



**2013: “Becoming Christian Disciples:
It’s all about FOLLOWING Jesus”**

Last October at our annual congregational meeting we, RLC, adopted our 2013 Ministry Plan. In that plan we adopted our 2013 focus: “Becoming Christian Disciples.” Christian disciples are those who have heard the call of Jesus Christ and have unconditionally sacrificed their whole self and life to following Him. Jesus said, “*Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it***” (Matthew. 10:37-39 emphasis added).

Christian disciples know Jesus is who He said He is and did/does what He said he did/does. They know God’s story throughout history and understand their place in that history of salvation which includes them. Christian disciples become true followers of Jesus by heeding His call and surrendering all life to him, receiving his power through the Holy Spirit. They take the step from knowing about Jesus to embracing Jesus for their own lives living in faith and obedience. Christian disciples do all God has for them in faith and life, by God’s grace and power. They see themselves as having been gifted and equipped for the ministry appointed them and live lives in ministry and service worthy of Christ’s calling upon them.

Well, it’s now 2013 and time for us to begin our discipleship focus. In our 2013 Ministry Plan we adopted the following strategy to aid us in becoming Christian disciples:

Foundation for Christian disciples at RLC:

The 3E’s: Equipping, empowering, and encouraging become the foundation for Christian discipleship at RLC. Our focus will be to equip God’s people with the proper knowledge and understanding of Christ to know Him, empower God’s people with the proper authority and opportunity to become His followers and encourage God’s people to do everything God has created them to do. This will happen through sermons, newsletter articles, building and maintaining leaders through leadership development, etc.

Fostering Christian discipleship at RLC:

Smaller Groups: People will be encouraged to get involved with RLC through smaller groups where developing people, enabling spiritual relationships, and living God’s Word for faith and life, as described above, will be the major focus for fostering and developing Christian disciples at RLC within these groups.

Facilitating Christian discipleship at RLC:

Programs: Though not programmatic in our approach, we recognize there are programs which help facilitate Christian discipleship. Programs such as Renovare’, Trinity Living, The Truth Project, confirmation, mentoring, and growth groups will be emphasized and promoted throughout RLC and beyond.



So, don’t wait to begin growing in your relationship with Christ through discipleship. Make a personal plan now to join a small group, find a ministry where you can serve, begin practicing the spiritual disciplines like; prayer, Bible study, regular worship, etc., and continue to become the person God has created you to be!

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Memorial/Funeral

December 2 Marvin Nelson
December 8 Helen Page

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From Pastor Steve



RLC in Mission for Christ: Shine!

Congregations in mission for Christ seek to **shine** the light of Christ into a dark world. From my earliest years I can remember singing, “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it **shine**.” What a great reminder: shining is exactly what Christ wants us to do. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says, “*You are the light of the world...let your light **shine** before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven*” (Matthew 5:16). But what does it look like when we shine?

This week during Pastor Corey’s sermon on “Salvation’s Present” he referenced the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Philippi, “*Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will **shine** among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life*” (Philippians 2:14 & 15). The encouragement from Paul here is to do things without grumbling or arguing, that if we do we may become children of God. And children of God shine compared to those who are of the warped and crooked generation.

Is shining really that easy? We won’t know unless we try it. So give it a try. Try doing things without grumbling or arguing. See what happens to those around you. See what happens to you, your heart, your thoughts, your feelings, your attitude. Take the light of Christ with you and, hide it under a bushel, NO! Let Satan blow it out, NO! Let it shine, let it shine let it shine!

Equip · Empower · Encourage

Tri-Cities Terrace 1 and Shalom Ecumenical Center

Invitation to the Tri-Cities Terrace I (West) Open House

You are invited to an open house to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of Tri-Cities Terrace I on Tuesday, January 29th, 2013, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. TCT-I consists of 59 apartments for very low-income seniors and is located at 1770 Leslie Road on land donated to Shalom Ecumenical Center (SEC) by Kadlec Medical Center. SEC for Affordable Housing, of which Richland Lutheran Church is a member, and the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane sponsored the construction and initial operation of this facility. Construction of the facility was funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Washington State Housing Trust Fund (HTF). The board of directors for TCT-I includes Rich Barchet and Rob Barr from Richland Lutheran Church.

