

Our Mission: Growing in Faith and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with All People

A Devotional Thought: Fatherhood

“My son, keep your father’s command and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you” (Pr 6:20-22).

When I first read these verses, my prideful sinful nature got the best of me. I thought, *My kids better listen to me and my wife. God put us in charge!* While God commands children to honor and obey their parents (4th commandment), he also gives fathers a great responsibility. My prideful bubble was burst pretty quickly when I read those verses again.

“[Your father’s command and your mother’s teaching] will guide you...they will watch over you...they will speak to you.” Whether it seems like it in the moment or not, my children are watching... listening... learning from me. What a scary thought! Are they learning to be impatient when they are tired or under stress? Are they learning to complain instead of being content? Are they learning to speak without really listening? How well is my life guiding and speaking to my children? I can only say, “Heavenly Father, have mercy on me. I have not been the father you have called me to be.”

I thank God that my family is patient with me. I pray to God that my children are guided more by the Spirit-worked fruits of faith they see in me and by the Scripture they hear from me than by the flesh-worked failures I too often display.

Even more, I thank God that he continues to be my gracious, heavenly Father. Instead of kicking me out of the house, he welcomes me home and urges me to come in to feast on his grace, like those two sons in the story Jesus told (Lk 15:11-32). For the sake of his perfect Son, God forgives my failures as a father and all of the other ways I dishonor his family name. In his Word and Sacraments, he gives me what I need to be the dad he calls me to be.

Dads, our Father has given us an important calling. As we stay close to him, he equips us with his grace and promises to bless us and our families as we carry it out. What a privilege!



In Jesus, Pastor Tim Wagner

Membership News

Membership Changes

- ✦ Youth Confirmation
 - Gavin Boelter
 - Lauren Faccio
 - Ava Geer
 - Dylan Hoffman
 - Henry Jaeger
 - Kallan Johnston
 - Jackson Kiesling
 - Evan Kuhn
 - Alaina Patchett
 - Claire Peters
 - Nyla Ryder
 - Rachel Somers
 - Ethan Toshner
 - Lydia Walker
 - Braden Zidek
- ✦ Received by Child Baptism
 - Lilly Michele Germain
- ✦ Received by Adult Confirmation
 - Alejandro Schloesser
- ✦ Transferred from Membership
 - Dylan Hoffman, to St. John, Appleton
 - Kallan Johnston, to St. Peter / the CORE, Appleton
- ✦ Released from Membership
 - Jackie Jansen (Beau, Emmarie, Marlee), by request to join heterodox church
 - Jacob Slagle (Benjamin, Stephen), by request

Ministry News

Monday Evening Worship

Riverview is partnering with Eternal Love Lutheran Church to offer Monday evening worship services. ***Services will be held Mondays at 6:30 pm at Eternal Love (1011 Midway Rd, Appleton).***

- Riverview and Eternal Love pastors will alternate in leading worship and preaching.
- Communion on Mondays following the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
- Offerings in Riverview envelopes will be delivered to Riverview (continue to make checks payable to Riverview). Or consider using electronic giving.
- Register your attendance at Eternal Love or using our online worship card.

Landscaping Help Needed

Thank you to the volunteers that keep our campus looking beautiful in the summer. We are in need of volunteers to join the landscaping crew. Please call Warren Bartels (920) 257-6968, or Dave Miller (920) 738-0218 to volunteer and set up a time to meet at church to learn what needs to be done.

Frailing Farewell

Riverview member Josh Frailing graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary this spring and has been called to serve as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Marinette, WI. Pastor-elect Frailing will be here on June 25, and we will bid him farewell and pray for God's blessings upon his ministry. Watch for more details to come.

June Door Offering

Our June door offering will support the ministry of Camp Phillip. Camp Phillip is located in Wautoma, WI, and provides relaxation in creation and renewal in Christ to WELS youth, adults, families, churches and schools throughout the year. Visit www.campphillip.com to learn more. Give to support this ministry in the door offering June 18 or by marking "Camp Phillip" on the "other" line of your offering envelope or electronic gift.

Summer Bible Study

God gives us a lot of freedom in how we worship. But that doesn't mean that how we worship is shaped merely by feelings and personal preferences. Why do we worship the way we do? What can change, and what can't? What role do history and culture play? Join us Sundays from 9:20-10:10 this summer to explore these and other questions about our public worship. Bring your friends and family for this cross-generational bible study.

