

The Preview



Neighborhood Block Party



Saturday,
September 8

4 ~ 7 PM

Stevens
Park

Come enjoy a fun evening of games, food, and friends as we host our neighborhood to the 2nd Annual RLC Block Party. There will be cotton candy, snow cones, burgers, inflatables, games, & prizes.



We need your help to make this event a success. Volunteer to set up, clean up, work at a booth, bake cupcakes, donate candy, or loan a generator or easy-up. Sign up at a Worship service or contact Ginnette Ernst at 528-9389 or at ginnette.ernst@gmail.com.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

August 7	Kathryn Toffer Bonnette
August 12	Lucas Anthony Frye
August 12	Terra Lynn Booth
August 26	Madeline Miller

Weddings

August 11	Andrea Slonecker & Jose Guerra, Jr.
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Memorial/Funeral

None

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From Pastor Steve



RLC in Mission for Christ: Even the Lone Ranger had Tonto

I've thought it a bit ironic the Lone Ranger wasn't really alone. He had a partner in his Native American friend and sidekick Tonto. In fact, Tonto addressed the Lone Ranger with Ke-mo sah-bee, meaning "faithful friend," in Potawatomi. At times the Lone Ranger reciprocated the term of endearment in addressing his faithful friend, Tonto.

When it comes to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ there are truly no Lone Rangers. At least there shouldn't be. Ministry can and should be done as a team. Jesus built a team. *"He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons"* Mark 3:14 &15. These same Apostles ministered with one another in the early church and encouraged building teams as they had learned from the master, *"So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word'"* Acts 6:2-4. Paul the Apostle addresses the church at Phillipi thanking them *"because of (their) partnership in the gospel from the first day until now"* Phil. 1:5.

Partnership and teamwork are the necessary foundation of "being and doing church." Both the Apostles Paul and Peter clearly have partnership and teamwork in view when talking about the Church. Paul writes in Ephesians 4:11-13, *"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (emphasis mine)."* Likewise Peter writes in 1 Peter 2:9, *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (emphasis mine)."* Amazing! We are both saints and priests, ministers of the Gospel of Christ, to build up the body of Christ and declare His praises.

In his book, "Doing Church as a Team," Pastor Wayne Cordeiro accurately reflects the Church's departure from partnership and teamwork to dependence on the "professional pastor." He writes, "We've forgotten who God created us to be. Instead of fulfilling our own calling, we hire others to do it for us. We interview a potential pastor, and if he can preach and do the business of the church, we hire him...he is the one who is supposed to do the ministry, so we just step out of his way." Clearly this is not the biblical way of being and doing church.

The church in mission for Christ uses partnership and teamwork. They do not abdicate their God given and appointed ministry to the "professionals." They are both saints and priests living lives which make Christ's name known and advance His Kingdom. I leave you with Cordeiro's encouragement to prayerfully consider, "Maybe it's time we return to the way God designed the Church to function in the first place. The ministry of Church is not the responsibility of a few professionals; it is the divine responsibility of every single one of us (where) every member is a minister."

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Financial Update

Treasurer's Report – July 2012

As reflected in the financial summary below, the financial results have been above plan through July 2012. Our offerings are up \$36,377, or 8.9% higher than the same time last year. Our expenses are down \$(69,449), or 14.3% less than the same time last year. Year to date, our offerings exceed expenses by \$34,952 compared to \$(70,874) in 2011. These results are reflected in the columns titled "Prior Year Comparison"

	July 2012			Year to Date			Prior Year Comparison		
	Actuals	Budget	Variance	Actuals	Budget	Variance	YTD '12	YTD '11	Variance
Offering / Income	\$ 58,924	\$ 46,800	\$12,124	\$451,694	\$429,780	\$ 21,914	\$ 451,694	\$ 415,317	\$ 36,377
Expense	\$(58,590)	\$(61,533)	\$ 2,943	\$(416,742)	\$(451,530)	\$ 34,788	\$(416,742)	\$(486,191)	\$ 69,449
Profit / (Loss)	\$ 334	\$(14,733)	\$15,067	\$ 34,952	\$ (21,750)	\$ 56,702	\$ 34,952	\$ (70,874)	\$105,826

For the current month (July), actual offerings exceeded budget by \$12,124 and actual expenses were under budget \$2,943. Year to Date, actual offerings exceed the budget by \$21,914 and actual expenses are under budget by \$34,788. For the current month, actual offerings exceed expenses by \$334. Year to date, actual offerings exceed actual expenses by \$34,952 and exceed the year to date budget by \$56,702.