Good News from Shalom Ecumenical Center (SEC) Affordable Housing

A recent award of \$738,550 from the Washington State Housing Trust Fund (HTF) completes the requested funding for the construction of Kennewick Perry Suites (KPS). About \$1.8 million had previously been granted last year by HUD. The 14-unit KPS will house very low-income adults with developmental and physical disabilities. This facility is co-sponsored by Modern Living Services (MLS) and SEC. SEC was asked by MLS to co-sponsor this project because of SEC’s experience and credibility with HUD and HTF, and SEC has been funding many of the pre-development costs. These costs will be reimbursed to SEC after construction begins in March or April 2013.

Also, HUD and HTF have committed to fund the construction early next year of the Hudesman House Apartments in Colville, WA. The facility will contain 13 apartments for very low-income seniors. SEC is the sponsor of this project and it is covering all pre-development costs, which will be reimbursed.

Richland Lutheran Church is a member of SEC and appoints three people from the congregation to represent it on the SEC board of directors. Presently, these are Rich Barchet, Warner Blyckert and Dave Wunschel.

Financial Update

Treasurer's Report – November 2012

As reflected in the financial summary below, the financial results have been consistently above plan through November 2012. Our offerings are up \$27,403, or 4.1% higher than the same time last year. Our expenses are down \$(53,243), or 7.2% less than the same time last year. Year to date, our offerings exceed expenses by \$20,616 compared to \$(60,030) 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	\$ 703,720	\$676,317	\$ 27,403
Expense	<u>\$(593,479)</u>	<u>\$(636,129)</u>	<u>\$ 42,650</u>	<u>\$(683,104)</u>	<u>\$(736,347)</u>	<u>\$ 53,243</u>
Profit / (Loss)	<u>\$ 41,344</u>	<u>\$(11,349)</u>	<u>\$ 52,693</u>	<u>\$ 20,616</u>	<u>\$(60,030)</u>	<u>\$ 80,646</u>

Year to Date, actual offerings exceed the budget by \$13,420 and actual expenses are under budget by \$35,357. In addition, year to date "actual" offerings exceed "actual" expenses by \$20,616 and exceed the year to date budget by \$48,777.

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.

New Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning January 13, Pastor Corey will lead an adult Sunday school class "**The Basic Training Course on Personal Evangelism**"...learning how to share our faith. Based on the award-winning TV series "The Way of the Master," the Basic Training Course is specially formatted to train believers in a group setting to simply and confidently share the gospel with family, friends, and strangers. This will be an eight to ten session course. These sessions will teach you to overcome your fears by using a proven, powerfully effective way to make the gospel make sense. You won't be at a loss for words. You don't need to be an expert in apologetics. Instead, you'll learn the forgotten Biblical principle of bypassing the intellect (the place of argument) and speaking directly to the conscience (the place of the knowledge of right and wrong) — the way Jesus did. Using a captivating teaching style, Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort not only tell you how to witness, they show you, through fascinating on-the-street conversations with gang members, atheists, cult members, intellectuals, etc. All are welcome!

From the Council, Happy New Year!

I am so very thankful for you and for the congregation we call RLC. Being a part of the Body of Christ brings greater joy in the good times and less pain in our times of sorrow. Charles Dickens starts off his *A Tale of Two Cities* (1859) with this quote: “*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ...*” In many ways the “times” have not changed since Charles Dickens penned his famous sentence – or really since Jesus’ day. Jesus said, “*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*” John 16:33 (NIV)

When we look back at 2012, we see many blessings. This time last year Steve Ernst was Interim Lead Pastor . . . now he is our Lead Pastor; Corey Smith was not an ordained minister . . . now he has been ordained and is our Associate Pastor; and, Dave Hogan was our Interim Associate Pastor for visitation ministries . . . now he is our Associate Pastor for visitation ministries. And, we have enhanced our excellent staff with the addition of Jay Dixon as our Property & Grounds Coordinator and Lisa Wiegand as our Bookkeeper.