Play Dates in the Park

Riverview families and friends are invited to gather for Play Dates in the Park on the second and fourth **Wednesdays in June and July from 9-11am**. Caregivers can connect while children play. Children will gather for a devotion, songs, and snack time mid-morning. Activities are geared for ages Preschool - Grade 2, but all are welcome. Parents or caregivers need to stay with their children. Invite your friends to join you. All are welcome!

Here's where we will be:

- June 14 - Pierce Park
- June 28 - Telulah Park
- July 12 - Pierce Park
- July 26 - Telulah Park

Visit www.RiverviewLutheran.org/play to register and to be informed of changes due to weather or other circumstances.

Contact [Melissa Nolte](#) with questions.

Library Corner

This summer, our cross-generational bible study is focused on worship. Our church library has several resources to deepen our understanding and increase our appreciation for the way we gather together around God's Word and Sacraments. Check out *Christian Worship: God Gives His Gospel Gifts, Our Worth to Him: Devotions for Christian Worship, or Worship in the Name of Jesus*.

(NPH is offering \$10 off \$40 through June 18. Visit nph.net for details).

Contact Linda Zwieg with questions or suggestions.



Building Committee News. Walls are up! The roof is going on next week. The building will be water tight by mid June when the kitchen renovations will start and the 2 buildings will be connected.

Just a friendly reminder due to construction traffic, the playground should not be used until further notice.



Capital Campaign News. As of May 28, \$376,381 of pledged gifts have been received for the Growing in Grace Capital Campaign, in addition to \$53,422 of unpledged gifts and gifts received before the campaign. Thank you for your generous support! As more phases of the expansion are completed, more payments will be due. The more who are able to give their gifts early in the campaign, the more we will save on interest charges.

Board Updates

Board of Lay Ministry Notes

- Pastor Nottling will be our regular guest preacher during the vacancy.
- Our request for the assignment of a Seminary graduate was not filled. Our next call meeting will be June 15.

Board of Education Notes

- Thank you to all the volunteers that made this school school year such a success.

Board of Evangelism Notes

- We are developing “rack cards” with information about our church or school for members to share.
- We are pursuing community volunteer opportunities that Riverview members can participate in together to let our light shine.

Board of Spiritual Growth Notes

- Ideas for bible study formats and topics for later this summer or fall are being discussed.
- High School & College Graduates, please share your post-graduation plans and contact information with the church office as soon as you have it.

Board of Church Properties

- Since our new budget has been approved, numerous service contracts have been renewed, including Jan-Pro for our janitorial needs.
- Volunteer cleaning crews will be needed beginning in July, please reach out to the office if you're interested in helping.
- Continuing to negotiating new contracts for the upcoming budget to include pricing for the new addition.
- Borsche Roofing has been contracted to replace phase one of the roof. This is the older metal section over the original school building. This work should take place in September or October.

Board of Stewardship

- Travis Winder elected as Board Director
- Liquidating the Cornerstone Fund to assist with roof replacement project.
- Reviewed fund-raising proposals from several groups.
- Kerber-Rose selected to become auditor.
- Investigating outsourcing of payroll.
- Preparing for fiscal year end

Riverview School Highlights

Congratulations to RLS Graduating Class of 2023

Jonah Behrens	Gavin Boelter	Greta Brown	Kiondre Garrison
Ava Geer	Dylan Hoffman	Henry Jaeger	Kallan Johnston
Jackson Kiesling	Evan Kuhn	Alaina Patchett	Claire Peters
Nyla Ryder	Rachel Somers	Sergej Stoetzer	Ethan Toshner
Gabriel Van Nice	Lydia Walker	Braden Zidek	

Congratulations To Riverview's 2023 High School Graduates

Caleb Bartmann (Fox Valley Lutheran)	Madelyn Birling (Little Chute)
Hayden Hesse (Fox Valley Lutheran)	Ethan Melso (Fox Valley Lutheran)
Benett Reader (Fox Valley Lutheran)	Teagan Selle (Fox Valley Lutheran)
Preston Torbenson (Appleton North)	William Toshner (Fox Valley Lutheran)
Liberty VanDenHeuvel (Fox Valley Lutheran)	Haley Verhagen (Appleton East)
Micaiah Wagner (Fox Valley Lutheran)	Levi Wolfgramm (Fox Valley Lutheran)
Katelyn Zidek (Fox Valley Lutheran)	

Graduates, please contact the church office with your post-graduation plans and contact information.

