



THE PREVIEW

DECEMBER 2018

Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 23
ONE service at 10:00 AM
(No Sunday School)

The Chancel Choir will present their
Christmas Cantata



Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
at 4:00, 5:30 and 11:00 PM



Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day Worship
10:00 AM

Our Vision and Mission

We are a
 congregation of
 Christ followers
 making disciples
 who
 worship,
 grow,
 serve,
 and steward.

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Member Directory Changes

No changes

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

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Weddings

None

Memorial/Funerals

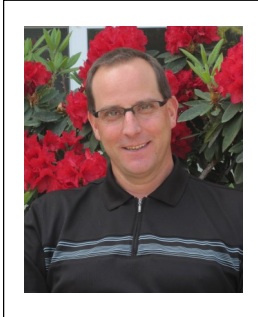
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The Bible Has Changed Us! – Showing Us Truth 2 Timothy 3:14-17



From
Pastor
Steve

*Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers—why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother’s milk! There’s nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—**showing us truth**, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us. – The Message (emphasis mine)*

Reading, hearing, meditating, memorizing, quoting, praying, studying, teaching, learning, using, trusting, sharing, Scripture changes a person. If you’ve ever done one of these with the Bible you know what I’m talking about. This is the way it’s meant to be. As the Apostle Paul writes to his young protégé pastor, Timothy, he reminds him to stick to what he’s learned and believed from Scripture. Why? Because there is no greater means of coming to know Christ Jesus than through God’s Word.

In *The Message* version of The Bible, Eugene Peterson translates Paul’s four-fold purpose of Scripture as useful for: 1) showing us truth, 2) exposing our rebellion, 3) correcting our mistakes, and 4) training us to live God’s way. If the Bible truly does these things, of course it will change us. Perhaps this is why our congregation looks much different today than it did just a few short years ago. You have noticed the change, haven’t you?

In the next four months I’ll be writing my preview articles to handle these purposes Paul gives to Timothy regarding Scripture. This month we begin by looking at how the Bible shows us truth. In a world devoid of absolute truth and devalued by relative truth, Scripture stands alone today as we’ve never seen it. When, “What’s your truth,” trumps “What’s the truth,” things have gone terribly wrong. Amongst the cacophony of messaging, media and mutterings we find ourselves desperate for truth. Jesus told those who had believed in him, “*If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*” When you ingest the Bible truth prevails. And you find freedom.

Similarly, as Jesus prays for the Twelve during his last supper with them, he petitions God to “*Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*” Clearly here, Jesus holds Scripture in high esteem encouraging The Father to sanctify the Disciples by the truth of his word. When we endeavor to submerge ourselves in Scripture, this is what we can expect God to do for us, make us sanctified; set apart by God and made holy because of the purification of sins through the person and work of Jesus Christ. Don’t you think this would change us? Of course it would. Of course it has.

As we conclude our “Read the Bible Together in One Year” program, don’t despair. I am already in the process of putting together daily thematic Bible readings for 2019. They won’t be nearly as long and they will be organized by topic. I hope you will join me and many other of your brothers and sisters in Christ here at RLC as we continue to immerse ourselves in the sacred Scriptures.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve

From Pastor Corey



From Pastor Corey

“The best thing you can do for anyone else is to better your own relationship with Jesus Christ.” -R.J. (I don’t remember the full name of the guy who said this because it was at a seminar I attended about 25 years ago. But I think his name was R.J.)

If you stop and consider that quote, it proves to be totally true. The best I can be as a son, husband, father, pastor is to get closer and closer to Jesus. The more I become like Him, the better I am for everyone around me. Amen? Amen.

I hope that many of you have stuck with the *Read the Bible 2018* plan and are seeing the completion this month of your Old Testament and New Testament readings. If so, great job! When you consider that the Old Testament was paving the way and pointing ahead to the coming Messiah, and in the New Testament we not only experience the arrival of the Christ, but also the continuing work of the Holy Spirit, you cannot help but better your own relationship with Christ. After all, the Bible from beginning to end is all about Jesus.

...But it can’t stop there. If we are to only read the stories, we run the risk of having only a head knowledge of Jesus. Remember, the apostle James says that even the demons believe and shudder. Do you really want to just be on the same level as a demon? Jesus calls us to an obedience of the heart. We need to have head knowledge for certain...but if it never reaches the heart, we are severely lacking. Our love for God must carry over into our love for others. Doesn’t really get much more important than that.

So, friends, let me encourage you to not only complete this journey of reading through God’s Word this year, but also look for ways to serve, encourage, and love those around you. And don’t stop reading just because you’re through the whole Bible! (Or, if along the way this last year you ran out of steam.) Pastor Steve has developed a new reading plan for 2019 that is taking a much smaller portion of God’s Word to work through.

