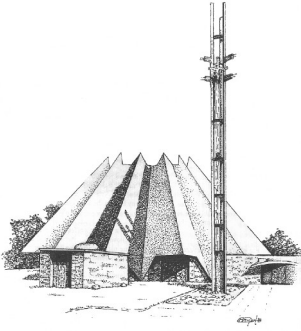


March 2012



The Preview

ShareFest 2012

Reaching out to our community!

RLC Congregation,

Planning for **Sharefest 2012** has begun. I will keep you posted on the developing plans so that you can participate fully to your own capabilities. This is RLC's second year of participation so the planning committee has a better understanding of the process.

Keeping track of hours for Sharefest is NOT to win a prize. It is intended to show community support for helping our neighbors and the community at large.



SHAREFEST DATE: 3/24/2012

PROJECTS:

We will have two bases of activity. As last year, your help may be for all day or for only an hour, depending on your schedule and/or how many helpers show up for the activities.

- A. One group will be based at the church (RLC) finishing long term projects and/or helping with food preparation.
- B. One group will be based at Claybell Park working on improvements to the park.

A. Church based – Some participants will help prepare, transport, and pass out food to the 'workers' for breakfast and lunch. Several of the women's groups will continue their projects with the end products collected on March 24 and labeled as being donated for Sharefest 2012 by RLC. You can join the groups as they meet at RLC and/or work on projects at home and bring them to the church on March 24. On March 24, projects will be finished and/or labels will be sewn on indicating participation in Sharefest 2012. If you are interested in this project and can only help on March 24, your help is welcomed.

1. Project: KNITTING BABY BOOTIES FOR SAFE HARBOR NURSERY

The knitters meet Wed at RLC from 3:30 – 5:30 PM. You can use your own pattern or they will provide you with a 'beginners' level pattern and help you get started. Starting February 8, the hours spent knitting at home and at church count towards our Sharefest total. If you are interested in this project, contact LaVonne Scully.

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Congregation Council

Council Members

Ben Barr, Member at Large
Rob Barr, Member at Large
Dave Brandes, Vice-President
Scott Hardman, Member at Large
Mot Hedges, President
Kathy Killand, Member at Large
Dave Larkin, Secretary
Sandy Steele, Member at Large

Ex Officio Member

Pastor Steve Ernst, Ex-officio Member

Advisory Member

Rich Olsen, Treasurer

Minutes of Council meetings are available on the website and in the church library.

Staff

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Joanne Woehle, Church Secretary
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Member Directory Changes

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Gibson, Pat
7301 Occidental Rd.
Yakima 98903

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Billings MT 59201

Lesser, John & Kiane
1622 Venice Ln.
Richland 99352

Staley, Ruthanne (Willy)
1527 Thayer Dr.
Richland 99354

New Members Received February 12

Ledezma, Ann
Robby
350 Access Rd.
Connell 99326
520-0775

Miles, Darrell & Trina
Kyia, Soren, Andrew,
Daniel, Hans, Trell
6633 Snake River Rd
Pasco 99301
547-2037

Pawlak, Pamela
602 W. 19th Ave.
Kennewick 99337
438-32987

Prothero, Kendra
1214 Del Mar Ct.
Richland 99354
554-8340

Shelton, Karla
1900 Stevens Dr., # 226
Richland 99354
330-0306

Solbrack, Henry & Lillian
3912 Meadow View Ct.
Pasco 99301
572-5994

Striefel, Mike & Elizabeth
5661 LeiLani Drive
W. Richland 99353

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

February 12 Kendra Prothero

Weddings

None

Memorial/Funeral

February 17 Norm Fiess

February 20 Ed Foss

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From Pastor Steve



RLC in Mission for Christ: Standing on God's Word

Every congregation has a foundation upon which to stand just like every home has a foundation upon which it stands. This is the base, the core upon which the vision, mission, culture and ministries of the congregation are built and spring forth. Every congregation has such a foundation but not many congregations think deliberately about, plan purposefully for, and decide upon, building and maintaining that foundation. However, the church in mission for Christ does.

Instead of simply allowing a foundation to develop without input and forethought, leading to an equally happenstance vision, mission, culture, ministries, etc, the church in mission for Christ sets and maintains its foundation with intentionality. They understand the foundation sets the tone for and directs all other things in which the congregation engages. Therefore, they spend great effort and resources into arguably the most important element of its existence.

