

July 2020 Riverview Report

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



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***“We can make our plans, but the
Lord determines our steps”
Proverbs 16:9***

Someone once said, “If you want to make the Lord laugh, tell Him YOUR plans...” This statement and the Proverb above tell us that all our future planning is subject to the Lord’s desires, plans, and will. Even though we have had to change so many things, and are doing so much in different ways, the Lord is still in charge. At the end of each day, I am okay with that. Who better knows what way to lead me? Who better knows what is best to get you and me to our home in heaven? Only our all-knowing and all-powerful triune God has that ability. Our steps and plans may be imperfect, marred by sin and even motivated by selfishness. The Lord is perfect in all His thoughts and ways, and He knows what is best to keep us on the path that leads to eternal glory.

So as we look to this summer and fall, we have to say that it is all in the Lord’s hands. How will we hold Bible classes and Sunday school? Will it be safe for choirs to meet for practice? Will our postponed 75th Anniversary services planned for October 4 be able to be held with large numbers of people? All this and more is even now in the mighty hands of our dear Savior God. But look closely at those hands. There are nail marks in them. And Isaiah the prophet said, “See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.: “ Every one of our names are known to our God, and the future for everyone of us is known by Him as well. He will get us home to everlasting glory. So in the meantime, be patient and be confident. Our God has this all under control. Trust Him.

Pastor Dennis Belter

> **75th Anniversary Celebration UPDATE**
The final 75th Anniversary Celebration service is currently scheduled for Sunday, October 4. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven, and an on-site meal is being planned. Watch for details.

Church News

> **Worshipping Together Safely**

Thank you to all for your cooperation and understanding, as we seek to provide safe opportunities to gather for worship. For the coming weeks, services will continue to be held at the following times:

- Sunday 8:00 am (masks required) – service livestreamed on YouTube
- Sunday 9:15 am (masks encouraged)
- Sunday 10:30 am (masks encouraged)
- Monday 6:30 pm (masks encouraged)

Those attending worship are asked to pre-register on our website or at <https://signup.com/go/YkkaYmg> (Those without internet may call the church office to register.). Worshipers should arrive no sooner than 15 minutes prior to the service they attend.

All worshippers (in-person or online) are asked to complete a “Worship Connection Card” on our website at www.RiverviewLutheran.org/onlineworship.

Communion will be offered on the weekends of the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month. Private communion continues to be available by appointment. If you would like to receive communion, call the church office to speak to a pastor and schedule an appointment.

We hope to reach out to all who have not attended worship or registered online worship participation recently.

Please contact the pastors or other members of the Leadership Team (Tim Schmidt, Ed VanDenHuevel or Seth Zimmermann) with any questions or concerns. Plans will be re-evaluated and adjusted as the situation continues to develop.

> **Summer Office Hours**

Office hours for the summer will be Mon – Thurs, 9am-1pm. There is often someone in the building outside of these hours, but please call ahead to be sure.

Please feel free to email Jo Theimer church@riverviewlutheran.org with any inquiries.

> **New Riverview President**

Riverview Lutheran Church is blessed to announce our new congregational president, Tim Schmidt; and vice president, Ed VanDenHeuvel. We thank Mark Raschka for his years of service and dedication as vice president and president.

> **Looking to the Future – Space Needs Study**

Reports have been received from an appraisal of the Fox Valley Nursery property and a site analysis of our Riverview property. The Planning Council has authorized a Space Needs Study, facilitated by Calmes Construction, to review our ministry needs and help set direction for our future ministry, including possible property acquisition and/or building expansion. Watch for opportunities to lend your voice to this study in the coming weeks. Contact President Tim Schmidt with any questions. And keep this study in your prayers, as we seek the best way to carry out God’s mission together.

> **Supporting Our Ministry**

As the Lord moves you to give, please continue to support our ministry financially by one of the following:

- Mailing a check to Riverview.
- Using your bank’s “Bill Pay” service to set up one-time or recurring payments to Riverview (many banks offer this as a free service).
- Using our E-giving page (see code above) to set up one-time or recurring electronic giving.
- Placing your offering in the plates at the door if attending one of our in-person services.

Thank you for your gifts of love. Please contact Sandy Diersen or one of the pastors with any questions. If you have special needs at this time, you congregation is here to help as well. Please contact the pastors.

> **Scrip Information**

We will be selling scrip on Sundays before and after the 9:15 service starting July 26. Pre-orders are still welcome and can be picked up in the office. Online purchasing options are also available.

Scrip is gift cards for a wide variety of merchants. For every card purchased, Riverview receives a percentage of the purchase price, which applies to mortgage debt reduction, school fees, and tuition assistance. Please call, text, or email Mrs. Diersen with orders or questions (school 920-733-3728, cell 920-279-0204, email accountant@riverviewlutheran.org).

> **Power Point Assistants**

We are in need of PowerPoint “clickers” for all 3 Sunday services. A schedule will be coming out soon. Please email church@riverviewlutheran.org to be added to the list. Anyone may serve. Students in 5th-12th grade are encouraged to sign up! (This may meet school service hour requirements.)

> **Pastor Martens to be On Call**

Both pastors will be on vacation July 30th and 31st and August 6th and 7th. Pastor Martens will be on-call for Riverview during these times. Please contact him with any emergencies at 414-303-1064 or 920-830-6542.

RLS News

> **2020-2021 School Year**

Riverview Lutheran School registration is going to be different this year due to COVID-19. Parents please watch your home mailbox for more information.

Please fill out the survey that was emailed to parents this week. (1 per family)

FVL News

> **FVL Fall Plans**

What’s going to be happening at Fox Valley Lutheran High School this fall? President Jeff Loberger shares the latest news in the video released on the [FVL Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

> **Annual Golf Outing**

FVL’s Annual Golf Outing has been rescheduled for Friday, August 14, at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood. Golfers can find details and register online at www.fvlhs.org/golf.

> **Employment Opportunity**

FVL has an immediate need to hire a Grounds Supervisor. The position could start immediately. The job description and application are available at <https://www.fvlhs.org/about/employment>

Area WELS News

> **Employment Opportunity**

Bethlehem Early Learning Center (126 N. Pine St. Hortonville) is hiring a full-time Lead Teacher for our Infant or Two Year Old classroom. For more information, please contact Elaina Mercier at 920-779-6761 ext. 325 or elcdirector@bethlehem-wels.com.