



## Congregation Council

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## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

December 31 Aleana Saldana  
January 22 Andrew Villegas

### Weddings

January 13 Katie Conrad and Ben Nipper

### Memorial/Funeral

January 9 Helen Rucker  
January 15 Bettie Cable

## The Preview

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## From Pastor Steve



### **RLC in Mission for Christ: You Can't Give What You Don't Have**

In Latin it's, "*Nemo potest dare quod non habet*," "you can't give what you don't have." As developed in the Church, this adage reminded the minister to maintain good spiritual habits and disciplines especially as it pertained to proclaiming God's Word. The premise was thus, one cannot communicate God's Word to others without knowing God's Word oneself. From this the study and meditation of and upon God's Word, both formal and informal, came to the fore for those charged with preaching and teaching it. And good thing it did! Can you imagine the kinds of things that would come from the pulpit if ministers of God's Word didn't know it? Unfortunately, you don't have to dig very deep to find such ministers.

Think for a moment about how this adage affects our, RLC's, vision and the implications thereof. If the saying, "you can't give what you don't have," is true in regard to proclaiming God's Word, then isn't it also true in proclaiming God himself and God's Kingdom? For that is our vision isn't it? All you need do is look on a bulletin cover and see, "RLC is a congregation of Christ followers who are making Jesus Christ known to all people and advancing His Kingdom." It follows then, we can't make Christ's name known without knowing Christ and we can't advance God's Kingdom without Kingdom living. We don't need a fancy Latin phrase to alert us to this truth, it just makes sense, doesn't it.

What does this mean? A good Lutheran question isn't it. It simply means we must know Christ ourselves before we make him known to others. To know Christ is to believe in him and live a life of faith following his lead. To know Christ is to worship him, to give our lives in surrender and submission, to serve in humble obedience. It also means we must live in God's Kingdom before we seek to advance it. Kingdom living means to live a life where God has rule and reign, a life filled with God's grace and promises, a life lived using healthy spiritual habits and disciplines like: prayer, scripture reading, silence, fasting, meditation, worship, etc.

We must be careful here not to "get the cart before the horse." We can't give what we don't have. So we must know Christ and live in God's Kingdom before we try to make Christ's name known and advance God's Kingdom. May we also seek to know Jesus and practice Kingdom living!

## Meet the Staff



**The staff at RLC is here to serve Jesus and partner with you in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are blessed to have a fantastic staff and want you to get to know them better. This month we'd like to introduce you to Jenny Page, our Children's Education Assistant.**



As Children's Education Assistant Jenny's primary responsibility is to provide leadership for the congregation's educational programs for children. Jenny works directly with Minister of Christian Education, Corey Smith, to provide for Christian Education to all folks spanning ages and generations. She has been serving RLC in this position for a little over one year but is no newbie. Jenny began coming to RLC when she was 13 years old through the invitation of a friend to attend youth group, and became a member shortly thereafter. Jenny has been married to Jon Page for 20 years, and has three children; Ellie (19), Jack (14), and Woody (13). Jenny loves hanging out with her family and spending time together. Jenny likes to bake and quilt in her spare time, whenever that is, and root for her alma mater, Washington State University (GO COUGS!).

Outside of RLC Jenny serves on the Board of Directors for the Journey With Christ ministry, which is the youth version of The Walk With Christ; a small group led, three-day retreat with the idea of building up leaders in the church. The purpose of the Journey with Christ is to develop youth who wish to gain a fuller understanding of God's love, strengthen their relationship with Christ, have unanswered questions about what it means to be a Christian answered, understand better the responsibilities of what it means to be a child of God, and learn more about how they might dedicate their everyday lives to Him. Jenny (and Jon) would love to talk to you personally if you have any questions about this ministry!

Jenny's favorite Bible verse is found in 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Jenny lives this out in her everyday life as she serves her lord and savior, Jesus. Jenny's heart is for all people, but especially kids, to experience the Christ she knows, loves, and serves, that they too might know the reality of being His new creation.

