



## *The Renovaré Conference: "Becoming Christian Disciples"*

These past couple of months God has brought to my mind repeatedly the answer Jesus gave when he was asked what was the greatest commandment. You remember he 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."

Sometimes we try to move on to loving our neighbor without fulfilling that first commandment. We can love humanity in general but it becomes much more difficult to love a particular person. We can only truly love our neighbor as ourselves if we first truly love God. But from our experience we know you do not love someone just because you want to; you must spend time with them and get to know them. You have to open yourself up to them and share hopes, desires, and thoughts with each other. As you begin to love them you begin to want to please them and to put them before yourself.

To grow in our love of God requires the same effort as with any other person. We have to get to know Him and know how wonderful He really is. We begin to know God through reading and meditating on God's word that describes who He is, how much he loves us, what he has done for us, and what He desires from us. We become closer to Him as we pray both sharing our desires, hopes, praise and love with Him, but even more importantly listening to Him as He shares his hopes, desires and love for us. As we seek to please Him, the Holy Spirit empowers us to live a more virtuous life and a more compassionate life through loving our neighbors.



And that is really the purpose of the Renovaré Conference. The desire to love God and to love our neighbor can be there but without action it may never happen. The conference helps us to intentionally practice disciplines that the Holy Spirit can use to make us more Christlike. The goal is not to be like desert hermits focused only on an inward life of piety and love of God and it is not to be like social activists focused only on outwardly helping others. Instead the Renovaré speakers encourage us to live a balanced life of disciplines with support in our efforts through the encouragement from, and accountability to, others in a small group.

Yes, taking a full day out of our lives to attend a conference like this is hard when we have so much already to do. But we remember that we are more than the physical body we see. God has made us so that we have a physical body, a mind, and an eternal soul. By far the most important aspect of our self is the soul. Think how much of our time and money we put into caring for our physical bodies, and to improving our minds, and how little time we set aside for caring for our souls.

This is the first Renovaré Conference in eastern Washington in over fifteen years and it is unlikely there will be another anytime soon. Don't let this opportunity pass. I encourage you to register for the conference. It will be time and money invested in your soul. The conference starts at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 20.

Dave Larkin

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## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

None

### Weddings

None

### Memorial/Funeral

None

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## *From Pastor Steve*



### **RLC in Mission for Christ: Walk the Talk**

I've been reading a book called *The Christian Atheist* by Craig Groeschel which has been keeping me up at night in contemplation. A Christian atheist, as defined by Groeschel, is one who believes in God but lives as if He doesn't exist. This book isn't about the doctrine of salvation, whether one is "saved," but about discipleship and Christian living. Like a two-by-four to the head I've been convicted by what I read. It is very easy for me to slip into Christian atheism. Studying Scripture for the sake of preaching instead of to know God, making promises to pray for others and not following through, encouraging others to live by faith all the while I live in fear. Maybe you can relate. This is an age-old, normal and ongoing stumbling block in the life of all Christians, believing in God but living as if He doesn't exist.

In the book of 1 John chapter two the Apostle writes, "We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did." What a great reminder God expects more than just cognitive knowledge of Him. Knowledge of God should, **MUST**, lead to keeping, following and obeying His commands just as Jesus kept, followed and obeyed His commands.

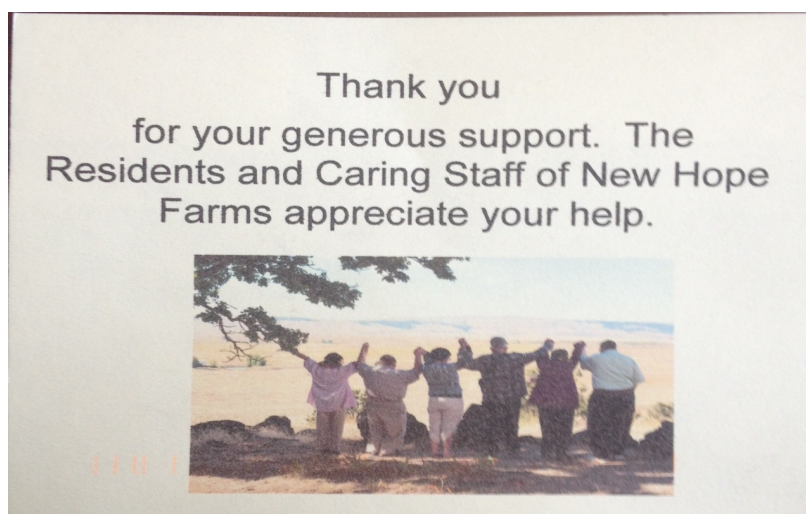
Congregations in mission for Christ don't settle for Christian atheism. They aim much higher. Simply believing in God but not living as if He exists isn't the benchmark. Believing in God and doing our best by the power of the Holy Spirit to live as if He does is the goal of those who belong to congregations in mission for Christ. This is our bar. I am a recovering Christian atheist and always will be. I'm only human after all. Perhaps you too are a recovering Christian atheist. Take heart! God is on your side and He too wants more for you. I hope you'll join me in allowing Him to help you live as if He exists. Put yourself in God's capable, caring, compassionate hands and "be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

