

Our Mission

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

Upcoming Events...

Roller Skating Night – Feb. 23rd, 4:30-7 pm @ Skate City in Kimberly

Join us at Skate City in Kimberly on Saturday, February 23rd, from 4:30-7:00 pm for our annual family roller skating outing. Whether you are an accomplished skater, a novice, or it has been many years since you have laced up a pair of roller skates, we hope you will join us for this fun afternoon.

Ticket prices will be \$4 per person (cash payment at the rink). This covers skate rental also and the cost stays the same even if you bring your own skates. Watch for signup sheets coming soon!

Bible Study

- Sundays at 9:15 am -
 - Colossians led by Pastor Wagner in the Fellowship Hall
- Mondays at 1:00pm -
 - Genesis led by Mr. Wolfgramm in the Church Library
- Home Bible Study Sat., Feb. 16th, 6:30 pm
 - Psalm 23: The Shepherd's Psalm and Love Letter – led by Pastor Belter @ the Belters'
 RSVP 733-2018

Box Tops need to be in by February 8th!

The Box Tops for Education sets a deadline each year to have items turned in and credits applied. To allow our volunteer coordinators time to prepare the shipment, please check your drawers and cupboards to see if you have any Box Tops stashed, and turn them in to the white container outside of the office by February 8th. Thank you for helping to support our school!



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Riverview Report

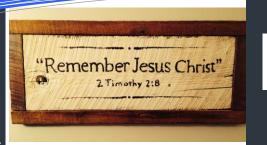
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Home Bible Study

Home Bible Study will be February 16th at 6:30 pm at the home of Pastor & Rhoda Belter, 4724 N. Wren Dr., Appleton. RSVP to 733-2018. Pastor Belter will lead a study entitled "Psalm 23: The Shepherd's Psalm & Love Letter." Adults are welcome for the study and fellowship afterwards.



Dear Riverview Family, Thank you for the warm welcome we have received. Thank you to all who used their gifts and time in the installation service and meal. And thank you for the generous gifts of scrip and pantry items. We are so happy to be here to serve you and serve with you in ministry. We look forward to getting to know all of you better. May God bless all of us, as we seek to carry out our Savior's mission together. Yours in Christ. Pastor & Elisabeth Wagner and family



Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. (2 Timothy 2:8-9)

When I ran across this verse in my personal bible study this week, it struck me as strange. What pastor – or what Christian – would forget Jesus? But don't we all need that reminder?

When prayers seem to go unanswered, remember Jesus Christ, who promises to hear when you call.

When you feel all alone in your struggles, remember Jesus Christ, who assures you that he will be with you always.

When life is good and blessings abound, remember Jesus Christ, who is the giver of every good gift.

When life gets busy, and there's so much to do, remember Jesus Christ, who invites his disciples to come away with him for rest and longs to give us life to the full by feeding us and filling us with his Word.

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When your attempts to share your Savior are met with ridicule, rejection, or just apathy, remember Jesus Christ, who was ridiculed, rejected, and even killed, but who rose from the dead in victory.

Remember Jesus Christ, descended from David to fulfill ancient promises to unworthy sinners. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead to give us the victory over sin and death.

Remember Jesus Christ, whose unchained Word breaks the chains of guilt and shame. Remember Jesus Christ, whose unchained Word fills us with hope and peace in every trial. Remember Jesus Christ, who entrusts his unchained Word to us that others might know and believe and remember Jesus Christ.

May God bless all of us, that together, we might always remember Jesus Christ.

--Pastor Tim Waaner

New Spirit Wear

Click the link on our website or go to riverviewlutheran.itemorder.com/sale to see new Riverview items for sale.

Riverview Report February 2019

Serving in February...

USHERS

8:00am Worship:

Rob Glasel (Head) Zach Belter Ben Festge Dave Spielbauer Andy Selle Carter Selle Jon Stege

10:30am Worship:

Todd Behm (Head) Janell Bartels Warren Bartels Andrew Behm Josiah Behm

POWER POINT ASSISTANTS 8:00am Worship

2/3 Ally Basken2/10 Erin Greshay2/17 Jonah Gagnon

2/24 Noah Nolte

2/3 Hope Dumke2/10 Autumn Shea2/17 Matt Rhoades2/24 Jonathan Gentz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:00am Worship:

2/10 Dan Vanden Heuvel2/24 Peter Wolfgramm

10:30am Worship:

2/10 Seth Zimmermann 2/24 Mike Melso

January Board Highlights

Spiritual Growth Board

- We are getting back on track with Pastor Wagner and new board members in place.
- We give thanks that many members completed the Berean challenge in 2018.
- We are discussing ways to better utilize and promote our church library.
- We are gathering suggestions for Bible study topics and formats. Please share thoughts with Pastor Wagner.

