



December Worship

A Concert of Advent and Christmas music presented by local area Lutheran church choirs (including RLC) will be presented on Friday, December 7, at 7:00 PM at Richland Lutheran Church. Come, worship the Lord and experience God's word through the beauty of music.

The Sunday School Christmas Program, "The Birth of Jesus!" will be presented on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 PM. Children are asked to report for costuming in the Sunday school rooms at 3:30. Rehearsal for the program will be Saturday, December 8, from 10 AM to 11:30 AM.

New this year!! Immediately following the children's program on December 9, we will be having a **Birthday Party for Jesus** in the Prince of Peace fellowship area.

A Christmas Cantata 'How Great Our Joy' will be given by the Chancel Choir during all worship services on December 15 and 16. Come, hear the story of Christ's coming as our salvation through scripture and music.

There will only be ONE worship service Sunday, December 23, at 10:00 AM. The regular Saturday service on December 22 will be at 5:00 PM.

A new service for families has been designed for the 4:00 PM service on Christmas Eve. Come join the joy and excitement as we hear the Christmas story, participate in our traditional candle lighting, and ring our 'jingle' bells during the singing of our carols. **The Birthday Party for Jesus will be after the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 9.**

Come celebrate Christ's coming to earth as our Savior on Christmas Eve / Day. Our worship times on Christmas Eve are: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM. We will also worship on Christmas Day at 10:00 AM.



Congregation Council

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

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Jacqueline – remove per
request, moved



Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

November 25 Alexis Bishop
November 25 Eleanora Bishop
November 25 Brody Nipper

Weddings

None

Memorial/Funeral

November 20 Robert Slatter

The Preview

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From Pastor Steve



RLC in Mission for Christ: The Church is Family

I was having a nice conversation with one of our members at RLC who attends the Saturday evening service. We were talking about what it was about that service that draws him to make it “his” service. I was surprised by his answer, “Because it’s family to me.” It wasn’t the worship style, the time, the habit, though those would certainly be factors, it was the inclusiveness, intimacy, relationships that mattered most. In the church in mission for Christ the church is family.

I remember as a child learning this concept early on. As an active part of the local Lutheran church, my family and I worshipped regularly with the same people until I left home. For over 20 years, I shared in the life of a community of faith (church) where I was known, loved, cared for, and disciplined. To this day, I can return to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Redondo Beach, CA and find someone from my early family of faith. Sabrina Heim, my youth leader. Judy Williams, the Deacon who sent me a birthday card every year. Judy Getzson, the church bookkeeper and self-appointed hall monitor, “Stephen Paul Ernst, you stop your running right this instant!” Good times! Great memories! Family!

The writers of the New Testament regularly refer to church members as brothers and sisters in Christ. And isn’t that what we are? Have we not all been adopted into the same family by the same Father through the same Christ? Of course we have. In a beautiful remembrance, the Apostle John recounts the words of Jesus to him and Jesus’ mother, Mary, while dying on the cross “*Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, ‘Woman, here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ From that time on, this disciple took her into his home*” (emphasis added). What an intimate and lovely picture of Jesus encouraging family beyond blood. Or is it beyond blood? Would it be accurate to say we are related “by blood” in the church of Christ Jesus? Couldn’t we say, instead of sharing blood “genetically” we share blood “spiritually?” The shared blood of Jesus poured out on those who receive? That’s how I look at the church as family. What do you think?

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Financial Update

Treasurer's Report – October 2012

As reflected in the financial summary below, the financial results have been consistently above plan through October 2012. Our offerings are up \$29,651, or 4.9% higher than the same time last year. Our expenses are down \$(89,172), or 13.1% less than the same time last year. Year to date, our offerings exceed expenses by \$41,344 compared to \$(77,478) in 2011. These results are reflected in the columns titled "Prior Year Comparison".

