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May 3 & 4
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May 3 & 4

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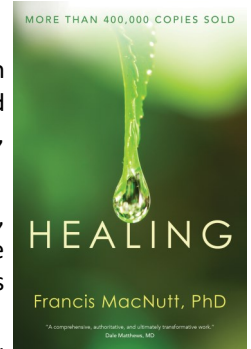
We're also looking for a new chair & co-chairperson for this event for next year.

An Invitation to Learn About Healing Prayer

By Sandy Edgemon

Does God call and empower us -- ordinary Richland Lutheran Church Christians -- to heal those who are sick physically, mentally, emotionally, and deliver them from evil spirits? If we believe the Bible, the answer is, emphatically, "Yes."

- Jesus ministered to people and healed them. After he called the disciples, "Jesus went through Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people." (Matthew 4:18)
- Jesus gave the disciples "power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick." (Luke 9:1-2)
- Jesus, "appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go... Heal the sick who are there and tell them 'The kingdom of God is near you...' The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.'" (Luke 10:1-23)
- As Christians, we are Jesus' disciples, so we follow Jesus and do what he did. He commissions us with all authority in heaven and earth given to him. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey everything he commanded. (Matthew 28:18-20)



Jesus' commission applies to all Christians – yes, even us – even today. God uses ordinary Christians every day to heal the sick and hurting through the Holy Spirit's power and in Jesus' name.

Conducting healing prayer should be as normal to us as worship, communion, baptism, and Bible reading. **Beginning April 7, at 9:45 AM in the Friendship Room**, we're going to learn more about healing ministry using *Healing*, a book by Francis MacNutt, PhD, an expert in the modern healing ministry revival. Join the study by signing up in the narthex and picking up your book, or contacting the church office, and join us as often as you can to understand healing prayer, how God equips us, and how to minister to others through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Notices

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

Pastoral Acts for March 2024

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Memorials/Funerals

Paula Ard - 01/13/24

Virginia Tews - 02/24/24

JoAnn Castleman - 02/29/24

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Richland Lutheran Church: On A Mission from God

Jake Blues has recently gotten out of prison. He and brother Elwood Blues decide to reform their band, *The Blues Brothers Band*, to raise money for an orphanage. As the brothers travel the country finding bandmates, causing all kinds of wreckage along the way, they regularly proclaim, “We’re on a mission from God.” They have come to understand their noble work to help this orphanage as God’s work.

When you think of your church’s noble work, we call it mission, “To make disciples who worship, grow, serve and steward.” Do you believe it to be God’s work? Do you believe it to be God’s work for you? Are you prepared to tell others, “We’re on a mission from God?” More importantly, are you prepared to be on a mission for God? To be a disciple? To make other disciples? And we know this mission is from God, because Jesus gave it directly when he said, “Go make disciples!”

There’s much you can say about Jake and Elwood Blues, but you certainly couldn’t call them dispassionate about their work to save St. Helen of the Blessed Shroud orphanage. That’s because they deeply connect with it. It was the orphanage they grew up in themselves. It’s easy to remain unconnected from the work of the church when you don’t connect to its noble work, it’s mission.

So, I encourage you to prayerfully prepare and faithfully join us for our Easter season sermon series, “On a Mission from God.” Where together we will connect with and become passionate about being and making disciples. Richland Lutheran Church family, “We’re putting the band back together” to make disciples who worship, grow, serve and steward and we need you!

Grace & Peace,

Steve

On A Mission from God Sermon Series Schedule

April 7	The Great Commission: Becoming and Making Disciples
April 14	Disciples Who Worship
April 21	Disciples Who Grow
April 28	Disciples Who Serve
May 5	Disciples Who Steward
May 12	Living God’s Mission: Just Do One Ministry Plan!

Invitation

With joy and thanksgiving we are invited to the installation of **Kelly Westlund** as the pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Kent, WA. The service will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 1:00 pm with a luncheon following. If you would like to attend, **please RSVP** by calling Zion Lutheran at 253-631-0100 or visit their website at www.zionkent.org before April 21st.