If you have any questions regarding this financial summary, please contact Debbie Stankovich or me.

In His Service,

Rich Olsen

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.

Constitution and Bylaws

Greetings RLC Members,

According to Bylaw C11.06.01 the Congregation Council must annually review the Constitution and Bylaws of RLC and present proposed changes for the congregation's consideration and vote at the annual meeting (Sunday, October 28, 2012). We have just completed this work for 2012. You may pick up copies of those changes at the Welcome Desk. There are two documents in the packet. The first copy is the "marked up" version. The changes are recorded in red font to easily track. The second copy is the "clean" version constituting the final document.

The changes to our Constitution and Bylaws two years ago were primarily made to strike out references to the ELCA which was necessary given our move from the ELCA to the LCMC. The changes incorporated into this version represent a more thorough review and revision to our Constitution. Your diligent and prayerful consideration of these proposed changes are greatly appreciated. We have scheduled time to be available at Hebrews Café between services on Sunday, September 23, 2012 to hear and respond to questions on the proposed changes. However, you do not have to wait or attend this meeting to have your questions addressed. You are encouraged to contact a Council member at any time to discuss concerns or questions you have regarding these changes.

Thank you for your Partnership in ministry at RLC.

The RLC Congregation Council

From the Council

Two little words have been tugging on my soul over the last year or so. The words, uttered by Pastor Steve, are “missional” and “intentional.” I found *intentional* in a couple of dictionaries and in the <http://www.morewords.com> Web site -- where you can search for all words ending in “al”. The definition on this Web site for *intentional* is: “a. [adjective] - Done by intention or design; intended; designed; as, the act was intentional, not accidental.” This is a reasonable definition – as far as the secular world is concerned. But, by listening to the use of *intentional* used by Pastor Steve, he includes the need to adhere to Biblical direction and God’s Will. Pastor Steve would say something like, “We need to be more intentional” in this or that – then he would quote a Bible verse or two.

I never found the word *missional* (even my spell checker underlines the word in red). It may be defined somewhere – but I could not locate it. I think we followers of Jesus Christ at RLC can figure this one out. After listening to Pastor Steve use *missional* a couple of times though – I am pretty certain now that Pastor Steve believes our main mission at RLC is for us as a congregation, and for us as individuals, to be *missional*. Have you ever heard Pastor Steve mention Matthew 28:16-20, The Great Commission? Yep. Have you noticed the RLC vision and mission? Our Vision – Richland Lutheran Church is a congregation of Christ followers who are making Jesus Christ known to all people and advancing His Kingdom. Our Mission – Richland Lutheran Church fulfills its vision and calling by entering and engaging the world as God himself did through the person and work of Jesus Christ. Yep – just check out the January, 2012 *Preview*.

Your Council is working right now to be more *intentional* in three main *missional* areas. First, we have completed our reviews and revisions of the Constitution and By-laws that will be packaged up for Congregation review, comment, and approval in September and October. Second, we are working on the 2013 Annual Ministry Plan that is both more *intentional* and more *missional* – subject to Congregation review, comment, and approval in October. Third, we are working to launch a major update to our Strategic Ministry Plan. Over the past three years this plan has lacked focus and has certainly not been either *intentional* or *missional*. We are working to correct this – hopefully very early in 2013.

Intentional and *missional* – is this it? No. What I have learned in my own Bible reading, listening to Pastor Steve, and praying about letting these two words filter into me, is that I need to be more *intentional* and more *missional*. I need to be more *intentional* in being in God’s word and in prayer. Then I need to be more open to be more *missional* to those I meet and greet. I am blessed to be more *intentional* and more *missional*.

These two little words, but powerful words, have helped my daily walk with Jesus. Think about these two little words and let the Holy Spirit guide you in your *intentional* walk to be more *missional*.

Dave Brandes

Thank you

Dear Richland Lutheran Church :

Thank you for being a member of 4Tucson in 2012.

We have a lot of community activities that we invite you to be a part of.

Please check our website www.4Tucson.com for the latest happenings. If you have questions about where you can best plug in please call us at 520-745-4404.

