



**THE PREVIEW**

**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW, SERVE, AND STEWARD**

**Advent and Christmas**

Advent begins on December 3, and is the start of the new liturgical calendar. But you may ask, what is Advent, and why are we having both morning and evening worship services on December 24?

Advent means “coming” and is a time of preparation, and expectation of Christmas where we celebrate that Jesus, God’s Son, was born into our world, Emmanuel—God with us. It is a time of looking forward and waiting for the Messiah. Advent is always the four Sundays preceding Christmas Day. Each Sunday has a scriptural theme to help us in our anticipation of the birth of the Savior: The first week calls us to behold the glory of the season with renewed wonder. Advent is a time to be awed by God’s redeeming love for the lost and broken. The second week calls us to reclaim the promises of God spoken in ages past. We observe the Word of God filling our world with hope for the hurting, peace for the restless, and joy for the heavy hearted. The third week is an invitation to wait patiently upon the Lord. In a world where we often lack for patience, Advent reminds us to rest in God’s timing and trust God’s plan. The fourth week challenges us to grow in faithful expectation. As people whose faith often becomes tamed to the miraculous, Advent is a time to remember afresh a God in whom all things are possible.

Just as we cannot have the joyful alleluias of Resurrection Sunday on the day we refer to as Easter without traveling through Holy Week, we cannot remember the miraculous birth of Christ on Christmas Day without our journey through Advent. We must complete all four weeks of Advent before we can arrive at the Nativity!

This December, we have the happy situation of observing both the Fourth Week of Advent and the miracle of the Nativity of Our Lord falling on the same day — Sunday, December 24. With this in mind, we will worship with the final week of Advent at 10:00 AM in a manner that is typical of our usual Sunday morning 8:30 service. Then we will celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with candlelight worship services at 4:30 PM (contemporary worship) and 7:00 PM (traditional worship).

We hope you will come to worship and celebrate both the morning and an evening service!



**Christmas Worship Services**

- 10:00 AM Christmas Eve morning (contemporary service)
- 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (contemporary service)
- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (traditional service)
- 10:00 AM Christmas Day (traditional service)

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## Congregation Council

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**Korbin Harris, On-Call Maintenance**

**Trey Wiegand, On-Call Maintenance**

## Notices

Updated addresses and phone numbers are available by logging into the CCB online directory.

### **Deaths:**

Judy Schroeder (11/03/23)

Charlene Sorenson (11/03/23)

Marilyn Schumacher (11/07/23)

## Pastoral Acts for November 2023

### **Baptisms**

Eleanor Bennett (11/19/23)

### **Weddings**

None

### **Memorials/Funerals**

Theresa Schmoker (11/04/23)

Judy Schroeder 12/03/23 10:00 am.

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## 7 Important Practices to Funding an Ambitious Church Budget From Pastor Steve

What a great Congregational Annual Meeting we had at the end of October. We passed, almost unanimously, an ambitious budget for 2024 (a 25% increase over 2023), mainly because we added back into the budget a full-time Associate Pastor's position. Please hear my, and even more God's, "Well done good and faithful servants" (Matt. 25:23, NIV).

With a 25% increase, it would be normal to think, "How are we going to fund this budget?" In my consideration of this question, and to do my part, I plan to implement the following 7 practices and encourage you to do the same.

1. Center In Jesus' Peace - Let's be honest, 25% is a big increase! It would be common for us to feel fear, stress, anxiety, and concern, but instead of reacting emotionally, let's respond intentionally by centering in Jesus, where he promises peace (see Matt. 11:28-30 and John 14:27).

2. Speak God's Promises about His Church - God makes many, many promises to his people, his Church. Reading and speaking these promises will really help us move from fear and stress and anxiety to God's peace (see Matt. 16:18, Eph. 1:22-23, and Eph. 3:20-21).

3. Remember the Vision/Mission - God has called and sent us to this ministry and mission!!! It will be important to keep in front of us why we are doing what we are doing here! Pray our vision/mission, "We are Christ followers making disciples who: Worship, Grow, Serve and Steward," regularly surrendering yourself to how God will use you to fulfill it.