Therefore, if you really want to love God and love others, making disciples together for the Kingdom, do everything you can to grow closer to Jesus. For, according to R.J. (I think that was his name), that’s the best thing you can do for anyone else.

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child in 2018! We were able to pack and ship **403 boxes!** When we hear where our boxes were distributed, we will let you know!

Please pray for the recipients of the boxes, that through the expressions of love as demonstrated through the simple gifts, they will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Be sure to watch those “after Christmas” sales for gift items to be included in the 2019 boxes!

President's Perspectives - Council Updates

**Dave Larkin,
Council
President**

Retiring Council Members – I want to express my appreciation for the dedication and service of the Council members who will be rotating off Council at the end of 2018. They are Todd Maier, Tom Pitkin, Andy Ribbing, and Ted Stuenkel. If you get the chance, please express your appreciation to them also. At the same time we welcome our new members; Diane Bonin, Kiane Lesser, Val Silva, and Ed Simonen.

Benevolences – One of the commitments Council has made is to let you know about where your money designated for Benevolences has been used. In November, Council approved Benevolence giving totaling \$35,147 bringing the total for the year to the \$100,421 you approved at the Annual Meeting in 2017. These gifts help us in our goal to be an outwardly focused congregation rather than focused on ourselves.

The most recent approvals included Second Harvest (\$2,500); Grace Clinic (\$500); Union Gospel Mission (\$2,500); Habitat for Humanity (\$2,000); Heart for the Fatherless (\$500); Tri-City Pregnancy Network (\$1,000); Tri-Cities Chaplaincy – Cork's Place (\$1,500); Samaritan's Purse - Mike and Julie Penley account (\$3,384.20); SIGN Fracture Care (\$1,000); Gather4Him (\$1,200

in monthly installments); Fields of Grace (\$1,000); Liberty Christian School (\$1,000); My Friends Place (\$1,000); Safe Harbor Support Center (\$1,000); Disaster Relief LCMC (\$5,313.15); Flourish Mid-Columbia (\$2,000); Tartu Academy of Theology (\$2,500); Impact Compassion Center (\$2,000); GNMM (\$2,500); and Hope Medical (\$750).

Scholarship Committee – Council approved Donna Brown, Todd Maier, and Sarah Hagensen as members of the Scholarship Committee. The committee will be working to consolidate the funds from the current multiple scholarships into a single account and to be begin planning for the 2019 scholarship awards.

Shalom Ecumenical Center Board – SEC was begun in 2002 by representatives of All Saints Episcopal Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Richland Lutheran Church to develop housing for low-income seniors and persons with developmental disabilities. At their November meeting, Council appointed Rich Barchet and Warner Blyckert to serve additional three-year terms on the SEC board.

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RLC Financials

	Richland Lutheran Church			October-18		
	Year to Date			Prior Year Comparison		
	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD '18</u>	<u>YTD '17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Offering / Income	\$ 751,117	\$ 692,005	\$ 59,112	\$ 751,117	\$ 639,088	\$ 112,029
Expense	\$ 838,421	\$ 724,996	\$ 113,425	\$ 838,421	\$ 635,157	\$ 203,264
Profit / (Loss)	\$ (87,304)	\$ (32,991)	\$ (54,313)	\$ (87,304)	\$ 3,931	\$ (91,235)

**Andy
Ribbing,
Member-
At-Large**

From the Council - The Real Meaning of Christmas

It's that time of the year again. December has come and with it all the joys of Christmas. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, snow in the yard, stockings in the living room, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really Christmas?

Christmas is a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing his great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. You see, Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Christ. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. They knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before. The star stopped over Bethlehem just to mark the way for those who were looking for this special child.

Luke 2:4-7 (NIV) says: *So Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger."*

Why did he come? Why did God send His son to this sometimes cruel and hard world? He sent Jesus to us so that one day, He would grow up to become a very important part of history. His story (history) is one of truth, love and hope. It brought salvation to all of us. Without Jesus, we would all die in our sins.

Jesus was born so that one day the price could be paid for the things we have done that are wrong. The Bible says that we have all sinned. We are all born with a sin nature. We do things that do not please God. Through the sins of Adam and Eve, we have all inherited that sin nature. We need to have that removed. The only way is through Jesus. Jesus came so He would die on the cross for ALL of our sins. If we believe that Jesus died for our sins, we can ask Him to come into our hearts and forgive us. Then, we are clean and made whole. We can know that heaven is a place where we will go when this life is over.