We are trying to identify 144,000 Christians (Rev 14:1) that will be a part of 4Tucson. Help us get the word out. Ask every Christian you know to join you in being a part of 4Tucson

Together we can make a difference for Jesus in our city.

In His Service,
Your 4Tucson Team

48 Years of Excruciating Happiness

The title for this month's pastoral care column is a fill-in-the-blanks adaptation of a line expressed to me by a buddy from my Air Force days, during the first year of my marriage. We'd been invited over to this couple's house for their anniversary. I asked him, "how many years have you been married?" His response was that it had been five years; and then, after some comedic hesitation, he went on to utter that it had been five years of excruciating happiness. My sick mind locks in on lines like that, finding them to be somewhat perversely humorous; and so, Elaine has had to endure my usage of that line adapted to *our own* marriage for what will be - come September 5th - 48 years. That she has done so with grace (because she knows I'm just kidding, right?), is a testimony to successful marital longevity.

In 39 years of pastoral ministry, I've done a great deal of pre-marital counseling. You may think that some of my counsel to couples is not very spiritual. I'm not claiming a proof-text for this counsel concerning marriage in the Bible. I tell couples that they had better have a sense of humor; and that, without a sense of humor, the marriage will not thrive no matter how long they "gut it out."

Now, that counsel comes with some qualifiers. I'm not talking about Mr. and Mrs. Laugh-a-minute. I have reference to self-deprecating humor - the kind that turns on yourself instead of being used as a weapon against your mate. Instead, this type of humor looks at oneself and can do little else but declare, "I'm such a dufus!" This kind of humor is honest and makes you vulnerable. It also invites grace and forgiveness in a spirit of lightheartedness.

Another principle in marital counsel builds off of this: *understand that we take ourselves far too seriously; and we don't even begin to take God seriously enough.* When Richland Lutheran adopted Micah 6:8 as its motto for the year, a couple of years ago, I thought of further warrant from Scripture for this expression of this principle. Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of that verse (not a word for word translation, but an accurate capturing of the meaning, or the sense, of it) concludes it in this very manner: **"...be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously - take God seriously."** while certainly not the only principles, these greatly forecast the perseverance necessary to the Christian life in particular, regardless of marital status.

God, as I look at myself in the mirror - and the mirror of Your Word - it's obvious You've got a sense of humor. I'm such a dufus! But I'm Your dufus; and in the vulnerability of my honest, humbly-assessed admission, Your loving grace and forgiveness pour out upon me at the Cross (excruciating!), from the Ascended Christ, by the Spirit. Thank You for sticking with me for eternity. I love You Lord Jesus. Seriously!

Pastor Hogan

How Can You Serve?

Maria Frame

I have been thinking a lot lately about what it means to serve. The world is quite a busy place and our schedules tend to reflect that. Nevertheless, there is much to do in God's kingdom. Some tasks are huge; others are quite small. Sometimes the huge ones seem overwhelming and the small ones seem insignificant. Nevertheless, each of us is called to take on a part of this very important work. A poem by Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582) says it best.

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours. *Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)*

I have a friend who always used to say 'many hands make light work'. That is so true! I don't want to ask for help in a specific area of ministry because every area of ministry has great potential for growth. Christ needs each and every one of you to do the work in His kingdom! No task, no matter how small is insignificant to God. What is God placing on your heart today? Take a look around you and see what you can do to help out around RLC. Perhaps you could give blood, help out with the block party or Habitat for Humanity. Perhaps you could teach, help out with Children's Church or Super Kids. Perhaps you could assist some way during worship, join a choir, help in the nursery or even operate a camera or the sound board. Perhaps you could join the quilters on Wednesday mornings, bring food for the food pantry, join a mission team - - or just ask 'where do you need me?'. There are a thousand ways! Which will be yours?