## Financial Update

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>				
4000 · INCOME	<u>753,619.30</u>	<u>844,358.00</u>	<u>-90,738.70</u>	<u>89.25%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>753,619.30</b>	<b>844,358.00</b>	<b>-90,738.70</b>	<b>89.25%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5100 · BENEVOLENCE	69,000.00	73,796.00	-4,796.00	93.5%
5200 · OUTREACH	1,141.22	750.00	391.22	152.16%
5300 · WORSHIP	9,575.39	12,425.00	-2,849.61	77.07%
5400 · NURTURE	1,159.22	4,710.00	-3,550.78	24.61%
5500 · EDUCATION	12,228.12	19,325.00	-7,096.88	63.28%
5600 · RESOURCES	107,340.69	125,895.00	-18,554.31	85.26%
5700 · COUNCIL	562,467.29	571,857.00	-9,389.71	98.36%
5750 · PROPERTY ACQUISITION	32,600.00	32,600.00	0.00	100.0%
5751 · LRP IMPLEMENTATION	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>798,511.93</b>	<b>844,358.00</b>	<b>-45,846.07</b>	<b>94.57%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-44,892.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-44,892.63</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The information is only a snapshot of the church's financial status on the day the report was generated and is not audited information. Please direct all inquiries for additional information to Debbie Stankovich, Church Administrator at 943-3164 or [debbie.stankovich@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:debbie.stankovich@richlandlutheran.org).

## Communication Changes

In an effort to be better stewards of all God has entrusted to us, some alterations to some of our publications will be made over the next month or so. Our goal is to make the church website the first place you go for information, and are working diligently to make it the resource you deserve and expect. We understand not everyone has access to or likes to use the internet, so we hope a gradual, phased-in approach will help us identify where the unintended consequences are as we try to be better stewards of all resources.

**Worship Bulletins:** We have begun posting the weekly announcements on the website and will eventually be eliminating them from the bulletins. There will still be a short stack of printed announcements when you come to worship for those of you who do not have electronic access. The "welcome" inside the front cover of the bulletin is being reformatted and will be put in the pew racks. Instead of printing the Biblical references every week, we will allow time for worshipers who wish to follow along to find the lessons in the pew Bibles provided. Since the number of pew Bibles is limited, we suggest bringing your own Bible – especially if you like to take notes as God speaks to you through His Word.

**Newsletter:** The distribution system for *The Preview* will be modified beginning with the April issue.

If you are homebound, we will still send a hard copy of the newsletter to you.

If you attend church regularly and still want a hard copy, we will place one in your mailbox.

If your e-mail address is in our directory, you will be included in the *RLC Grapevine* e-mail list and be sent a link to the newsletter once it has been posted to the website.

If you have already told us to not send you a hard copy of the newsletter because you get it off the website, nothing will change for you.

The amount of paper, ink, postage, volunteers, staff time, and money it takes to provide these publications is astounding. If we can reduce waste by even 50%, the impact will be significant. If you have other suggestions or insights along these lines please e-mail or call Debbie Stankovich at [debbie.stankovich@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:debbie.stankovich@richlandlutheran.org) or 509-943-3164.



## *“Let us start rebuilding.”*

The church staff meets every Tuesday morning. Before we get into the business of the day we spend some time meditating on God's Word and in prayer. For several weeks now we have been studying Nehemiah. As I was thinking about this message to you, it occurred to me that there are some parallels between the people who rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem and the people of Richland Lutheran Church.

Nehemiah was cupbearer to King Artaxerxes of Persia. Upon learning that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down, Nehemiah asked the King for and received permission to return and rebuild them. He gathered the Jews, priests, nobles, officials, and others who would be doing the work.

*“Then I said to them, ‘You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.’ I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, ‘Let us start rebuilding.’ So they began this good work. Nehemiah 2:17-19*

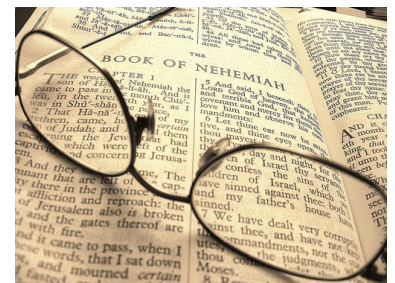
Under the leadership of Nehemiah, the walls were rebuilt in just 52 days. Yes, there were people who opposed the project, tried to undermine the effort, and said it could not be done. But Nehemiah and the people he led stayed focused on God and His will, and accomplished what God called them to do.

When I wrote to you last September about our financial challenges, it may have seemed that

overcoming a deficit of \$100,655 was impossible. But like the people in Nehemiah who rebuilt the wall, you, the members of Richland Lutheran Church have also started rebuilding. It now appears we will be ending 2011 with a deficit of \$44,893. That means the gap between offering and expenses was closed by \$55,762! It has been many years since RLC has ended the year with a deficit, so we were in the fortunate position of having a reserve fund to cover the expenses entirely. We will continue to identify ways in which we can reduce costs without compromising ministry as we use the 2012 year to rebuild reserves. I am also encouraged because the budget passed by the congregation is very realistic, only a 3.5% increase over actual giving in 2011.

