

# June 2021 Riverview Report

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



# Salvation in Jesus' Name

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Are you good at remembering names, or do you struggle? You meet someone at church or you talk to a new neighbor, and then you can't remember their name when your spouse asks you for it. Frustrating isn't it? There is one supreme Name that we must never forget: the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. His Name is the only path to salvation, that is, eternal life one day in the glory of heaven.

In the weeks following Pentecost, the disciples were very active sharing the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus. After one such event, the religious leaders arrested Peter and John. The crime? Telling people about Jesus and His resurrection. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke these words from Acts 4. His words remind us of how important the name (and message) of Jesus is. Without faith in the Lord Jesus, you will not be in heaven one day.

The disciples endured persecution, imprisonment, and even death all for the name of Jesus. They knew how important spreading the good news of Jesus was. May you and I also grow in our desire to share the gospel with others, and to always value the gospel in our own hearts and lives? Praise God that you know the Lord Jesus as the way to heaven, and pray for opportunities to share Him with others.

The Lord will bless our efforts on His behalf. Pastor Dennis Belter

# **Ministry News**

# Property Acquisition & Building Expansion

Riverview Lutheran Church and Fox Valley Nursery are still in negotiations over buying the property.

Candidates to serve on the new Capital Campaign

Committee and Building Committee have been identified and will be contacted soon.

Please keep these efforts in your prayers, as we seek to grow our ministry to the glory of God!

## **Recent Membership Changes**

Confirmation: Sophia Basken Ashlyn Doran

Logan Fieck Dylan Krueger
Greta Nolte Noah Nolte
Ava Patchett Grace Peters
Klara Richards Karen Somers
Isaac Vadala Christian Monigal

Infant Baptism: Hazel Grace Benoit

Elsie Josphine Simon

Transfer In: Carl & Stephanie Kettner family, from

St. Matthew

Transfer Out: Christian Monigal, to Eternal Love

## **➣** Meet Our New Members

Welcome! Carl & Stephanie Kettner and their sons, Evan Kuhn and Logan. The Kettner family transferred from St. Matthew's last month. Carl is employed with



JJ Keller and Stephanie at Secura Insurance. The Kettner family enjoys outdoor activities at the family cottage on Post Lake, park-hopping and just about any activity that involves the outdoors! They enjoy family

board game nights, cooking together and movie nights. They transferred to RLC to become more a part of the church- "we will soon have both of our children attending RLS and we feel that the kids and ourselves are longing to have that connection and fellowship with the other members and parents here at RLC. We have also really enjoyed Pastor Belter and Paster Wagner's sermons virtually and look forward to spending time in His word live and in-person in the near future." They are looking forward to getting to know the members better and for their children to be excited to be in worship with classmates & friends, and to call Riverview their home church. Bible Study and Sunday School are also a big point of interest for them as they are hoping to continue to learn and grow in their faith. The Kettners will be happy to learn where they can be of service here at Riverview and the opportunities to lend their time and talents to the Lord!

#### **➤** June Door Offering

Our June door offering will support The Apache Mission. This was the first world mission of WELS. It was begun in 1893 and is located in eastern Arizona. The Fort Apache Reservation congregations are: East Fork, Canyon Day, Cibecue, McNary, and White River. There are 145 students/Grades K-8 at East Fork Lutheran School. (This area is served by one WELS missionary, two native pastors, and one evangelist.) The San Carlos Reservation congregations are San Carlos, Peridot, and Bylas, (being served by two WELS missionaries.) There are 130 students/K-8 at Peridot-Our Savior's Lutheran School. 17 teachers (four Apache) serve at the two schools. School enrollment continues to grow due to their higher academic standards, well rounded curriculum and affordable voucher system. The Apache Christian Training School located at East Fork is training 60 future leaders as evangelists, teachers, and pastors. See the display in the church entryway to get more information on this special opportunity for giving.

Give at the door offering on June 20 or by indicating "Apache Mission" on the "Other" line of your regular gifts this month.

#### **Monthly Mission Highlight** ➤

Sherri Medico, a teacher at Ascension Preschool in Sarasota, FL, goes to a fast food restaurant and has a friendly conversation with the Kennell family with a preschool age child. By the Hand of God, this family became members of Ascension. It immediately was clear that the Kennell's wanted to share the Gospel with Mrs. Kennell's family and friends in Paraguay, South America. Fast forward, and we see that the Ascension congregation has organized mission efforts to conduct Bible studies, services, and home visits. The primary medium was through teaching English at two small area schools, as this is a skill valued by Paraguayans. Rejoice and prayer for these WELS efforts AND who are You going to talk to at your next restaurant visit?

#### **➤** Hymnal Fund Drive and Orders

Thank you to all who have donated for the new *Christian Worship* hymnal and resources. We have reached our goal and will be ordering resources as they become available.

Now is your chance to pre-order your own copies of the *Christian Worship Hymnal* and/or *Christian Worship Psalter* for your home or to give as gifts. Use the link included in the e-news or sign up in the entryway *by June 13* and save on shipping costs. Payment is due when the order arrives (Sept/Oct). Learn more about the hymnal at christianworship.com.

#### > VBS Volunteers Needed

It's time to help make waves! Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School is coming July 12-15 for kids entering 3K - Grade 2, and we need volunteers to help plan and put on the event. Contact Elisabeth Wagner



**ASAP** <u>elisabethswagner@gmail.com</u> or call the church office at (920) 733-3728 to assist in making this outreach event an adventure to remember. And watch for opportunities to register soon.

# **STEM Camp & Art Camp**

The Evangelism Board is offering two new outreach camps this summer. A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Camp and an Art Camp will be held July 27-29 for kids entering grades 3-6. Watch for opportunities to help out or to invite unchurched friends. Contact BJ Witte about STEM Camp and Jenise Nolte about the Art Camp for more information.

## ➤ R.O.M.E.O.'s Meeting Again

On the last Friday of each month, a group of Riverview's Retired Old Men Eating Out is once again gathering for breakfast at **8 am.** The next meeting is on **Friday, June 25th.** This breakfast will be held at Angel's Restaurant (140 E John St, Appleton). Let's get together, it's been awhile.

## Year to Date Offerings - 7/1/2020-4/31/2021

	Actual	Budget	Difference
General	\$56,0022.84	\$538,018.30	+\$32,004.54
Building	\$135,115.41	\$110,388.20	+\$24,727.21
Synod	\$24,289.48	\$31,710.10	-\$7,420.62
FVL	\$14,069.26	\$19,877.60	-\$5,808.34
TOTAL	\$733,496.99	\$689,994.20	+\$43,502.79

#### **➤** Average Weekly Attendance

	Worship		Bible
	In Person	Online (worship cards)	Study
February	152	78	15
March	180	56	11
April	255	40	14
May	235	33	11

#### **Roadrunner School News**

## **►** <u>VEX IQ Robotics Virtual Worlds</u>

Congratulations to Roadrunner Robotics Team 10851B (8th graders Caiden, Christian, Dylan, Isaac, and Noah)! They placed third IN THE WORLD (behind a tie for 1st place) at the VEX IQ Virtual Worlds Competition that took place last weekend. They also received the Excellence Award (the highest award given in VEX Robotics) for their division. Well done boys!!