

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

A Devotional Thought: Daily Drowning

“Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.”

That’s how Martin Luther described the meaning of baptism for our daily lives in his Small Catechism. Baptism works a powerful and profound change that needs to happen in our lives every day.

How many days I wake up and forget that! I might think of accomplishments, improvements, or changes I’d like to achieve that day. But to be who God has created me and called me to be is not a matter of improvement or reform. It’s a matter of killing and raising to life.

Our sinful nature cannot be reformed. It will always and only oppose God and fight to drag us away from God and into hell. Our sinful nature must be killed – drowned in the waters of baptism.

Yes, baptism works a violent and powerful change. In baptism, we are crucified with Christ. Our sinful ways are nailed to his cross and die with him there. And through baptism, we are raised to new life (Romans 6:3-4), new life in Christ, who makes us new by his sacrifice for our sins and his resurrection from the dead.

What changes do you need to make in your life to be more Christ-like – to be a better spouse, a better parent, a better neighbor, a better classmate, a better follower of Jesus? Wake up remembering your baptism each day. Remember how, in baptism, God washes away all of your failures – including your stubborn reliance on your own strength to change. And rejoice that the Lord who gives life and takes life unleashes his destructive, saving power through water and the Word, and he promises that that power is yours every day.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim Wagner



Membership News

Meet the Hildebrandt Family

Brian and Krystal Hildebrandt just moved to Appleton from Waterloo WI. They spent the last 6 years living in Waterloo and attending St. John Lutheran church and school. They have two energetic children, Henry and Lily. Henry is 5 and is excited to begin kindergarten here at Riverview. Lily is 2 and keeps everyone on their toes as she tries to keep up with her big brother.



As a family they enjoy playing at parks, nature walks, reading and visiting the library. Brian loves participating in musical ensembles and making music. Krystal enjoys staying active with various forms of exercise, baking, cooking and singing. Brian and Krystal both enjoy coffee to fuel their active family life.

A memorable bible passage for our family is Joshua 1:9: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

We chose Riverview because Brian's mom (Diann Cox (Hildebrandt)) and her husband

Gary are also members. We have visited them and attended church at Riverview many times in the past. During our visits we enjoyed a friendly and welcoming atmosphere here at Riverview and were happy to become a part of it. Also as we searched schools for Henry Riverview seemed like a great fit. We are excited to open this new chapter at Riverview and see what God has planned for us here.

Membership Changes

- ✚ Received by Profession of Faith:
 - Brain & Jamie Miller
- ✚ Transferred Out:
 - Zachary Belter, to Gethsemane, Omaha, NE
 - Glenn & Dianne Fieck, to Our Savior, Port Orange, FL
 - Hunter Greshay, to Mt. Olive, Appleton, WI
 - Jesse Heimlich, to The CORE, Appleton, WI
- ✚ Received by Child Baptism
 - Benjamin Slagle, son of Jacob & Tabatha Slagle

Library Corner

Riverview's Church Library is a great, but little used, resource for many topics. Books can be self checked and have generous due dates.

This month, we invite you to check out the great number of devotion books available. There are books for men, women, teens, parents, and couples. What a great addition these would be to individual, couples, or family devotions. Stop in today, or browse our selections at www.librarything.com/catalog/RLC-Appleton.

Contact Linda Zwieg with questions or suggestions. Linda will also be attending the WELS Church Librarians' Organization Fall Conference in September and plans to add more great selections to our church library.

Building Project News

On April 25, our congregation authorized forming a Building Committee and Capital Campaign Committee for "the development of building plans for at least four classrooms and other upgrades" to accommodate our growing ministry. The committees have been formed. Kevin Wundrow and Chad Doran are serving as co-chairs for the Building Committee, and Jim Vandenberg is chairing the Capital Campaign Committee. The congregation is asked to pray for this project and begin considering how your family may financially support it over the next three years and beyond. Watch for more news as the committees begin their work.

Mission Festival September 12

On September 12, Professor Brad Wordell (son of Riverview members Dave and Marlys Wordell) of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be our guest preacher for a special Mission Festival. In addition to teaching at our Seminary, he teaches national pastors in our foreign mission fields.

Prof. Wordell will share more about his work in a presentation during the Bible class hour at 9:15 am. Riverview's Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will serve a chicken dinner that day at noon. If you have not signed up for the dinner, please sign up this Sunday in the church entryway or call the church office as soon as possible. Join us Sunday, September 12, for 8 am or 10:30 am worship and all the activities.