Golf Scramble



SUN WILLOWS GOLF COURSE

RLC Men's Ministry

Sunday Sept. 16 1 p.m. tee off

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Sponsors

Goodwill Industries--Golf Universe--Thrivent

Proceeds from this charity event to benefit the Eli Bar Foundation

Great fun, warm fellowship, nice prizes, worthy cause

You are invited -- 18-hole Scramble

Four-person teams -- Best Ball

\$85.00 for golf, cart and small bucket

Tee Prizes- closest to hole and long drive

Awards dinner to follow scramble in club house

Register by email to nlg1939@msn.com or call Norm Gillette

509-378-5898 or Kathy Barr 509-627-0489

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe 10:15 AM Worship 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p>3 Office Closed for Labor Day</p> <p>4:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>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 7:00 PM RLC Foundation Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248 7:00 PM Outreach Team Meeting</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>9th Grade Confirmation Retreat 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Eli Barr 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Scramble 5:30 PM High School Leadership Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>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 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
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September 2012

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0 0 0;">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.</p> </div>			

Parish Health Ministry

Maintaining Your Optimal Health

One Step at a Time

Moving the right way will improve your health. The only things mindful movement won't help are: It won't improve your hearing, and it won't grow hair.

Having recently returned from two classes taught by instructors of movement from Duke University Hospital and Oregon Health & Sciences University, Jenifer Haler is eager to share what she learned about healthy movement with members of our congregation. The 30 minute presentation has practical applications for people from ages 1 to 100. Please join Parish Health Ministry during **Hebrews' Cafe** between church services on **Sunday, September 16** for information which will have an immediate impact on the way you move. Corinthians 3: 16 & 17 states, "**Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.**" Find out how you can better care for God's temple.

Are you a health care professional or advocate? If so, I would like to hear from you! In 2013, The Parish Health Ministry will focus on members of the congregation who are willing to be a health care resource. If you are a physician, nurse, dietician/nutritionist, social worker, therapist, fitness trainer, or involved in any other way in keeping others at their physical or mental best, and you are willing to share your knowledge to help keep our members healthy, please send me an email at Bonindk@pocketinet.com. I am hoping you can introduce yourself and share important information through a monthly Preview article. We are all called to help each other, and sharing the expertise you hold to help others would be a great blessing to our congregation! Let us be reminded that sharing is important as stated in **Hebrews 13:16: *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.***

Thank you to all who donated blood or provided snacks for our August 27 Blood Drive. Our community thanks you as the need for blood is especially high during this time of year and blood supplies have been low. Blood transfusions are used during surgeries, and for accident victims, premature babies, and people suffering from blood diseases or other conditions.

The Parish Nursing Ministry team would also like to draw your attention to a free seminar on Carpal Tunnel Syndrome on Wednesday, September 12, at 6:30 PM. The seminar is being offered by Oasis Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab. For more information you can contact Oasis at 509-545-1010 or register online at OasisPhysicalTherapy.com/seminars.

Musical Opportunities



Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

The psalmist certainly knew that all of creation sings praises to the Lord – and so should we. Whether you like to sing, play an instrument – or would like to learn to play, there is a place for you here at Richland Lutheran Church! If you love music and love God – be a part of praising God through music at RLC!

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 5. The Chancel Choir sings at the 8:30 AM service and at special services. They rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM in the choir room. The only requirement is that you love to praise God through song!

Back Row consists of Tenors and Basses. We have truly missed this group over the last two years so would like to form up again. You do not have to be a member of Chancel Choir to be in this group – just love to sing! Rehearsal time will be set when the group forms.

Women's Choir (name yet to be determined). There is nothing more beautiful to hear than an all-women's group. This group will be new this year. Again, you do not have to be a member of Chancel Choir to be in this group. Rehearsal time will be set when the group forms.

Recorder rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 25, at 5:30 PM. Recorders are a 14th Century instrument. They are not difficult to learn and are played in ensemble.

Bell Choir rehearsals also begin on Tuesday, September 25, at 6:45 PM. One of the things about a bell choir that is unique is that we need to have enough players to ring all the bells or we cannot play at all. Over the last few years, we have struggled because we have not had enough players. If you have played bells before or have always wanted to learn – we really need you. And this is a good time to join, as we are all starting out after a summer off and will probably be a bit 'rusty'. Bells are fun; the only requirements needed to play bells are to be able to recognize two notes (and we can help you there)....and to be able to count to six!

Instrumentalists / soloists are also encouraged to get involved in worship.

Take time to pray about becoming part of one of these groups that are so integral to our worship here at Richland Lutheran Church, and come to a rehearsal to check us out! Any questions or for more information, talk to a choir member or e-mail Maria at maria.frame@richlandlutheran.org

Men's Ministry News

Father-Son Pancake Breakfast

The father-son breakfast August 18 was well attended and everyone had a hearty pancake meal and great fellowship. Thanks to all the fathers who brought their sons and to all the other guests. Thanks to Jim Perham and his kitchen crew for cooking and serving everyone. Fellowship was great.

