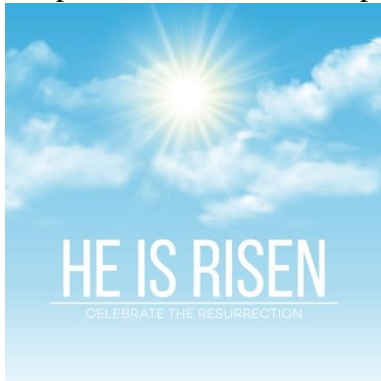




## ***Raised without a Doubt***

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." I Corinthians 15:20

The truth of Easter is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. Some in Corinth doubted it. St. Paul firmly asserts that Jesus did indeed rise. Paul had seen Him! The disciples had seen Him. We with eyes of faith have seen Him through the pages of Holy Scripture. This weekend's special services are more



than just the arrival of spring, or the welcome of warmer weather. Jesus our Savior physically rose from death, and now promises that one day we and all who are in their graves will arise to live again. Give thanks for that great victory. It assures

us that we need not fear death that our load of sin and guilt has been taken away, and Jesus' promise of eternal life in heaven is true. So come and worship your living and victorious Savior King. His powerful hands have indeed won the victory. Christ is raised, He is raised indeed!

A blessed and happy Easter to all our families.  
Pastor Belter

## **Church News**

### ➤ **School and Church Office Hours**

Regular office hours for the school year are Mon – Fri 7:15 am-4:00 pm. The church office will be closed Friday April 2 and Monday April 5.

### ➤ **Scrip Information**

Please email [accountant@riverviewlutheran.org](mailto:accountant@riverviewlutheran.org) or call 920.733.3728 to place your order.

### ➤ **Holy Week Worship Schedule 2021**

#### **Good Friday, April 2**

Tre Ore Service (at St. Paul, Appleton)

12:00-3:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Services

3:30 & 6:30 pm

#### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

Easter Festival Services 6:45, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am

*Masks are required for all of these services.*

*Leadership will be meeting after Easter to determine plans for worship going forward.*

### ➤ **Open Forum and Congregational Meeting**

Responding to the recently completed Space Needs study, the Riverview Planning Council is recommending that we purchase the Fox Valley Nursery property and authorize funds and committees to begin plans for expansion and renovation of our facility. The complete [space needs study report](#) was sent out by email last week. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend congregational open forums on Sunday, April 11, at 11:45 am, and on Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 pm, to learn more about the recommendation, ask questions, and share input and ideas.

Our Congregational Voters Meeting, to be held on Sunday, April 25, at 11:45 am, will address this recommendation, approve the 2021-22 ministry budget, and elect board members and officers for the coming year. Please plan to attend.

### ➤ **Divine Calls Extended**

On Sunday, March 28, our congregation extended the following divine calls to teach in our school.

- Mrs. Sarah McElroy - PreK (half-time)
- Miss Barb Arndt - Grade 2 (half-time)
- Mrs. Amber Guthmiller (currently serving at St. Martin, Watertown, SD) - Grades 3-4, Athletic Director

Please keep these sisters in Christ in your prayers, as they deliberate the calls they have received.

➤ **Divine Calls Returned and Received**

- Mr. Benton Witte, an RLS middle school teacher, has returned the call he received to teach in Houston, TX, and will remain at Riverview.
- Mrs. Amy Larson, our current Grade 1-2 teacher has received a divine call to teach grades 1-2 at St. Paul, Algoma, WI. Please keep Mrs. Larson in your prayers, as she deliberates where she can best serve in God's kingdom.

➤ **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Easter egg hunt such a success. We estimate that we had over 200 families attend and a great time was had by all! Thank you to the members who attended and shared this event with their neighbors and friends. A special thank you to Riverview Lutheran Church Youth Group; you are all a blessing to our congregation.

➤ **April Door Offering**

Our April door offering will support WELS Christian Aid and Relief for natural disaster assistance. Give your gifts in the door offering on Sunday April 18, or by indicating "Christian Aid and Relief" on the "other" line of your envelope or electronic offering throughout the month. To learn more about Christian Aid and Relief, visit [wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief/](https://wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief/).

➤ **LWMS**

The next meeting of Riverview's LWMS will be on Saturday, April 10, at 9:00 am. They will be working on a Mother's Day mission project. The spring LWMS rally will be hosted by Mt. Calvary & Bethel at Mt Calvary (N8728 Coop Rd, Menasha), on April 17, 2021. The speaker will be Mr. Jerry Worden, who will speak about Campus Ministry at UW-Stevens Point. Sign up to attend by Friday, April 2.

➤ **Men of His Word Virtual Conference**

Time is running out to sign up for the virtual Men of His Word Conference, to be held Saturday, April 17. The theme is "Separate Yet United." Visit [menofhisword.org](https://menofhisword.org) for more information and registration.

➤ **New Christian Worship Hymnal**

A new *Christian Worship* will be available in the fall of 2021. For more information about how you can help purchase hymnals or other resources, see the flyer and envelope in your church mailbox

➤ **Confirmation**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands will be confirmed on Sunday, May 2, during the 10:30 service, which will be held in the Activity Center (gymnasium). Seating reservations will be opened up to the confirmands' families first and opened up to the congregation after April 18. God bless these 13 young people as they make their final preparations for that day and continue in their walk of faith.

➤ **Recent Membership Changes**

Baptism Joseph Allen Korstad (3.13)  
Called to Glory: Andrew Sturges (3.18)  
Released at own request: Jacob Wettern (3.19)

➤ **Year to Date Offerings - 7/1/2020-2/28/2021**

	Actual	Budget	Difference
General	\$412,642.58	422,414.64	-9772.06
Building	\$75,832.19	\$88,310.56	-\$12,478.37
Synod	\$19,643.53	\$25,368.08	-\$5,724.56
FVL	\$11,814.35	\$15,902.08	-\$4,087.73
TOTAL	\$519,932.65	\$551,995.36	-\$32,062.72

➤ **Average Weekly Attendance**

	Worship		Bible Study
	In Person	Online (worship cards)	
September	155	72	26
October	145	83	27
November	142	82	29
December	149	72	17
January	156	69	16
February	152	78	15
March	180	56	11

**Roadrunner News**

➤ **School Choice Program TWO WEEKS LEFT**

Riverview will again be participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Current RLS students not already participating in the program may apply for 4K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade. Students at other schools who wish to attend Riverview next year can apply for any grade level. This year's application window will be open through April 15th. The application is available at <https://dpi.wi.gov/choice> or linked on our website at [www.riverviewlutheran.org](https://www.riverviewlutheran.org). Please contact Mr. Zimmermann or Mrs. Krueger with questions.