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from wickedness. 1 John 1:9 (NLT)

We can truly be happy at Christmas! No matter what may be happening, we can know that we are His children. We are sons and daughters of God. Heaven will be our home one day.

Look at Christmas in a new way this year. This is the year to invite Jesus into your heart. You will then have a "Merry Christmas." The joy and peace you will receive will last all year as you look to God for all your needs to be met.

Jesus is the reason for the season! Rejoice!

CONNECT Christmas

Join us on Wednesday, December 19, for a special CONNECT Christmas! Fun and festivities will abound as we together we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by worship at 6:30 and celebration at 6:45. We hope to see you there!



Christmas Day Potluck



Christmas Day Potluck

following the 10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship service.

Bring a food item to share, and one "priceless gift" per person: something that didn't cost you anything--it can be something you made, something you no longer use, a gift you were given that you don't need, or even a white elephant.

Contact: Kathy Umbarger

**Mot
Hedges**

LCMC 18th Gathering 2018

Pam and I recently attended the LCMC Annual Gathering. Approximately 800 people attended the 18th Annual Gathering in Des Moines. It is truly an amazing thing to worship the Lord with 800 joyous Christians. The Keynote Speakers were from Church Doctor Ministries (Dr. Kent Hunter and Tracee Swank). Church Doctor Ministries has worked with over 1700 churches of many different denominations over the last 40 years. They provided the sobering statistic that over 80% of churches in the US are plateaued or declining. Additionally church members are aging, 80% of church members are over 40 years old and 40% are over 60 years old. They see a cycle that has repeated throughout history for the followers of God: drifting from God, ignoring prophets, deterioration of civilization, feeling of hopelessness, receptivity, repentance, then back to faithfulness.

The staff at Church Doctor Ministries have started to see signs that the United States may be on the cusp of another revival or awakening. In order for this new awakening to occur, Christians must utilize their spiritual gifts and we must operate as the priesthood of all believers.

Their main message (Finding Them, Training Them, and Sending Them) was that we must get back to the basics of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 – to go and make disciples! We are all commissioned to make disciples. How do we make disciples? First, we have to find someone to disciple. The easiest way is to start with someone that we know from our social network who is not an active Christian disciple. We work with them, teaching and training them to be a disciple. This does not happen quickly, it takes time and dedication. Jesus spent three years teaching and training the Apostles. Think of this an apprenticeship program. Then after they are trained, we send them out to make their own disciples and we start over with someone new.

Also, you can't worry about numbers. Don't let the lack of quick results discourage you. At times great crowds followed Jesus numbering in the thousands, but Acts 1:15 has only 120 followers remaining after the resurrection and ascension. These few followers went on make Christianity the dominant religion in the Roman Empire in less than 200 years.

The excellent presentations from the 2018 Gathering are now available online at www.LCMC.net, select Events, then Video & Podcasts. I highly recommend watching these videos.

The next LCMC Annual Gathering will be held September 29 – October 2, 2019 in Omaha, Nebraska.



Union Gospel Mission Giving Tree

This year's Giving Tree project started in November and will run through December 16. We will again donate items to the local Union Gospel Mission. Although we emphasize hygiene (i.e. t-shirts, underwear, socks) and warmth (i.e. insulated underwear, gloves, hats), you cannot go wrong in giving. Coats, sweaters, boots, hand warmers, deodorant, etc. are all welcome. The emphasis is also on men just because of the larger number of men than women/children staying at the Mission.

As before, there are tags on the tree as a reminder of possible gifts, but *having a tag is not necessary*. Please do NOT wrap the gift.

This year I would like to try something new. Sandy Steele takes most of the donated gifts to the Mission when she volunteers on Mondays, which is efficient but can give the impression that there is less participation by the congregation than is real. So, I tried to think of how to remedy that.

For this year, instead of my putting decorations on the tree, I would like to invite those of you who give gifts to also bring a decoration for the tree. This way the congregation can have a better sense of how much is actually donated. I am not asking you to bring your favorite decoration, because I cannot guarantee it won't be broken or accidentally taken home by someone who has a similar decoration and forgot which one they brought. Nor am I asking you to permanently leave the decoration. The tree will be left up through the full holiday season. If you will be in town for Christmas, consider leaving your decoration on the tree the whole time. I will take down the tree in the beginning of January. Any decorations still there will be collected and made available for you to pick up the next time you come to church.

If you have any questions, please call Kelly at the church office, 943-3164, or my home at 967-5216. If I am not there, please leave a message and I will return your call.