RLC Summer Block Party - Stevens Park - September 8

We are still looking for volunteers from the men's ministry to help at the block party. Jim Perham and Russ Warren are working on the cooking and food and we can use more men to help with setup, cleanup and assorted tasks which will help the event be a big success.

Eli Barr 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Scramble - September 16

Registrations are being accepted for the Eli Barr Golf Scramble. Call Kathy Barr at 627-0489 or Norm Gillette at 378-5898 or email nlg1939@msn.com so we can plan for the scramble teams, prizes and awards dinner afterwards. We are pleased to have Goodwill Industries, Golf Universe and Thrivent participate as sponsors and the proceeds will benefit the Eli Barr Foundation and Richland Lutheran Church.

Don't forget the Men's Fall Retreat - October 19-21 - Plain, WA

Registration is available online on the church website or call Kelly 943-3164 or Norm Gillette 378-5898 or email nlg1939@msn.com. Pastor Steve has a great retreat message planned for us. Make your plans now and register to join in the fellowship with the Men's Ministry and with other northwest LCMC churches sending their guys.

Activities for Kids



SUPER KIDS SEPTEMBER 2012

Sept. 12 - Super Kids! Kick Off Night!
Sept. 19 - Intro to the Lord's Prayer
Sept. 26 - "Our Father..."

What adventures await Captain Clueless this year? Will Professor Peabody and the Super Kids help him understand the Bible lessons? Can he apply those biblical truths to his everyday life? Come join the fun and find out!

Super Kids! is a mid-week 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 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45, immediately following the family dinner at 6:00 PM, in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. The weekly schedule includes times of worship and prayer, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, games, crafts, and lots of fun!

This fall, Super Kids! will be focusing on taking to heart the Lord's Prayer. It's good to be able to recite this scripture, but what does it really mean? We'll be diving deep into how this passage from Matthew 6 can be used in so many ways in our daily prayer life.

For more information, contact Jenny Page at the church or by email (jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org).

Sunday School begins September 9 for kids age 3 years old through high school! We'll gather in the Prince of Peace fellowship area at 9:45 AM to meet our teachers, complete registration forms, and enjoy some refreshments.

Each week, the children will gather in their classrooms to explore the Bible, sing songs, and build their relationship with Jesus.

This year, the preschool and elementary children will be using the Spark Lectionary series curriculum. The 5th graders will be following a pre-confirmation curriculum specially developed for our needs. The middle school and high school students will be using studies from Great Commission Publications.

The RLC Sunday School follows the age guidelines used by the local school districts. Children should be age 3 by Aug. 31, 2012 to begin Sunday School.

For more information, contact Jenny Page at the church or by email (jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org).



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!

WILD will kick-off again on OCTOBER 3!

Just a reminder that our first **Middle School CONFIRMATION RETREAT is October 12-14.** Please make sure to sign up on the yellow worship slip, or call/email the church office at 943-3164 or office@richlandlutheran.org

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!

Sept. 2: Movie Night

9: Back to School

16: How to share your faith

23: HTSYF pt. 2

30: HTSYF pt. 3

SEPTEMBER 14-16 is our final 9th grade CONFIRMATION RETREAT!!! Please make sure to sign up on the yellow worship slip, or call/email the church office at 943-3164 or office@richlandlutheran.org

High School Leadership Team. We will begin a new year of leadership on September 9th at 5:30pm in the Friendship Room. If you are interested, please talk to Corey!

FOR ALL YOUTH: SEPTEMBER 8 IS OUR ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN CARNIVAL GAMES AND ALSO HELP WITH SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN. Here is an opportunity to help the church and the community!