From the Council

Rick Budzeck, Council President



I now have two council meetings under my belt, but I am a long way from really knowing what needs to be done and how to do it. Fortunately, there are a number of council members who have

the experience and are willing to help me.

As I mentioned last month, we are always looking for church members willing to serve in one way or another, so don't be afraid to ask if there is something you can do to help. There are many tasks that don't take up a lot of time and sharing the load keeps one individual from doing too much.

Church safety has become more of an issue than in the past, so the council is looking at ways to keep everyone safe whether they are attending church services or working in the church during the day. We have added cameras and keep the church locked most of the time to keep the staff and the property protected. Unfortunately, times have changed and we must change with them.

We keep the Associate Pastor position on the council agenda so that we can gauge when might be the best time to put together a call committee. Once we feel God's calling and the financial support is there we will move forward.

Again, the council is there to serve Christ and the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please share them with us and we will try our best to resolve the issue.

As always in Christ,

Rick

Vicki Glasford, Member At Large

To Live a Surrendered Life

“I have been crucified with Christ.” - Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

Having recently observed Good Friday, the thought of being crucified is very scary. It is terrifying to imagine myself nailed to a cross, as Jesus was. Even more so to think about the pain that He endured, especially as He cried out “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” - Matthew 27:46 (NIV). We know, as we study God's Word, that this is a fulfilment of a psalm of David, who asks God the same question and implores “Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?”- Psalm 22:1 (NIV). Yet, it has always bothered me to think that God could forsake, that is to abandon or turn away from, His beloved Son, Jesus. It is hard to understand this because we know Jesus was innocent. We know He lived a perfect life, that He had done nothing to lose the favor of God, that He had in fact completed His work on earth as God had ordained it. So why, I have wondered, would God forsake Him? But did He really? I found the answer I needed in the words of the prophet Isaiah: “Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”- Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV). Ahhh...light bulb moment: OUR transgressions, OUR iniquities! God did not forsake His Son. Because Jesus bore the sin that is on all mankind, what He experienced in that last terrible hour on Good Friday was the manifestation of God's hatred of sin itself. Yes, Jesus suffered for us, because of our sin, and it is by that suffering that we are saved. “And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” 1 John 5:11 (NIV). To that I say, “Thank you!” I praise God for His good and perfect plan to save ME, to give me eternal life. So, now what? Well, now I need to live my life surrendered to Christ.

How do we live a surrendered life? Oswald Chambers, in My Utmost for His Highest, says “To become one with Jesus Christ, a person must be willing to not only give up sin, but also to surrender his whole way of looking at things.” We must therefore confess our sin, seek forgiveness, and stop sinning. We must be willing to let go of our old way of thinking and living to grasp, to take hold of the new way. We must be willing to do so, even knowing that we are in no way worthy of God's favor. Or, as Chambers puts it “we must surrender all pretense that we are anything, and give up all our claims of even being worthy of God's consideration.” Ouch! It is helpful to look at this in a different light, by turning to the Word. In Ephesians 2:3-5 (NIV), Paul tells us, “Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.” Paul emphasizes this point further in verse 8: “for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” This is such a crucial point! It is a gift! We just need to accept it. I know I am not worthy of this precious gift, so what can I possibly give God to show my gratitude, my appreciation, my love for Him? I can give nothing short of surrendering my entire life to Him.

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Ministry Minute - KAIROS

KAIROS OUTSIDE OF EASTERN WASHINGTON



It is my pleasure to introduce you to a ministry that has become so deeply important in my life. Kairos Outside is one of three programs of the ministry of Kairos Prison Ministries International (KPMI).

