study** – Sat., May 12th, 6:30 pm
  - Romans 7: Struggling with Sin – hosted by Mark & Sandy Diersen – RSVP 729-0660
- **Bible Basics Class**
  - From April 8 until May 20, our Sunday morning Bible class will be about the Bible: who wrote it, how it came to be compiled, its two main teachings, law and gospel, and how we continue to use it today. Join us for this helpful review and see how the Bible is simple enough for a child to learn, but challenging enough that even a theologian could never master it.
- **Divine Call Issued**
  - Pastor Jonathan Fischer, age 38, was called as our Associate Pastor on Wednesday, April 18th. He currently serves at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Chesapeake, Virginia. The church he serves has 320 members. He and his wife, Melissa, have 6 children. Our called and elected leaders have been communicating with Pastor Fischer to answer his questions about our ministry needs and opportunities. Pray that the Lord will bless his deliberations.

### 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, Merlin Kersten, Brett Van Handel and family, A member’s brother facing many serious challenges, Adaline Marschner, Sue Raschka, Rhoda Winder, Larry Fredrick, John Eichsteadt, Audrey Koepsel

**Those in the military:** Krista (Stege) Lihrman, Jordan Beyer, Donald Schwab, Parker Blob, Karen Arndt, Zach Dobrunz, Alycia Marshall, Thomas O’Reilly

**Those in mourning:** Family of Patti Schroeder, Tom Olson and family, Family of Sue Ziemann

### Calendar Items

| Sunday, May 6 | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | 9:15 AM | Confirmation pictures |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship (Confirmation service in Activity Center) |

| Monday, May 7 | 1:00 PM | Bible Study |
| | 4:15 PM | Home RLS Softball game vs. Emanuel |
| | 6:30 PM | Worship |
| | 7:30 PM | Outreach Team |

| Tuesday, May 8 | 4:15 PM | RLS Softball game in Greenville |
| | 6:00 PM | Board of Church Properties |
| | 6:30 PM | All Boards Night |

| Wednesday, May 9 | 9:30 AM | Mommy & Me |
| 5-8 Grade Track Meet at FVL (5/6 in AM, 7/8 in PM) |
| 4:00 PM | Public School Catechism |
| 7:00 PM | Men’s Softball at Memorial Park #4 |

| Thursday, May 10 | (FVL Track Meet Rain Date) |
| 6:30 PM | Ascension Day Worship |

| Friday, May 11 | 8:00 AM | RLS Chapel Service |
| 6:00 PM | K-4th Grade Plays |

| Saturday, May 12 | Cleaning Crew #4 |
| 6:30 PM | Home Bible Study – hosted by the Diersens |

| Sunday, May 13 | 8:00 AM | Worship (Communion) |
| 9:15 AM | Sunday School/Bible Study |
| 10:30 AM | Worship (1st Communion) |

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

- **Scrip Year End**
  - The current Scrip year ended in April. Credits for purchases starting April 30th will be applied to the 2019-20 school year. Scrip will continue to be available for purchase during this time.

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

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**VBS – July 23-27, 2018**
Food Pantry
The collection date for the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry is Sunday May 20, 2018. This is our annual Spring Drive. Prayerfully consider donating this month and next month to help us through the lean months of summer. Paper bags have been provided with a list of items we keep on hand for distribution to our recipients, but the following are items we use the most at this time: cereal, canned pasta, canned & boxed potatoes, jam, canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, and Spam), canned fruits, cookies, all crackers, and shampoo and conditioners.

Confirmation
On Sunday, May 6th, we will have 23 of our young members making their confirmation promises during our 10:30 service. Because of the size of this class, the service this year will be held in the Activity Center.

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.

Ascension Day
There will be a service held here at Riverview on Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 pm to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. Join us and be reminded of the mission he gave to the disciples and all believers on that day.

K-4 Plays
On Fri, May 11th, beginning at 6:00pm, the Kindergarten class will present “Stone Soup: A ‘Rock’ Opera.” Then the 1st-2nd grades will present “Lemonade.” Following that show, the 3rd-4th grades will present “Squirm!” Come enjoy the shows!