***Equip · Empower · Encourage***

## *Financial Update*

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

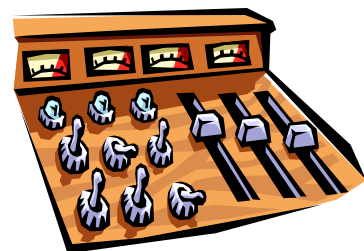


## *RLC Audio-Visual Team and Good News Media Need You!*

The RLC Audio Visual Team and Good News Media Ministry are very excited about the new state-of-the-art upgrades to our equipment. We have purchased and are in the process of installing a Digital High Definition Audio-Video system for our Good News Today TV program aired on ABC Sunday mornings. What's most exciting is this upgrade will allow us to enter into new forms and venues for communicating the Good News of Jesus! We'll be able to make live web-casts, pod-casts, daily video devotions, and more and we'll be able to shoot video anywhere (not just in the sanctuary). We have also upgraded our sanctuary sound system to better meet the needs of our congregation's worship experience.

Now we're looking for help in running both aspects of these very important ministries. One of the benefits of the upgrades is that the new technology is much easier to learn and we're developing training programs for both the video and audio aspects of this important ministry. We'll be using common video editing software that runs on a PC, so you don't need a degree in engineering.

Please indicate your interest and/or willingness by marking the yellow slip in worship or call the church office. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.



*Upcoming Event!*

# BANNER-AMA

a show-and-tell event for people who make church banners and for those who want to learn

**Richland Lutheran Church**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2013**

## Resources

- **Demonstrations**
- **Displays**
- **Networking**
- **Ask the Experts**
- **Best Tips**
- **Getting Started**
- **Working with the Pastor**
- **And More!**

Lucille Knutson has been making banners for RLC for about 40 years. Over the years, she has been asked numerous times if she would teach others what she has learned.

This event is offered in response to those requests.

We hope you will join us for this fun and encouraging day. Please contact the church office to register by April 15. Fee is \$15.

## Schedule

**9:30 AM**

- **Registration**

**10:00 AM**

- **Wander & Wonder**

**11:00 AM**

- **Ministry of Banners**

**Noon**

- **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**

- **Banner Basics**

**2:00 PM**

- **Expert Panel**

## *Some Thoughts on Dying: The Long and the Short of it*

Pastor John Cross (is that a great name for a Christian minister, or what?!) is the pastor at my wife's old home church, Selbu Lutheran (LCMC) in rural Lacrosse, WA. I've never personally met Rev. Cross; but I'm getting to know him through the daily devotional and newsletter blog he writes to his parishioners. It's a mix of "down-home-ness", spiritual encouragement, Bible lesson, and humor. In other words: it's right up my alley! In the humor department, he recently included a cartoon of two elderly women seated on a park bench. The one turns to the other and expresses the following concern, "I'm getting so old that all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it!"

We *all* are getting older! Should God grant to us the strength of our years to exceed so-called life expectancy, we too will start to join that crowd who lament that they're missing their Christian friends who have preceded them in death, as we inch toward being the last person standing among our colleagues. I used to hear that lament from my father - who lived to the age of 93. When he did die, I can remember my own question as to why he didn't live longer. After all, didn't he realize how much his children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces, all loved him and wanted him to live on? But, my 92 year-old mother preceded him in death by about ten days; she was his last living link to his generation, and he literally died of a broken heart.

Consider one of the lessons of the post-Easter post-breakfast scene at the Sea of Galilee in **John 21:15-25**. Peter is told by the bodily resurrected Jesus, that he, at an older age, is going to be taken where he didn't want to go (**v. 18**); then he's concerned about how/when John was going to die. In response, Christ tells him he needn't be concerned about that. He must be concerned to follow Jesus to the end.