I can almost hear you saying, “Let us start rebuilding,” because I know you. The challenges before us are no more difficult for God than rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. The gracious hand of our God is resting on all of us, just as it did for Nehemiah. It is my joy to serve our God with you. In a sense, it is as if we are working side-by-side just as the people of Jerusalem did to rebuild this aspect of our ministry.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Steve  
Interim Lead Pastor



## *RLC Focus on the Family Date Night Challenge*

**Come and join other RLC couples – married or not – on Saturday, February 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. and learn how dating regularly can strengthen the satisfaction in your relationship AND also be good for your children and financial stability.**

The Date Night Challenge is a two-hour webcast full of fun and laughter featuring comedian Jeff Allen, singer/songwriter Michael O'Brien and bestselling authors Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley! Focus on the Family is a global Christian ministry dedicated to helping families thrive, and their worldwide goal (23 countries around the world are participating) is 5 million dates by the end of February. It all takes place during National Marriage Week which is February 7-14. CHILD CARE, APPETIZERS, DESSERT and REFRESHMENTS provided – and it is all FREE!!! Sign up before and after Saturday night services and between Sunday services or on the yellow worship slip between now and the 11<sup>th</sup> – the date of the RLC Focus on the Family Date Night Challenge! Please contact Amy or Jeff Sperline for more information and to sign up ([jasperline@gmail.com](mailto:jasperline@gmail.com), or 430-9628).

## *From the Council*

I would like to take this opportunity to talk to you about the Renovaré Essentials Conference at Richland Lutheran Church in April of next year. Renovaré is a Christian organization that assists Christians in becoming more like Christ through the spiritual practices of Jesus and the church. In the day-long conference we will worship, learn about the spiritual practices of Jesus and the Church, and practice these disciplines. The purpose of the conference is to motivate participants to make a commitment to participate in special small groups that emphasize practicing spiritual disciplines like prayer, fasting, and meditation on scripture.

A great example of these spiritual practices is given in a devotional book entitled "The Game with Minutes" by Frank Laubach. Laubach, in 1929, settled as a missionary among the fierce Moros, an Islamic tribe in the Philippines. There, he underwent a remarkable series of experiences of God, and simultaneously developed a technique for reducing the Moro language to writing. This not only made it possible to teach them to read in only a few hours, but permitted them immediately to teach others. Over the next forty years, Dr. Laubach visited 103 countries in an effort to bring literacy to the "silent billion."

In his book, Laubach urged Christians to attempt keeping God in mind for at least one second of every minute of the day. Laubach had found himself profoundly dissatisfied that he was not living his days "in minute by minute effort to follow the will of God." He then began trying to "line up" his actions with the will of God every few minutes. But in 1929 he began to try living all his waking moments "in conscious listening to the inner voice, asking without ceasing, 'What, Father, do you desire said? What, Father, do you desire done this minute?...'" In his view, this is exactly what Jesus did. Within weeks of beginning his experiments he began to notice differences. He gained a sense of being carried along by God through the hours, of cooperation with God in little things, which he had never felt before. "I need something, and turn around to find it waiting for me. I must work, . . . but there is God working along with me."

"This concentration upon God is strenuous, but everything else has ceased to be so!" That was especially true of his relations to the Moros, who, seeing the difference in him, took him entirely into their hearts and lives, loving, trusting, and helping him without regard to their cultural and religious differences. Two of the leading Moslem priests went about the area telling their people that Laubach would help them to know God. He never pretended to be anything but a follower of Jesus, but he studied the Bible and the Koran with the priests and the people and prayed in their services with them.

If we were to experience this same constant presence of God in our lives think what a difference it would make as we live out our vision to engage the world as God himself did through the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Dave Larkin  
Council Secretary



# RENOVARÉ

## *RLC Scholarship Program*

*Richland Lutheran Church has a proud tradition of supporting its members in pursuit of higher education.*

*Each year, graduating seniors and currently-enrolled college students of Richland Lutheran Church are encouraged to apply for financial support from the various sources offered.*

*The origin and intent of each fund is described here. Please take a few moments to consider how the funds might help you achieve your educational or career goals. Then, contact Corey Smith and he will supply you with the Application Cover Sheet and the required documents to apply for the support you desire. We sincerely hope we can be of help to you in achieving your goals.*

**Application deadline is February 26, 2012.**

**(Please note, this is a change.)**

**Mark Black Award** - This honorary award was established in memory of Mark Black who was killed in the Vietnam War. Given at the same time as the scholarships and grants, it recognizes a graduating senior who has shown exceptional character through faithfulness in worship, leadership and Christian responsibility in the life of the congregation. Because the Pastoral Staff and Executive Council select the recipient of this award there is no application process. The amount of this award is \$1000.