	Year to Date			Prior Year Comparison		
	Actuals	Budget	Variance	YTD '12	YTD '11	Variance
Offering / Income	\$ 34,823	\$624,780	\$ 10,043	\$ 634,823	\$605,172	\$ 29,651
Expense	\$(593,479)	\$(636,129)	\$ 42,650	\$(593,479)	\$(682,650)	\$ 89,172
Profit / (Loss)	<u>\$ 41,344</u>	<u>\$ (11,349)</u>	<u>\$ 52,693</u>	<u>\$ 41,344</u>	<u>\$ (77,478)</u>	<u>\$118,823</u>

Year to Date, actual offerings exceed the budget by \$10,043 and actual expenses are under budget by \$42,650. In addition, year to date "actual" offerings exceed "actual" expenses by \$41,344 and exceed the year to date budget by \$52,693.

If you have any questions regarding this financial summary, please contact Lisa Wiegand or myself.

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.

Financial Peace University Coming in January

What is

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY?

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!



Corki and Tim Mraz

FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. Corki and Tim Mraz will be leading RLC folks through the program beginning January 13, 2013 at 4:00 PM. The cost for the program is \$100 per family and must be paid one week before the first class.

If getting your financial house in order is on your list of things to do in 2013, then sign up today! For more information about Financial Peace University, visit <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/>. If you have general questions, contact Corki directly at mertzes@gmail.com or 628-1667.

From the Council

During the month of September you may have seen some new cameras being tested in the sanctuary and you may have even ventured back into Pastor Steve's office to see some of the new video production equipment that the RLC audio/visual team was testing. I am pleased to report that those tests went extremely well and Good News Media Ministry, on the recommendation of the audio/visual team, will be purchasing the system that was tested. The pieces of the system that are being purchased are two new HD video cameras and the TriCaster 855, which is essentially a production studio in a box. This new system will allow RLC to do many new and exciting things. The first thing is the quality of our TV broadcast will immediately improve. Along with that, this new system greatly increases our creative capabilities for our TV broadcast. Also, and possibly the most exciting opportunity that is created by this new system, is the capability to stream video live to the internet. That capability in and of itself opens up so many doors and exciting opportunities for RLC to reach our community.

All that being said the work is not over, far from it actually. This new system should arrive sometime in late December or early January and when it does the audio/visual team will be looking for volunteers who are interested in directing or producing a TV broadcast, running cameras at services, or doing post production editing to come in and get trained on the new equipment. So if you have any interest at all please contact Bob Thompson or me. We would love to have you on board to help!

Along with the exciting new video system the audio/visual team is also pursuing the idea of putting in two projectors and screens in the sanctuary. We believe that those additions will greatly enhance the worship experience at RLC. If you have any questions about this project, again, feel free to contact Bob Thompson or me. The audio/visual team has been excited and honored to help RLC and we appreciate all of your support!

Ben Barr

Long Range Planning Team Update

The Long Range Planning Team (LRPT) continues to meet diligently in its work toward discerning where it is God is leading RLC into the future. They are in the midst of working to put together historical information from RLC, demographical information from the community, and ecumenical information from local Christian congregations with the intent to develop a realistic assessment of RLC's current standing and stature. They hope to wrap up this preliminary study early in the new year. This is when things will really get cooking and your input needed.

In anticipation of what's to come please begin to pray about where you see God leading RLC. Your participation and input in this planning process is vital. RLC's future literally depends on you. The LRPT is planning a special meeting to update you on its work to date and where they're going on Sunday, January 20 at Hebrew's Café between the services. Please make every effort to join us there. In the meantime please continue to keep this group of faithful servants in your prayers; Joel Sorensen, Bob Thompson, Dave Larkin, Jim Lachut, Sandy Steele, Dave Brandes, Jenny Page, Pastor Steve.

Men's Ministry - Family Retreat!

Even though we haven't even entered into the real winter season yet, it's not too early to reserve the March 1st – 3rd weekend (two nights) for a family outing to White Pass! You don't have to be skiers. There are lots of other fun activities to participate in while enjoying the company of other RLC families in God's beautiful creation. The cost is only \$22 per night per person (plus food) if a deposit (1/3 of total lodging cost) is received before January 13th (after January 13th the price is \$27 per night per person). Please mark your intent to attend on the yellow slip when you attend worship and submit your deposit to RLC with "Family Retreat" written on the memo line of your check.