Kairos Outside is a 2 ½ day Christian Weekend designed to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support, a weekend that ministers to women ages 20 and over who have been impacted by incarceration, either their own incarceration or that of a family member or loved one. This weekend is completely free to our guests as it is completely funded by our team members and our Advisory Council and donations by friends like you. Kairos Outside offers to these women a safe environment with loving people, a place to be with women who are in similar situations, to be able to share their stories in complete confidentiality. These are the women who "do time" right along with their loved ones. These are the women who experience judgement, isolation, and rejection from the world around them. At a Kairos Weekend what they receive is the unconditional, non-judgmental love of Jesus through the words, actions, and even surprises, given by the women leading the weekend! I received that same love and support on a weekend in 2012, and I have been involved with Kairos Outside of Eastern Washington ever since.

Kairos Outside of Eastern Washington will be holding our 2024 weekend on April 26-28th, 2024, and we are so thrilled that Richland Lutheran Church has offered it's facility for that weekend! I will be the weekend leader, and we will be hosting up to 30 women as guests and 25-30 men and women who will be leading the weekend. If you are a woman of 20+ years who has been impacted by incarceration, I would like to invite you to be our guest for this wonderful, beautiful, life-changing weekend. Or, if you know a woman who would benefit from a weekend like this, please talk to me anytime after the 8:30 service, or call me at (509)947-2120. I will gladly answer any questions and help you in any way I can. Kairos Outside brochures are available in the Fellowship Hall in the brochure holders on the wall.

We are also inviting volunteers to serve as Day Angels who serve as background workers to support the team and guests on the weekend as kitchen support, facilities support and background community room support for our weekend team. Day Angel Applications are available in the brochure holders on the wall in the Fellowship Hall.

And last, I would like to invite you to attend one or both of two special events on our week, Walking in Love (which I can't describe here because it would ruin the surprise for any of our guests), and our weekend closing service on Sunday, April 28th, at 2:30pm to support the women who have been courageous enough to take the leap of faith to attend our weekend. I can't even begin to express how grateful and amazed our guests are that people they don't know support and accept them with the love of Christ as they continue on their journey to wholeness. I know that this congregation has a huge loving collective heart for supporting others who need help. I and my family have received that love and acceptance.



Thank you for being the light of Christ to our Kairos family.
Sue Meek

- Continued from page 4, Vicki Glasford

Again, how do we do that? We must pray and seek God's help. We must ask Him to show us His will for us. The Holy Spirit will come along side to guide us. For me, this is an ongoing process, not a "one and done" moment. I know that we will receive yet another wonderful gift: Sanctification. God will wash us, cleanse us, and consecrate us. That is, we will be "set aside" to be made holy for God's purpose. God sanctifies us not because we are "good" or worthy, but, once more, because of His great mercy. He sanctifies us by the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ: "you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." - 1 Corinthians 6:11 (NIV)

Once we identify with Christ's death on the cross and allow our old selves to be crucified with Him, we surrender our lives to Him, and we live for Him. Paul tells us "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." - Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

As we reflect on being crucified with Christ and surrendering all that we have and all that we are to Him, be assured that God will equip us for the journey. Let us also walk beside one another supporting, loving, and encouraging each other, as we "do life together" along the way.

Living Joyfully in Him,
Vicki

Chapter a Day Reading Plan 2024

In 2024, we began 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!

Financial Update

Jeanne Dillner, Finance Officer

February 2024

Income

\$199,822

Budget

\$181,940

Expense

\$147,232

Gain/(Loss)

\$52,590

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



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New Ministry

RLC Cheers for Chief Joseph Middle School



We are excited to share with you about a new outreach opportunity at Chief Joseph Middle School (CJMS). While CJMS is our neighbor located only one block from RLC, there are currently no RLC members with students at CJMS or going to attend CJMS in the future. It seems our membership may not be represented in our neighborhood. By partnering with the school and having a presence on campus we can provide services to the school, students and families and foster relationships with our neighbors. We made our first introductions with the Principal and Vice Principal in a meeting in late February, we expressed our desire to be good neighbors and asked how we could help. They were very receptive and invited RLC to partner with them in their Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. We are able to attend the program staff meetings and participate in the weekly prize give aways to students.