What, then, is Richland Lutheran's foundation? I'm happy to report it is The Foundation Christian congregations throughout time and place have chosen with the wisdom and guidance, even command, of God...THE BIBLE. The Biblical foundation of RLC was recently tested by the shakings of the ELCA moving blatantly away from the authority of Scripture. I cannot emphasize enough what a significant decision RLC made when it chose the side of God's Word at great expense, hurt, and pain. Though the foundation was shaken God's Word stood firm through you.

As RLC continues in mission for Christ we do so standing firmly on the foundation of the Word of God. So don't be surprised if you're asked to bring your Bible to worship or be asked to open a pew Bible, for this is our foundation. Don't be surprised to make a Biblical defense of your faith, for this is our foundation. Don't be surprised to be rebuked or corrected by God's Word, for this is our foundation. Don't be surprised to be taught and trained by God's Word, for this is our foundation. And don't be surprised to hear your fellow RLCer singing... "The B.I.B.L.E, now that's the life for me, I stand alone on the Word of God, the B.I.B.L.E!"

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 Kelly Westlund, Pastor's Assistant.



Kelly is the Pastor's Assistant making her responsible for providing assistance to Pastor Steve, maintaining the church office, communicating important info of pastoral care, and creating and maintaining major communication publications of RLC. Kelly has been at RLC for 11 years, worked four years in children's ministry before becoming the Pastor's Assistant about a year and a half ago.

Kelly grew up on Whidbey Island and went east to WSU where she graduated with a degree in Child and Family studies. After college Kelly taught pre-school for several years. She has three kids, Nathan, Kyle, and Kira whom she loves spending time with. Kelly's hobbies include music, walks on the beach, crocheting, reading, and stamping and card-making. Kelly's favorite Bible verse is Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through him who gives me strength." Kelly's favorite part of her job is seeing, talking, and interacting with people.

If you have a chance this month, take some time to get to know Kelly, introduce yourself, say hi, write her a note of thanks, or give a word of encouragement and appreciation.

Financial Update

	<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income					
4000 · INCOME	<u>71,979.73</u>	<u>65,163.02</u>	<u>71,979.73</u>	<u>65,163.02</u>	<u>781,958.00</u>
Total Income	71,979.73	65,163.02	71,979.73	65,163.02	781,958.00
Expense					
5100 · BENEVOLENCE	5,909.09	5,923.77	5,909.09	5,923.77	71,087.00
5200 · OUTREACH	0.00	366.63	0.00	366.63	4,400.00
5300 · WORSHIP	1,242.35	1,035.38	1,242.35	1,035.38	12,425.00
5400 · NURTURE	145.08	542.96	145.08	542.96	6,490.00
5500 · EDUCATION	51.10	1,860.27	51.10	1,860.27	22,325.00
5600 · RESOURCES	4,976.95	10,370.92	4,976.95	10,370.92	124,455.00
5700 · COUNCIL	36,111.22	44,796.37	36,111.22	44,796.37	537,776.00
5751 · LRP IMPLEMENTATION	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>48,685.79</u>	<u>65,146.30</u>	<u>48,685.79</u>	<u>65,146.30</u>	<u>781,958.00</u>
Net Income	<u>23,293.94</u>	<u>16.72</u>	<u>23,293.94</u>	<u>16.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>

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.

From the Council

The RLC Council just concluded its February 14, 2012, meeting which included some very positive news regarding January, 2012 attendance/giving. For the first time since changing affiliation to the Lutheran Congregations for Mission in Christ (LCMC) the average attendance for the month of January exceeded the previous Januaries (2010 and 2011). This certainly is an indication we are again growing and our ministries are effective in outreach. Additionally, for the first time in a number of Januaries giving exceeded our projected budget numbers. We also are very excited that the "Call Committee" completed its efforts in nominating a perspective Lead Pastor – Steve Ernst! The congregation will meet on February 26, 2012, after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Service to vote on this nomination.

Finally, the members of the Congregation Council are pleased about a new ministry opportunity within our church – members visiting and spiritually ministering to those members of RLC who are shut-ins. As many of you are aware about two years ago a number of RLC members were trained to provide communion to the shut-in members of our congregation. This has been a blessing for those giving the communion, as well as the shut-ins. Based on this, we have decided to expand the program to include visitation by members of the congregation. Pastor Hogan will lead this effort and plans to provide training on this opportunity in March 2012. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please note this on your yellow worship slip and Pastor Hogan will keep you apprised of when the training will occur.

