



## Upcoming Events...

No Events in January

Watch for busy schedules in February and March!

## Our Mission

To promote and support Christian Education while stimulating fellowship among educational staff, parents, students, and all other members of Riverview Lutheran Church.

## Join us for Bible Study



- Sundays at 9:15 am –
  - **Colossians** – led by Pastor Belter in the Fellowship Hall
- Mondays at 1:00pm –
  - **Genesis** – led by Mr. Wolfgramm in the Church Library
- Home Bible Study – Sat., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm
  - **Exodus 20: The 10 Commandments**– led by Mr. Wolfgramm @ the Vannieuwenhovens’ – RSVP 358-7861

## 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 [jzidek77@aol.com](mailto:jzidek77@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.



### A Prayer for the New Year from Psalm 130

One of my favorite psalms (besides the Shepherd psalm) is 130. Verse 7 could be paraphrased into this prayer: O Israel, O people of God, let us put our hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption.

As a new year stands before us, we cannot know the day to day happenings of 2019. The psalmist directs us always to hope in the Lord. This is not an uncertain or precarious hope. No, the One we trust and hope in has an excellent track record. His love is unfailing. He never makes a mistake and has never let his people down. He may bring blessings or challenges or even take our life, but we know he intends eternal good in all these things.

We know that to be the case, because the Lord whose birth we just celebrated did the very thing the psalmist predicted. He has brought about full (complete) redemption for us and for all. Jesus paid with his life

## Home Bible Study

Home Bible Study will be January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the home of Dave & Jo Vannieuwenhoven, 2398 W. Barley Way, Appleton. RSVP to 358-7861. Mr. Wolfgramm will lead a study entitled “Exodus 20: The 10 Commandments.” Adults are welcome for the study and fellowship afterwards.

## New Member Orientation

If you joined our membership in 2018 and haven't yet attended one of these meetings, please plan to join us on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am. You will be able to meet some of our church leaders and learn more about how our congregation is organized.

QR Giving Code



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that we might have forgiveness and life in heaven. So as we begin a new year, O people of God, put your hope in the Lord. His love is unfailing and he has given us full redemption.

Happy New Year to you and yours!

--Pastor Dennis Belter

## Pastor Wagner's Arrival

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 will be in the church entry.

Pastor Wagner will be installed at a special service on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## New Spirit Wear

Click the link on our website or go to [riverviewlutheran.itemorder.com/sale](http://riverviewlutheran.itemorder.com/sale) to see new Riverview items for sale.

## Serving in January...

### USHERS

#### **8:00am Worship:**

Henry Boselie (Head)  
Don Eichsteadt  
Steve Lehmann  
Levi Wolfgramm  
Peter Wolfgramm

#### **10:30am Worship:**

Rob Walker (Head)  
Jerold Selle  
Logan Walker  
Lucas Walker  
Reagan Walker  
Steve Walsh  
Sam Walsh

### POWER POINT ASSISTANTS

#### **8:00am Worship**

1/6 Krueger Family  
1/13 Noah Nolte  
1/20 Isaac Vadala  
1/27 Derek Birling

#### **10:30am Worship**

1/6 Jonah Gagnon  
1/13 Reagan Walker  
1/20 Krueger Family  
1/27 Melso Family

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

#### **8:00am Worship:**

1/13 Terry Wing  
1/27 Dave Spielbauer

#### **10:30am Worship:**

1/13 Warren Bartels  
1/27 Todd Behm

## December Board Highlights

### Spiritual Growth Board

- Although we did not meet, nominations have been made for vacant positions. Chad Krueger has joined our board as Secondary Education Coordinator and our FVL General Board representative. We await Pastor Wagner's leadership in the new year.

### Lay Ministry Board

- Making plans for installation and dinner for Pastor Tim Wagner and family on Jan. 13 at 4 pm.
- We have revised one of the coordinator position descriptions so that board member can oversee a new committee called Worship Enrichment. Watch for more details.
- Phone calls, personal visits, and emails are used monthly to contract members who do not attend worship.
- Clerical help will be increased in the office with new duties coming.

### Stewardship Board

- Door offering on January 20-21 will benefit the Hope Center.
- Member loans will be replaced with a mortgage from a financial firm.
- Feb. 17 will be Estate Planning emphasis for our members.
- Ministry planning for fiscal year 2019-20 has moved up so that School Choice deadlines can be met.
- Financial support is necessary since we now have a second full time Pastor on our staff.