Two things of note: 1) where Peter did not want to go, in the context of the Scriptures recording his flight from the Garden of Gethsemane and three-fold denial of Christ, was to death by crucifixion - the means by which he did die as such a convinced follower of Christ that he requested to be crucified upside down when the time came (!); 2) John would go on to be the last Apostle standing, living well into his 90s, before dying of old age - the only one of the original disciples to escape death by martyrdom. But John would have lived those latter years with the grief of missing all the intimate members of his generation (do you suppose he wondered if those who preceded him to heaven thought he didn't make it?)

We don't get to write the script of our own ending. **"But I trust in You, O LORD; I say 'You are my God.' My times are in Your hands..." (Psalm 31:14, 15a)**. Some will die "too young." Some will live so long they agonize the loss of their generation's Christian friends and loved ones. Someday, some will still be alive at Christ's Second Advent. Regardless: follow Jesus to the end because the end is assured through our Risen Lord. It will be worth it all when we see Jesus!!

Pastor Dave

## *Compassion Sunday: April 21*

Our church will participate in Compassion Sunday on April 21 during HeBrew's Café at 9:45 AM in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. This is a national event that helps us grow in our understanding of God's very special love for the poor. It's also an opportunity for each of us to intervene in the life of at least one child in poverty. We can give them a future and a hope through the loving intervention of a Christ-centered program run by a local church in their neighborhood.

The Corning family, along with the support of other Compassion families, will be hosting Hebrew's Café and sharing a short presentation on Compassion in hopes of encouraging more families to sponsor kids around the world.

Please plan to join us!

For more information, contact Jason or Lisa Corning at [corningclanfive@clearwire.net](mailto:corningclanfive@clearwire.net) or visit [compassionsunday.com](http://compassionsunday.com).



## Women's Ministry Event



### "PAMPERED PRINCESSES - DAUGHTERS OF THE KING"

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,  
that we are the children of God:  
And if children, then heirs; heirs of God,  
And joint-heirs with Christ..." *Romans 8:16-17*

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013**

**1-3:30PM**

**AN AFTERNOON OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, PAMPERING, and GIRL TIME**

**MANICURES**

**CRAFT CORNER**  
(Tiaras and Cards)

**READING NOOK**  
(Meditation and Readings)

**SPA-LICIOUS REFRESHMENTS**



Girls in grade 6 to age 106 are encouraged to come  
and PAMPER women and girls in our neighborhood

We are asking the women of RLC to pamper our friends with manicures, help with crafts, bake some cookies, read to the children, and whatever else will be needed to make this outreach one that will help others know the love of Christ.

You can also help with donations: emery boards, nail polish, quik dry, polish remover, cotton balls, orange sticks, nail embellishments, rolls of paper towels, and containers for soaking

Please sign up to help on the yellow worship slip or  
contact Shirley Fast at 509-967-9136 or [shirleyvanrell@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyvanrell@yahoo.com)

Richland Lutheran Church  
Women's Ministry

## April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue
	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248 7:00 PM Outreach Team Meeting</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Architecture Team Meeting 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><b>8</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Recorder Consort 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248 7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks 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><b>15</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Recorder Consort 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
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<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Celebration of Ministry 5:30 PM High School Leadership Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission Service 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>



## April 2013

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 3:30 PM Knitting Group	<b>4</b> 8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work 10:00 AM Staff LRP Meeting 10:30 AM Truth Project 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Peterson Bible Study 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM AI-Anon	<b>6</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Organ Rehearsal 11:00 AM Memorial Service - Simms 5:00 PM Worship
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM GNMM Yard Sale Set-up 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 3:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 6:15 PM Back Row Choir 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM AA Treatment Committee Meeting 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM RLC Foundation Meeting	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:00 AM GNMM Yard Sale Set-up 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work 10:00 AM Staff LRP Meeting 10:30 AM Truth Project 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 9:00 AM GNMM Yard Sale 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Peterson Bible Study 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM AI-Anon 7:00 PM Ultreya	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM Organ Rehearsal 9:00 AM GNMM Yard Sale 5:00 PM Worship
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 10:30 AM Luther Senior Center 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 3:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM GNMM Board Meeting	<b>18</b> 8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work 10:00 AM Staff LRP Meeting 10:30 AM Truth Project 1:00 PM Piece-Makers 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 4:00 PM Wedding 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Peterson Bible Study 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM AI-Anon	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM Organ Rehearsal 9:00 AM Renovare Conference 5:00 PM Worship
<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 3:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 6:15 PM Back Row Choir 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	<b>25</b> 8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work 10:00 AM Staff LRP Meeting 10:30 AM Truth Project 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 9:00 AM Preview Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Senior Banquet 6:00 PM Peterson Bible Study 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM AI-Anon	<b>27</b> 8:00 AM Organ Rehearsal 8:00 AM Nominating Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Worship

### The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!

Please call the church office, 943-3164, or check the website, [www.richlandlutheran.org](http://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.