**Gary Lucke Memorial Scholarship** - This fund was established by Nancy and Daryl Lucke in memory of their son, Gary, who was killed in an automobile accident while a student at WSU. Interested students must submit a letter to the Higher Education Committee indicating their interest in this scholarship. A five-hundred word essay containing information about the student's background, financial need, education, and career plan is required. The funds from this scholarship are available to confirmed Lutheran high school seniors of high moral standards with financial need to help offset the costs of higher education, as determined by the student. The scholarship is renewable annually. The amount available is \$500.


**Grimsrud Lutheran Educational Scholarship** - This scholarship honors the memory of Reverend Milton and Solvig Grimsrud. Milt was RLC's first pastor, returning as visitation pastor in his retirement years. The scholarship is given to a college student attending a Lutheran college or seminary. A supplemental application is available in the church office. The amount available is \$350 per semester with a maximum of \$700 per year.

**Richland Lutheran Church Grant** - This grant is not restricted to a Lutheran institution, and there are no minimum GPA requirements. Submit a letter indicating interest along with a three hundred word essay setting forth financial need, educational goals and career plans. The amount available is \$500.

**Ruth Smith/Mary Jane O'Black Loan Fund** - No interest loans of \$600, available to RLC members pursuing higher education. The application form is available in the church office. Include proposed timeframe for repaying the loan and two personal references, including current addresses and phone numbers.

**Bruce Higley Scholarship** - A scholarship fund was established by Kathy Higley in memory of her husband, Bruce, who had a lifelong passion for and career in science and engineering. The scholarship is \$1,000 a year for as long as the funds are available. Applicants must have achieved upper classman status, be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited university, have and declared a science-related major. It is also available to graduate students pursuing science-related degrees. To apply for this grant, a letter indicating interest along with a three-hundred word essay setting forth educational goals and career plans must be submitted to the Minister of Christian Education. Recipients of this scholarship must be members of Richland Lutheran Church.

## February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue
	<p>Mark your calendar for the upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive at RLC on Monday, <b>March 5</b> from 2-6 PM!</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Worship            9:00 AM Good News Today            9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe            11:00 AM Worship            12:30 PM Call Committee Meeting            5:30 PM High School Leadership Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Work Time            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            4:30 PM Girl Scouts            7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting            3:00 PM Girl Scout Jr Troop 1067            5:30 PM Recorder Consort            6:45 PM Bell Choir            7:00 PM Mafraq Prayer Team            7:00 PM RLC Foundation Meeting            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248            7:00 PM Outreach Team Meeting</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Worship            9:00 AM Good News Today            9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe            11:00 AM Worship            12:30 PM New Members Luncheon            4:00 PM Truth Project            5:30 PM High School Leadership Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Work Time            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            4:30 PM Girl Scouts            7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            3:00 PM Girl Scout Jr Troop 1067            5:30 PM Recorder Consort            6:45 PM Bell Choir            7:00 PM Mafraq Prayer Team            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248            7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Worship            9:00 AM Good News Today            9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe            11:00 AM Worship            1:00 PM Tutor Orientation            4:00 PM Truth Project            5:30 PM High School Leadership Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Work Time            10:00 AM Tri-City Quilter's Guild Meeting            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            4:30 PM Girl Scouts            7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting            3:00 PM Girl Scout Jr Troop 1067            5:30 PM Recorder Consort            6:45 PM Bell Choir            7:00 PM Mafraq Prayer Team            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Worship            9:00 AM Good News Today            9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe            11:00 AM Worship            4:00 PM Truth Project            5:30 PM High School Leadership Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse            7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission Service            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Work Time            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            1:30 PM Dorcas Circle            4:30 PM Girl Scouts            7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Hannah Circle            9:30 AM Miriam Circle            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            3:00 PM Girl Scout Jr Troop 1067            5:30 PM Recorder Consort            6:45 PM Bell Choir            7:00 PM Mafraq Prayer Team            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248            7:00 PM Lydia Circle</p>