4. Consult Scripture on Giving - Scripture has much to say about giving. I encourage you to read, meditate upon, memorize, and live these (see Luke 6:38, 2 Cor. 9:6-8, and Mal. 3:10).

5. Be Informed - An informed giver is often a generous giver. Below are some important facts you should know about giving at RLC:

- RLC currently has 166 "giving units," or "individuals/families", who give regularly.
- With 166 "giving units," each giving unit must give approximately \$100 more per month (\$1,200/year) and/or we'll need to increase our 'giving units.' These are very reachable numbers. We can do this!
- Unrestricted vs. Restricted Giving – only unrestricted giving goes to funding our budget. Designated giving (funds restricted by the donor) can only be used for the designated purpose. Designated funds do not fund the annual budget.
- In financially healthy churches, donors fund the annual budget before funding designated ministries. Typically, designated gifts are given as "above and beyond" a regular tithe/offering.
- RLC has a history of stretching ambitious, generous, faith-based giving! Let us be encouraged by generations past to step up and do our part now (see Heb 12:1-3).

6. Pray Continually - Prayer will be the most powerful tool at our (your) disposal. Prayer helps us to know it is God who has, is, and will continue to provide for us.

7. Trust Without Reservation - Finally, having done the work above, we can surrender into God's loving kindness, grace, and peace. This is putting our faith into action knowing God will be faithful.'

*See page 7 for scripture references*

How are we going  
to get there?

## President's Message: We Gather Together

Sandy Steele, Congregation President



### President's Message – Thank You!

As I mentioned in a previous Preview article, “There is a time for everything,…” My time for serving as Congregation President is drawing to a close, after which I'll be moving on to serve elsewhere within RLC – wherever God calls me. Although challenging at times, it has been a true joy, as well as my honor and privilege to serve God in this capacity by serving you. It's also been a time of continual learning and growth – a journey, both personally and spiritually, and you have all played a role in that journey.

I thank everyone for your love and support and I know that same love and support will be extended to your next President, Rick Budzeck, as well as all those serving on Council as your leaders. I ask that you continue your prayers for Pastor Steve, Staff, Council, and your brothers and sisters in Christ, as we venture into yet another season for RLC.

To all of you with whom I've served on Council over the last four years, I want to say “Thank You!!”. I enjoyed working with and getting to know and appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for your encouragement, for your love and support, for “having my back” when most needed, and for all the ways you helped to lead and guide RLC. You all have been and continue to be a blessing from God.

Lastly, I give my extra special “Thank You” to Pastor Steve and Staff for your love and support throughout. You have all been a tremendous help for me and have played a major part in, not only my role at RLC over the last few years, but in my walk with Jesus – you taught me, guided me, counseled me, and the list goes on. I thank God for each of you!

I offer this prayer as my parting message – Father God, thank you for helping me finish all the seasons of my life well. Help me to lean in and listen for your timing and your calling, and I ask that you pour into the people coming up behind me. Give them your guidance and strength, as well as your wisdom and discernment as they support one another and lead RLC's congregation in a spirit of love and humility. It is In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

I wish you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and may God fill you with Love, Joy, Hope, and Peace this Christmas season and beyond.

Sandy Steele

There is a  
time for  
everything.

## From the Council

Kristen Imhoff - Congregation Council Vice-President



Do you think about what you think about? Last month Pastor Steve invited us to share about books we are reading, so I thought I'd share some of the fun I'm having reading a book by Dr. Carolyn Leaf called, "Switch on Your Brain." Dr. Leaf is a Christian neuroscientist who does research on how thinking changes the brain structurally (including the expression of DNA) and therefore effects behavior. That means what we think about really does matter – but we know that already, right? That's exactly what the Bible tells us! Check out these verses:

- 2 Tim 1:7: God has given us a sound mind;
- 2 Cor 10:5: Take every thought captive to obey Christ;
- Rom 12:2: Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Dr. Leaf (and other scientists) are finding that some thoughts are harmful while others are healing and helpful. So, I started to wonder, "What healing and helpful thoughts could I start pouring into my brain?" As a Christian, I know where to start—what did Jesus do?