Blessings to all,
Rob Barr

ShareFest 2012, Continued

2. Project: MAKING BABY QUILTS FOR SAFE HARBOR NURSERY

The Piece-Makers meet the third Thursday of the month from 1:00 – 2:00 PM to share projects and techniques. They will work on baby quilts at home and bring the final projects to RLC on March 24. Starting February 8, the hours spent working on the quilts at home and at church count towards our Sharefest total. If you would like to be involved in this project, contact Lucille Knutson, 946-6594.

3. Project: MAKING QUILTS AND LAP ROBES FOR SEVERAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES including Safe Harbor Nursery, Red Cross, Kadlec Regional Medical Center, etc.

This group meets Wednesday mornings at RLC from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Quilts in a variety of sizes are worked on weekly. Some who are not able to attend this group assist by sewing tops together at home. Packets to make these tops including directions are available in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. Helping out on Wednesday does NOT require sewing skill, just a desire to be part of a group that meets to create a quilt. Starting February 8, the hours spent working on the quilts at home and at church count towards our Sharefest total. If you are interested in this project, contact Lois Harrold, 946-0923.

B. Community based at CLAYBELL PARK – After reviewing requests by the City of Richland for help, the committee chose the following. This project works well for families - whether these families have one or ten members. Both adults and children are welcome and will be able to help. There is a playground for the children to use when they need a break! This project will have three activity areas.

1. Project: PUTTING DOWN SOD AROUND THE PLAYGROUND.

2. Project: SPREADING WOOD CHIPS TO IMPROVE EXISTING PATHWAYS ALONG THE CLAYBELL PARK'S AMON WASTEWAY.

3. Project: BUILDING NEW TRAILS ALONG CLAYBELL PARK'S AMON CREEK.

More information will be shared at Hebrew's Café between the Sunday services on March 11. Please sign up on the yellow worship slip at church services or call the church office (943-3164) if interested in helping with the Sharefest 2012 projects so we can plan for equipment, food, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Quinn



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

Ministry Plan Updates

In an effort to keep you updated on how we are progressing on the 2012 Ministry Plan, we now have a new feature in the Preview. Each month the Ministry Leads will give a short report on what is being accomplished in their ministry area. If you find you are interested in helping accomplish any of these goals, please contact the Lead for that area of ministry.

Outreach:

- Communication of our vision and mission through banners
- Organizing partnership with Jefferson Elementary to tutor (enter and engage)
- The Sharefest ministry team has assembled and appointed project manager, Jason Corning, to organize the March 24 workday

Worship:

- Developing new 11:00 worship
 - Arranging / writing music for congregation, singers and instrumentalists
 - Bringing in new musicians
- Planning special music for choirs / soloists
- Planning/revamping Thanksgiving, Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services
- Planning and creating Cantata for Palm Sunday
- Lenten Soup Supper coordination

Nurture:

- Welcomed new members into our congregation to partner in our plan on February 12
- Fellowship – Date Night Challenge
- Renovare steering team has been assembled, and work has begun for the 2013 conference
- Men's Ministry surveying the congregation for needs
- Preliminary work being done on the new visitation team

Education:

- In reworking the Confirmation program, we had a Confirmation Lock-In with 44 middle schoolers
- During Lent, Corey will turn over WILD Wednesday to the other adult leaders to concentrate on Lent services
- Held initial Mission Trip meeting and introduced new requirements for attending, including an application, prayer partners, and Scripture memorization.
- Dr. Paul Spaulding secured to speak in September at the Gedde Lectures

Resources:

- Servant Coordination: Completed development of "Trinity Living@" and holding pilot sessions beginning February 27
- Finance: Financial records organized and ready for audit of 2011 books
- RLC Foundation: Approved funding request for Renovare in April 2013
- Audio/Visual: Held initial meeting under the leadership of Bob Thompson to work toward achievement of 2012 goal
- We have begun work to assess and update phone and internet systems
- We are reworking communication and promotional materials, including letterhead, business cards, logo and website

GNMM Yard Sale

Reminder: The Good News Media Ministry (GNMM) Yard Sale is coming the first weekend in May! It will be Friday and Saturday, May 4-5.