When we look back at 2012, we see the heart of Jesus alive in the hearts of our people – in programs like *ShareFest*, the *Community Fair*, *Habitat for Humanity*, *Second Harvest*, *Union Gospel Mission*, *Jefferson School Reading Program*, *Luther Senior Center*, *Quilting and Knitting* and the *Shalom Ecumenical Center* -- all for people in need. We also see the heart of Jesus at work in our people as they join together in worship, participate in a Sunday morning or mid-week *Bible Study*, attend *Sunday School*, attend a *Youth Group* gathering, experience the *Truth Project*, take a *Trinity Living* course, attend a men’s, women’s, or youth retreat, learn from the *Gedde Lectures*, participate in *Confirmation* studies, or belong to a *small/growth group*.

When we look back at 2012, we see the heart of Jesus at work in people who visited or sent cards to those sick and shut-in, who provided communion as *Eucharistic Ministers*, who visited people with dementia, who prayed as a prayer warrior, who became members of our after service prayer team, who sponsored a needy child in a third world country as part of our International Sunday School, who witnessed to our Lord Jesus in Montana, in Russia, or in Jordan, or who baked cookies for a memorial service reception. We also see the heart of Jesus in the people in our congregation who are reaching others by supporting area-wide ministries: the *Good News Media Ministry*, *Bible Study Fellowship*, *Walk With Christ*, *Tri-City Men’s Ministry*, *The Tri-City Chaplaincy*; or by those who sponsored a *HeBrews Café* or participated in *Christian Yoga* workouts.

There are those of our friends who worked to the glory of God by serving in the kitchen to enhance our fellowship, sharpening pew pencils – so people can fill out their yellow slips and take sermon notes, working in the library – so others can draw closer to God through books and DVDs, by singing in the choir or by playing an instrument - so we can have a meaningful worship experience; by serving as ushers and church friends, as communion assistants and acolytes; in communion prep and by providing church decorations, supporting our cookie ministry, painting the church, assembling bulletins, accounting for the offering and setting up the *Prince of Peace* for a different venue.

In our congregation, we have had members die, people endure sickness and poor health, and people who have and are now experiencing difficulties – in their careers or in their relationships with others. But, having Jesus in our heart has made the big difference in 2012. And it is sure to make the big difference in 2013 . . . and to eternity. Happy New Year! *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all* [during 2013]. 2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV) Blessings! We are blessed to be a blessing.

Dave Brandes, Vice President

This Little Light of Mine

The title for the month is recognizable to most as an old Sunday School children's song. My best recollection of it, however, is from a Christian Education class I took at one of the several institutions of higher learning I've attended getting educated beyond my intelligence. The teacher was up front, instructing us, when the school's philosophy teacher came sneaking in the back to access his own classroom. The philosopher, a somewhat youngish man, had a completely bald pate. Our prof started leading us in the song titled *This Little Light of Mine* (it's a joke, folks - the idea is that the light was reflecting off the guy's bald head.) Upon further review, if I have to explain it, you've lost the joke (it was funny at the time; I guess you had to be there!) anyway, they were very good friends and the object of the laugh simply smiled, waved, and went on his way.

That scene was brought to mind last month when asked to pull an annual preaching assignment at a pastor friend's church during Advent. As I sat in the congregation while he was introducing me, I was struck by the fact that in the light over the pulpit, it was evident he no longer had a *receding* hairline - it was mostly gone! Yet another indicator that I and my companions must be aging.

I have the high privilege, at this age and stage of my life, to serve in the capacity of Associate Pastor in the arena of Visitation under the auspices of Richland Lutheran Church. Often as not, that means I'm ministering to and with persons of (*ahem!*) a certain age - and older. Ah, the ravages of age: it's an organ recital! It consists (but not restricted to only the elderly), of persons suffering from: various heart and cancer problems, joint replacements, hearing and sight impairments, permutations of memory loss, arthritis, rheumatism and lumbago, leathern bladder and kidneys (as to bowels, out of respect for my departed Mother, we *won't* "go" there, lest she would have been scandalized), and....hair loss, etc.

The aging may identify with Elisha in **II Kings 2:23, 24** who being jeered as a "***baldhead***" by a group of youths, called down a curse on them and: "***two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two***" of them. I too am not always a cheerful sufferer, but I do believe this is the most interesting time of life. It may not be the most exciting time: except for the anticipation of getting closer to Christ.