Jesus centered his thinking on God: God's presence, God's Word, God's promises. If my life's foundation is going to be on God, the solid rock, then building circuits of "God thoughts" sounds like a key starting point. This idea, too, is found in Scripture: "Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Phil 4:8). By laying an ever deeper foundation of God thoughts in my brain, I increase the odds that my behavior will become more God-honoring and I will be better equipped to do God's work, as Jesus did.

Dr. Leaf says 5-16 minutes a day of meditation can build new circuits. As part of my "Just Do One!" commitment (2024 Ministry Plan), I'm setting an intention to experiment with this by spending time thinking about God's promises. I've pulled promises from the Bible that I think will help me in the issues I'm facing in my life. I'll try other Scripture truths after that. Thankfully, God has given us his Word in abundance!

I get a kick out of how science always seems to be "catching up" to the Bible. This "discovery" is pretty simple to implement and I encourage you to give it a try, too!

Kristin Imhoff

"Switch On  
Your Brain".

## Financial Update

From Jeanne Dillner, Finance Officer

### January - November 2023 RLC Financial Snapshot

Income	Budget	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)
\$684,179	\$727,775	\$829,725	(\$145,546)




If you have any questions please contact Jeanne Dillner or Lisa Wiegand.

For those who have not made the switch to online giving, and still utilize paper envelopes, your 2024 box will be in your mailbox in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall by December 17. **Please do not use these new envelopes until January 1!** Your offering number *may be changing* in 2024, and if you use a 2024 envelope in 2023, your contribution may be mis-attributed to someone else!

After making your December 31 contribution, please dispose of any unused envelopes in your 2023 box. Begin using your new box of envelopes on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

#### The envelopes in your box:

- Initial Offering—a gift made in this envelope helps to offset the expense RLC incurs in purchasing boxes of offering envelopes.
- White dated envelopes—these are for your regular tithes/offerings to the general fund of the church.
- Green GNMM—these monthly envelopes are for gifts made above and beyond your regular tithe/offering in this new-this-year envelope designated to support the ministries of Good News Media Ministry.
- Pink designated giving—these monthly envelopes are for gifts made above and beyond your regular tithe/offering to council-approved designated funds such as food pantry, RLC Foundation, etc.
- Seasonal giving—these special envelopes are for gifts made above and beyond your regular tithe/offering at special holiday worship services (Ash Wednesday, Lent, etc.).

 **Pushpay** Online giving - Convenient. Easy. Secure.

*Scan this QR code to make an online tithe, offering or gift to RLC, or by clicking the "Give" link at the log-in portal webpage.*



**Christmas Jazz  
Night  
December 8th**

Join us for a dessert & appetizer potluck in the Fellowship Hall for an evening featuring Christmas jazz by the Three Rivers Saxtette.

Please invite your friends to this fun event!

## Safety & Security Ministry Team



The newly created RLC Safety and Security Ministry Team exists to help assure RLC is a welcoming, safe, and secure place to make disciples who worship, grow, serve, and steward. The Council-created team exists to manage and minimize risk and liability to RLC by the prevention of incidents on Richland Lutheran Church property.

The good news: we're doing all the right things, according to the Richland Police Department. We're talking about it, we have a robust camera system, doors are locked, and there are staff and volunteer policies in place regarding at-risk populations. The bad news: we're not alone; RPD says other churches have reported vandalism, theft, and other crimes.

In the future, you will see Safety and Security Hosts on Sundays – members of the congregation who are the eyes and ears during services and who can help during an emergency. If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of this role, we encourage you to reach out to us.

You will also see more communication and reminders on this topic: do you know where our fire extinguishers are? AEDs? Where the emergency exits are? (Hint: look at the laminated card in the backs of the pews.) Do you know what the church address is in case you need to call 911? (Another hint: 901 Van Giesen Street.) And it's about time we've had a fire drill.

Increasing everyone's awareness of risk and building a see-something-say-something culture isn't something we generally like to talk about. As we do life together, sometimes it means being a little uncomfortable and acknowledging the risks inherent in today's culture – while improving safety and reducing unnecessary risk. Together, we all can help keep RLC a warm, welcoming, and safe place as we advance the Kingdom of God and make the name of Jesus known.