Remember to set aside items for the sale as you are doing your spring cleaning. We aren't going to be having the Antique Sale in June this year, so bring all your items to the yard sale.

Your contributions are very much appreciated!

Contacts: Karen Filipy - 627-0918; Debbie Honeyman - 627-5820; and Carol Romsos - 943-1529.

Christian Yoga

Are you interested in attending a Christian yoga class but uncertain of the expectations, don't know a "down dog" from a "tree", and want a class that starts at the beginning? † Yoga 4 Us has an **"Introduction to Christian Yoga" class on Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m., beginning April 12.** Consisting of six classes, you will learn how Christian yoga can benefit you.

Contact Jenifer Haler, 438-8162, to register. For more information, go to: http://web.me.com/jl.haler2/Christian_Yoga_4_Us/Welcome.html

Sewing Bee

The RLC Sewing Bee wants to thank **Thrivent Financial For Lutherans** for the generous gift of matching funds in the amount of \$1063.00 which brought the total of our donation to the GNMM Arts and Crafts Fair in November to \$2144.50. This also includes \$20 that came in after the Fair. They have richly blessed our efforts to support the GNMM TV Ministry.

Notes of Thanks

"Thank you for your donation to Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery. Your assistance will directly help children in our community."



Sincerely,
Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery

Dear pastors and members of Richland Lutheran Church,

On behalf of all the members of Christ Community Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Oregon, we want to thank you for your year-end gift of \$2500. We are so blessed to have received such a generous gift in support of our LCMC congregation.

We want you to know that our church council has decided that the money you gave us will go directly to the specific missions that our

congregation supports, locally as well as global. We have every confidence that God will increase it, even a hundred-fold!

We look forward to partnering with you in ministry and mission as the Holy Spirit leads. We are truly blessed to be in the "family" of LCMC and remain committed to doing our part in bringing LCMC into more Pacific Northwest congregations.

We are looking forward to the LCMC NW District annual gathering at your church on April 27-28. Last year's gathering was a blessing for all who attended; thanks in large part to your guidance and efforts, and this year's gathering promises to be even more so!

Your congregation is in our prayers and we thank God for you.

Pastor Jeffrey Redlin



March 2012

Sun

Mon

Tue



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, especially Growth Group meetings and Circles, are actually held at the church.

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Family Weekend at White Pass
 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 Haler/Worgull Growth Group

5

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

6

8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class
 9:00 AM Classic Yoga class
 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 Mafrag Prayer Team
 7:00 PM RLC Foundation Meeting
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248
 7:00 PM Outreach Team Meeting

11 Daylight Savings Begins

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 Haler/Worgull Growth Group

12

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

13

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's
 8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class
 9:00 AM Classic Yoga class
 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 Mafrag Prayer Team
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248
 7:00 PM Congregation Council

18

8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Good News Today
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe
 11:00 AM Worship
 1:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Mini-Retreat
 at Einar's
 4:00 PM Truth Project
 5:30 PM High School Leadership Team
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse
 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group

19

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

20

8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class
 9:00 AM Classic Yoga class
 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 Mafrag Prayer Team
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248

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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

26

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

27

8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class
 9:00 AM Classic Yoga class
 9:30 AM Hannah Circle, 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 Mafrag Prayer Team
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248
 7:00 PM Lydia Circle

March 2012

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Classic Yoga class 9:00 AM Ministry Lead Meeting 9:00 AM Library Work Time 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group 7:00 PM Lent Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 8:00 AM Family Weekend at White Pass 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM AI-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Family Weekend at White Pass 8:00 AM Organ Rehearsal 5:00 PM Worship</p>
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Lent

Lent is the liturgical (an arrangement and/or form of worship services) season in the Church year set aside for fasting, abstinence, and penitence in preparation for Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter not counting Sundays (Sundays are not included because in the Church liturgical year every Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. That is why the Christian Church worships on Sundays and not Saturdays, the Sabbath before the resurrection of Jesus).

This Lent at RLC we will be worshiping on Thursday nights, as is our practice, and sharing a soup supper together (this is part of our practice of abstinence, not sharing a whole meal). Corey Smith will be teaching about Jesus using some of the names used for Jesus [Son of God, Son of Man, Christ, Light of the World, Adonai (Lord), Lamb of God].