3K/4K
Our preschool will be having an ice cream social on Friday, May 18th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The students will sing a few songs that they have learned and then be able to enjoy a bowl of ice cream with their friends!

Bode Family Farewell
Join us as we say goodbye to the Bode family on Sunday, May 20th. There will be a meal of burgers, brats, and hot dogs served starting around noon that day. Each family attending will be asked to bring a dish to pass. Signup sheets are on an easel in the narthex. Pastor Bode’s last sermon at Riverview will be on May 13th.

Festival Praise Family
On Sunday, May 20th, we will have a guest musical group. The Festival Praise Family will lead our worship that day. This group is made up of WELS musicians from across the Fox Valley. A door offering will be collected that day to help support this musical ministry.

RLS Graduation
The RLS closing service is at 6:30pm on Thurs., May 24th. All 3K-8th grade students are scheduled to sing for this service and should be in their classrooms at 6:15 that evening. Following the service there will be a reception for the 8th grade graduates in the Activity Center. All are welcome to join.

Summer Worship Schedule
Our summer worship schedule begins at the end of May. NOTE that on Memorial Day weekend (May 27th), worship times change for summer as follows: Sundays 8:00 AM & 9:45 AM with NO Sunday School or Bible Classes offered on Sundays. MONDAY worship remains at 6:30 PM. The "summer schedule" remains in effect through and including Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3.

Services Online
The board of Lay Ministry would like to remind you that Riverview's worship services are now accessible on YouTube. Click the link on our website, RiverviewLutheran.org. We pray these videos will be a blessing to our members and to others who have not yet heard the gospel or found a church home.

Riverview Family Day at the Timber Rattlers
Consider joining several of our RLS families at the ballpark on Sunday, June 10th at 1:05 pm. Tickets are $9 each. Orders forms are available in the office and should be turned in to the accountant mailbox there by May 11th. Please be sure to include your name, phone number, and the number of tickets needed. Checks can be made payable to Riverview Lutheran.
Cemetery Plot Auction
Riverview has received a donation of two cemetery plots located at Riverside Cemetery in Appleton. These grave sites are being offered through a silent auction process. Any interested member may make an offer to purchase them from Riverview. Informational packets (value, location, etc.) along with bid forms are available on the blue counter in the narthex.

FVL News

Employment Opportunity
FVL is hiring a Maintenance Supervisor to start immediately. This person will report directly to our Facilities Manager and work with our Custodial Supervisor. The position is responsible for all maintenance inside of the building and will be expected to help, as needed, with some custodial tasks. The job description is posted to the FVLHS homepage at fvlhs.org. Questions? Call Tyler Techlin at 920-560-5182.

Upcoming Events
May 9  6:30 pm  FVL Prom Frolic
May 13  6:00 pm  Band/Choir Spring Concert
May 15  7:00 pm  Jazz Band/Choraliers Concert

Golf Outing
FVL’s 26th Annual Golf Outing is 6/14 at Royal St. Patrick in Wrightstown in support of the FVL Technology Fund. Sponsorship & registration forms can be found at fvlhs.org. Sign up by 5/15 for your early-bird discount.

General Board Meeting
The FVL General Board meets Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the FVL auditorium. Federation churches are encouraged to have their representatives attend this important meeting that will share updates on the Let the Children Come effort in every church next fall and spring.

Graduation
FVL’s Graduation Worship Service is being held 5/26 at 10 am. Doors open at 9 am. The service will also be livestreamed - check fvlhs.org for the link that morning.

Summer Camps
Register now for FVL’s 2018 Summer Camps! No Art or STEM Camps are being offered this year due to building construction. Click on “2018 Summer Camp” at fvlhs.org.

Mission News

Hosts Needed
FVL’s International Program needs host families--especially those willing to host male students--for 2018-19. 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 Laura Gucinski at lgucinski@fvlhs.org.

Treadle Sewing Machines for Haiti
Thank you to those who have contacted us about treadle sewing machines they wish to donate. They will be picked up from Appleton sometime in the next month.

Area Church/Synod News

Camp Phillip
Would you like your child to grow spiritually while surrounded with great activities, Christian friends and role models? Camp Phillip is affiliated with the WELS and has programs for children from grades K-12. Check it out at www.campphillip.com/youthprograms.