Lay Ministry Board

- Additional secretarial hours are needed for the School Choice program, and paid bookkeeper hours are increasing to 40/week.
- Pastors and Mr. Wolfgramm have discussed ministry duties for the present and will work on any needed changes in early summer.
- Christmas worship attendance was down this year. Concerns were voiced that overall attendance declined for a third year in a row.

Stewardship Board

- 2019-2020 Fiscal year Ministry Planning is in full swing. Earlier budget planning is due to requirements of the School Choice program.
- Refinancing dollars with our credit union to repay a member loan.
- General fund support did not meet plans, but the pastor vacancy kept our budget in order.
- "Estate Planning and the Need for a Will" is to be presented on Feb. 17 by Bob Fischer from FVLHS. Proper plans are needed to protect minor children as well as your estate.

Evangelism Board

- We held a New Member Orientation on January 13th to share information with several new families.
- We will host the Outreach Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th. Make plans to invite children in 2nd grade and younger.
- We are working on follow-up gift bag ideas for worship visitors.

Church Properties Board

- We are securing estimates to add a shower to the half-bath at the parsonage.
- Budget requests for 2019-2020 fiscal year will include full-time custodian service for school portion of building and a part-time maintenance position.
- Roof repairs continue to be done as occasional leaking is an issue.

School Board

- Formulated 2019-2020 school year budget.
- Analyzed RLS program offerings and possible curriculum additions.
- Finalized school Mission, Vision, Objectives (MVO) for voter review.

WI Tax Deduction for Tuition

Parents with children in private schools are able to receive a deduction on WI state income taxes for their tuition payments for students in grades K-12. Statements for school families to reference in preparing tax statements are in your church mailbox or were mailed to your home. Questions regarding these statements should be directed to Mrs. Diersen.

School Choice

The application window for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) runs from **2/1 through 4/20.** WPCP offers families the chance to have their student's tuition fully funded. Because of our partnership with FVL under Act 59, ALL STUDENTS are eligible to apply for WPCP at Riverview.

Want to learn more? Three FREE regional workshops are being offered by FVL Schools. The time is 6 PM and the dates are 2/4 at St. Mark-Green Bay, 2/5 at St. Peter-Freedom, and 2/7 at Martin Luther-Oshkosh. We **STRONGLY** encourage families who may qualify to attend one of these sessions.

Spirit Week

Spirit week is February 11th – 13th in preparation for the A-team basketball tournament and cheerleading competition at FVL. Students are encouraged to show their school pride by dressing according to the themes below.

Monday – Pajama Day Tuesday – Neon/Mismatch Day Wednesday – Blue & White Day

All are invited to join us for our pep rally in the gym at 2:20pm on Wednesday, February 13th.

Special Notes for Spirit Week

- 1. No hair dye or coloring as we will be roller skating in PE and these hair products have damaged the helmets in past years.
- 2. Although the regular dress code is set aside a bit during this week, students should still dress modestly and in good Christian taste.

Parent/Child Games

On Friday, Feb. 22nd, parents of our basketball players are invited to participate in our annual Parent/Child basketball games. This is a fun activity to close out our basketball season and the kids are guaranteed to win! See the calendar for specific times for each team.

FOX TRACKS FVL NEWS

FVL Tuition Help

The application window for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) and FVL's Tuition Assistance program runs from 2/1 through 4/20. WPCP offers families the chance to have their student's FVL tuition fully funded. Incoming 9th graders, homeschoolers, or students transferring from a public high school are eligible for WPCP. Families who don't meet WPCP eligibility are welcome to apply to FVL's Tuition Assistance program. Details and eligibility charts are found at fvlhs.org. **Questions?** Email Heather at hknoll@fvlhs.org.

Host Families Needed

FVL's International Program needs host families for the 2019-20 school year. This is a great way to share your faith and learn more about other cultures. A stipend to offset the cost of hosting the students is included. Interested? Contact Monica at muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org.