## February 2012

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee            1:00 PM Read thru the Bible            3:30 PM Knitting Group            5:15 PM Praise Choir            6:00 PM Family Night Dinner            6:30 PM SuperKids, WILD            6:45 PM Chancel Choir            8:10 PM Instrumental Musicians Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Bible Study            9:00 AM Ministry Lead Meeting            9:00 AM Library Work Time            6:00 PM Steele Growth Group            6:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:30 PM Middle School Confirmation Lock-in            6:15 PM Girl Scouts            7:00 PM Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Middle School Confirmation Lock-in            5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee            1:00 PM Read thru the Bible            3:30 PM Knitting Group            5:15 PM Praise Choir            6:00 PM Family Night Dinner            6:30 PM SuperKids            6:30 PM WILD            6:45 PM Chancel Choir            8:10 PM Instrumental Musicians Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Bible Study            9:00 AM Ministry Lead Meeting            9:00 AM Library Work Time            6:00 PM Steele Growth Group            6:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Girl Scouts            7:00 PM Al-Anon            7:00 PM Ultreya</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:00 PM Worship            6:00 PM Date Night Event</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee            1:00 PM Read thru the Bible            3:30 PM Knitting Group            5:15 PM Praise Choir            6:00 PM Family Night Dinner            6:30 PM SuperKids, WILD            6:45 PM Chancel Choir            7:30 PM GNMM Board Meeting            8:10 PM Instrumental Musicians Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Bible Study            9:00 AM Ministry Lead Meeting            9:00 AM Library Work Time            1:00 PM Piecemakers            6:00 PM Steele Growth Group            6:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Girl Scouts            7:00 PM Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30 AM Men's Breakfast            5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee            12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service            1:00 PM Read thru the Bible            3:30 PM Knitting Group            5:15 PM Praise Choir            6:45 PM Chancel Choir            7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service            8:10 PM Instrumental Musicians Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Bible Study            9:00 AM Ministry Lead Meeting            9:00 AM Library Work Time            6:00 PM Steele Growth Group            6:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:15 PM Girl Scouts            7:00 PM Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee            1:00 PM Read thru the Bible            3:30 PM Knitting Group            5:15 PM Praise Choir            6:00 PM Family Night Dinner            6:30 PM SuperKids, WILD            6:45 PM Chancel Choir            8:10 PM Instrumental Musicians Rehearsal</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #f5f5dc;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0 0 0;">Please call the church office, 943-3164, or check the website, <a href="http://www.richlandlutheran.org">www.richlandlutheran.org</a>, for the most current information. Please note that not all activities, especially Growth Group meetings and Circles, are actually held at the church.</p> </div>		

## Activities for Youth

### Middle School!

Grades 6-8

**WILD** is our program for all middle schoolers. Every Wednesday night we meet from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the Gloria Dei Multipurpose Room (up the stairs). We spend time worshiping, playing, learning and hanging out together. Friends are always welcome!

- 1: PRE-LOCK-IN
- 8: POST LOCK-IN
- 15: IS THIS LOVE?
- 22: NO WILD-ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
- 29: SAMMY & HIS SHEPHERD

### High School!

Grades 9-12

### *Sunday Night Coffeehouse*

(6:30 PM in the High School Room) This is our weekly meeting for high school students. We spend time worshiping, playing, laughing, discussing, learning, praying...among other things! Friends are always welcome!

- 5: Super Bowl Party...maybe...tbd
- 12: I was a Teenage Disciple!!!
- 19: Part 2
- 26: Part 3

### **FEBRUARY 3-4 IS OUR CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN!!!**

*This takes the place of the March retreat, so it is vitally important that you are there.*

We'll meet at 5pm with normal confirmation registration in the foyer. We'll have dinner and then begin. We'll finish late afternoon on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 (we'll provide all meals), and friends are more than welcome!

### **The Mission Trip is coming up!**

If you are interested in going to Lodge Grass, Montana from June 16-23 to do some hard work and hard play in the name of Jesus, then please talk to Corey. *Mission trippers from last year have first priority.*

### **High School Leadership Team.**

We meet at 5:30 pm on Sunday nights. If you are interested in learning more about being a Christian leader, and want opportunities to lead various activities, please join us!

## Activities for Kids

### EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT! GROWING IN GOD!



Come learn how **SUPER KIDS** are empowered to live a life in Christ based on Philippians 4:13!

Will Marty, Katy, and Mr. Peabody help Captain Clueless learn how to put on the **Whole Armor of God**? Join us as we make our quest into Ephesians 6:10-17 and find out!!

**FEBRUARY 1** - Ready Feet!

**FEBRUARY 8** - Shield of Faith!

**FEBRUARY 15** - Helmet of Salvation!

**FEBRUARY 22** - No Super Kids! Please join us for Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00 PM (No family dinner at RLC this night)

**FEBRUARY 29** - Sword of Truth!

Wednesdays ☆ Grades 1st - 5th ☆ Richland Lutheran Church ☆ 901 Van Giesen  
Family dinner at 6:00 PM ☆ Super Kids from 6:30 - 7:45 PM  
(509) 943-3164 ☆ jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org

## Special Notes



Save the date!  
March 24  
ShareFest Workday



Richland Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the generous donation to the Ignite mentoring program. This program wouldn't be possible without the support of our community partners.