If you wish to learn more or if you have any questions, please contact Russ Warren (967-5419).

Sewing Bee

The RLC Sewing Bee enjoyed delivering quilts and lap robes to the following agencies: **American Red Cross** (seven large quilts, three toddler quilts with pillows, seven baby quilts and six kid lap robes); **Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery** (one blanket and 11 baby quilts); **Hermiston Life Care** (eight large lap robes); **Cancer Center** (eight shawls and five lap robes); **World Relief** (six large quilts, three baby quilts and four lap robes); **Tri-City Union Gospel Mission** (seven large quilts); **Quail Hollow** (six lap robes); and **Richland Life Care** (seven lap robes).

We thank God that we can use our skills and your donations to bring joy and comfort to those in need. Come join us on Wednesday mornings from 9 :00 AM to noon!

Ministry Opportunities

WORSHIP DECORATION:

Do you love to decorate? Are you looking for an opportunity to use your talents? RLC's worship ministry is creating a team/group of people to help bring a more meaningful, worshipful setting for our services.

The team will be responsible for decorating for special seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, plus events such as Baptisms and Confirmations. Contact Sue Meek at 947-2120 or Maria Frame at 943-3164 if you are interested in this ministry.

QUAIL HOLLOW VISTATION:

Have you been searching for a way to be involved in Christ's ministry to our community? Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to me."

The world of those living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease can be a very lonely, fearful place. Richland Lutheran is following Christ's mandate to be a light to the world with a new ministry of visitation to the residents at Quail Hollow, a dementia care facility in Richland. The management at Quail Hollow has accepted our visitation offer with open arms and hearts. They have agreed to provide training and information to our team members so we will be equipped and empowered to be Christ's hands to these beautiful people. If you would like to be a member of our visitation team, please contact Sue Meek at 947-2120.

It Always Takes Longer Than It Takes

Our headline this month is a quotation given to me a number of years ago by a missionary to Chile representing a native idiom of that culture. As an expression of reality, it reminds me of its antithesis in the words of the ancient Roman poet, Horace: **carpe diem** (“seize the day”). Meanwhile, some are laid back enough to have adopted an opposing philosophy, preferring procrastination: **carpe mañana** (humorously mixing the Latin “seize” with the Spanish “tomorrow”). In actuality, we all encounter the truth of these contradictory philosophies in our life.

I once found myself pastoring a congregation in Redmond, WA. The mention of the city reminds most Washingtonians of its close association with the Microsoft corporation. I found myself in close association with a number of persons in that congregation who were computer programmers and otherwise highly employed by that company (read, computer geeks). Whenever I had computer problems, I’d go right to the source and enlist one of them to come to my aid. “No problemo,” they’d say. “We’ll have it fixed in about ten minutes,” they’d claim. “That’s simple,” they’d exclaim. However, a pattern developed. Would you believe they *never* were able to get the problem solved in ten minutes? Would you believe the fastest fix we *ever* encountered took two hours; and in a couple instances it took up to six hours for the brightest minds in computing to rectify my computer problems? It **always** took longer than it takes! I was reminded of a military dictum my father passed on to me as a young boy: “Hurry up and wait!”

I recall a caption from a long-ago (these days, much of what I *do* recall is from long-ago) cartoon strip where a little boy was asked how his Christmas experience had been. His response: “The anticipation was greater than the event.” So, he betrayed that his focus hadn’t been upon the *real* celebration and event of Christmas, but upon the gifts he’d received from under the tree. The anticipation of the Jewish people that first Christmas was for some sort of a military liberator overthrowing their Roman overlords. Instead, they were given a baby in a manger. A baby for whom they’d waited at least a couple thousand years. They’d have to wait another 33 years for Him to mature to the point where He’d - contrary to their anticipation - pay the penalty for their sins and liberate them from the captivity of death and by grace-granted faith restore them to fellowship with God. The event turned out to be greater than their - or our - expectation or deserving!