In God's love,

Betty Quinn

2019 Offering Envelopes



2019 Offering Envelopes will be available in your mailbox in the fellowship hall by the end of December.

Please do not use the 2019 envelopes until after the start of the new year! And, please do not use 2018 envelopes after December 31! You may have a different offering number for the new year, and if you use a 2018 envelope, your contribution may be mis-recorded!

You are encouraged to switch to electronic giving in 2019. It's safe, convenient, and environmentally friendly!

Please remember: For contributions to be attributed to your 2018 statement, they must be received by the church office before the close of business, December 31. Year end contribution statements will be issued in January.

GriefShare



The Health Ministry Team invites anyone who is grieving for a loved one, be it a recent loss or one that was a while ago, to consider attending our 13-week GriefShare support class.

Join us on **December 16 during HeBrews Café** for a short orientation and Q&A discussion. We will discuss this Christian-based program that addresses the loss of a loved one and the grief process.

To register for the class, you can sign up on the yellow worship slip, call the church office, or go to GriefShare.org. There is a \$20 one-time fee to cover materials.

When you come to GriefShare, you will receive a workbook for taking notes and daily devotions, watch a video, and engage in small group discussion time. You can share as much or as little as you want about your grief journey, and you will see that many of the things you experience in your grief are quite common and you are not alone!

If you need some help for getting through the holiday season, we are offering a one-time session of **Surviving the Holidays** on Saturday, December 8, from 10 AM - noon. There is a \$10 fee for this class/materials. Please register by December 6 at GriefShare.org or through the church office.

EEMN - Short-term Mission Trip to Estonia



Five people from RLC (Kelly Westlund, John Huebner, Adam Pilger, Pam and Mot Hedges) spent most of August in Estonia on a short-term mission trip. We went through East European Missions Network (EEMN). Thank you, Kelly, for the wonderful job making daily posts of our mission trip.

Estonia is part of the former Soviet Union and regained its independence in 1992, following the collapse of the Soviet Union. The Estonian Christian community suffered greatly under communism. EEMN's goal is to help rebuild the body of Christ. Our short-term mission trip partners with local churches to hold week-long English camps using Bible stories.

In Estonia, our students have been primarily adult women who are members of a local congregation. In the city of Tartu these camps have been held every year since 2006. Attendance has declined for the last two years. We were concerned about the effectiveness of our program. At the end of the camp, we discussed our concerns with some of the Estonian pastors. The pastors told us that the members who have continued to attend show spiritual growth, increased involvement in the church and an improved ability to witness and disciple other members of their congregation. While the numbers of students may have declined, through the many years of short-term mission trips we have been effective in making better disciples of the remaining students.

Now is the time to start praying for the 2019 short-term mission trips. We understand that next year the camps in Estonia will be focused on youth. Pastor David Breidenbach, Director of EEMN, will be at RLC January 13, 2019, to give a presentation at HeBrews Café about the 2019 short-term mission trips. Come and hear more about what happens in these countries and the opportunities that are available.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Children's Christmas Program 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study 7:30 PM Union Gospel Mission Service</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Offices Closed</p> <p>4:00 PM Worship Service 5:30 PM Worship Service 11:00 PM Worship Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Offices Closed</p> <p>10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship 11:00 AM Christmas Potluck</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café 9:45 AM Read the Bible 2018 Discussion 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Praise Band 6:00 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM CONNECT Worship 6:45 PM SuperKids!, MS Sm. Grp. 6:45 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Meeting	7 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	1 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 10:00 AM One Starry Night Event 4:30 PM Missions Prayer <hr/> 8 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 10:00 AM GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
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19 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Praise Band 6:00 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM CONNECT Christmas 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	20 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Team Night	21 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	22 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
26 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	27 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Meeting	28 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	29 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 3:00 PM Ramsay/Page Wedding 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
		The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!	Please call the church office, 943-3164, or check the website, www.richlandlutheran.org , for the most current information. Please note that not all activities are actually held at the church.



Activities for Kids

Super Kids! is a Wednesday night ministry for children in 1st through 5th grade. Friends are always welcome to join us, and newcomers can jump in at any time! We meet as part of the Wednesday Night CONNECT, from 6:30 to 7:45, immediately following the family dinner at 6:00 PM, in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. Worship and prayer, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, games, crafts, and lots of fun happen each week!

This year we will be exploring the **Beatitudes**, as well as growing together as disciples of Christ through worship, spiritual growth, service, and using all that God has given us!

Dec. 5 - God blesses those who are gentle & kind

Dec. 12 - Project Linus!

Dec. 19 - Christmas Party!

Dec. 26 - No Super Kids - Christmas Break!