Aging is interesting: you've got enough history to look back and see clearly recognizable patterns in your life identifying the consistency with which God has been leading you all the way in what you would've called "good" times, and "bad" times. This permits faith, trust, and loyalty to Christ to increase; allowing you to be more peaceable in suffering. An imprisoned (and likely bald) St. Paul once joyfully wrote: "***I have learned the secret to being content in any and every situation...***" (**Philippians 4:12, 13**). THAT'S letting the light of Christ shine at every time and situation of life. "Don't let Satan *poof* it out." Permit His strength to LET IT SHINE through you this year!

Pastor Dave

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!"

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of Operation Heal Our Patriots. This project of Samaritan's Purse offers a unique opportunity to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of wounded US soldiers and their spouses. Your gift makes it possible for military personnel to continue their journey of healing as they find strength through God's transforming love.

Every day, men and women in the US Armed Forces risk their lives and sacrifice the comforts of home and family to serve and defend our nation. When they return home, they often face other daunting obstacles. As military couples spend a week at Samaritan Lodge, Alaska, they can draw closer to each other and closer to the Lord - building their lives on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. As the Lord says: "*See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed*" (Isaiah 28:16, NIV).

Thank you again for your support of this life-changing ministry. Please pray for our soldiers, veterans, and their families as we seek to "give back" to those who have sacrificed so much for us. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham
Samaritan's Purse

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$3500, to The Walk With Christ. Your gift has come at a time when we have been trusting the Lord to help meet the current financial needs of The Walk. Please be assured that your donation will be used in furthering Christ's work in Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Northeast Oregon.

God Bless,
Kate Brueske, Treasurer

Dear Richland Lutheran Church,
Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!


I am writing to thank you so very much for your recent gift to the Institute of Lutheran Theology for \$2000. We are so very appreciative of your prayers and financial support.

Since ILT has chosen to keep the education it delivers affordable to students, 68% of all of our programming costs comes in donations from individuals and congregations. Clearly your gift is crucial for our survival and growth. We profoundly value the partnership we have with you, so be sure to call or write me any time with issues or concerns.

Thank you so very much for this gift to ILT. Know that we shall make very wise use of it.

In Christ,
Dennis Bielfeldt, Ph. D.
President, Institute of Lutheran Theology

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue
		1 Office Closed 7:00 PM RLC Foundation Meeting
6 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	7 12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM TLC Training 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team 7:00 PM Truth Project	8 6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 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 7:00 PM Outreach Team
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January 2013

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<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Read thru the Bible 3:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 6:15 PM Men's/Women's Choir 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Ministry Lead Meeting 9:30 AM Library Work 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group</p>	<p>The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!</p> <p>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>	

Parish Health Ministry

Maintaining Your Optimal Health

One Step at a Time

By Jenifer Haler

The last free seminar of 2012 at Oasis Physical Therapy was, "Learn Healthy Habits; 8 Important Factors in a Healthy, Pain Free Life." According to Dr. Mindi Irvine, DPT, practicing these eight natural, inexpensive, habits will effect every aspect of your life, improving one's physical and emotional well-being.

Dr. Irvine's List of 8 Natural, Inexpensive, Healthy Habits

1. Develop a spiritual relationship.
2. Learn to decrease your stress.
3. Stop smoking.
4. Get 8 hours of quality sleep each night.
5. Exercise 20 - 30 minutes 3-5 days a week.
6. Aim to get fresh air and sunshine, daily.
7. Eat a balanced diet.
8. Drink 1 oz. per pound of body weight of quality water a day.

Having attended the last five or six seminars and being presented with strictly medical advice, I was thrilled to hear that #1 and #2 on the list of eight important factors dealt with one's spiritual life. According to information given at the seminar, stress, worry, and guilt nibble away at one's quality of life, leading to illness. Dr. Irvine encouraged participants in the packed room of participants in November to increase their trust in God. She quoted Isaiah 40:31 - "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They... will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint." She encouraged listeners to give their worries and guilt over to God. "Thank Him for what you have, and ask Him for what you need," she said.

Dr. Irvine's 8 Natural, Inexpensive, Healthy Habits provide good advice for the New Year!