### Evangelism Board

- Christmas invitation postcards were mailed to Trunk or Treat visitors.
- Many visitors attended the Christmas for Kids event on Sat, Dec 8th.
- We will host a New Member Orientation on Sun, Jan 13th at 9:15am.

### Church Properties Board

- Plans are being made to cover the school cleaning needs for the 2nd semester and into the new fiscal year.
- Prioritizing a list of recommended security upgrades for our campus.
- Insurance needs have been reviewed and updated for the new year.

### School Board

- Preparing policies for WPCP (School Choice).
- Discussed future curriculum plans with Melanie Giddings (FVL Schools Curriculum Coordinator).
- Discussed threat assessment of building.

## School Choice

Riverview's application for the WPCP (Wisconsin Parental Choice Program) is almost complete and will be submitted in early January. The student application window will be open from February 1<sup>st</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>. The link for the 2019-2020 school year application is not available yet, but there is some helpful information about documentation and how the application process works at [dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications](http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications). Please contact Mr. Zimmermann or the office with questions.

### Riverview Night at FVL Boys' Basketball

On Tuesday, January 8, join us at FVL for Riverview night as we watch the boys' basketball teams take on Waupaca. RLS students get in free with their passports. Parents can stop in the RLS office to pick up their free passes for the evening. The JV game starts at 5:45pm, varsity around 7pm.

### School Closing Announcements

In case of inclement weather, school closing notices will be communicated to the parents in several ways: 1) It will be listed on most local TV stations 2) It will be listed on our Riverview Facebook page 3) It will be posted on our school website 4) Parents will receive an email from the principal.

The TV announcement will specifically list "Riverview Lutheran School, Appleton." We are not included in closings of the Appleton Area School District or Fox Valley Lutheran High School. If we have not closed the school and you believe winter road conditions are unsafe, please contact the school office and let us know your child will be staying home for this reason.

Finally, if Riverview has school and the Appleton Area School District does not, parents will need to pack a lunch for their children. We receive our hot lunch service from an Appleton Area School and they would not provide food that day.

### K-2 Basketball

Riverview will continue its basketball camp for boys and girls in Kindergarten through second grade on Saturday mornings this month. This camp focuses on teaching fundamental basketball skills in a fun way. Come as often as your schedule permits. Please wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes. Thank you to Mr. Tim Schmidt for heading up this program. Additional parent help is appreciated.

### Musicfest

FVL Musicfest 2019 will be held January 27 with performances beginning at noon. The event will run till 4 pm. Musicfest is currently seeking items or basket donations for the Silent Auction. Please bring items to the FVL Office prior to January 7.

### 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](http://fvlhs.org/vex). Questions? Contact [nnolte@fvlhs.org](mailto:nnolte@fvlhs.org).

### Lutheran Vanguard

Lutheran Vanguard marching band's PREVIEW will be held January 5 from noon-5:00 at FVL.

Vanguard is still recruiting for wind instruments, all percussion (including keyboards), and color guard dancers. Find more info at [lutheranvanguard.org](http://lutheranvanguard.org).

### Junior Foxes Baseball

Registration for boys ages 13-18 is open until 3/8/19. Go to FVL Schools Youth Sports page or contact Dennis Plaster at 851-7048 or [dplaster88@gmail.com](mailto:dplaster88@gmail.com).

## Geography Bee

The National Geographic Geography Bee for our school will be held in the Activity Center at 1:00 pm on Friday, January 11th. Congrats to qualifiers Liz G., Isaac V., Macey B., Annalise P., Hayden H., Savannah P., Levi W., and Katelyn Z. The winner of this Bee will take a written test to see if he/she will qualify for the State Bee later this year.

## Robotics

Our Roadrunner Robotics teams have several competitions this January. Come see our teams of 3rd-8th grade students compete with the robots they have designed and built. League events are held at UW Fox in the Platteville Engineering Building. See the calendar for dates and times. Congratulations to team 10851C (Seth B., Josh B., Leigh H., and Caleb J.) who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Winneconne last month and have qualified for the state tournament in March.

## 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. 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.

## Food Pantry

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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. Most collections in 2019 will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> (or sometimes the 1<sup>st</sup>) Sunday of the month. Items needed by the pantry this month 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.