Thanks for the support and giving kids in our community love and hope.

Blessings to all,  
The Ignite Team



**Thank you** ever so much for your loving thoughts, prayers and cards for our granddaughter, Kara. She is better, but still having serious problems that we hope she'll soon be able to clear up. It's been a long ordeal, so we appreciate your kindness and prayers.

Margie and Ron Kickert

## Beach Trip Fundraiser Dinner



### COME JOIN THE FIESTA!

Please join the RLC youth for a fun Fiesta! in support of their annual trip to Seaside Oregon.

The Beach Trip gives the high school kids an opportunity to strengthen their relationship with God in an environment that's away from daily routines and distractions. The youth learn valuable leadership skills by planning bible studies and other activities, as well as increasing their knowledge of God.

### RLC HIGH SCHOOL BEACH TRIP FUNDRAISER DINNER

RLC PRINCE OF PEACE MARCH, 9TH AT 6:00

COST \$12 ADULTS, \$7 KIDS

Sign up for the dinner on the yellow worship slip or by contacting the church office before March 6th

## Parish Health Ministry

### Maintaining Your Optimal Health

#### One Step at a Time

By Diane Bonin

One complaint I hear often from others is about sleep. My son complains he doesn't get enough sleep most nights, while my 93 year old mother-in-law states she gets too much. We have people experiencing insomnia by not being able to get asleep, not being able to stay asleep or waking early before enough sleep is obtained. One thing we can all agree on is that sleep is necessary for our overall physical, emotional and mental wellbeing; and lack of sleep affects our lack of concentration, memory, as well as relationships with others. Experts tell us that without sleep we cannot survive as it is essential for our health. Research tells us that infants need about 16 hours of sleep per day, teenagers about 9, and most adults 7-8 hours, although these numbers vary by individual.

The experts give us several tips to increase our chances of a good night's sleep. Here are the tips:

- \*avoid caffeine and other stimulants before bed.
- \* participate in calming activities in the hours immediately before bedtime-- vigorous exercise, computer use or deciding to balance your checkbook are not recommended activities.
- \*make sure your bed and bedroom environment is comfortable and quiet.
- \* follow bedtime rituals to prepare your body for sleep.
- \* make sure you are not hungry when turning in; a light snack such as a glass of milk may be beneficial in helping you sleep.
- \*don't go to bed if you aren't tired. You should be able to fall asleep within 20 minutes.
- \*retire and arise at approximately the same time each day, to keep a consistent routine.

I offer one more thought, one word--prayer. Conversing through prayer can assist in a number of ways. Placing one's cares in another's hands, calming of oneself, or praying in preparation before bed, can be helpful in getting that good night's sleep.

## *Perpetual Change is Here to Stay!*

*Pastor Dave Hogan*

I was going to entitle this article, *Leaving No Stone Unturned*, because when I went in for my ultrasound last week, the woman who administered it, asked me, "Have you been trying to pass that stone?" Well, the implication of that question - namely, that I *already had* developed a stone - was not something I rejoiced to hear. Fortunately, (or should I say, "Praise the Lord!") when I got to the urologist later that week, he and the radiologist said I had no recurrence (yet?). Anyway, that - plus the anticipated critical review I'd have received from the Mrs., namely: didn't I think I'd milked all the stone jokes enough(?) - title or subject is not necessary now. Instead, we'll engage a subject surrounding aging.

Announcing that subject, I've undoubtedly lost the younger set among the readership in what should be a topic of intense interest to all of us - young and old. After all, even my newborn grandson is aging. I was born old. My parents were well into their 40's when I came along; my only sibling is a sister ten years older than I am. I grew up in an older world, among parents, relatives - and their friends - who were part of Tom Brokaw's *greatest generation*. I frequently ministered and served among the elderly, and woke up one day to find out I was one! Elaine and I were starkly reminded of this in 2011 when both of us found ourselves at our respective 50th high school reunions.