After only four weeks we are establishing relationships with staff and students. Further opportunities include praying for the CJMS community, volunteering in the school, attending games and performances to cheer for students, and attending and contributing to school events such as family enrichment nights. God has provided this opportunity to love our neighbors! We look forward to seeing what God will do to grow the ministry and further His Kingdom. If you would like to be a part of this new ministry, please contact **Kris Mitchell** or **Amanda Daniels**.

New Daytime Grief Support Group

To enhance our Grief Ministry an in-person grief support group meets each Monday at 1:30 pm in the Friendship Room. This month we will explore ways we can express the grief we are experiencing. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Merri Buck.

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TRI-CITIES

APRIL FOCUS:

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Razors/Shaving cream
- Band-aids
- Lotion
- Dental
- Floss/Toothbrushes

The Outreach Team is gathering gently used items for World Relief Tri-Cities. We have gained several hundred refugee families in the Tri-Cities and they are in desperate need of many items. This month we would like to focus on gathering “**Personal items**” for them. The full list is in the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. A box is available to donate these items in the Fellowship Hall and clearly marked World Relief. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Bonin or Merri Buck.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us Sunday mornings
at 9:45 AM!
Ages Preschool through
5th grade.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Vacation Bible School
will be in the evenings,
Monday-Thursday,
June 24-27!

At SCUBA, kids will explore what it means to

have a friendship with God! Come make a splash and dive into an adventure learning about Jesus! Hope to "sea" you there!

If you are interested in helping kids know and love Jesus, contact Jenny Page (jenny.page@richlandlutheranchurch.com) about being involved with this exciting, life changing ministry. The **more volunteers** we have, the **more kids** we are able to accommodate for this short-term commitment serving opportunity. *Whether you are available for 10 hours or 10 weeks, there is something you can do to help!*

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1!
Scan the QR code to register!



SuperKids!

SuperKids! 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!

April 10 - Justification, Grace & Faith

April 17 - Righteousness

April 24 - Epistles Part 1

May 1 - Epistles Part 2

May 8 - Wheels Night

May 15 - SuperKids Olympics (*last SuperKids! until Fall*)

Questions? Contact Jenny Page
(jenny.page@richlandlutheranchurch.com)

Operation Christmas Child - 239 Boxes sent in 2023!

April request: Toys

This month, we are collecting: Hot Wheel-type cars, small Lego-type sets, small-boxed puzzles, jump ropes, travel-sized board games, coloring books & crayons, small dolls (baby dolls, "rag" dolls, fashion dolls), flip flops, other small character toys (no war related items). Super-hero items are okay, as long as it does not have a weapon; etc. Items may be placed in the Christmas Box near the mailboxes in the fellowship.

RLC Youth Activities!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

All middle school students are invited
to join us!

Wednesday Night Middle School Youth Group

*****will return after
Spring break*****

Confirmation Hour with Kristen Imhoff

**Sundays - 9:45 AM
Confirmation Classroom**

HIGH SCHOOL

MERGE High School Youth Group

**Sunday's from 4:00 - 6:00 PM
RLC's High School room**

All high school students are welcome
to join us for our combined Youth
Group with West Side Church!



RLC Families Facebook Page

Families, are you on our

RLC Families

Facebook Page?

Search "**Richland
Lutheran Church
Family Ministry**" and
request to join. Come
join the conversations,
and stay up to date on
what's happening with

2nd Sunday Parent/Family Coffee Hour

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!

Join us Sunday mornings for
Coffee Hour
between worship services
in the Fellowship Hall

*If you have any questions about Coffee Hour or any Youth activities,
contact Amanda Daniels.*

