

# March 17 & 18 News & Notes

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

## Calendar Items

### Sunday, March 17

(LWMS Door Offering)

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

**NO SCHOOL AT RLS MARCH 18-22**

### Monday, March 18

1:00 PM Bible Study  
6:30 PM Worship  
(LWMS Door Offering)

### Tuesday, March 19

9:00 AM J.U.L.I.E.T.s at Mary's Restaurant  
6:30 PM Board of Lay Ministry

### Wednesday, March 20

3:15 PM Lenten Worship  
4:00 PM Public School Catechism  
4:00-6:00 PM Fellowship Meal  
6:30 PM Lenten Worship  
7:30 PM Senior Choir

### Saturday, March 23

Cleaning Crew #3  
10:00 AM In-Home Walking Presentation

### Sunday, March 24

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

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

#### ○ **Save the Date**

Vacation Bible School will be held at Riverview on **July 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30 AM** each day.

#### ○ **RLS ROBOTICS HEADED TO WORLDS!!!**

Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> graders Seth, Josh, Brooklynn and Caleb! Their robot won the Wisconsin State VEX IQ Championship. They are now headed to the Worlds competition in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of April. If you're interested in ways to support the team, talk to Mr. Witte.

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## Prayer Requests

*Please email [faithinaction@riverviewlutheran.org](mailto: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:** Todd Kuepper, Brett Van Handel and family, Larry Fredrick, John Eichsteadt, Marlene Glaze, Becky Krowas, 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 Rhoda Winder, Family of Melissa Selle, Amy Larson, Family of Alfreda Buboltz, Sandy Gunther

## Riverview News

#### ○ **Bible Classes**

##### ● **Sundays – 9:15 AM**

- “Letters from our Lord (A Study of the Seven Letters of Revelation)” – led by Pastor Wagner in the Fellowship Hall
- “The Blessings of Christian Education” – led by Pastor Belter in the Church Library

##### ● **Mondays – 1:00 PM**

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

#### ○ **Divine Call**

Mr. Peter Wolfgramm has received a divine Call from Grace in Action to serve as Administrator and Presenter. Grace in Action is a parasynodical ministry that offers consulting services to Called workers and congregations throughout the WELS primarily for organizational leadership and strategic planning. He would be spending about 50% of his time overseeing the administrative needs of their ministry and 50% working with and presenting to congregational leaders around the synod via phone, Skype, or onsite in various locations. Please keep the Wolfgramms in your prayers during this time of deliberation. Your encouragement and counsel are appreciated as well.

#### ○ **Regional Spelling Bee Winner!**

Congratulations to Micaiah Wagner who took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the regional spelling bee last week. Congrats also go out to Greta Nolte for placing 4<sup>th</sup>.

### ○ **School Choice Window Now Open!**

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 RLS tuition fully funded. Under our partnership with FVL (Act 59), all students who meet income and residency requirements are eligible for to apply for WPCP. Details and eligibility charts are found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>. Questions? Contact Mr. Zimmermann or the school office.

### ○ **Kwik Trip Special Event**

For the month of March, Kwik Trip is offering discounted carwash cards. Buy a 10 count card of Elite washes for \$60 (\$17 off the usual card price, \$50 off individual washes). All level of washes are available. Purchase cards at [kwiktrip.com](http://kwiktrip.com) or at your local store. Use Scrip to get your extra rebate!!

### ○ **Midweek Lenten Worship**

In the biblical accounts of Jesus' suffering, there are several striking three-word phrases, such as "Love one another," "Watch and pray," and "It is finished." This Lenten season, we will examine these phrases and discover the rich meaning and purpose of God's Word, even in the smallest pieces of dialogue. Special devotional services for Lent will be held **Wednesdays at 3:15 and 6:30 pm, March 6-April 10**. Set aside time to join us as we journey to the cross together this Lent.

### ○ **Lenten Meal Schedule**

A fellowship meal will be served from **4:00-6:00 pm each Wednesday** between our Lenten services.  
**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Pulled Pork Sandwiches (RLC families)  
**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Little Caesars Pizza (7th-8th Grade)  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Spaghetti & Meatballs (Sr. Choir)  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Soup & Sandwich (Pioneers)  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Burgers/Brats/Hot Dogs (Athletic Assoc.)

### ○ **Help Needed – Senior Choir**

More voices are needed for our Easter services to perform the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "I Will Rise". If you are interested, please plan to attend at least the beginning of practices each week **after the 6:30 pm Lenten services**.