8th Grade Enrollment

Complete the online form to receive a link to request a scheduling appointment on the evening of 2/27. You can request other times if needed for family schedule.

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Geography Bee

Congratulations to Hayden Hesse, the winner of the Geography Bee. Hayden has taken a written test to try to qualify for the State Bee later this year. Micaiah Wagner was the runner-up.

Robotics

Congratulations to team 10851C (Seth B., Josh B., and Caleb J.), who took 1st place at FVL last month. and team 10851E (Gideon J., Henry J., Jackson K., and Frank V.), who qualified for state based on their skills scores. These teams are now qualified for the state competition in Milwaukee in March. There are more competitions this month that give our other teams more chances to qualify. See the calendar for dates.

Spelling Bee

The top spellers in 5th-8th grade competed at 8:30 am on Friday, Feb. 1st. The top two spellers will move on to the regional competition to be held at St. Paul, Appleton on Friday, March gth

Accreditation

Our onsite accreditation visit is coming up on April 1-3. We will need assistance with meals and snacks for the team. Please watch for more information as these dates get closer. Thank you!

Food Pantry

(Church updates cont. from pg. 3)

This month's collection date will be Sunday, February 10, 2019. The following items are currently needed at the pantry: Chunky soups, all canned meats such as tuna, chicken, beef and Spam, all crackers, cookies, frostings, canned and boxed potatoes, rice, canned fruit, shampoos and conditioners, paper toweling and all size diapers and baby items. Thank you for your generous and continued support of the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry. We are very appreciative of the support we continue to receive from you.

Highlighting Events at RLS

- RLS Spelling Bee Fri., Feb. 1st, 8:30 am
- Kind-2nd grade basketball program Sat., Feb 2nd,9th, 23rd 9-9:45 am
- Robotics at Xavier Middle School Sat., Feb. 2nd (Teams A, D, and E)
- Robotics League Nights Monday, Feb. 4th & Thurs., Feb. 7th @UW Fox, 6 pm
- RLS Spirit Week Mon.-Wed., Feb. 11th-13th (see page 7 for dress-up days)
- RLS Pep Rally Wed., Feb. 13th, 2:20 pm
- No School Thurs.-Fri., Feb. 14th-15th
- FVL Cheerleading Competition Fri., Feb. 15th, 6 pm
- Robotics Tournament @ Riverview Sat., Feb. 16th (Teams A, B, D, and E)
- CPTO Skating Night @ Skate City in Kimberly Sat., Feb. 23rd, 4:30-7 pm
- A, B, and C team basketball games See calendar for start times
 - o Fri.-Sat., Feb. 1st-2nd B Teams @ League Tournament at SOTV
 - o Fri., Feb. 8th Home vs. St. Paul, Appleton 8th Grade Night (A only)
 - o Sat.-Sun., Feb. 16th–17th A Teams @ League Tournament @ FVL
 - o Fri., Feb. 22nd Parent/Child games (A, B, C see calendar for times)

No School – Teachers' Conference

Our teachers will be attending the Northern Wisconsin District Teachers' Conference with other WELS teachers on Thursday and Friday, February 14th and 15th. There will be NO SCHOOL at Riverview and no childcare offered on those days.

Art Fair

RLS will be holding a school-wide art show in March. All students are encouraged to participate by submitting up to two pieces of their original artwork. Pieces should be brought to school on Monday, March 4th. Full instructions will be sent home soon, but we wanted to alert those who like to get started early.

Membership Changes

Gary Theimer – Called to glory 12/25/18
Duane Zeuske – Called to glory 12/25/18
Sara Cluckey (son Shane) – Adult Confirmation
Allison Van Handel (sons Blake and Logan) – Adult Confirmation

Estate Planning Presentation

On February 17, Robert Fischer from FVL will give a presentation entitled "Estate Planning and the Need for a Will." Please plan to attend to hear tips about protecting your children as well as your estate.

Divine Call

At our Voters meeting on January 20, Riverview extended a permanent part-time call to Melissa Brown to teach 3K and assist with 4K. Mrs. Brown has since accepted this call. We praise God for her continued service to his little lambs.

Door Offering

Following services on February 17-18, we will have a door offering to support Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries. This group ministers to people living in correctional facilities, drug and alcohol treatment centers, hospitals, mental health centers, and extended care facilities.