April 2024		
Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>Our calendar changes sometimes daily! Please check the calendar on the website or in the app for the most up to date version.</p>	<p>1 RLC Offices Closed Easter Holiday 3:30 PM 4H Club Meeting</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM Nominating Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p>7 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV 9:45 AM Coffee Hour, Healing Book Study 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM Evening Worship</p>	<p>8 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Grief Support Group</p>	<p>9 7:00 AM Men's Gathering at Denny's 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM Regular Council Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p>14 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV 9:45 AM Second Sunday Parent Coffee Hour 9:45 AM Coffee Hour, Confirmation Hour, Sunday School, Healing Book Study 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 4:00 PM HS Youth Group 5:00 PM Evening Worship</p>	<p>15 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Grief Support Group 4:00 PM Deadline for Preview Articles 6:30 PM Kairos</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p>21 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV 9:45 AM Coffee Hour, Confirmation Hour, Sunday School, Healing Book Study 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 4:00 PM High School Youth Group 5:00 PM Evening Worship</p>	<p>22 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Grief Support Group 4:30 PM Malt Biblical Stewardship</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM MALT Christian Service 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p>28 KAIROS EVENT 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV 9:45 AM Coffee Hour, Confirmation Hour, Sunday School, Healing Book Study 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 4:00 PM High School Youth Group 5:00 PM Evening Worship</p>	<p>29 YARD SALE PREP 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Grief Support Group</p>	<p>30 YARD SALE PREP 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution</p>

April 2024			
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<p>24</p> <p>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 2:00 PM Knitting Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 11:30 AM Pack Lunches</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Chapter a Day Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KAIROS Event</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Recovery 6:00 PM AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KAIROS Event</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>

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	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sun. Apr. 7</i>	<i>Sun. Apr. 14</i>	<i>Sun. Apr. 21</i>	<i>Sun. Apr. 28</i>
Acolytes	8:30	Soren Miles Trell Miles	Carter Maier Paige Maier	David Nauts Theo Nauts	Soren Miles Trell Miles
	11:00	Lily Kissire	Lillian Spinato	Braedy Ingram	Shay Daniels
<i>Children's Church Leader/Helper</i>	11:00	n/a	Julie Bishop Francine Dohl	Tim Daniels Teriesa Pleyo	Lauren Heaslet Mark Underwood
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	8:30	Sandi Edgemon	Amanda Daniels	Paul Berthelot	Amanda Daniels
	11:00	Valerie Bettinson	Brandon Wheeler	Amanda Daniels	Amanda Daniels
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Kathy Killand Sandi Edgemon	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Jan Leitz Erlan Leitz	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Marcy Jones Valerie Silva	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Kathy Killand ****
	11:00	Amanda Daniels Valerie Bettinson	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels
<i>Communion Prep / Clean Up</i>	Before 8:30	Joanne Woehle	Jan Leitz	****	Vicki Jordheim
	Between 8:30 & 11:00	Joanne Woehle	Jan Leitz	****	Vicki Jordheim
	After 11:00 & Before 5:00	Linda Totten	Amanda Kissire	Jennifer Benoit	Nancy Ballard
	After 5:00	Diane Bonin Linda Totten	Marcia Vogel Kelly Arnzen	Jennifer Benoit	****
<i>Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00	Diane Bonin Linda Totten	Marcia Vogel Kelly Arnzen	Jennifer Benoit	Carl Imhoff
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30	Kathy Killand	Pat Jones	Charles Davis	Lisa Frislie
	11:00	Karen Clark	Bentley Daniels	Patti Miller	Vicki Glasford
<i>Projection Technician</i>	8:30	Adam Pilger	****	Heather Colburn	Lori Maier
	11:00	Valerie Silva	Kris Mitchell	Adam Pilger	Cynthia Wheeler
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 Lead	Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar	**** Kyia Miles	Matthew Sterkel Kyia Miles	Jim Peterson Gary Weible
	8:30 Asst.	Destry Henderson Jim Lachut	David Curran Jem Curran	Bill Bishop Trell Miles	**** ****
	11:00	Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder	Diane Bonin Christopher Bonin	Alyce Budzeck Liz Christensen	Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck
<i>Recycling</i>		Karen Clark	Todd Maier	Fred Kremmer	Kathy Snyder
<i>GNMM Production Team</i>	8:30 & 11:00	Mike Bettinson Mark Underwood	Scott Carswell Ed Cox	Brian Killand Mike Bettinson	Drew Snyder Adam Pilger
<i>Cashiers Mondays, 9AM</i>	Tues. Apr. 2 Nancy Ballard Lori Hogan	Kathy Snyder Debbie Honeyman	Judy Riggers Jon Erlandson	Kristen Imhoff Janet Budzeck	Joanne Woehle Norene Eggers- Erlandson
<i>Flowers</i>		****	****	****	Kim & Greg Ward