For more information, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com)

Children's Advent Event



Ready to take your family back in time? Come to **One Starry Night** and experience Christmas like never before! You'll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You'll find stations and activities for all ages—so bring the whole family!

Join us Saturday, **December 1, from 10:00 AM-12:00 noon** for this free, exciting children's advent event in the **Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall** (please enter through the narthex). This event is appropriate for children **preschool through 5th grade**, and parents need to stay with their children as they experience the marketplace and the Bethlehem village. No pre-registration is needed—just come join us!

Contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com)

Sunday School Christmas Program



**Sunday,
December 16
3:00 PM**

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM.

There will be one rehearsal, Saturday, December 15, from 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon. All children from the preschool and elementary classrooms will be participating. The kids will also be practicing the songs in the weeks leading up to the program, so be sure to be on time to Sunday School each week at 9:45!

For more info, contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com)

Activities for Middle School

Join us **Sunday mornings at 9:45** in the middle school room upstairs for Middle School Youth Group! In December we'll be talking about experiencing Advent together. We've got some great lessons and some fun planned, so you won't want to miss out! **There is no Middle School Youth Group on December 23 or December 30.**

Middle School Small Groups are happening on **Wednesday nights!** Join us at 6:00 PM for dinner, we'll sing a couple of worship songs with the Connect family, and then until 7:30 PM we'll be in our Small Group time. **There is no Connect/Middle School Small Group on December 26.**

Activities for High School

4:12 – High School **Youth Group** is every **Sunday night from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM** in the high school room! Each week we have some games, a lesson, and small group time. Whether you've been around forever, or you haven't come before, we would love to see you! If you've got a high school student in your home, encourage them to be there! Need a ride? Want more info?

Sunday mornings join Cynthia Hickey for **High School Sunday school! 9:45 AM** in the High School room upstairs. She's got some awesome lessons planned, and you will be blessed by being there! **No Sunday School on December 23 or December 30.**

RLC Multi-Generational Mission Trip

Leading a multi-generational mission trip is something God has had on my heart for a long time. Don't get me wrong; I love youth group mission trips, but there is also something special about members of a church family of all ages getting away together, and spending time serving next to each other.

If you have been around RLC for very long you have probably heard about the amazing experiences our youth have had serving in Lodge Grass, MT for the past 13 summers with YouthWorks. When YouthWorks announced that they would not be returning to Lodge Grass in 2019 Jon Page, Ellie Rosser and myself started praying and asking God if RLC was also done there. Each of us still felt a strong calling and desire to return in the summer of 2019, and we believe that God is calling our church body to be there.

We know that this opportunity won't be for everybody, but we do believe it will be for some, and we would love to invite you to prayerfully consider joining us! The trip is happening **July 13-July 20**, and we are looking for people with all types and levels of skills; sitting and talking with people, cooking, home repair, working with children....if you have a heart and desire to come, we've got a desire to have you!

If you have questions about the trip, I would love to talk to you! Jon Page and Ellie Rosser would also be great to visit with. We would love for you to join us on Team Night on December 20 at 6:30 PM as we begin our planning together. Thank you for your prayers and support!

**Amanda
Daniels,
Youth &
Family
Minister**

Healing Seminar



**Thursday, December 13
6:00-9:00 PM**

Rev. Dr. James Kearny
will present a
Three-hour Seminar on Healing Ministry
based Jesus' teaching.

The seminar will have three parts:

1. General overview of healing prayer.
2. Demonstration of healing prayer.
3. The group will break into triads for healing prayer.

Dr. James Kearny has pastored Presbyterian congregations in Seattle, Knoxville, and Atlanta for the past 20 years. He now works full time with Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International developing their Dunamis ministry for application in local congregations to equip believers to further God's Kingdom through the Holy Spirit.

For more information, contact Kathy Umbarger

LCMC NW District Gathering - Save the Date

May 3-4, 2019
Richland Lutheran Church, Richland, WA



The Keynote Speakers will be Mark Vander Tuig and Walt Kallestad.

Mark Vander Tuig is the Service Coordinator for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ since 2010. For the first 10 years of his ministry, he served congregations in Minnesota: Montevideo and St. Cloud. In 1990, he and his family moved to Altoona, Iowa where he served Lutheran Church of the Cross until 2010. During those 20 years the congregation grew from 74 in worship to over 1100 each weekend. Pastor Vander Tuig and Lutheran Church of the Cross are charter members of LCMC. Mark also served on the Ministry Board of LCMC for seven years. Mark graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1976, with Bachelor's degrees in both Religion and Psychology, from Luther Seminary in 1980 with a Master's of Divinity degree, and from St. Mary's College in 1985 with a Master's of Counseling and Psychological Services. Mark also holds a certification from the University of Minnesota in Chemical Dependency Counseling and Education.