Growing up old gave me to know the elderly regard change as their least favorite thing. Hence our title above. Christians might resort to "proof-texting" (not to be confused with modern texting) the Bible to express resistance to change. After all, in Malachi 3:6 God declares, "I the LORD do not change." But we forget Jesus' reminder in Matthew 22:32 that God has said of Himself, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob..." Note that these persons lived in different generations: grandparent, child, and grandchild. There was change during each of their respective lifetimes. We each are called to faithfulness in the prevailing features of our own generation and culture. Change is implied in God's personal covenant name "I AM" (Yahweh). This mysterious sacred name is variously translated as, "I AM WHO I AM", or "I AM BECAUSE I AM", or "I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE". The very name of God brings together the unchangeableness of His character and being, with His Presence in all the change He has set in motion.

The soul goes through seasons: new life and promise of fruit, loss and apparent deadness with assured hope of new life again. The secret is to appreciate the value of these changes/seasons and gain the benefits of each. The weathers of all seasons nourish souls. Don't fail to engage life. Don't drop out when it changes.

## *RLC Mission Team to Russia Presents HeBrews Café February 12*

Mot and Pam Hedges, Jim Worgull and Norm Gillette make up the RLC team heading for St. Petersburg, Russia this summer with East European Missions Network for an English language camp on June 13.

The RLC team invites you to a presentation at Hebrews Café on February 12 where the short term mission trip will be described and information presented about the work of East European Mission Network. Come join us for coffee and snacks and hear about the good work EEMN accomplishes in countries formerly dominated by the Soviet Union. The teams present the Bible's good news to school children who may never have heard about God and Jesus.

EEMN has language camps in five former communist countries, Russia, Latvia, Ukraine, Slovakia, and Estonia as well as Turkey revealing Christ's love and grace. You can share in this mission effort with your support and prayers as we meet the challenge of the Great Commission in foreign lands. See you in the Prince of Peace fellowship area.



# Worship Assistants

<b>February 2012</b>	<b>Time</b>	<i>February 5</i>	<i>February 12</i>	<i>February 19</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday February 22 Noon and 7 PM</i>	<i>February 26</i>
<i>Pianist (Saturday)</i>	5:00 PM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
<i>Organists</i>	8:30 AM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
	11:00 AM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Boy Scouts	Kristen Imhoff	Jim Peterson	7PM Susan Schmieman	Delores Jaech
	11:00 AM	Boy Scouts	Valerie Bettinson	Sue Meek		Susan Schmieman
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Kathy Killand	Clarine Watkins Charles Davies Pam Hedges	Emil Leitz Charles Davis Elaine Davis		Clarine Watkins Charles Davis Pam Hedges
	11:00 AM	Jenny Page Jon Page Kelly Westlund	Jenny Page Jon Page Kelly Westlund	Kelly Westlund **** ****	7PM **** **** ****	**** **** ****
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion (Saturday) Sunday setup</i>	5:00 AM	Joanne Woehle	Jim and Sue Worgull	Nancy Ballard	Noon Kay Aase	Dave and Ann Brandes
<i>Cleanup Communion Sunday</i>	After 8:30 AM	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder	Carol Schmid	Kay Aase Lois Harrold		Donna Richardson
<i>Set communion elements on altar by 10:30am Cleanup Comm.Sunday</i>	After 11:00 AM	Kelly Westlund	Doloros Erickson	Jim and Jean Loss	Clean after 7pm Ann Brandes	Gwen Dodge
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Kate Juergens Elizabeth Kelly	Morgan Oberlander Nathan Lipton	Cade VanWormer Mikayla Mars	7PM	Alexis Riensche Ryan Warren
	11:00 AM	Woody Page Jack Page	Carlyle Keyes Nathan Salyer	Peter Morris Ashley Reisinger	Sarah Schmid Isabel Bartholomew	Jennifer Williams Tyler Williams
<i>Head Ushers &amp; As- sisting Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	Boy Scouts				
	11:00 AM	Boy Scouts				
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Boy Scouts	Sara and Norm Gillette	Mille and Ray Nierman		Carleen and Len Lust
	11:00 AM	Boy Scouts	Marilyn Mitchell	Marilyn Mitchell		Debbie Honeyman
<i>Children's Church</i>	8:30 AM	Melissa Schmid Katie Schmid	Astrid Goplen ****	John Huebner ****		**** Tiffany Vopalensky
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Kira Westlund	Aleana Saldana Drew Snyder	Trina Miles Daniel Miles		Lauri Whitney Emma Whitney
<i>Video System at 8:30 am service</i>	Console Camera 1 2	Ed Simonen Luke Thompson Jon Erlandson	Mike Schwartz Fred Kremmer Bill Frame	Jim Moran Don Schmid Ken Meek		Brian Killand Andrew Meek Paul Hedges
<i>Sound System</i>	8:30 AM	****	Karen Schwartz	****	7PM	Chuck Richardson
<i>Operators</i>	11:00 AM	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	Chuck Richardson	Jeff Dagle
<i>Cashiers</i>		Nancy Ballard Marge Hogue	Kay Aase Jon Erlandson	Kay Aase Tom Frislie		Nancy Ballard Doris Barchet
<i>Flowers</i>						
<i>Recycle</i>		Karen Schwartz	Valerie Bettinson	Tom Frislie		Jeff and Heidi Dagle