This column is being read by some who’re asking, “How long, O Lord?” in terms of suffering or recovery - be it physical, emotional, spiritual, mental or relational - which they, or a loved one, are enduring. God’s timing - since He is not subject to time - is not our timing. ***“But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” (Galatians 4:4,5)***



Pastor Dave


A Ministry of Prayer

Mother Teresa once said, “Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together.” What if we at RLC continued, all the more, to live this truth in our house, our family of faith? I wonder what God would do if we made prayer the mortar of this spiritual house of ours? I’m filled with excitement and anticipation simply thinking about it. I am reminded “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (James 5:16).

In the Apostle Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus he encourages them toward prayer saying, “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people” (Ephesians 6:18). Clearly, prayer is key to our lives of faith and faithfulness. With this in mind, starting the first weekend in December, the first week of the Advent season, we are starting a new ministry of prayer to pray for and with one another, the Lord’s people. Following each of our worship services there will be folks from RLC, Prayer Ministers, in the Chapel ready to pray for those who would like to be prayed for or with.

At the conclusion of the worship service the pastor will make a short announcement reminding the congregation of the availability of this ministry. It will go something like, “As we conclude our time of worship together there are Prayer Ministers in the Chapel now available if you’d like to be prayed for or with.” Friends in Christ, prayer changes things! As R.C. Sproul once said, “Prayer does change things, all kinds of things. But the most important thing it changes is us. As we engage in this communion with God more deeply and come to know the One with whom we are speaking more intimately, that growing knowledge of God reveals to us all the more brilliantly who we are and our need to change in conformity to Him. Prayer changes us profoundly.” Prepare to be changed!

December 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 11:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM High School Leadership Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team 7:00 PM Truth Project</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Recorder Consort 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM RLC Foundation Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248 7:00 PM Outreach Team Meeting</p>
<p>9</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 Children's Christmas Program Birthday Party for Jesus 5:30 PM High School Leadership Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team 7:00 PM Truth Project</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Recorder Consort 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248 7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe 11:00 AM Worship 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 Long-Range Planning Team 7:00 PM Truth Project</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 AM Hannah Circle 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Recorder Consort 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Good News Today 10:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission Service 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p>24 Office Closed</p> <p>4:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25 Office Closed</p> <p>10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Service</p>
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December 2012

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:00 AM Organ Rehearsal 10:30 AM Women's Ministry Christmas Event 5:00 PM Worship
5 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 12:00 PM Sewing Bee Christmas Lunch 1:00 PM Read thru the Bible 3:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 6:15 PM Women's Choir 6:30 PM SuperKids!, WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	6 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work Time 9:30 AM Ministry Lead Meeting 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group	7 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM Peterson Bible Study 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM AI-Anon 7:00 PM Lutheran Choral Festival	8 8:00 AM Organ Rehearsal 10:00 AM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 5:00 PM Worship
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <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

Cancer has touched the lives of all of us. Each one of us has family, friends or members of our church family who have battled with some type of cancer. Breast, cervical and colon cancer don't have warning signs, and regular screenings are important to detect cancer early, and early treatment often means living longer.

Here are the Cancer Screening guidelines, as indicated by the WA State Department of Health:

- Age 9-26 get an HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer.
- Age 21 get a Pap test every 1-3 years to screen for cervical cancer and a breast exam every year.
- Age 40 talk to your doctor about when to get a mammogram and how often. Continue the Pap screening test.
- Age 50 get a colon cancer screening, and talk to your doctor about what type of screening is best for you. Continue mammogram and Pap screening.

If you do not have health insurance to cover these screenings, call the Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program at 1-888-438-2247 for assistance.

As a Christian and in caring for each other, please encourage your loved one to be screened.

For more cancer information, go to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.



RLC's Parish Health Ministry Needs YOU!

If you are interested in staying healthy and helping others to do the same....

This is the ministry for you!

You don't need to be a health care professional, or to commit to a HUGE amount of time!

If interested, please volunteer by:

****letting the church office know**

****calling or emailing Diane Bonin**

Please Help!

This ministry needs your assistance!