Walt Kallestad is the former Senior Pastor of Community Church of Joy in Glendale, Arizona. During his 26 years, the church grew from 200 to over 10,000 members. Walt graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Walt also served as the Chief Executive Officer of The Joy Company, a 180-acre master-planned mission center in Arizona. A popular national and international speaker, Walt presents an inspiring vision for reaching non-churched people with the message of Jesus Christ, and he helps leaders sharpen their call for ministry. He has written several books, including: *Total Quality Ministry*; *Wake Up Your Dreams*; *Entertainment Evangelism*; *Christian Faith: The Basics*; *Be Your Own Creative Coach*; *Turn Your Church Inside Out*, *Entrepreneurial Faith*, *Passionate Life and Passionate Church*, *World Changers* and *Reign Down, A Call to Personal Repentance*

Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday December 2</i>	<i>Sunday December 9</i>	<i>Sunday December 16</i>	<i>Sunday December 23 10 AM ONLY</i>	<i>Sunday December 30</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Norm Gillette Karen Clark	Jim Peterson Elaine Keyes	Kathy Killand Valerie Bettinson		***** Vernon Packard
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Isabella Fetrow Madeline Pilger Matthew Smith Trey Wiegand	Julianna Monroe Nonie Kangas Lauren Archibald Emily Archibald	Jason Schroeder Hans Miles Aiden Lesser Joey Weissenfels	Aiden Lesser Mackie Kangas	Nonie Kangas Julianna Monroe Kaysha Benjamson Sam Webster
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	H- Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A- Jim Peterson Walt Wood H- Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A- Alyce Thompson Andy Ribbing	H- Dave Larkin Jon Erlandson A- Gary Weible Fred Ball H- Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder A- Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	H- Fred Kremmer Matt Sterkel A- Darrell Miles Kyia Miles H- Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck A- Alan Hagensen *****	H - Matt Sterkel ***** A - Andy Ribbing Alyce Thompson	H - Larry Haler Walt Wood A - Harrold Hogue Kyia Miles H - Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder A - Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Jeff Pilger Shirley Fast Elaine Keyes	Sue Meek Sandi Edgemon *****	Rick Nunamaker Valerie Bettinson *****	Valerie Silva	***** Amanda Daniels *****
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Sue Meek Karen Clark Jenny Page Kelly Westlund Amanda Daniels	Clarine Watkins Larry Haler Jenifer Haler Lisa Wiegand Heidi Dagle Bill Peterson Sue Peterson	Jeff Pilger Warner Blyckert Kathy Killand Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson Kathy Umbarger Kelly Westlund	Clarine Watkins Charles Davis Alesia Chaney	Charles Davis Elaine Davis Pam Hedges Jenny Page ***** ***** *****
<i>Setup Communion</i>	Before 8:30	Joanne Woehle	Rick and Susie Nunamaker	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder	Kelly Westlund	Lisa Wiegand
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Between Services	Lois Harrold Bonnie Harris	Dan and Vicky Jordheim	Carol Schmid	Pamela Warren Joy Stuenkel	Vernon Packard
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Com- munion</i>	After 11:00	Jenny Page	Vernon Packard	Nancy Ballard		Kelly Westlund
<i>Cleanup After Evening Service</i>	After 5:00 Service	Elaine Keyes	*****	Vernon Packard		*****
<i>Bake Communion Bread</i>		Joanne Woehle	Rick and Susie Nunamaker	Nancy Ballard		Jane Wilcox
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Lois Harrold Rick & Kathy Snyder	Norm & Sara Gillette Andy & Rachel Ribbing	Carol Schmid LaVonne Scully	Norm & Sara Gillette	Debbie Honeyman *****
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Lori Lachut Pam Hedges	Desi Hall Julie Bishop	John Huebner Jana Strasburg	*****	Karen Juergens Karen Clark