Ministry Financial Support Update

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

	July-Dec Plan	July-Dec Actual	<u>Difference</u>				
General Fund	\$ 320,542.14	\$ 305,914.57	\$ (14,627.57)				
Building Fund	\$ 68,030.04	\$ 63,964.13	\$ (4,065.91)				
WELS	\$ 15,351.30	\$ 13,777.10	\$ (1,574.20)				
FVL	\$ 11,443.80	\$ 15,785.15	\$ 4,341.35				
RLS Fees	\$ 74,302.02	\$ 112,626.70	\$ 38,324.68				
Other	\$ 6,037.14	\$ 1,627.19	\$ (4,409.95)				
Total Revenue	\$ 495,706.44	\$ 513,694.84	\$ 17,988.40				

Payment of school fees is helping cover costs. Christmas offerings helped catch up! Now that our staff is complete and with the cold weather and snow removal, our costs will increase. Electronic gifting has increased! (Church updates cont. on pg. 6)

Serving in February...

GREETERS

8:00am Church Doors:

2/3 Steve & Betty Lehmann

2/10 Lou & Heather

Vadala 2/17 Ed & Heidi

VanDenHeuvel

2/24 Terry & Julie Wing

8:00am School Doors:

2/3 Donald Eichsteadt2/10 Roger & Linda

Kusserow

2/17 Dan & Diane Vanden Heuvel

2/24 Jim Heiden

10:30am Church Doors:

2/3 Shea Family 2/10 Marge Eldred

2/17 Jason & Peg Feltz

2/24 Rob & Mechelle Walker

10:30am School Doors:

2/3 Jeff Dobrunz

2/10 Ruth Musolf

2/17 Gary & Dottie Sedo2/24 Merlin & Bev Gentz

ALTAR GUILD

2/1-15 Rhoda Belter 2/16-28 Rhoda Belter/

Shae Doran

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					8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service 8:30 AM RLS Spelling Bee 10:30 AM Outreach Team	(Cleaning Crew #3) 9:00-9:45 AM K-2 nd Basketball Robotics at Xavier Middle School
					RLS B Teams at League Tournament at Shepherd of the Valley	RLS B Teams at League Tournament at Shepherd of the Valley
(Refreshments between services) 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study	4	5	9:30-11:00 AM Mommy & Me	7	8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service	9 (Cleaning Crew #4) 9:00-9:45 AM K-2 nd Basketball 10 AM- Noon A Team Cheerleading
10:30 AM Worship	1:00 PM Bible Study	4:30-6:00 PM Basketball practices	3:00-6:30 PM Cheer & BB practices	3:00-4:30 PM Basketball practices	Home RLS BB Games vs. St. Paul, App.	
6:00-7:15 PM Pioneers meeting	3:00-5:00 Basketball practices	·	4:00 PM Public School Catechism	6:00 PM Robotics League-UW Fox	(8 th Grade Night) 4:00 PM Girls' A Team	
	6:30 PM Worship		7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal		5:00 PM Boys' A Team	
(Food Pantry) 8:00 AM Worship (Communion)	11 RLS Spirit Week – Pajama Day	12 RLS Spirit Week–Neon/Mismatch Day Pastor Circuit Meeting at Riverview	13 RLS Spirit Week – Blue & White Day 8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service	Teachers' Conference – No School	15 Teachers' Conference – No School	16 (Cleaning Crew #5)
(Senior Choir sings) 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship (Communion)	1:00 PM Bible Study	3:00-6:00 PM Basketball practices	9:30 – 11:00 AM Mommy & Me 2:20 PM RLS Pep Rally			Fox Cities VEX IQ Challenge at Riverview
(Senior Choir sings)	3:00-6:00 PM Basketball practices	6:00 Board of Church Properties	3:00-5:00 PM Cheerleading practice 4:00 PM Public School Catechism		6:00 PM Cheerleading competition at	A Team BB Tournament at FVL
	6:30 PM Worship (Communion)	6:30 PM All Boards Night	7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal		FVL	6:30 PM Home Bible Study (Hosted by Belters)
(WLIM Door Offering)	18	9:00 AM JULIET's Breakfast at Mary's	20	21	8:00 AM RLS Chapel Service	(Cleaning Crew #6)
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