The next Red Cross Blood Drive at RLC is Monday January 28th. Start 2013 out right by giving the gift of life. Please sign up on the yellow slip in the bulletin to give blood or assist with providing snacks. Your donation is always appreciated!

An Update from Your RLC Long-Range Planning Team (LRPT)

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor as yourself.**’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV)

After three months of praying, reading books and articles, studying our church and our community, and discussing various opportunities, your RLC LRPT is beginning to see a clear direction for developing our long-range plan. It shouldn’t be surprising – actually, it’s awesome – that the basis for our planning is these two main instructions of Jesus, “Love God with every thing you have; love your neighbor as yourself.”

First, the LRPT seeks to strengthen our capabilities and capacities to help the members of our congregation grow spiritually – *to love God with all their heart*. To support the planning associated with this initiative, we will be conducting the REVEAL Spiritual Life Survey, <http://www.spiritual lifesurvey.com/>. This survey will help us identify and develop spiritual growth programs, allocate staff and lay resources, and identify key plant and equipment needs. This survey will be offered to the whole congregation and is scheduled to take place January 26 through February 9, 2013. So, plan to help us help you in your spiritual walk with Jesus – take the survey when it is announced.

Second, the LRPT seeks to strengthen and provide more focus for the work we do as a congregation in the community – *to love our neighbors as we do ourselves*. To address these needs and our capabilities and capacities, we are using a book and a workbook by Kennon L. Callahan titled the Twelve Keys to an Effective Church. This material is quite detailed -- but our team is working to develop methods for gathering information from key groups and all our members. The 12 Keys Survey is planned to take place from April 7 through April 21, 2013 – with follow-up focus groups in the May-June time frame. These activities will help identify what RLC can do over the next five years to help our neighbors and to support our RLC vision: *Richland Lutheran Church is a congregation of Christ followers making His name known and advancing His kingdom*. What we identify to do, or to be, will help us allocate staff and lay resources, and, identify key plant and equipment needs.

Our team has developed this objective statement: “The objective of the Long-Range Planning Team (LRPT) is to evaluate the spiritual, relational, and physical needs of the RLC Congregation and the citizens of the Tri-Cities and provide recommendations to the congregation regarding the future direction of Richland Lutheran Church.” It is the goal of the LRPT to roll all the information up into a document by the first week in August, 2013 so that we can (1) have a roll-out early in the program year, (2) establish well-considered education programs for September 2013, and (3) provide guidance to the 2014 Ministry Plan and Budget.

Please continue to keep our congregation and the LRPT in prayer and plan to participate in the planning process. RLC has been blessed to be a blessing in our community – Luther Senior Center, the Good News Media Ministry, and The Tri-City Chaplaincy are our main contributions. God will provide us with the capabilities and capacities to love Him more and show that love to our neighbors. Until He returns, we must endeavor to make His name known and to advance His kingdom.

The RLC LRPT: Pastor Steve, Dave Brandes, Jim Lachut, Dave Larkin, Jenny Page, Joel Sorensen, Sandy Steele and Bob Thompson.

Activities for Kids



SUPER KIDS JANUARY 2013

- Jan. 2 - No Super Kids! or family dinner
- Jan. 9 - Roller Skating Night at Richland Rollarena
(*\$5 for entry & regular skate; \$2 extra for inline skates*) *Everyone's welcome! No family dinner this night @ RLC*
- Jan. 16 - New series! The Ten Commandments!
- Jan. 23 - The Second Commandment
- Jan. 30 - The Third Commandment

Captain Clueless is learning the Ten Commandments are not just a bunch of strict rules he's supposed to follow in life. Professor Peabody and the Super Kids! will help him understand the biblical truth that on our own we will never be "good enough" and we need a Savior!

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 jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org



Operation Christmas Child 2013

Item of the Month — Washcloths and packaged bar soap

Please bring NEW washcloths and individually packaged bars of soap to donate for Operation Christmas Child. They can be placed in the Christmas-y plastic tote near the mailboxes in the Prince of Peace fellowship area.

Our goal for this year is to fill at least 150 boxes. We believe by spreading the collection process out over the entire year, we should be able to reach, and hopefully surpass, this number! Thank you for your help in making this a year-round ministry!