Worship Support

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<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Larry Haler	Drew Snyder	Drew Snyder	*****	Larry Haler
<i>Tech Director/ Live Stream Coordinator</i>	8:30 AM	Mike Schwartz	Brian Killand	Bob Thompson	Mike Bettinson	Scott Carswell
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	1 - Don Schmid 2 - Karen Schwartz	1 - Ken Meek 2 - Daniel/ Andrew	1 - Mark Underwood 2 - Daniel Miles	1 - Ken Meek 2 - Don Schmid	1 - Ken Meek 2 - Mark Underwood
<i>Editor/ Post Production</i>	8:30 AM	Mike Schwartz	Mike Bettinson	Bob Thompson	Mike Bettinson	Scott Carswell
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Daniel Miles	Paul Hedges	Daniel Miles	Jeff Dagle	Paul Hedges
	11:00 AM	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell		Tammy Carswell
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	8:30 AM	Schwartz Weible	Erlandson Hogue	Kremmer Peterson	Leitz Erlandson	Weible Hogue
	11:00 AM	Thompson Hagensen	Budzeck Bettinson	Thompson Snyder		Hagensen Snyder
	5:00 PM	Petersen	Vogel	*****		Vogel
<i>Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00 PM	Lisa Frislie Elaine Keyes	Vernon Packard *****	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Vogel	Not needed	Linda Totten Diane Bonin
<i>Cashiers (Monday after)</i>		Judy Riggers Jon Erlandson	Kathy Snyder Marge Hogue	Joanne Woehle Lori Hogan	Kristen Imhoff Janet Budzeck	Nancy Ballard Debbie Honeyman Adele Sorensen
<i>Bulletin Assembly (Friday before)</i>		Norm and Sara Gillette *****	Norm and Bobbi Stout Lois Harrold	Norm and Bobbi Stout Patti Miller	Norm & Sara Gillette Norm & Bobbi Stout Lois Harrold Carol Schmid Patti Miller	Lois Harrold Carol Schmid *****
<i>Recycle</i>		Fred Kremmer	Karen Schwartz	Alesia Chaney	Todd Maier	Kathy Snyder
<i>Flowers</i>		Gearheard	Barb Westlund	Meek	Sorensen	Bishop

Please check over the schedule carefully, especially if you serve in more than one area. If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please trade with someone or find a substitute for yourself and then let the church office know of the change.

**** indicates an available service opportunity. If you can fill in, please let the church office know.

Worship Support - Christmas

<i>Christmas Eve December 24</i>	Ushers	Acolytes	Lector	Sound System Operator	Offering Custodian	Church Friends
4:00 PM	H - Fred Kremmer Alan Hagensen A - Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar	A - Evelyn Davis A - Cliff Sandberg T - Josephine Whitney T - Jase Vopalensky C - Blake Vopalensky	Kathy Killand	Tammy Carswell	Hagensen Kremmer	*****
5:30 PM	H - Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder A - Gary Weible Walt Wood	A - Elijah Rodriguez A - Brock Streufert T - Joey Weissenfels T - Matthew Smith C - Jason Schroeder	Jim Salaba	Daniel Miles	Erlandson Harrold	Norm & Sara Gillette
11 PM	H - ***** ***** A - ***** *****	A - ***** A - ***** T - ***** T - ***** C - *****	Charles Davis	Jeff Dagle	Budzeck Schwartz	Kelly Westlund
<i>Christmas Day 10 AM</i>	H - Gary Weible Carol Hexum A - ***** *****	Nonie Kangas Julianna Monroe	Vernon Packard	Paul Hedges	Weible Snyder	Julie Bishop Communion Assist Larry Haler Jenifer Haler Charles Davis

Read the Bible 2018 - December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday	
					1/2 Ezekiel 45-48 2 Peter 2-3	
3 Daniel 1-2 1 John 1	4 Daniel 3-4 1 John 2	5 Daniel 5-6 1 John 3	6 Daniel 7-9 1 John 4	7 Daniel 10-12 1 John 5	8/9 Hosea 1-4 2 John-3 John	
10 Hosea 5-7 Jude	11 Hosea 8-10 Revelation 1	12 Hosea 11-14 Revelation 2-3	13 Joel 1-3 Revelation 4-5	14 Amos 1-4 Revelation 6	15/16 Amos 5-9 Revelation 7	
17 Obadiah Revelation 8-9	18 Jonah 1-4 Revelation 10	19 Micah 1-3 Revelation 11	20 Micah 4-5 Revelation 12	21 Micah 6-7 Revelation 13	22/26 Nahum 1-3 Habakkuk 1-3 Revelation 14	
24 Zeph. 1-3 Rev. 15	Malachi Rev. 22 31	25 Christmas Day Haggai 1-2 Revelation 16	26 Zechariah 1-3 Revelation 17	27 Zechariah 4-6 Revelation 18	28 Zechariah 7-9 Revelation 19	29/30 Zech. 10-14 Rev. 20-21

2018 Contributions

Just a friendly reminder.....In order for contributions made in 2018 to be eligible for a deduction in the same year, the following conditions must be met, per *IRS Publication 526* (adapted):

Credit card – contributions charged on the donor’s bank credit card are deductible in the year the donor makes the charge.

Check – a check placed in the church offering in 2019 cannot be deducted in 2018, even if it is backdated. Checks that are mailed & postmarked in 2018 are deductible, even if not received until 2019.