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)

Healing Testimony by Rich Olsen

Finding Peace and Healing through the Laying on of Hands and Prayers of Healing

After 5 years of mysterious symptoms, on December 1, 2022, I was diagnosed with a tumor the size of a golf ball in the center of my head, just below the brain, pushing up against my pituitary gland. Due to the location of the tumor, my pituitary gland had stopped producing critical hormones that were affecting my health and well-being. In early January of last year, Diane and I drove to the University of Washington Medical Center to meet with the Neurosurgeon and an Endocrinologist to discuss the tumor, the impacts the tumor has caused now and in the future, and the plan for surgery. I mentioned to the Doctors that we had a trip planned in mid May that we couldn't miss, and the doctors felt certain that I would recover in time to make the trip. It takes about 10-12 weeks to recover after surgery to begin normal activities. A couple days later, I met with the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Specialist who would assist in the surgery. He discussed the surgery in detail and shared with us all the potential risks.

The location of the tumor was in a difficult location that would make it a technical and challenging surgery. The tumor had attached itself to my optic nerve. The goal was to remove all of the tumor, but there was a chance that they would have to leave some of the tumor if there was a chance of causing damage to the optic nerve that could result in blindness or other sight issues. In addition, the tumor was just below the brain, separated by a thin membrane. If the membrane was nicked during surgery, there could be a brain fluid leak and they would need to stop surgery and repair the leak. There was also a risk of nicking my carotid arteries, which were located on each side of the tumor, potentially causing a stroke. To reach the tumor and remove it, the surgeons would go through my nostrils and through the nasal passage, the sinuses, and then drill through a bone to reach it. The ENT informed me that I would lose my sense of smell and taste for up to 3-4 months, with 25% of the patients having this surgery, never recover their sense of smell or taste. And like most surgeries, there is always a risk of death. The good news was that he was fairly certain the tumor was non-cancerous. Surgery was scheduled for February 15th, which gave me six weeks to think and worry about it.

During this time, RLC began a class on the Healing Prayer led by Kathy Umbarger. Diane attended these classes every week and she would share with me what she had learned. In the mean time, I tried not to think about the details of the surgery and prayed not to worry about how much it's going to hurt and about the surgery itself. I prayed for me to accept the consequences of the surgery. I prayed that the medical students would learn while observing the surgery, and if I did lose my sight, or my sense of smell and taste, or if I had a stroke that I would accept what happened and that I could cope with the new challenges. A week before surgery, Kathy Umbarger asked Diane if I would be willing to have a group of people pray over me with prayers of healing. I agreed, and we would meet on the Sunday, two days before the surgery.

On that Sunday, Kathy, Pastor Steve, Kelly Westlund, Diane and I went to a quiet room behind the alter and sat in a circle. Pastor Steve asked me to tell the group about the surgery and what I wanted them to pray for. I mentioned all the risks of the surgery, and I discussed what I had been praying about for the past few weeks, including accepting and coping with the results of the surgery and the potential risks that could happen, etc. I remember Pastor Steve thanked me for sharing those thoughts, but he said we are not going to pray for that. We are going to pray for a "perfect surgery", and that the doctors, the medical technicians, and nurses all have a perfect day, and that I have complete healing from the surgery. Everyone nodded their heads and all agreed. Up to that point, I was trying my best not to be nervous or feel anxious about the surgery over the past several weeks, but it was starting to weigh on my mind and I was feeling anxious and worried. Everyone stood up and touched my head or my arms and shoulders and started praying. I felt their warm touch, and while they prayed, I felt the worry and anxiety leave my body and be replaced by an unbelievable "Peace" and calmness. I sensed the Lord was right there, his arms surrounding me. It was AMAZING! All the worry was gone and was replaced by a feeling of peace that just comforted me. I thanked everyone, gave them hugs and went home to reflect on what I had just experienced. It was the most wonderful feeling, and I mentioned to Diane that was one of the most special experiences in my life. The next day, we drove over to Seattle, and the peace and calmness I felt the day before remained with me. I had no worry or anxiety at all.