Yours in Christ,

The Safety and Security Ministry Team  
(Destry Henderson, Glenn Edgemon, Jon Erlandson, Gary Weible, Bill Bishop, Carl Imhoff, Mark Underwood, Bob Parr)

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Scripture References:

- \* Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
- \* John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
- \* Matthew 16:18 “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”
- \* Ephesians 1:22-23 “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”
- \* Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

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## Operation Christmas Child

### December Operation Christmas Child request: PRAYER!



165 boxes sent in 2022,  
239 boxes sent in 2023!

This month, we ask that you pray for the children who receive the boxes we packed, that through these simple gifts, they come to understand they are loved by God. Pray for the volunteers who travel with the boxes around the world and distribute them to the children, that their service in the name of the Lord is a joyful expression of agape love.

**Thank you for your support of this ministry. Because of your generosity, we were able to pack and ship 239 boxes this year!** On the morning of packing day, we had funds to ship 234 boxes. When we counted the boxes, we were excited to see we not only met but exceeded that number, but wondered where the extra shipping money would come from. Then, we remembered that earlier in the evening, well before we knew how many boxes were to be packed, a congregation member had mentioned she was dropping a check into the tithe box in the narthex. When the check was removed from the box, we gave thanks to God, as the amount was *exactly* what was needed to cover the shipping expense of the extra five boxes! In the words of the Super Kids, "YAY GOD!!"

## Volunteer Opportunities at RLC

### Ushers & Communion Assistants

We are in need of **ushers and communion assistants** for the 11:00 am worship service. Please contact Jenny Page if you would be interested in serving as an usher or communion assistant once a month.

### Tutoring

The **Jefferson Tutoring Team** is also looking for a couple more people who would enjoy tutoring students at Jefferson Elementary School. Volunteers need to pass a background check at both RLC and the school district. Contact Betty Quinn for info.

### Packing of Lunches

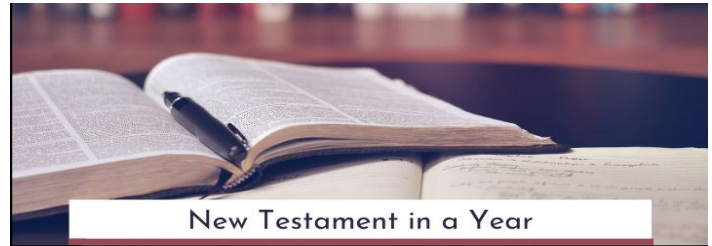
We are in need of additional volunteers for packing of weekend lunches for Sacagawea Elementary. We meet twice a month on Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Patti Miller for more information at 509-420-0485.

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- \* Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
- \* 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."
- \* Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."
- \* Hebrews 12:1-3: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."



## Read Through the New Testament in 2024



### January starts a new reading plan!

In 2024, we will be reading together through the poetic books of Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations, as well as the major and minor prophets. This reading series will follow a similar rhythm as our New Testament reading in 2023, with most readings being just a chapter per day, Monday through Friday. Weekends will be unscheduled times for rest and reflection, or catch up as needed. The Thursday morning discussion group will continue to meet with Pastor Steve, and all are welcome to come join in when you're available.

New reading schedule booklets will be available in the narthex and the fellowship hall by the end of December. A PDF with clickable links to each day's readings will also again be posted on the church website, and in the church app.

Our prayer for you in this ministry continues to be that God's Word will be hidden in your heart (Ps. 119:11), and that the Word will dwell in you richly (Col. 3:16). Happy Reading!