On Sunday mornings through Lent Pastor Steve will be teaching us about the Spiritual Disciplines of Prayer, Scripture Reading, Fasting, Meditation, and Worship. Practicing Spiritual Disciplines aids us in getting closer to God, discerning his will, hearing from him clearly, casting our cares upon him, living in peace and by the power of the Holy Spirit and much more. Since its inception, the Church has put much emphasis on practicing and living spiritual disciplines with special emphasis during the season of Lent.

We hope you will join us this Lent as we grow deeper in faith and obedience to our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday (Saturday, March 31 - 5 PM, Sunday, April 1 - 8:30, 11:00 AM)

Choir Cantata – Meet in the Prince of Peace fellowship area to process into the sanctuary as we remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday (7 PM)

Remembering and Celebrating Christ's last supper with the Disciples

Good Friday (Noon/7 PM)

Reflecting upon the sacrificial death of Christ for us

24-hour Prayer Vigil (8 PM Friday – through 8 PM Saturday)

Sign up for the prayer vigil to be held between the conclusion of our Good Friday service and continuing through our Prayer and Praise service Saturday evening.

Holy Saturday Prayer and Praise (7 PM Saturday)

Concluding our prayer vigil with a service of prayer and praise, held in the Prince of Peace fellowship area.

Easter Worship

6 AM - Early Morning Resurrection Celebration, no communion

8 AM, 9:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

11 AM - Blended Worship Service

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By Order Of The Queen of Hearts,
You Are Cordially Invited To
RLC Women's Ministry's,
"Mad Hatter's" Tea Party
To Celebrate "Mad About God": Abundant Joy &
Gladness in Him.

Saturday, May 12, 2012
2:00pm



Follow the White Rabbit to
RLC "Prince of Peace" Grand Ballroom

Tickets go on sale following church services for
\$5 each starting April 21
Alice-age and beyond, please RSVP by May 6

~ Don't Be Late For This Very Important Date ~

Dress in your Wonderland Best Hat*
If You Dare!



*Best Hat Contest



Q

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!

Capt. Clueless has learned a lot about standing firm in Christ and putting on the **Whole Armor of God** from Ephesians 6, and now he's diving into the **Parables!**

Come join us as we learn along with him!

MARCH 7 - Sword of the Spirit!

MARCH 14 - Putting on the Whole Armor of God!

MARCH 21 - New series! Parables - Yeast!
Growing God's kingdom in amazing ways!

MARCH 28 - Talents - Doing our best with what he gives us!

Wednesdays ☆ Grades 1st - 5th

Richland Lutheran Church ☆ 901 Van Giesen

Family dinner at 6:00 PM ☆ Super Kids from 6:30 - 7:45 PM

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Parish Health Ministry

By Diane Bonin

Maintaining Your Optimal Health One Step at a Time

Over the last three months we have discussed some basics to maintain our optimal health. We have talked about receiving the flu vaccination, dietary needs, and the importance of proper sleep. This month we are talking about the importance of exercise. Although the Bible doesn't speak of exercise per se, we know that folks of the time period were physically active due to the lifestyle they observed.

Most people know that physical exercise is important for cardiac health, stamina, strength, and muscle tone. It also is known to promote sleep, help control weight, increase energy, help increase mood and decrease anxiety, boost metabolism, and combat health disease. The Mayo Clinic recommends setting a goal of 30 or more minutes of exercise every day. If you are looking to lose weight or have other fitness goals your exercise regimen needs to be modified accordingly. Before starting any vigorous exercise routine, make sure you check with your physician to make sure you are healthy enough to participate in such a routine. People most successful in exercising enjoy their chosen activity be it cycling, swimming, walking, running, dancing, working out at the gym, yoga, golfing, bowling, Wii games, martial arts or another activity. Some folks choose to incorporate physical activity into their normal day by taking the stairs instead of the elevator, parking at the far end of the parking lot to increase their number of steps to their destination, to garden or incorporate other physical activities. Whatever activity you choose, remember to keep moving. There is no age limit on the need to exercise.

Along with physical exercise, mental exercise is also of utmost importance. From birth on, we need to be mentally challenged to maintain our mental acuteness. As we age, this is even more important. Exercising your brain helps maintain your concentration, memory, creativity,

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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!

March

- 7: Sammy Part 2
- 14: Sammy Part 3
- 21: Prayer Journey
- 28: Easter stuff



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

March 24 is Sharefest!!!

Come join RLC for a day of community service! More info will follow!