September Scrip Special

For the month of September only, Kwik Trip has increased the rebate percentage for their Scrip cards. With this special deal, you earn a 10% rebate instead of the usual 5%. You can place orders by stopping in the office on Sundays or during the week, emailing Mrs. Diersen at accountant@riverviewlutheran.org, or calling 920-733-3728. The last day to order for this special deal is **Wednesday, September 29, by 10:00 am.**

New Bible Studies

We are blessed to have many opportunities to study God's Word together here at Riverview this fall. Learn more about the following bible studies at www.RiverviewLutheran.org/bible-studies, and make plans to attend one or more and bring a friend!

- + **Mondays 1:00 pm** – Short Books of the Bible (Zephaniah)
- + **Mondays 6:30 pm** – Women's Bible Study (Building Healthy Relationships) – begins 9/20
- + **Thursdays 6:30 pm** – Thursday Night Bible Night (Privileged Priests)
- + **Sundays 9:15 am** – Ezra & Nehemiah (begins 9/19)
- + **Sundays 9:15 am** – A God-Lived Life (begins 9/26)

September Door Offering

Riverview's monthly door offering for the month of September will go to missions supported through the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. LWMS supports missions in the United States and around the world with gifts, cards, prayers, and more. Learn more at www.lwms.org. Gifts can be given in the Door Offering plate on Sunday,

September 19, or throughout the month,

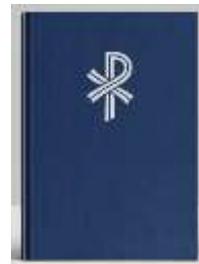


marking "LWMS" on the "other" line of your regular offering. (Note that the Fall Rally for the Paperland Circuit of LWMS will be on October 16 at Mount Olive in Appleton. See the church entryway for information and to sign up to attend.)

New Hymnals Coming Soon

New Hymnals should be arriving soon. When they arrive, families who ordered them will receive a notice and information about how to pay for and pick up their orders.

Introduction of new hymnal materials will begin with WELS National Hymnal Week September 19-26. We will begin using the new hymnals regularly in the Advent season, beginning November 28.



Board Updates

Board of Church Properties Notes

- + Much of the school building was rearranged, reorganized, and painted. Thank you to Mr BJ Witte and everyone else that helped over the summer. The building looks great!
- + With summer coming to an end, it's almost time to start putting our shoveling & snowblowing crews together. If anyone has any interest in joining the snowblowing brigade, please contact Wayne Somers for details.
- + The old "Roadrunner" mascot logo in the gym will be replaced with the new, more modern Roadrunner in the coming weeks.

Board of Education Notes

- + School is off to a great start, with about 40 new students this year.
- + The Board of Education continues to meet to stay on top of the virus and needs of our school to keep us all safe.
- + The 2021-2022 school year theme is "Jesus Is The Way."
- + We welcome new staff members:
 - o Hot Lunch: Heather Vadala & Cheryl Bohl
 - o Teacher's Aides: Sheryl Winsor, Ann Gentz, Christi Feld

Board of Spiritual Growth Notes

- + Several new bible studies are beginning this month.
- + Amy Larson is our new Sunday School Coordinator. Watch for a start date and details soon.
- + We currently have three vacancies on our board. Contact Nathan Nolte or Pastor Wagner, if you are interested in serving.

Board of Evangelism Notes

- + We continue to plan ways to connect with our unchurched school families.
- + Trunk or Treat Festivities are being planned for Saturday, October 23.
- + New marketing materials are being produced.
- + Our next meeting will include a presentation about the "Everyone Outreach" program.

Board of Lay Ministry Notes

- + We are reviewing feedback received from the Worker Care Committee.
- + Our "God's People Gather" Celebration Sunday was held August 22.
- + Contact Jo Theimer or Kevin Wundrow, if you are interested in serving as an usher, greeter, or setting up communion.

Riverview School Calendar September Highlights

- + Sep 3 & 6 – No School
- + Sep 8 – Home Soccer (4:30) & Volleyball (4:30, 5:30) vs. St. Peter, Weyauwega
- + Sep 10 – RLS Chapel Service (8:10 am)
- + Sep 10 – CPTO Welcome Back Night 5:30-9:00 pm
- + Sep 12 – All Grades Sing in Church
- + Sep 13 – Cross Country in New London (4:30)
- + Sep 15 – Soccer (4:30) & Volleyball (4:30, 5:30) at Martin Luther, Oshkosh
- + Sep 17 – RLS Chapel Service (8:10 am)
- + Sep 18 – Soccer Tournament at Shepherd of the Valley, Menasha
- + Sep 20 – Cross Country at Fox Valley Lutheran High School (4:30)
- + Sep 22 – Home Soccer (4:30) & Volleyball (4:30, 5:30) vs. Shepherd of the Valley, Menasha
- + Sep 24 – RLS Chapel Service (8:10 am)
- + Sep 25 – Soccer Tournament at Fox Valley Lutheran High School
- + Sep 27 – Cross Country in Green Bay (4:30)
- + Sep 29 – Soccer (4:15) & Volleyball (4:15, 5:15) at Neenah Lutheran School
- + Oct 1 – RLS Chapel Service (8:10 am)
- + Oct 2 – Soccer Tournament at Neenah Lutheran School
- + Oct 3 – Grades 5-8 Sing in Church (8:00)