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3rd - 6th Grade

July 7, 4:30p – July 10, 11:30a.

*\$225.00

*After April 30th: \$280.00

2024! "TRACKS of the LION"

Join us as we explore C.S. Lewis' classic, "The Horse and His Boy" from the Chronicles of Narnia. We will use daily themes to consider how God might be showing Himself to us each day.



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Contact: Paula Cox

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On Tuesday morning, we were at the hospital at 4:30 am. They took me back to one of the waiting/recovery rooms to start getting ready for the surgery. I still felt at peace, and I sensed the Lord was right there with me. When it was time for me to go into surgery, I climbed onto the operating table, watching all the surgical staff and nurses getting everything ready for the surgery. Just before they put me under, I looked up at all the lights and I could feel God's Peace all around me. It was like a warm blanket floating down from heaven and covering me. I felt so calm. I prayed a quick prayer and thanked him for everything that he had done for me and that I had faith in him that the surgery would go perfect.

During surgery, the lead surgical nurse would call Diane to give her updates of how things were going. Diane relayed to her that there were hundreds of people all over the country praying for them (the surgeons and nurses) to have a perfect day and a perfect surgery. She thanked Diane and mentioned that they love to hear about people praying for them during surgery, and that she would let everyone in the operating room know what Diane had said to her.

I was out of surgery a few hours later and began the recovery process. I had no idea what recovery would be like. It was tough! I focused so much on the surgery that I never gave a thought about what the recovery process would be like. Maybe that was a good thing! A couple weeks later, I had a follow up appointment with the surgeons, and they mentioned that the surgery was technically "perfect" and that they were able to remove all the tumor with no issues. Diane and I looked at each other and just smiled. A few weeks later, I contracted a serious virus with severe dehydration that had me return to the hospital for several days during Holy week. At one point, I wasn't sure if I would survive, but I recovered and I was healed just in time for Diane and I to travel as we had planned. Every prayer was answered! Thank you Jesus, thank you Lord.

In summary, I learned a couple significant lessons in this ordeal. One, don't put limits on what you ask God for. Be bold in your prayers. I realized that I had put limits on God instead of trusting Him for a perfect surgery and health. And second, I recommend anyone who needs healing or is having surgery, call the church office, and have our pastor and/or prayer team pray with you and over you. You will experience the full Love of Christ, His Healing Power, and His Peace.

Grace and Peace,

Rich Olsen



**GOOD NEWS MEDIA MINISTRY YARD SALE
Friday and Saturday, May 3 - 4
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

If you are doing your spring cleaning remember to save your unwanted items to donate for the yard sale. We need a lot of merchandise and helping hands! It has been three years since our last sale so we are looking for some new volunteers and our old reliable ones. There are a lot of opportunities for everyone: sorting donations, pricing items, help with sales, cashiering and cleanup. People are also needed to help customers load items sold during the sale. Thank You!

Please fill out the form below checking all areas where you can help and place it in the mailbox of Karen Filipy or turn it in to the church office.

Items may be dropped off:

Mon, 4/29:	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Tues, 4/30:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Wed, 5/1:	9:00 am - Noon		

Name _____ Phone # _____

Help sort and price items Wed/Thurs between 9 am - 5 pm:

Wed, 5/1 am (and/or) pm

Thu, 5/2 am (and/or) pm

Help during the yard sale Fri/Sat:

Fri, 5/3 7:45 am - 11:00 am (and/or) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sat, 5/4 7:45 am - 11:00 am (and/or) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Help with cleanup Saturday:

Sat, 5/4 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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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**

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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
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