Worship Participants

September 2012	Time	<i>Sunday, September 2 Second service at 10:15 AM</i>	<i>Sunday, September 9</i>	<i>Sunday, September 16</i>	<i>Sunday, September 23</i>	<i>Sunday, September 30</i>
<i>Pianist (Saturday)</i>	5:00 PM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
<i>Worship Leader</i>	8:30 AM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
	11:00 AM	Maria Frame	Felicia Iedema	Felicia Iedema	Felicia Iedema	Felicia Iedema
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Jim Peterson	Dolores Jaech	Kathy Killand	Norm Gillette	Peggy Pilger
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Alicia Booth	Valerie Bettinson	Susan Schmieman	Sue Meek
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Jann Leitz Emil Leitz Charles Davis	Clarine Watkins Jenifer Haler Larry Haler	Jan Leitz Erlan Leitz Norm Gillette	Clarine Watkins Sue Meek Ken Meek	Pam Hedges Kathy Killand Sara Gillette
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark **** ****	Kelly Westlund Cheryl Erickson-Nixon ****	Betty Quinn Jon Page Jenny Page	Kelly Westlund **** ****	Jenny Page Jon Page ****
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion (Saturday) Sunday 8:30 setup</i>	5:00 PM	Joanne Woehle	Carl and Judy Schroeder	Nancy Ballard	Jim and Sue Worgull	Gwen Dodge
<i>Cleanup 8:30, Set up 11:00 Sunday</i>	After 8:30 AM	Carl and Judy Schroeder	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder	Carol Schmid Lois Harrold	Kay Aase Pamela Warren	Kay Aase Karin Nickola
<i>Clean up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Jim and Jean Loss	Kelly Westlund	Jim and Jean Loss	Doloros Erickson	Kelly Westlund
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Aaron Cole Patrick Schroeder	Anna Lesser John Lesser	Adam Pilger Morgan Oberlander	Grace Corning Kate Juergens	Jennifer Boynton Nathan Lipton
	11:00 AM	Nathan Salyer Carlyle Keyes	Willow Whitney Jennifer Williams	Zeke Ernst Coley Levin	Savannah Haynie Madeline Haynie	Rhett Levin April Mercer
<i>Head Ushers & Assisting Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H – Bill Frame Fred Kremmer A – Gary Weible Eunice Weible	H – Mike Schwartz Karen Schwartz A – Larry Haler Jim Peterson	H – Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A – Carleen Lust ****	H – Dave Wunschel Larry Corning A – Jon Erlandson Laura Stevens	H – Bruce Lander Larry Haler A - **** ****
	11:00 AM	H – Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A – Jim Loss Jean Loss	H – Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson A - **** ****	H – Jim Loss Jean Loss A – Mike Stankovich Rob Crum	H – Jim Loss Jean Loss A – Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder	H – Mark Underwood Charles Rogers A – Mike Strasburg ****
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Sara & Norm Gillette	Mille & Ray Nierman	Carleen & Len Lust	Carol Schmid
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Margie Kickert	Kathy & Rick Snyder	Jan Wisness	Debbie Honeyman
<i>Children's Church</i>	8:30 AM	Astrid Goplen Neal/Freja	Michelle Clary Andy Clary	John Huebner Morgan Oberlander	Melissa Schmid Katie/Sarah Schmid	Michelle Clary Andy Clary
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Nathan Mitchell	Julie Bishop Ellie Hoffner	Trina Miles Daniel Miles	Lori Lachut Drew Snyder	Karen Clark Andy Clark
<i>Video System at 8:30 am service</i>	Console Camera 1 2	Brian Killand Fred Kremmer Jon Erlandson	Ed Simonen Andrew Meek Bill Frame	Mike Schwartz Don Schmid Traci Moran	Mike Stankovich Luke Thompson Paul Hedges	Jim Moran Ken Meek Fred Kremmer
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson
	11:00 AM	****	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle
<i>Cashiers</i>		Kay Aase Dick Arnst	Kathy Snyder Marge Hogue	Nancy Ballard Doris Barchet	Kay Aase Tom Frislie	**** ****
<i>Flowers</i>		****	Erlan & Jan Leitz	John & Jan Fulton	Felix & Betty Quinn	Ken Kenton/Kathy Baumgarten
<i>Recycle</i>		Erick Koehling	Jeff & Heidi Dagle	Karen Clark	Jim & Jean Loss	Tom Frislie

Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

September 5
Elaine & Pastor Hogan
Carissa & Guy Jones
Curt & Karen Juergens
Edie & Pete Lakey