Cash – cash is only deductible for 2018 if received in 2018.

The church office will be open on Monday, December 31, for normal business hours. However, if you choose to bring in a year end contribution on that day, please have it to the office no later than 4:00 PM.

A Special Announcement About Special Announcements

The Worship Ministry Team discussed how information given to the congregation on Sunday’s at corporate worship should best be handled. They agreed that instead of having “Temple Talks,” which happen during the service, we would invite folks to give a special announcement at the conclusion of regular announcements. Also, we will encourage them to pray at the end of their announcement for God’s leading and blessing of the ministry they are informing us about. The reason for this change is simple. Having the announcement at the beginning or end of the service minimizes its interruption of the service itself. Thanks for your understanding.

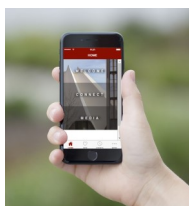
Ladies in Fellowship Together

Women of RLC! Join us on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30-7:45 PM in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall for LIFT – Ladies in Fellowship Together.

On December 13, we will be hearing from Dr James Kearney, who is a guest speaker from Dunamis. *Please join us from 6 - 9 PM this month.* For more details see page 14.

RLC Mobile App

Did you know you can safely and securely make your contributions online and via the app? Creating your PushPay account takes only a few minutes, and then it’s a snap to give a single-time offering or set up a recurring contribution. If you’d like to set up electronic giving, but don’t have a smartphone or would like help walking through the process, contact Lisa Wiegand or Jenny Page, and we’d be happy to assist.



Anniversaries

December 2

Bruce & Alesia Chaney

December 6

James & Sharon Fulton

December 8

Ber & Lila Andor
Paul & Arline Berthelot

December 14

Jon & Jenny Page

December 16

Corey & Leah Smith

December 20

Shirley & Jim Fast
Jim & Traci Moran

December 22

Dennis & Darlene Mahlum

December 26

Jay & Kerry Petty
Janelle & Shane Thorson

December 27

Christer & Janet Jansson

December 30

John & Lisa Wiegand

Birthdays

December 1

Zeke Ernst
Karen Filipy
Mike Striefel

December 2

Janet Budzeck
Ken Harris
Patti Miller

December 3

Norm Lippert
Kathy Umbarger
Paul Vopalensky

December 4

Amy Gardner
Kjerstyn Jordheim

December 5

Andrew Miles

December 6

Tyler Salyer
Joy Stuenkel

December 7

Nathan Mitchell

December 9

Tammy Maruska

December 10

Janice Fulton
Jenna Worcester

December 11

Laurel Palmblad

December 12

Rick Nunamaker

December 13

Nikki Arnzen
Nathan Ernst
Carlyle Keyes

December 14

John Hooks
Kathleen Hooks
Bentli Schouviller
Carole Siefken
Richard Siefken
Drew Snyder
Summer Spinato

December 15

Joel Sorensen

December 17

Aiden Lesser
Cody McCargar

December 18

Barbara Edwards
Andrew Meek

December 19

Jeremy Bender
Dawn Finger
Sande Tackett
John Umbarger
Kelly Westlund

December 20

Bill Bishop
Madelyn Palmblad

December 21

Stacy Gunderson
Jase Miller

December 22

Eleanora Bishop

December 23

Marianne Kane
Jay Petty
Karen Williams

December 26

Isaac Destito
Joan Lund
Julianna Monroe

December 27

Sandy Stredwick

December 28

Rhett Levin
Marilyn Schumacher
Gerald Whitney

December 29

Lisa Frislie
Vicki Glasford
Brian Killand
Logan Riensche

December 30

Jeff Ziemer

December 31

Marilyn Ball





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Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays at 8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Informal Evening Worship with Holy Communion

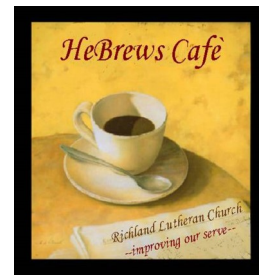
Sundays at 5:00 PM

*And when circumstances beyond your control prevent
you from coming to church . . .*

Good News Today

Aired Sunday mornings on
KVEW 42 and KAPP 35 at 9:00 AM

***Live Streaming and audio files of sermons are
available on the website:
www.richlandlutheran.org***



***Come to HeBrews Café Sunday mornings,
between 9:45 AM and 10:45 AM***

***It's where Richland Lutheran Church
members are
refreshed, rejuvenated, and renewed
for work in the Kingdom!***

***There are still some Sundays available for serving.
Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.***

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