Activities for Kids



SUPER KIDS DECEMBER 2012

- Dec. 5 - "And lead us not into temptation..."
- Dec. 12 - "But deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen"
- Dec. 19 - Christmas Party!
- Dec. 26 - No Super Kids!

Captain Clueless is learning there's more to the Lord's Prayer than just reciting it every night before bedtime and at worship every week. He's beginning to see that so much of how he should live life is tied up in those few verses from Matthew 6!

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

For more information, contact Jenny Page at 943-3164 or by email (jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org).



We packed 122 boxes, and had enough donations to pay for shipping! Thank you for your generosity!

Our goal for next year will be 150 boxes, and we'll be trying a new approach to Operation Christmas Child.

Beginning in January 2013, we'll be having an "item of the month". Each month we will be collecting different things. Watch the Sunday bulletin announcements and the Preview for what is currently being collected.

Mark your calendar! You won't want to miss this year's Children's Christmas Program! So much more than just a story, it's the birth of the Savior!

Sunday, December 9, 4:00 PM

(please report to the Sunday School rooms at 3:30 for costuming)

**Rehearsal - Saturday, December 8, 10:00-11:30 AM
for grades 1st-5th**

New this year! Following the program, everyone is invited to attend a **Birthday Party for Jesus** in the Prince of Peace Fellowship area. Crafts, snacks, fun and games await! *If you would like to supervise a craft or game table, please contact Jenny Page at 943-3164, or jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org.*



Worship Participants

**** = in need of participant

December 2012	Time	<i>Sunday December 2</i>	<i>Sunday December 9</i>	<i>Sunday December 16</i>	<i>Sunday December 23 10:00 AM ONLY</i>	<i>Sunday December 30</i>
<i>Pianist (Saturday)</i>	5:00 PM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Felicia Iedema	Teresa Zorich
<i>Worship Leader</i>	8:30 AM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Felicia Iedema
	11:00 AM	Felicia Iedema	Felicia Iedema	Felicia Iedema	Felicia Iedema	Felicia Iedema
<i>Lector</i>	8:30 AM	Kathy Killand	Len Ross	Dolores Jaech	Erlan Leitz	****
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Valerie Bettinson	Sue Meek		****
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Kathy Killand Charles Davis Elaine Davis	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Clarine Watkins	Pam Hedges Jeff Pilger Charles Davis ****	Clarine Watkins Larry Haler Jenifer Haler ****	Jason Prigge Jami Prigge Charles Davis Alesia Chaney
	11:00 AM	Cheryl Nixon- Erickson Kelly Westlund Betty Quinn	Cheryl Nixon- Erickson Karen Clark ****	Cheryl Nixon- Erickson Kelly Westlund **** ****		Kelly Westlund Jenny Page Jon Page Karen Clark
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion (Saturday) Sunday 8:30 setup</i>	5:00 PM	Dave and Ann Brandes	Nancy Ballard	Joanne Woehle	Jim and Sue Worgull	Carl and Judy Schroeder
<i>Cleanup 8:30, Set up 11:00 Sunday</i>	After 8:30 AM	Karin Nickola Kay Aase	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder	Dan and Vicki Jordheim	Kay Aase Lois Harrold	Carol Schmid
<i>Clean up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Jim and Jean Loss	Gwen Dodge	Jim and Jean Loss		Carl and Judy Schroeder
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Katie Schmid Sarah Schmid	Adam Pilger Anna Lesser	Ella Sperline Alexis Riensche	Mikayla Mars Josh Mars	Robert Warren Morgan Oberlander
	11:00 AM	Trenton Duchsherer Reagan Mercer	Trond Tilton Trygve Tilton	Peter Morris Kenny You		Willow Whitney Daniel Miles
<i>Head Ushers & Assisting Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H – Mike Schwartz Karen Schwartz A – Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar	H – Gary Weible Eunice Weible A – Larry Haler Harold Hogue	H – Fred Kremmer Bill Frame A – Dave Larkin Jim Peterson	H – Dave Wuschel Larry Corning A – Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder	H – Dave Larkin Russ Warren A – John Lesser Kiane Lesser
	11:00 AM	H – Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A – Jim Loss Jean Loss	H – Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson A – Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck	H – Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck A – Mike Strasburg ****		H – Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A – Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Sara and Norm Gillette	Sara and Norm Gillette	****	Mille and Ray Nierman
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Kathy and Rick Snyder	****		Debbie Honeyman
<i>Children's Church</i>	8:30 AM	Astrid Goplen Neal/Freja	Melissa Schmid Katie/Sarah Schmid	John Huebner Brittney Crisp	Karen Clark Andrew Clark	Astrid Goplen Neal/Freja
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Nathan Mitchell	Jana Strasburg Ellie Hoffner	Miles Family		Ellie Page Jack/Woody Page
<i>Video System at 8:30 am service</i>	Console Camera 1 2	Jim Moran Fred Kremmer Jon Erlandson	Mike Stankovich Ken Meek Bill Frame	Mike Schwartz Traci Moran Paul Hedges	Brian Killand Don Schmid Luke Thompson	**** Ken Meek Paul Hedges
<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>		Nancy Ballard Marge Hogue	Kathy Snyder Marge Hogue	Nancy Ballard Doris Barchet	(December 26) Kay Aase Tom Frislie	Kathy Snyder Dick Arnst
<i>Flowers</i>		****	****	Virginia Glasford	****	****
<i>Recycle</i>		Karen Schwartz	Jeff/Heidi Dagle	Karen Clark	Jim and Jean Loss	Laura Stevens