**Remember to join Pastor Steve on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM in the friendship room for discussion of the week's readings!**

### New Testament in a Year

### December Readings

<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	12/1/2023	Revelation 2
	Saturday	12/2/2023	
	Sunday	12/3/2023	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday	12/4/2023	Revelation 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday	12/5/2023	Revelation 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday	12/6/2023	Revelation 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	12/7/2023	Revelation 6
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	Saturday	12/9/2023	
	Sunday	12/10/2023	
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	Sunday	12/17/2023	
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	Saturday	12/30/2023	
	Sunday	12/31/2023	



<b>December 2023</b>			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 5:00 PM Youth NA 6:00 PM AA	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 10:00 AM Judy Schroeder Memorial Service
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 9:30 AM Healing Prayer Advisory Team 10:00 AM Mid-Week PM Activities 2:00 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Super Kids! (Emmanuel and Christmas Story) 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Youth	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Read the NT Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 10:30 AM Preaching Team 5:00 PM Steele Small Group	<b>8</b> 5:00 PM Youth NA 6:00 PM AA 6:00 PM Christmas Jazz Night	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 9:30 AM Healing Prayer Advisory Team 10:00 AM Mid-Week PM Activities 11:30 AM Packing Wknd Lunches for Kids 1:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 2:00 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Super Kids! Christmas Party 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Youth	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Read the NT Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 1:00 PM Outreach Team Meeting 5:00 PM Steele Small Group	<b>15</b> 4:00 PM Deadline for Preview Articles 5:00 PM Youth NA 6:00 PM AA	<b>16</b> 7:00 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 9:30 AM Healing Prayer Advisory Team 10:00 AM Mid-Week PM Activities 10:30 AM Diakonia—Luther Senior Center Luncheon 2:00 PM Knitting Group	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Read the NT Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:00 PM Steele Small Group	<b>22</b> 5:00 PM Youth NA 6:00 PM AA	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
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**No Sunday School on December 24 & 31!  
Classes will resume on January 7**



Super Kids! is a mid-week ministry for children in kindergarten thru 5th grade. We meet in person on Wednesdays from **6:00-7:15 PM, in room 4!**

Each week, we learn biblical truths from God's Word, and generally have a lot of fun with crafts, games, and silliness. Come join us!

This year, we will be experiencing the whole story of the New Testament! It's more than just the "greatest hits" or "most popular stories," it's "What's In the Bible!" This curriculum is designed to engage children in the whole narrative of God's Word. The Bible is not just a book of rules, but a book of rescue — the beautiful story of the Father who longs to be in relationship with every one of us, and who went to extraordinary measures to bring us into His Kingdom! We want children to be on a lifelong journey of relationship with the Living God!

12/02 Emmanuel and the Christmas Story

12/13 Christmas Party

12/20 No Super Kids - Christmas Break

12/27 No Super Kids - Christmas Break

Questions? Contact Jenny Page ([jenny.page@richlandlutheranchurch.com](mailto:jenny.page@richlandlutheranchurch.com))

## **RLC Christian Education Scholarship Committee 2023**

The Richland Lutheran Church Council and the Richland Lutheran Church Christian Scholarship Committee have awarded a total of two scholarships this Fall for next year, 2024. We are pleased to announce the scholarship recipients from our congregation are Amanda Daniels and Jeanne Dillner.

Amanda Daniels will continue to work on her courses at Fuller Theological Seminary. Amanda's coursework will lead in her earning a Masters of Divinity. Her ultimate goal is to serve God by being a lead pastor in a congregation. Her graduation will be in 2028.

Jeanne Dillner also continues coursework at Fuller Theological Seminary. She is taking classes working toward a Master of Divinity. Jeanne's coursework will also have an emphasis in chaplaincy work.

We congratulate and celebrate the commitment Amanda and Jeanne have made to their growth and service to God through their educational goals. We pray for God's blessing and direction for each of them as they continue their studies and work.

RLC Christian Education Scholarship Committee  
Donna Brown, Julie Gearheard, Norene Erlandson

## Youth Activities

### MERGE High School Youth Group

Check the schedule for our events this month, because things look a little different!

High school students, join us for our combined High School Youth Group with West Side Church!

- Dec. 3rd - 4pm-6pm @ West Side
- Dec.10th - 4pm-6pm @ West Side
- Dec.17th - 4pm-6pm - CHRISTMAS PARTY!  
**(Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift)**
- Dec. 24th - NO MERGE
- Dec. 31st - NO MERGE

Middle School and High School Students:  
Come join us for these fun youth activities!