Volunteers Needed
The Hope Center, located at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (1316 W. Lawrence St., Appleton), currently serves approximately 70 area families with just a small handful of volunteers and a few office hours each week. Some of the free services we currently provide are: hygiene items (tissues, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.), baby and toddler clothing, baby supplies (diapers, wipes, etc.), household items, grocery items and spiritual counseling.

Many volunteers are needed for The Hope Center to operate. We are currently looking for weekly or bi-monthly volunteers to help in our office, a Diaper Bank Coordinator, and an Event Coordinator. Office duties include answering phones, assisting clients, and other miscellaneous jobs in the office. There will always be 2 volunteers scheduled for each shift. Training will be provided, and schedules are flexible. Diaper Bank Coordinator and Event Coordinator volunteer positions hours vary and are flexible.

The Hope Center can always use donations of laundry soap, dish soap, dishwasher soap, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, feminine hygiene items, baby wash, and baby wipes. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated and are used to purchase these items as needed. These items aren’t available to our families through other avenues. Your donations to the Hope Center are tax deductible. If you would be willing and able to help out or if you’d like more information about The Hope Center, please call us at 920-739-0039.
MLC Wind Symphony
Immanuel Lutheran Church (W7265 School Road, Greenville) is excited to be hosting the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for a demo concert at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 16. The concert will be held in the church and a free-will offering will be available. All are invited! (Riverview member, Jenna Miller, is in this group. She is the daughter of Tom and Julie Miller.)

Retirement Celebration
After many years of dedicated service, Lorry Voss, Trudy Fischer and Bob Fischer will be retiring. While Lorry and Trudy will retire at the end of this school year, Bob remains on the FVL staff for the upcoming year to assist his newly hired replacement in the transition of his role.

Please join us at St. Paul, Appleton for the church service on May 20, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Directly after the service, a reception will be held in the school gymnasium. Lunch will be served, and a speaker series will follow as we honor the three retirees. To properly plan for the event, we are asking all who plan to attend to RSVP by Friday, May 11th by either calling the school office at 920-733-9061, or by emailing office@stpaulappletonwi.com.

We look forward to gathering together to show our gratitude to these faithful servants!

GriefShare
The GriefShare program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13 sessions combine a video with support group discussion of information presented during the video.

The next series of sessions will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, beginning Wednesday, May 30. Registration is required by contacting Joyce Schroeder (920-585-9080 or joymarie48@yahoo.com).

WELS Youth Rally
The 2018 Youth Rally will be held in Bowling Green, Ohio, next summer from June 26-29. This is an opportunity for confirmed teens to connect with other WELS teens from around the world for worship, topical discussions, and fun. More information is available at wels.net/2018youthrally. The "early bird" registration fee is $345 plus transportation costs. We will also need parent chaperones to make this trip a reality. Please speak to Peter Wolfgramm for more details.

Pioneer Camp
The Lutheran Girl Pioneers invites girls ages 8-15 to join us at the LGP International Camp July 29- August 4, 2018. LGP Camp is located at Camp Bird, Crivitz, Wisconsin. You don't have to have a member of Lutheran Girl Pioneers to come! Registrations come out in March. For more info, email LGPcamp@gmail.com.

WELS Night at Miller Park
Join thousands of fellow WELS members for the Milwaukee Brewers’ game against the Colorado Rockies on Fri., Aug. 3, 2018, at 7:10 p.m. For the second year, WELS Night t-shirts are available to order for $5. Imagine thousands of WELS members wearing this brightly colored t-shirt, creating a sea of blue at the fifth annual WELS Night at Miller Park. Tickets can be purchased at brewers.com/wels. T-shirts can be ordered at co-store.com/WELSnigh.

Cruise Tour with Pastor Humann
Pastor James Humann, retired WELS pastor, invites you to join him on a new travel adventure. This time he is offering a thirteen day Scandinavia & St. Petersburg, Russia cruise tour on September 12-24, 2018. Travel will be with the Norwegian Cruise Line and include stops in St. Petersburg, Russia; Warnemunde, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia; Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; and Copenhagen, Denmark. For more information, e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com.