Worship Participants, Continued

**** = in need of participant

December 2012	Time	Christmas Eve Monday, December 24, 4 services (no communion)	Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25 10:00 AM
Organist	4:00 p.m.	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
	5:30 p.m.	Maria Frame	
	7:00 p.m.	Maria Frame	
	11:00 p.m.	Maria Frame	
Lectors	4:00 p.m.	Alicia Booth	****
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Salaba	
	7:00 p.m.	Jessi Thompson/Dolores Jaech	
	11:00 p.m.	Jon Page	
Communion Assistants			Pam Hedges Charles Davis Elaine Davis ****
Acolytes	4:00 p.m. (Acolyte) (Acolyte) (Crucifer) (Torch Bearer) (Torch Bearer)	Daniel Miles Katie Schmid Peter Morris Sarah Schmid Kyle Prigge	Acolytes: Patrick Schroeder Trond Tilton
	5:30 p.m. (Acolyte) (Acolyte) (Crucifer) (Torch Bearer) (Torch Bearer)	Adam Pilger Garrett Streufert Ryan Warren Robert Warren Jennifer Williams	
	7:00 p.m. (Acolyte) (Acolyte) (Crucifer) (Torch Bearer) (Torch Bearer)	Nathan Lipton Aaron Cole Trygve Tilton Alexis Riensche Trond Tilton	Communion Set-Up and Clean Up: Carl and Judy Schroeder
	11:00 p.m. (Acolyte) (Acolyte) (Crucifer) (Torch Bearer) (Torch Bearer)	Grace Corning Woody Page Jack Page Nathan Salyer Kira Westlund	
Head Ushers & Assisting Ushers	4:00 p.m.	H – Bill Frame Fred Kremmer A – Chuck and Sue McCargar	H – Bill Frame Fred Kremmer
	5:30 p.m.	H – Carol Hexum Russ Warren A – Jon Erlandson Gary Weible	
	7:00 p.m.	H – Larry Haler Larry Corning A – Rick and Kathy Snyder	
	11:00 p.m.	H – Charles Rogers Mac Dixon A – Mike Stankovich Dave Wunschel	
Church Friends	4:00 p.m.	****	****
	5:30 p.m.	****	
	7:00 p.m.	Sue and Jim Worgull	
	11:00 p.m.	Carleen and Len Lust	
Sound System Operators	4:00 p.m.	****	Chuck Richardson
	5:30 p.m.	****	
	7:00 p.m.	****	
	11:00 p.m.	****	

Youth Activities

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!

December 12 is our Leader Hunt at the mall! Please make sure you're on time to the church that night! We'll meet at RLC and travel to the mall together.