Riverview Church Calendar Items of Note

- + September 12 - Mission Festival Sunday
- + September 26 – Congregational Meeting
- + October 10 – 40th Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Belter
- + October 23 – Trunk or Treat

Visit the calendar on our website for the latest dates and events.

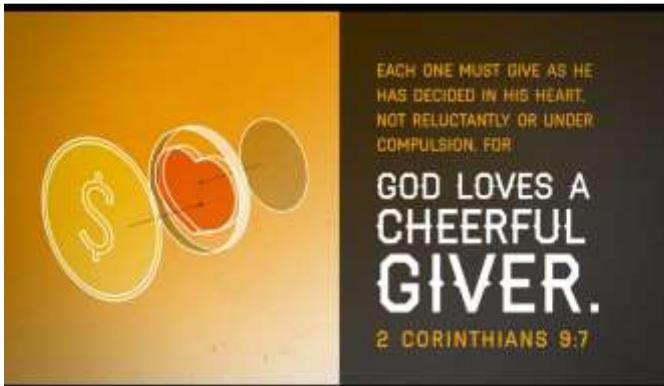
Stewardship of God's Blessings

Average Weekly Attendance

	Worship		Bible Study
	In Person	Online (worship cards)	
February	152	78	15
March	180	56	11
April	255	42	14
May	235	38	12
June	200	34	21
July	188	28	52
August	256	21	59

Year to Date Offerings (July 1-31, 2021)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
General	\$52,724.00	\$50,000.00	+\$2,724.00
Building	\$8,303.49	\$10,000.00	-\$1,696.51
Synod	\$3,293.27	\$2,750.00	+\$543.27
FVL	\$2,148.27	\$1,750.00	+\$398.27
TOTAL	\$66,469.03	\$64,500.00	+\$1969.03



Serving in September

Powerpoint Clickers:

- + Sep 5 –
8:00 – Dashed Winsor
10:00 – Anna Wagner
- + Sep 12 –
8:00 - Micaiah Wagner
10:30 - Open
- + Sep 19 –
8:00 – Henry Jaeger
10:30 – Seth Brooks
- + Sep 26 –
8:00 – Rachel Somers
10:30 – Riley Lindell

Communion Assistants:

- + Sep 12 –
8:00 – Dave Spielbauer
10:30 – Mike Melso
- + Sep 26 –
8:00 – Kevin Wundrow
10:30 – Warren Bartels

Ushers:

- + 8:00 –
Brian Shaw (head), Glenn Bruss,
Scott Hesse, Susan Hesse, Hayden
Hesse, Lucas Pelky, Dick Malueg,
Wayne Somers
- + 10:30 –
Earl Semrow (head), Diann Cox,
Gary Cox, Jon Gentz, Merlin
Gentz, Tom Miller, Haidyn
Torbenson

Visited wels.net lately?

Do you ever wonder how your Sunday offerings help support the work of WELS? Go to wels.net to discover stories about the many WELS world and home mission fields; explore which ministries can support you and your congregation; enjoy daily devotions and Bible readings; and subscribe to stay up to date on the latest news from your synod. All of this and more is available on wels.net. Visit us online today and save us as a Favorite or a Bookmark!

WELS Synod Convention

WELS held its biennial synod convention July 26-28. Visit wels.net/2021synodconvention to catch up on all the news from the convention, see photos, watch the archived livestream, view presentations and videos, and access the committees' reports and resolutions.

WELS Historical Institute celebrates 40 years

The WELS Historical Institute will be marking 40 years of preserving WELS history at an event Sept. 25, 2021, at Salem, Milwaukee, Wis. The event will feature speakers, tours of the Salem Landmark Church, and a hymn sing. The event will be livestreamed. Find out more at wels.net/events.



ROYAL PEOPLE • MOMENTOUS PURPOSE

HERE & NOW

2022 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

JUNE 28-JULY 1, 2022

JOIN US AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.