September 6
Jann & Emil Leitz
Sharleen & Glenn Thesenvitz

September 7
Lynne & Harry Rice
Shawn & Don Welch

September 8
Tomi & Steven Chalk
Jan & Erlan Leitz
Arika & Brian Schienbein

September 9
Gloria & Russell Richman

September 10
Lisa & Jason Corning
Elaine & Irv Solbrack
Irene & Richard Ulvin

September 12
Janice & John Fulton
Patti & Tom Miller

September 15
Lauren & Rob Crum
Judith & Michael Wells

September 16
Margaret & Jerry Dagle
Jean & Roland Thompson

September 17
Laurel & Matthew Palmblad
Beth & Steven Ray

September 20
Helga & Randy Nelson
Lynn & Joel Tanasse
Loris & Jack Tellefson
Joanne & Bernie Woehle

September 21
Gayla & Terry Davis

September 23
Betty and Felix Quinn

September 24
Lauren & Rusty Heaslet

September 26
Lois & Larry Harrold

September 27
Kelly & Brian Duchscherer
Amy & Josh Gardner
Lori & Todd Hanson

September 28
Lori & Michael Hogan
Brenda & Andrew Hoyt

September 29
Charlotte & Rick Epperson
Ruby & James Ulseth

September 30
Tara & Mike Bevelacqua

BIRTHDAYS

September 1
Paige Fischer
Ila Pitkin
Judy Simonen

September 2
Danielle Kinmark
Clifford Ledford
Morgan Oberlander

September 3
Jantz Levin
Tucker VanWormer

September 4
Tammy Carswell
Carol Goplen
Avalyn Hogan
Vickie Kelly

September 5
Alesia Chaney
Benjamin Kelly

September 6
Jacqueline Foss
Leslie Sievers

September 8
Adele Sorensen
Ashton Wick

September 9
Trey Bush
Rhet McCullough
Madeline Miller
Gavin Sievers

September 10
Chelsey Bettinson
Sophia Fetrow
Kathy Killand
Susan Miller
Shaune Salter
Jeri Sandberg
Angela Scherer

September 11
Eric Page
Alec Richardson
Don Schmid
Janet Sliter

September 12
Payton Barry
Ken Dodge
Isabella Fetrow
Douglas Quesnell
Jennifer Williams

September 13
Scott Conrad
Mary Lipton
Kristin Mensinger
Walker Miller
Beth Ray

September 14
Christy Rasmussen
Ruth Vail

September 15
Kathy Snyder

September 16
Dorothy Beyer
Eli Dobie
Roland Harvey
Cheryl Nixon-Erickson

September 17
Iris Purtzer
Judith Wells

September 18
Jacquelyn Cross
Nancy Olsen
Vivian Stangeland

September 19
Brian Duchscherer
Carl Schroeder, Jr.
Roland Thompson
Sophia VanWormer

September 20
Lindsey Bussell
Chelsea Johnson
Joan Perham

September 21
John Bartholomew
Sherry Foreman
Kurt Imhoff
John Lesser
Mallory Mercer
Sue Vernon

September 23
Julie Deen
Eileen Koski
Irene Ulvin
Jacque VanWormer

September 24
Heather Colwell
Mary Jo Schroeder

September 25
Olen Bishop
Doloros Erickson
Jennifer Foss
Kaylyn Lesser

September 26
Andrea Montvale
Patty Newton
Simo Petric
Leah Smith
Kelly Weissenfels

September 27
Elaine Davis
Dragica Vukojevic

September 28
Stacy McCullough
Debbie Simonen

September 29
Marion Speck

September 30
Lila Andor
Jaime Femreite
Peter Mattich
Jason Prigge



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Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 8:30 AM

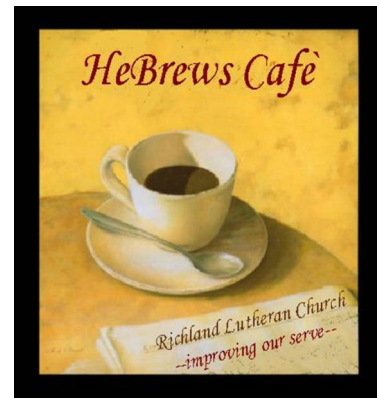
Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, September 2 at 10:15 AM
Sundays starting September 9 at 11:00 AM

Worship with Holy Communion
Saturdays 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

**Printed copies and audio files of sermons are
available on the website: www.richland-lutheran.org**



**Come to HeBrews Café Sunday mornings,
between 9:45 AM and 10:15 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.**

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