CPTO Rummage

The rummage sale will take place off campus at W5225 Quarry Rd, Appleton, on June 9th (8 am to 4 pm) & 10th (8 am to 2 pm). All you can fit in a bag for \$5.00. Jeffy Pop Concessions will also be at the rummage sale selling popcorn, cotton candy, and shaved ice to donate tables to the fellowship addition. Please stop out and tell a neighbor!!



Stewardship of God's Blessings

Average Weekly Attendance

	Worship		Bible Study	Sunday School
	In Person	Online		
March	228	27	82	20
April	295	25	84	19
May	279	11	74	17

Year to Date Offerings (July 1 – April 30)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
General	\$ 544,379.70	\$ 583,333.33	-\$ 38,953.63
Synod	\$ 20,027.10	\$ 28,333.33	-\$3,705.57
FVL	\$ 12,961.10	\$ 16,666.67	-\$8,306.23
TOTAL	\$ 577,367.90	\$ 628,333.33	-\$50,965.43

Serving in June

Ushers:

8:00 – Tom Olson, Mark Diersen, Dave Fischer, Ben Jaeger, Linda Zwieg

10:30 – Dave Miller, Todd Blobe, Ryan Blobe, Jim Heiden, Bill & Linda Wenberg

Greeters:

June 4 – 8:00 – D. VandenHeuvel & J. Gentz Families
10:30 – Spielbauer & Katalinick Families

June 11 – 8:00 – Wundrow & Lehmann Families
10:30 – Walker & Behm Families

June 18 – 8:00 – Jaeger Family
10:30 – Inniger Family

June 25 – 8:00 – E. VanDenHeuvel & Kaminske Families
10:30 – Loroff Family

Communion Assistants:

June 11 – 8:00 – T. Wing
10:30 – W. Bartels

June 25 – 8:00 – D. VandenHeuvel
10:30 – B. Witte

Powerpoint Assistants:

June 4 – 8:00 – Bradlee P.
10:30 – Declan K.

June 11 – 8:00 – Anna W.
10:30 – Melso Family

June 18 – 8:00 – Henry J.
10:30 – Gwen I.

June 25 – 8:00 – Silas W.
10:30 – Evan K.

(More volunteers needed. Contact Jo Theimer for details)

Altar Guild/Communion Setup:

June 11 – Linda Wenberg
Gail Fischer

June 25 – Stephanie Kettner
Cindy Wundrow

(More volunteers needed. Contact Jeanne Kaminske or Cindy Wundrow for details)

Summer Office Hours :

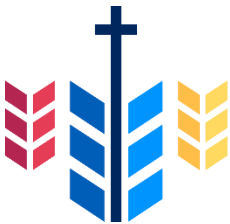
Monday- Thursday 9:00 -1:00.

Please call ahead if you plan to stop outside of these hours.

School and Bookkeeping offices will be closed June 12th-16th

100 Missions in 10 Years

WELS Home Missions is launching a new initiative to start 100 home mission congregations in 10 years as well as support 75 enhancements to help existing congregations reach more souls. This initiative isn't as much about planting more churches but about sharing the



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gospel of Jesus Christ with more people. It's about reaching lost souls. It's about Christ's mission to his church: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Learn more about this plan to spread the saving message of Jesus and learn how you can help at wels100in10.net.

WELS Night at the Brewers

Back for another year by popular demand, WELS Night at the Brewers is on for 2023. Join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Fri., July 7, to watch the Brewers take on the Cincinnati Reds. Tickets for WELS members and guests once again are discounted up to 50% and are reserved all together in a block. Get your church and school together to enjoy a fun-filled evening out, catch up with old friends, and cheer on the Brewers! Individual tickets can be purchased online at brewers.com/wels.

Don't forget to order your WELS Night at the Brewers t-shirt, with an all-new design for 2023 at welsstore.net!

June 2023 Issue of Forward In Christ

The June issue of Forward in Christ is now available in the entryway and online. Here's a preview of some of what's inside:

- Meet Gary Lupe, a Lutheran Apache pastor who daily battles the traditional religion of his people.
- See the blessings of being persecuted for confessing Christ.
- Find out what makes a H.U.M.B.L.E. follower in ministry work.
- Discover when anger is righteous and when it is sinful.
- Learn about new mission opportunities in Durham, N.C., and Appleton, Wis.