For more information contact Jenny Page (jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org)



RLC SKATE NIGHT

Wednesday January 9, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Richland Rollarena

\$5 entry with regular skates (\$2 extra for inline skates)

Everyone is welcome to join us! Bring lots of friends & family!

Activities for Youth

Middle School!

Grades 6-8

WILD WEDNESDAYS!!! is our program for all middle schoolers. Every Wednesday night we meet from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the Gloria Dei Room (up the stairs). We spend time worshiping, playing games, learning about Jesus through the stories in God's Word, and hanging out together. Friends are always welcome! We also have dinner together at 6 PM in the fellowship area for all who would like to join us!

**WILD RESUMES ON JANUARY 9TH
WITH ROLLERSKATING AT THE
RICHLAND ROLLARENA!**

**Meet at the Rollarena at 6:30 PM.
Cost is \$5 (+ \$2 for inline skates).**

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!

6: Resolutions

13: The Persecuted Church

20: The Persecuted Church part 2

27: God Revealed

Wednesday, January 9th is rollerskating at the Richland Rollarena. Meet at the Rollarena at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$5 (+ \$2 for inline skates).

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

Adult Education - The Truth Project comes to RLC

*Do you really believe what you really believe is really true?
Is your worldview Biblical?*

Richland Lutheran Church Adult Education Ministry invites you to sign-up for and attend "The Truth Project" video series presenting the Truths of the Gospel for Christians to fend off the attacks with "pernicious lies" by the secular, "politically correct" world we hear every day.

You know, don't you, why Jesus Christ came into the world? Jesus said, ".....for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." John 18:37

The Truth Project is a 13-week video series for small groups, 10-12 participants, couples or singles, who want to learn and embrace a Biblical worldview and receive the tools to respond to the world and non-believers who dispute and do not accept the Holy Bible and its Truths.

Groups will be forming in January for evening or day Truth Project video sessions to as many church members possible to benefit from this professionally presented series. Sign-up on the yellow worship sheet (indicate evening or day preference) or call RLC office. Questions? Call Norm Gillette, 378-5898, Truth Project leader.

Worship Participants

January 2013	Time	<i>Sunday January 6</i>	<i>Sunday January 13</i>	<i>Sunday January 20</i>	<i>Sunday January 27</i>
<i>Pianist (Saturday)</i>	5:00 PM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
	8:30 AM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
<i>Organists</i>	11:00 AM	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Kristen Imhoff	Kathy Killand	Laura Stevens	Jim Peterson
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Alicia Booth	Sue Meek	Valerie Bettinson
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Emil Leitz Jann Leitz Sue Meek Ken Meek	Clarine Watkins Pam Hedges Kathy Killand	Erlan Leitz Jan Leitz Jeff Pilger	Clarine Watkins Sara Gillette Norm Gillette
	11:00 AM	Jon Page Jenny Page Carl Schroeder Karen Clark	Cheryl Nixon-Erickson Kelly Westlund ****	Cheryl Nixon-Erickson Jon Page Jenny Page	Karen Clark Kelly Westlund ****
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion (Saturday) Sunday 8:30 setup</i>	5:00 PM	Carl and Judy Schroeder	Dave and Ann Brandes	Nancy Ballard	Gwen Dodge
<i>Cleanup 8:30, Set up 11:00 Sunday</i>	After 8:30 AM	Carol Schmid	Dan and Vicki Jordheim	Kay Aase Lois Harrold	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder
<i>Clean up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Carl and Judy Schroeder	Doloros Erickson	Jim and Jean Loss	Jim and Jean Loss
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Adam Pilger Anna Lesser	Trenton Duchsherer Aaron Cole	Ryan Warren Robert Warren	Cayden Tanasse Alexis Riensche
	11:00 AM	Woody Page Jennifer Williams	Nathan Mitchell Carlyle Keyes	Conner Budzeck Kira Westlund	Zeke Ernst Kenny You
<i>Head Ushers & Assisting Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H – Mike Schwartz Karen Schwartz A – Gary Weible Eunice Weible	H – Dave Larkin Bill Frame A – John Lesser Kiane Lesser	H – Fred Kremmer Bill Frame A – Dave Wunschel Mac Dixon	H – Jim Peterson Larry Corning A – Jon Erlandson Laura Stevens
	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 Charles Rogers	H – Jim Loss Jean Loss A – Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Carleen and Len Lust	Carol Schmid	Sue and Jim Worgull
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Kathy/Rick Snyder	LaVonne Scully	Debbie Honeyman
<i>Children's Church</i>	8:30 AM	Melissa Schmid Katie/Sarah Schmid	Michelle Clary ****	John Huebner	**** ****
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges ****	Julie Bishop Nathan Mitchell	Trina Miles Daniel Miles	**** ****
<i>Video System at 8:30 am service</i>	Console Camera 1 2	Mike Stankovich Ken Meek Jon Erlandson	Mike Schwartz Fred Kremmer Bill Frame	Jim Moran Don Schmid Paul Hedges	Brian Killand Luke Thompson Traci Moran
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Chuck Richardson	Larry Corning	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson
	11:00 AM	Paul Hedges	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle
<i>Cashiers</i>		Kay Aase Doris Barchet	Kathy Snyder Tom Frislie	Nancy Ballard Dick Arnst	Kay Aase Tom Frislie
<i>Recycle</i>		Carol Schmid	Tom Frislie	LaVonne Scully	Jeff and Heidi Dagle

Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

January 1

Sharon & Philip Kaiser
Dragica & Milutin
Vukojevic

January 2

Kristen & Adam Donahue

January 22

Pam & Mot Hedges

January 27

Kay & Fred Brauer

January 28

Kristan & Justin Horgan
Lisa & Warren Nicley

January 29

Lauri & Gerald Whitney

BIRTHDAYS

January 1

Sharon Holden
Earl Leitz

January 2

Sarah Hagensen
Brooke Snyder

January 3

Mary Hibbard
Emily Larsen

January 4

Trell Miles

January 5

Carol Hexum
Ellie Page
Dave Smith
Audrey Strasburg

January 6

Ryan Stolte

January 7

Allison Crum
Pastor Martens
Rich Mercer

January 8

Kylie Blakely
Andrew Cole
Spencer Hoffner
Zemmie Iedema
Robby Ledezma
Al Sampson
John Tompkins

January 9

Ron Filipy
Dietrich Schmieman
Jenn Skinner

January 10

Darrin Drake
Samual Woodall

January 11

Angie Coffman
Irv Solbrack

January 12

Helen Foreman
Jim Worgull

January 13

Chris Emmons
Ray Nierman
Janelle Thorson
Mark Underwood

January 14

Dianna Carroll
Daniel Miles
Jaryd Schroeder
Linda Showalter
James Ulseth

January 15

Sharon Boness
Amanda Solnicka
Jean Thompson

January 16

Stuart Iedema
Vicky Willingham

January 19

Isabel Bartholomew
Steven Rowse
Roxanne Short

January 20

Valerie Bettinson
Darlene Mahlum
Maria Montoya
Kaleb Prigge
Ted Stuenkel
Clarice Ziner

January 21

Chris Bonin
Hanna Colwell
Jenny Page

January 22

Dale Gier
Bruce Slonecker
Joe Sundal

January 23

Abigail Cole
Jan Conley
Lauren Crum

January 24

Mike Bettinson
Larry Haler
Amy Sperline
Dominik Zehner

January 25

Kris Johnson
Peter Newton

January 26

Jordan Davis
Debbie Hardman
Cliff Sandberg

January 27

Reagan Mercer
Kayla Peterson
John Tolrud

January 28

Nick Carlson
Leslie Richardson

January 29

Joclyn Conrad
Dee McDorman
April Miller

January 30

Elaine Keyes
JoeAnne Oberlander

January 31

Connie Johnson
Katie Nipper
Kim Sundal





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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

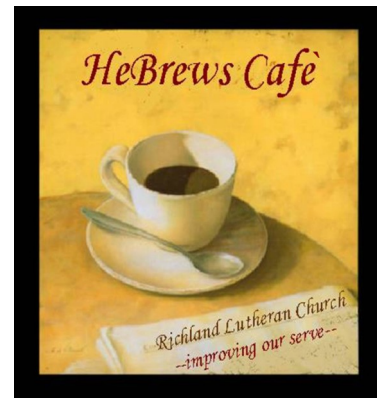
Saturdays at 5:00 PM

*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**

**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.