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!

March

- 4: Luther Night
- 11: Prayer Journey
- 18: Spiritual Warfare 1
- 25: Spiritual Warfare 2

March 18 is a ninth grade mini retreat at Einan's at 1:30pm!

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!

Parish Health Ministry, continued

and the ability for your mind to work more efficiently. Try the following to maintain these skills: crossword puzzles, word searches, puzzles, Sudoku, word jumbles, cryptic quotes, card games, challenging board games such as Chess, computer games, mathematical equations (without use of a calculator), reading challenging literature, creative writing, watching (and playing along) with TV game shows such as Jeopardy, and remaining socially active to stay connected.

Volunteering is a good way to increase your well-being mentally, physically, and can assist your emotional and spiritual health as well; while benefiting another individual. Consider volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, tutoring of children, participating in Sharefest, assisting at RLC in the nursery , helping with Sunday school or the youth groups, assisting in the RLC kitchen, helping in the office, serving on committees or at worship, the opportunities are boundless.

Making exercise part of your normal routine is sure to improve not only your physical and mental abilities but increase your quality of life overall as well to maintain your optimal health.

Worship Assistants

March 2012	Time	<i>Sunday March 4</i>	<i>Sunday March 11</i>	<i>Sunday March 18</i>	<i>Sunday March 25</i>	<i>Thursday Lenten Services 7:00 PM</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	Kathy Killand	Dave Wunschel	Dolores Jaech	Jim Peterson	
	11:00 AM	****	Sue Meek	Valerie Silva	Susan Schmieman	
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Emil Leitz Ken and Sue Meek	Clarine Watkins Pam Hedges Jeff Pilger	Sara/Norm Gillette Jami Prigge	Clarine Watkins Larry/Jenifer Haler	
	11:00 AM	Jenny Page **** ****	Julie Deen Kelly Westlund ****	Jenny/Jon Page ****	Kelly Westlund **** ****	
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion Sunday 8:30 setup</i>	5:00 PM Saturday	Ann/Dave Brandes	Nancy Ballard	Joanne Woehle	Gwen Dodge	
<i>Cleanup 8:30, Set up 11:00 Sunday</i>	After 8:30 AM	Lois Harrold Kay Aase	Carol Schmid	Lois Harrold Kay Aase	Pamela Warren Janet Sliter	
<i>Clean up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Joanne Woehle	Kelly Westlund	Jean/Jim Loss	MaryJo/Mike Schroeder	
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Sarah Schmid Elizabeth Kelly	Kate Juergens Patrick Schroeder	John Lesser Anna Lesser	Aaron Cole Mikayla Mars	1 - Nathan Salyer 8 - Alexis Riensche 15 - Morgan Orberlander 22 - Adam Pilger 29 - Kira Westlund
	11:00 AM	April Mercer Nathan Salyer	Peter Morris Rhett Levin	Emma Whitney Willow Whitney	Trygve Tilton Woody Page	
<i>Head Ushers & Assisting Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H - Mike Schwartz Karen Schwartz A - Dave Larkin Don Schmid	H - Chuck McCargar Larry Corning A - Jim Moran Traci Moran	H - Bill Frame Fred Kremmer A - Jim Peterson Carleen Lust	H - Dave Wunschel Russ Warren A - Jon Erlandson Bill Frame	March 1 H - Mike and Val Bettinson A - Carol Hexum Mac Dixson
	11:00 AM	H - Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A - Jim Loss Jean Loss	H - Jim Wells Diana Wells A - Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck	H - Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck A - Piper Mercer ****	H - Jim Loss Jean Loss A - Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder	March 8 H - Bill Frame Fred Kremmer A - Charles Rogers Carleen Lust
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Sara Gillette Norm Gillette	Carleen Lust Len Lust	Carol Schmid	March 15 H - Gary and Eunice Weible A - Jim and Jean Loss
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Marilyn Mitchell	Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder	Debbie Honeyman	
<i>Children's Church</i>	8:30 AM	Melissa Schmid Katie Schmid	Astrid Goplen Neal Goplen	John Huebner ****	**** Tiffany Vopalensky	March 22 H - Carol Hexum Larry Corning A - Jim and Traci Moran
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Kira Westlund	Julie Bishop Drew Snyder	Trina Miles Daniel Miles	Lauri Whitney Emma Whitney	
<i>Video System at 8:30 am service</i>	Console Camera 1 2	Mike Stankovich Fred Kremmer Jon Erlandson	Mike Schwartz Andrew Meek Bill Frame	Jim Moran Traci Moran Paul Hedges	Brian Killand Don Schmid Luke Thompson	March 29 H - Jon Erlandson Russ Warren A - ****
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Chuck Richardson	Karen Schwartz	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	1 - Tammy Carswell 8 - Karen Schwartz 15 - Tammy Carswell 22 - Jeff Dagle 29 - Tammy Carswell
	11:00 AM	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	
<i>Cashiers</i>		Nancy Ballard Dick Arnst	Kathy Snyder Jon Erlandson	Nancy Ballard ****	Kay Aase Tom Frislie	
<i>Flowers</i>		Lois Blanchard	****	****	Mac & Sally Dixson	
<i>Recycle</i>		Carol Schmid	LaVonne Scully	Rich Barchet	Laura Stevens	

Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

March 1

Maria and Bill Frame

March 7

Kelly & Bob Weissenfels

March 12

Barbara & John
Cunningham
Piper & Will Mercer

March 16

Joanne & Wayne Killand
Adele & Joel Sorensen

March 19

MaryJo and Mike
Schroeder

March 21

Lisa & David Harrow

BIRTHDAYS

March 1

Katie Chaney
John Sims

March 2

Sally Culbert
Jaylin Lamb
Drew McCullough
Larry Pedersen

March 3

Cindy Dixon
Norm Gillette
Astrid Goplen
Shanna Goplen

March 4

Jami Prigge
Steven Solnicka

March 5

Marv Clement
Rebecca Nelson

March 6

William Colwell
Darrel Glasford
Marge Nelson
Neil Todd

March 7

Evelyn Chaney
Jordan Schroeder
Marc Willy

March 8

Joanne Killand
Jeff Peterson
Jeff Pilger

March 9

Andrew Clark
Fred Kremmer

March 10

Elaine Anderson
Jeri Frislie
Rob Mercer

March 11

Kellie Challender

March 12

Nate Chaney
Sue Meek

March 13

Tara Bevelacqua
Randy Coffman

March 14

Erick Koehling

March 15

Janelle Bevelacqua

March 16

Diane Olsen
Marilyn Schmidt

March 17

Samantha Bussell
Patty Kranz
Jim Perham
Len Ross

March 18

Catlin Chalk
Bernie Woehle

March 19

Vincent Rodriguez

March 20

Malia Ciolli
Sharon Kaiser
Jack Page
Ken Rivers
Ed Simonen
Abby Skinner
Bob Somerville

March 21

Madelyn Hogan
Todd Maier
Emelia Scherer
Logann Smith
Bruce Vesper

March 23

Sami Ashenbrenner
Jennifer Boynton
Josh Maier
Serena Tilton

March 24

Mille Nierman
Sharleen Thesenvitz

March 25

Tomi Chalk
Susan Gunter
LaVonne Scully
Holden Welch

March 26

Heather Beerblower
David Larsen
Matthew Larsen
Mike Schwartz

March 27

Joey Maier
Dawn Salyer
Paige Shirey

March 28

Carl Schroeder
Michael Streufert
Nathan Streufert

March 29

Ethan Bishop
Mason Ciolli
Jeff Dagle
Rylee Fischer
Bryce Gardner

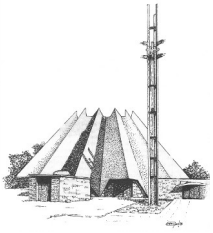
March 30

Kayla Deen
Wayne Killand
Holt Mensinger

March 31

Jon Page
Gloria Richman





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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

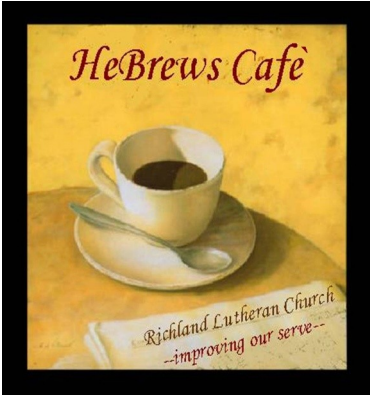
Worship with Holy Communion
Saturdays at 5:00 PM

Lenten Worship Services
Thursdays at 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**



**Daylight savings
begins on
March 11!!**

***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.