### ○ **RLS Forensics**

Congratulations to Riverview's team of 22 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. They performed well and tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place at the FVL Forensics meet. Of the 20 pieces performed, 16 received a 1<sup>st</sup> (blue ribbon) and 4 received a 2<sup>nd</sup> (red ribbon). They all let their God-given talents shine!

### ○ **Sunday Sermon Series**

We are all voluntary victims of Satan's seductions. Look at your life, and you'll find far too many times of shame and sin when Satan successfully placed a temptation before you and you didn't say no. You may wonder why you did it, but the truth is you did it. Satan knows our every weakness. He custom-tailors temptations for individuals. This Lenten season, we will examine some of those tailor-made temptations. We will see how the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, specifically applies forgiveness and equips us to fight those temptations.

**3/17-18** - Wanting Only What You Want (Josh. 7:16-26)

**3/24-25** - Refusing to Change (Jeremiah 26:8-15)

**3/31-4/1** - Continuing the Cycle of Sin (Judges 10:6-16)

**4/7-8** - Living with Past Guilt (Isaiah 43:16-24)

**4/14-15** - Not Bowing the Knee (Isaiah 45:22-25)

### ○ **Door Offering**

On **March 17-18**, we will have a door collection for LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society). This offering will go toward the Home Mission Caribbean Scholarship Fund to assist with training for locals wishing to enter ministry and toward audio Bibles called Proclaimers which help World Missions overcome language and dialect barriers to ministry.

### ○ **JULIETs**

On the third Tuesday of each month, Riverview's group of Juliet's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) will meet at Mary's Restaurant (2312 N. Richmond St., Appleton). The next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 19th at 9 AM**. Call Julie Wing at 830-1732 for more information. You can even buy Scrip before you go to help support our school!

### ○ **In Home Walking Presentation**

If you don't like to exercise but know you should, attend "Walking Your Way to Better Health in Your Own Home" on **Saturday, March 23rd** in the Fellowship Hall **at 10 am**. Our member Kris Davis will give a talk with hand-outs on the benefits of walking and how to create your own in-home walking program. Sign up on the blue counter in the narthex.

### ○ **Culvers Night**

On **March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm**, join us at Culver's of Darboy for good food and fellowship. Culver's will donate a percentage of their sales to our school. Buy Scrip before you go to earn even more.

### ○ **Easter Flowers**

Please check out the list of various spring plants that can be ordered to beautify our altar for Easter and taken home after services. The order forms are on the blue counter in the narthex. Forms and payments can be put in the accountant box in the office or in the collection plate. Last day to order is **Wednesday, March 27.**

### ○ **ROMEOS**

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, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>.** This meeting will be held at Angel's Restaurant.

### ○ **Pine Car Derby**

On **Sunday, March 31st,** Riverview will host the District Pioneer Pine Car Derby, **starting at 12 pm.** Children and adults (even non-Pioneers) can enter their cars (\$5fee—covers kit) in speed and/or craft categories. The winners can then move on to the national competition to be held later this year. Full concessions will be available for purchase. Volunteers are needed to help with judging the craft portion of this event. Please contact [jennie.shea75@yahoo.com](mailto:jennie.shea75@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

### ○ **School Accreditation Visit**

**On April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>,** Riverview Lutheran School will have an onsite visit from a WELSSA accreditation team. These 4 educators will spend the three days touring the school, interviewing employees, and reviewing the work that was done by our volunteer committees. Thank you to all who helped on these committees! The team will present a summary of their findings and recommendations at **4:15 PM on Wednesday, April 3.**

### ○ **Scrip Designation Forms**

Please stop at the scrip table or see Sandy Diersen in the office to sign a designation form stating how you would like your rebate applied for the 2019-2020 school year. This form needs to be filled out **before April 5<sup>th</sup>** to ensure that your earnings are applied as you want them to be.

### ○ **Food Pantry**

The Apple Valley Food pantry will be doing their annual spring food drive on **April 7** to help stock the shelves for summer. Grocery bags are available on the blue counter to assist you in transporting your donations. Items needed at this time are: Boxed potatoes, rice, helpers; Cookies, crackers, cereal; Jelly/jam, canned fruit; Soups – condensed, chunky, broth; Baked beans, tomato sauce/paste; Laundry & dish soap; Hygiene products, Canned meat & stews; Paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper; Diapers, wipes, baby food; Monetary donations.

## **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](http://fvlhs.org). Questions? Email Heather at [hknoll@fvlhs.org](mailto: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 [muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org](mailto:muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org).

### ○ **Employment Opportunity**

FVL is hiring a part-time custodian. Normal school year hours are Monday-Friday 5:30-10 PM. Job description, duties, and pay rate are found at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) Benefits include health insurance and 401K match. Email applications to [ttechlin@fvlhs.org](mailto:ttechlin@fvlhs.org). Additional custodial hours are available at St. Peter Lutheran School-Appleton from 3:15-5:30 PM during the school year.