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## ANNIVERSARIES

### February 5

Kathy & Tim Bush  
Eunice & Gary Weible

### February 6

Lorrie & Charles Rogers

### February 8

Cheryl & Todd Erickson  
Mary & Todd Riensche

### February 14

Nancy & Norman Fiess

### February 16

Wallapa & Wally  
Hendrickson  
Brenda & Rob Mercer

### February 22

Amanda & TJ Bush

### February 29

Sharon & Erick Koehling

## BIRTHDAYS

### February 1

Julie Gearheard  
Loren Schmid

### February 2

Peggy Pilger  
Lauri Whitney

### February 3

Fred Brauer  
Jackson Clary

### February 4

Mary Armatas  
Jean Loss  
Brenda Mercer

### February 5

Ed Dalpiaz  
Rich Giller  
Marge Hogue  
Elsie Knostman  
Irmgard Kuchera  
Betty Quinn  
Laura Stevens  
Jacob Wunschel

### February 6

Kelly Camastral  
Meaghan McCartney  
Landon Shimskey  
Chloe Thorson

### February 7

Lisa Hill

### February 8

Todd Riensche  
Natalie Scherer  
Patrick Schroeder

### February 9

Emma Hamilton

### February 10

Craig Carro  
Pat Gibson  
Carter Morris  
Bob Riggers  
JoAnn Rosscup  
Karen Thompson  
Jim Wells

### February 11

Edna Brasfield  
Sallie Huebner  
Ron Page  
Heather Riensche  
Jack Tellefson

### February 12

Karin Nickola

### February 13

Helen Hendrickson  
Lucille Knutson

### February 14

Brandon Gano  
Roy Gunter  
Randy Krekel  
Adam Pilger  
Loris Schmidt

### February 15

Jackie Byrd  
Greg Dalpiaz

### February 16

Alisha Bettinson  
David Chaney  
Thomas Larsen  
Lucas Wick

### February 18

Norene Erlandson  
Jack Oppelt

### February 20

Terri Oberlander

### February 21

Steven Skinner

### February 22

Carri Slaugenhaupt  
DePoe  
James Fulton  
Katie Schmid

### February 23

Maxwell Clary  
Ginette Ernst  
Cadynce Hamilton  
Marilyn Mitchell  
Matt Rutt  
Marie Thompson

### February 24

Ron Brunke  
Greg Kelly  
Michael Pardini  
Susan Schmieman  
Samuel Webster

### February 25

Lois Blanchard  
Michelle Peterson  
Tracey Stuenkel

### February 26

Megan Krekel

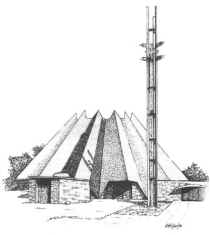
### February 27

Ed Darrington  
Jon Erlandson

### February 28

Karen Leber  
David McAdoo  
Inez Miller





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### *Worship Schedule*

#### **Traditional Worship with Holy Communion**

Sundays at 8:30 AM

#### **Worship with Holy Communion**

Sundays at 11:00 AM

#### **Worship with Holy Communion**

Saturdays at 5:00 PM

#### **Wednesday, February 22**

#### **Ash Wednesday services**

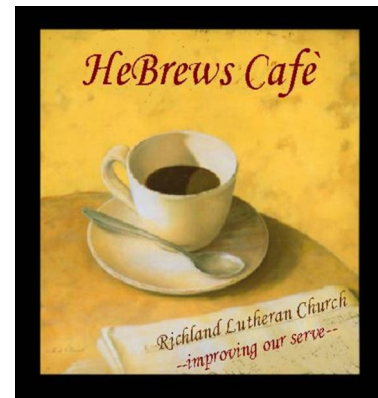
Noon and 7:00 PM

*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

**Printed copies and audio files of sermons are  
available on the website: [www.richland-lutheran.org](http://www.richland-lutheran.org)**



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

**It's where Richland Lutheran Church members are re-  
freshed, 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.**

**Richland Lutheran Church is here to help people build strong, effective Christian lives with the resources of God's grace.**