### Wednesday Night Youth Group

6:00 - 7:15 PM

Middle School Room (upstairs)

**\*\*No Wed. Night Youth Group on 12/20 & 12/27\*\***

Join us on Wednesday evenings from for a youth group gathering in the middle school room upstairs. We will have some teaching or activity each week, and grow together!

### Confirmation Hour

Sundays - 9:45 AM  
Confirmation Classroom

**\*No Confirmation Hour 12/24 & 12/31\***

All middle school students are invited to join us for Confirmation instruction and lessons with Kristen Imhoff each Sunday morning!

### 2nd Sunday Parent/Family Coffee Hour

December 10th - 9:45 AM  
Friendship Room

Parents/families of RLC, come join Amanda on the 2nd Sunday of each month! There will be some teaching content, and we'll have some space to connect, and talk about raising kids together. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions about any of the above activities please contact Amanda Daniels.

## Worship Support for December - Last Updated 11/20/23

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Advent 1 Sunday Dec. 3</i>	<i>Advent 2 Sunday Dec. 10</i>	<i>Advent 3 Sunday Dec. 17</i>	<i>Advent 4 Sunday Dec. 24 10 AM</i>	<i>Sunday Dec. 31</i>
Acolytes	8:30	David Nauts Theo Nauts	Carter Maier Paige Maier	Soren Miles Trell Miles	Bentley Daniels Olivia Benjamson	Soren Miles Trell Miles
	11:00	Shay Daniels	Braedy Ingram	Olivia Benjamson		Bentley Daniels Lily Kissire
<i>Children's Church Leader/Helper</i>	11:00	**** Karen Clark	Julie Bishop Mark Underwood	Liz Christensen ****	n/a	Tim Daniels Lauren Heaslet
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	8:30	Sue Meek	Sandi Edgemon	Pastor Paul Berthelot	Amanda Daniels	Amanda Daniels
	11:00	Valerie Bettinson	Brandon Wheeler	****		****
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Sandi Edgemon Ken Meek Sue Meek	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Charles Davis Erlan Leitz Jan Leitz	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Sandi Edgemon Norm Gillette Sara Gillette	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Vicki Glasford Lois Harrold Kathy Killand	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Charles Davis Kathy Killand
	11:00	Pastor Steve Ernst Valerie Bettinson Karen Clark	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Brandon Wheeler	Pastor Steve Ernst Kathy Umbarger Vicki Glasford		Pastor Steve Ernst **** ****
<i>Communion Prep / Clean Up</i>	Before 8:30	Joanne Woehle	Jan Leitz	Vicki Jordheim	<b>Before &amp; After 10AM</b> Jon & Norene Erlandson	Kathy Killand
	Between 8:30 & 11:00	Joanne Woehle	Jan Leitz	Vicki Jordheim		Kathy Killand
	After 11:00 & Before 5:00	Linda Totten	Amanda Kissire	Jennifer Benoit	n/a	Betty Quinn
	After 5:00	Linda Totten Diane Bonin	Marcia Vogel Kelly Arnzen	Jennifer Benoit		Betty Quinn
<i>Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00	Linda Totten Diane Bonin	Marcia Vogel Kelly Arnzen	Jennifer Benoit	n/a	Betty Quinn Felix Quinn
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30	Sue Meek	Charles Davis	Norm Gillette	Vicki Glasford	Kathy Killand
	11:00	Karen Clark	Valerie Bettinson	Vicki Glasford		Bentley Daniels
<i>Projection Technician</i>	8:30	Adam Pilger	Lori Maier	Heather Colburn	Diane Bonin	Heather Colburn
	11:00	Valerie Silva	Adam Pilger	Kris Mitchell		Valerie Bettinson
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 Lead	Fred Kremmer Gary Weible	Jim Peterson Kyia Miles	Matthew Sterkel ****	Jon Erlandson ****	Matthew Sterkel Fred Ball
	8:30 Asst.	Kyia Miles Trell Miles	Sandi Edgemon ****	David Curran Jem Curran	**** ****	Jim Lachut ****
	11:00	Alyce Budzeck ****	Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck	Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder	Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck	Alyce Budzeck ****
<i>Recycling</i>		Karen Clark	Todd Maier	Kathy Snyder	Valerie Silva	Valerie Bettinson
<i>GNMM Production Team</i>	8:30 & 11:00	Brian Killand Ed Cox	Mike Bettinson Mark Underwood	Drew Snyder Ed Cox	Scott Carswell Adam Pilger	Brian Killand Mike Bettinson
<i>Cashiers</i>	Monday 9:00	Nancy Ballard Lori Hogan	Kristen Imhoff Norene Eggers- Erlandson	Kathy Snyder Janet Budzeck	<b>Tues. Dec. 26 Nancy Ballard Debbie Honeyman</b>	<b>Tues. Jan. 2</b> Nancy Ballard Joanne Woehle
<i>Flowers</i>		Gearheard		Bishop		