## 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.

## Highlighting Events at RLS

- School Resumes – Thurs., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Kind-2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball program – Sat., Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> - 9-9:45 am
- RLS Night @ FVL Boys' Basketball vs. Waupaca–Tues., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>–JV=5:45pm
- RLS National Geographic Geography Bee – Fri., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm
- Pastor Wagner Installation & Dinner – Sun., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm
- Robotics League Nights – Monday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> @ UW Fox, 6 pm
- Robotics at FVL VEX Experience – Sat., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>
- FVL Musicfest (Junior Choir sings) – Sun., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 12-4 pm
- A, B, and C team basketball games – See calendar for start times
  - Fri., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – @ St. Paul, Appleton (A&B)
  - Sat., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – Scrimmage Day in Brillion (C)
  - Mon, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. Valley Home School (A boys only)
  - Tue., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. Bethlehem, Hortonville (B girls only)
  - Fri., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. ML, Oshkosh–Grandparents' Night (A&B)
  - Wed., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. Zion, Morrison (C)
  - Thurs., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – @ Emanuel, New London (A Boys only)
  - Fri., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Home vs. St. Paul, Green Bay (A&B)
  - Tue., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Home vs. St. John/St. James, Reedsville (A girls only)
  - Wed., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Home vs. Emanuel, New London (C)
  - Fri., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – @ St. Peter, Weyauwega (A&B)
  - Tue., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – @ Shepherd of the Valley (A Boys, B both)

## Membership Changes

Tiffany Tesch – Transfer to St. Luke, Little Chute  
 Lynn Westphal – Transfer to Emanuel, New London  
 Pastor Timothy & Elisabeth Wagner, Micaiah, Sarah, Anna, Silas, Lydia –  
 Transfer from Lamb of God, Columbus, OH

## Sunday Bible Class

In January, Pastor Belter will lead a study on the New Testament book called, Colossians. The letter combats false teaching about our Savior, condemns angel worship, and reminds us that ceremonies and rituals may be used but they are not necessary to save us.

## 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.

## 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.

## Ministry Financial Support Update

**Offerings Needed and Offerings Made to Support Ministry Program Approved by Voters for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year**

	<u>July-Nov Plan</u>	<u>July-Nov Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 267,118.45	\$ 240,444.96	\$ (26,673.49)
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 56,691.70	\$ 42,329.04	\$ (14,362.66)
<b>WELS</b>	\$ 12,792.75	\$ 11,192.60	\$ (1,600.15)
<b>FVL</b>	\$ 9,536.50	\$ 7,841.40	\$ (1,695.10)
<b>RLS Fees</b>	\$ 61,918.35	\$ 98,643.35	\$ 36,725.00
<b>Other</b>	\$ 5,030.95	\$ 1,162.19	\$ (3,868.76)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 413,088.70	\$ 401,613.54	\$ (11,475.16)

As we celebrate the greatest gift ever, the birth of our Savior, we will want to return generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure to our Lord in appreciation for the free forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of life eternal. In January we will start supporting our second pastor.

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## Serving in January...

### GREETERS

#### **8:00am Church Doors:**

- 1/6 Judy Kuepper & Holly Kelley
- 1/13 Eric & Melissa Toshner
- 1/20 Dave & Debbie Spielbauer
- 1/27 Dick Malueg

#### **8:00am School Doors:**

- 1/6 George & Judy Burleton
- 1/13 Tom & Kay Marohn
- 1/20 Luke Pelky
- 1/27 Kevin & Cindy Wundrow

#### **10:30am Church Doors:**

- 1/6 Chris & Terry Nichols
- 1/13 Alan & Melissa Nolte
- 1/20 Rob Wartick
- 1/27 Jeff & Ann Gentz Family

#### **10:30am School Doors:**

- 1/6 Jeff & Vicky Reffke
- 1/13 Parsons Family
- 1/20 Steve & Deb Slagle
- 1/27 Cory & Jennifer Torbenson

### ALTAR GUILD

- 1/1-15 Jill Miller/  
Shae Doran
- 1/16-31 Mechelle Walker/  
Gail Fischer

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				3:00-8:00 PM Basketball practices  6:30 PM Ladies' Book Club	8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service 10:30 AM Outreach Team  <u>RLS BB Games at St. Paul, Appleton</u> 4:00 PM Girls' B Team 5:00 PM Boys' B Team 6:00 PM Girls' A Team 7:00 PM Boys' A Team	(Cleaning Crew #6) 9:00-9:45 AM K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Basketball  C Team Scrimmage Day at Brillion
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