### ○ **Youth Sports**

FVL Schools, public, and homeschool students are invited to register for spring and summer Youth Sports activities. Links are under "Breaking News" on the [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) home page. Check back often to see the latest options! Currently spring track and fall football are available.

### ○ **Passport Submission Deadline**

The last Passport Event has come and gone. Please turn in your passports to FVL or the RLS office (even if they're not full) **by March 27<sup>th</sup>** for a chance to win some great prizes!

### ○ **FoxFest Dinner Auction**

All FVL Federation members are invited to attend FVL's FoxFest Annual Dinner Auction on **Friday, April 5, 2019** at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. This year's event theme is Kentucky Derby. Tickets can be purchased at [fvlhs.org/foxfest](http://fvlhs.org/foxfest) or by calling 560-5122 now through **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds of this event support the FVL Teen Ministry.

### ○ **Run for Lives**

FVL's National Honor Society chapter is organizing Run for Lives, a community event on **April 6** that features a 5K and 2-mile obstacle run. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin-Fox Valley. Visit [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) for more info. Questions? Contact Amy Gilmet at [agilmet@fvlhs.org](mailto:agilmet@fvlhs.org).

### ○ **Summer Camps**

Registration is open for FVL's Summer Camp programs! There are camps available for all grade levels, K-9. Sports, Art, STEM, and Band camps are all available. Register at [fvlschools.org/summer-camps](http://fvlschools.org/summer-camps).

## **Area Church/Synod News**

### ○ **Hope Center Volunteers Needed**

The Hope Center is in need of shift volunteers starting in March. We are adding volunteers to each of our shifts: **Tues 9am-12pm, Wed 2pm-5pm, and Thurs 12:30pm-3:30pm**. If interested in learning more, please contact Jen Grady (Volunteer Coordinator) at 920-810-3884 or [wisota@msn.com](mailto:wisota@msn.com).

### ○ **Camp Phillip Activities**

1. 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](http://www.campphillip.com/youthprograms).

2. The Veteran Spiritual R & R Retreat (**May 3-5**) is intended for and open to veterans, men and women who have any degree of post-traumatic stress related to their military service. This retreat is only for veterans. No spouses or family for this retreat. There is **NO COST** to the participants. All expenses are covered by the LMSG and travel assistance will be available. Register by visiting <http://www.lutheranmilitary.org> or by contacting [pastorhacker@gracewaukesha.org](mailto:pastorhacker@gracewaukesha.org) or 262.547.3688. Registration is limited. A waiting list will be established if necessary.

### ○ **WELS Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a two-day marriage enrichment event **September 20-21, 2019**. The cost is \$185 per couple and includes some meals and all enrichment sessions. Spend two days learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God's grace. The result? A healthier marriage. Space is limited, so register early. Visit [www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment](http://www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment) for more information and to register.

### ○ **Support Groups**

Recovery through Christ is a Christian 12-step program for men and women who are struggling with addictions. The group meets **Fridays 7:00-8:00 p.m.** in the lower level Fireside room of Mount Olive (930 E. Florida Ave, Appleton). Peace through Christ, a group for those who have a loved one struggling with an addiction, meets at the **same time** and place. For more information, call/text 920-915-3867. Come and find support in your time of need.

### ○ **Bargain Garden Needs You!**

The Bargain Garden is blessed to have about 100 volunteers. Sounds like a lot, right? While that is an impressive number, there are many shifts to cover. In a typical month, 144 volunteers are needed. There are some volunteers who winter in warmer climates; also, health and family issues arise. These factors make the need for more volunteers critical.

This is an appeal for both men and women (there are "jobs" for everyone) from the Federation congregations. If you can work a shift (3 ½ hours) or two a month, please call Elaine (920-739-6839) or Sharon (920-213-0964). You may also stop at the store to pick up a volunteer form. You will be welcomed and appreciated.

## **Mission News**

### ○ **Grace – Hmong Outreach in Vietnam**

The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi. This is an incredible, unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach the more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. Please see the brochure in your church mailbox to learn more about this incredible story and opportunity or visit [wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach](http://wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach).

### ○ **Spring Rally**

The LWMS Spring Rally will be held **Saturday, April 6** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kaukauna. The theme for the rally is "The Great Multitude in White Robes." Pastor Michael Duncan will be sharing information about the South Asian mission work being done to evangelize those of the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist and Muslim religions in Pewaukee, WI. Sign up to attend on the hallway bulletin board.