December 19 will be our annual WILD Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift-the stranger the better-and a Christmas snack!

There will be NO WILD on December 26 or January 2.

We'll resume on January 9.

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!

2: The Value of Life

9: The Greatest Miracle

16: Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange!

23: NO COFFEEHOUSE

30: NO COFFEEHOUSE

High School Leadership Team. We meet at 5:30 PM in the Friendship Room. If you are interested, please talk to Corey!



Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

December 2

Alesia & Bruce Chaney

December 5

Margaret & Dick Arnst

December 6

Sharon & James Fulton

December 8

Lila & Bert Andor

December 14

Jennifer & Jon Page

December 16

Leah & Corey Smith

December 20

Shirley & Jim Fast
Traci & Jim Moran

December 22

Karen & Dave Leber
Darlene & Dennis Mahlum

December 23

Ann & David Brandes
Ida Mae & Ed Darrington

December 26

Kerry & Jay Petty
Shane & Janelle Thorson

December 31

Diane & Jim Fleener
Katherine & Kenneth
McGehee

BIRTHDAYS

December 1

Zeke Ernst
Karen Filipy
Mike Striefel

December 2

Janet Budzeck
Patti Miller

December 3

Evan Bratvold
Norm Lippert
Paul Vopalensky

December 4

Jamie Carroll
Kjerstyn Jordheim
Janice Vesper

December 5

Andrew Miles
Kendra Prothero
Kyle Welch

December 6

Tyler Salyer
Joy Stuenkel
Thomas Wick

December 7

Nathan Mitchell
Debbie Stankovich

December 8

Bret Cole
Ethyl Somerville

December 9

Warren Nicley

December 10

Janice Fulton

December 11

Melissa Bratvold
Laurel Palmblad
Hal Stivers

December 12

Candace Monasmith

December 13

Nathan Ernst
Carlyle Keyes

December 14

Bill Frame
John Hooks
Kathy Hooks
Carole Siefken
Richard Siefken
Drew Snyder

December 15

Sharon Koehling
Joel Sorensen

December 16

Hailee Challender

December 17

Aiden Lesser
Kelsey Loudenburg
Cody McCargar
Jerry Weldon
DeEtte Wick

December 18

Barbara Edwards
Andrew Meek

December 19

Jeremy Bender
Dawn Finger
Chuck Long
Sarah Richman
Sande Tackett
Kelly Westlund

December 20

Bill Bishop
Alexa Bond
Naomi Fry
Dave Leber
Trevor Nunez
Katherine Woodall

December 21

Stacey Gunderson
Sue Long
Jennifer Staley

December 22

Anita Schmidt

December 23

Jay Petty
Karen Williams

December 24

Donna Richardson

December 25

Cheri Thomas

December 26

Charlotte Epperson
Ann Ledezma
Julianna Monroe
Jacob Van Sant
Maya Wunschel

December 27

Gus Myers
Carolyn Phaneuf
Brett Whelan

December 28

Rhett Levin
Brian Schienbein
Marilyn Schumacher
Gerald Whitney

December 29

Calvin Dudney
Vicki Glasford
Brian Killand
Bert Oberlander
Logan Riensche

December 30

Steven Einan
Ellie Hoffner
LeAnn Purtzer
Kyle Sponholtz
Kristin Isakson VanSant
Jeff Ziemer





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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

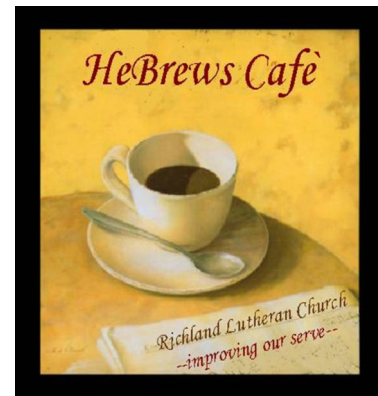
For Christmas worship times, please see front page

*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 10:45 AM
No HeBrews Café on Sunday, Dec. 23**

**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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We are a congregation of Christ followers who are making Jesus Christ known to all people and advancing His Kingdom.