## Worship Support for Christmas Services - Last Updated 11/20/23

Date/Time	Acolytes	Comm. Prep/Clean Up	Comm. Asst.	Lector	Usher	Asst. Minister	Projection Tech.	GNMM
Christmas Eve 4:30 PM	Shay Daniels Braedy Ingram Paige Ingram Lily Kissire Lillian Spinato	n/a	n/a	Karen Clark	Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	Amanda Daniels	****	Scott Carswell Mark Underwood
Christmas Eve 7:00 PM	Carter Maier Paige Maier Soren Miles Trell Miles David Nauts	n/a	n/a	Ken Meek	Jim Peterson Matthew Sterkel Fred Ball (asst.) Marilyn Ball (asst.)	Pastor Paul Berthelot	Heather Colburn	n/a
Christmas Day 10:00 AM	n/a	Charles Davis	Pastor Steve Charles Davis	Charles Davis	Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar	Pastor Steve Ernst	n/a	n/a

### Please check over the schedule carefully.

If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please trade with someone (either call/email them, or use the “swap” option in the online scheduling portal). “\*\*\*\*” **indicates an available service opportunity.** If you can fill in, please log into the church website portal and check the “My Serving” opportunities on your profile, or call the church office (509-943-3164).

## Good News Media Ministry Fall Fundraiser Results

Approximately 180 quilts were placed in the sanctuary and blessed on October 29, 2023. Four more quilts were finished and added to the sanctuary before the sale.

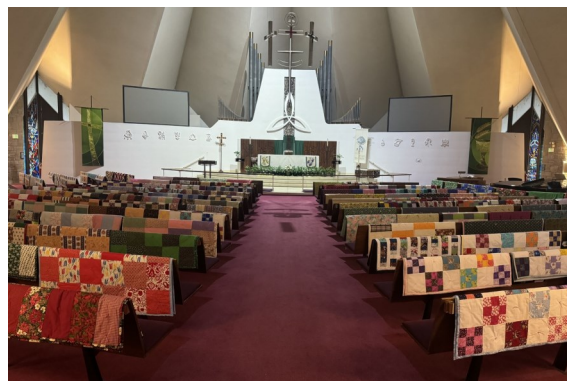
Total sales for the event were \$4347.50

We were able to donate to our community through the following organizations:

Union Gospel Mission  
Tri-City Cancer Center  
Domestic Violence Center  
Brookdale  
Richland Life Care  
World Relief  
My Friend’s Place  
Richland Rehab

Total quilts donated were 123!

We would like to thank the family of Carol Schmid and any others that donated material and crafts to be sold by our Sewing Bee group. Your donations and attendance at this sale each year is greatly appreciated.





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**Coffee Hour**  
after worship in the  
**Fellowship Hall**

Come enjoy a cup of coffee, treats, and conversation  
between services each week!

Also, if you are interested in **hosting** Coffee Hour  
contact Amanda Daniels.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
Sunday evenings at 5 PM

The morning services  
will be livestreamed.

Go to [richlandlutheran.org](http://richlandlutheran.org) or  
[https://www.youtube.com/@RichlandLutheran  
Church/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@RichlandLutheranChurch/streams)

*For another option you can watch  
**Good News Today***

Aired Sunday mornings on  
KVEW 42 and KAPP 35 at 9:00 AM  
Recorded videos of our service can be found on  
our YouTube Channel  
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