## Activities for Kids



### **SUPER KIDS APRIL 2013**

April 3 - No Super Kids! Enjoy Spring Break!  
April 10 - New series! Sammy & His Shepherd  
(Psalm 23) - Chap. 1 & 2  
April 17 - Sammy! Chap. 3 & 4  
April 24 - Sammy! Chap. 5 & 6

Captain Clueless meets a new friend, a shepherd, who tells him a story about a young lamb, Sammy, and his loving Shepherd, Jesus. Will Katy, Marty and the Super Kids be able to help Captain Clueless understand the unfailing love of God as expressed through Psalm 23?

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 [jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org)

### **Operation Christmas Child 2013**

#### **Item of the Month — Gifts for Boys ages 10-14**

Our goal for this year is to fill at least 150 boxes. We believe by spreading the collection process over the entire year, we should be able to reach, and hopefully surpass, this number!

Please bring **NEW** gifts and toys for **BOYS** ages 10-14. Suggested items: Multi-colored Sharpies; yo-yo's, marbles, baseballs, ball caps, T-shirts, Bible story books, solar calculators, flashlights and batteries, soccer ball with pump, cars/trucks, kazoos, compass, hammer & nails, screwdriver & screws, duct tape, tape measure. Be creative! Think about the older kids you know, and what they would like to receive. Gift items can be placed in the Christmas-y box near the mailboxes in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. Thank you for your help in making this a year-round ministry!



For more information contact Jenny Page ([jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org))



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Join us each evening June 24-28 for a fun-filled adventure at Kingdom Rock!

Date: June 24-28

Time: Family dinner 5:30 PM

Program 6:00 PM

Ages: 3 years old through 5th grade

For more info, please contact Jenny Page ([jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org))

## 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!

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT IS  
MAY 3-5!!!** Please make sure to register on the yellow worship slip, or call/email the church office at [office@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:office@richlandlutheran.org)

8<sup>th</sup> graders! You are invited to sign up for our high school beach trip from July 14-21 in Seaside, OR.



### 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!

We are beginning a series on “What do they believe” on April 7! We will look at Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Islam, and other beliefs to see what they believe and how they compare to Christianity.

**BEACH TRIP 2013 “ABOVE AND BEYOND” IN SEASIDE, OR.!!!** It is time to sign up for our annual beach trip on July 14-21. Cost is \$325 (discount available for families with multiple youth attending), and a \$150 **non-refundable** deposit is due June 16. Sign up now!!!

April 26, 6 PM at RLC is our High School Senior Banquet for our graduating seniors. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

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

Maintaining Your Optimal Health

One Step At A Time

I attend the Monday night women's Bible study and we are currently studying from Max Lucado's book "Fearless." The book focuses on a Christian's reaction to fears that seem to surround us in today's world, such as economic uncertainty, Mid-East unrest, terrorist activities, to name a few. Fear is real, and a threat to our mental health. It may result in anger, frustration, hopelessness, depression and inhibit us from fulfilling God's expectations as his child.

Although we are only early in the book, Mr. Lucado has made this point "When fear shapes our lives, safety becomes our god. When safety becomes our god, we worship the risk-free life."

In order to overcome our fears, we turn to passages in the Bible and are instructed not to allow fear to overcome us. *Matthew 26:6* states "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed." *John 14:1, 3*: "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me...I will come and get you, so you will always be with me where I am." These are just two of the many messages given to us. Let's not allow fear and its symptoms to overtake our life, but let us be assured that our true God in Heaven is keeping a watchful eye on us, so we can work without fear and focus our attention on accomplishing his will here on earth.

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**Reminder: The Parish Health Ministry committee cares about you! Blood pressure screenings are available between the church services on the second and fourth Sundays in the Library Reference Room. Visit with one of our nurses for a professional screening.**

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## *What is Helping Hands?*

We all have gifts that God has given us to be used to His glory to demonstrate the love of Christ by helping others in need. At this very moment within our church or in our community someone may be in need, while at the same time we have a church filled with giving hearts and caring Christians. Maybe you already know of someone in need, but you are unsure how to help or you are unable to help on your own. Maybe you need help yourself but have been unsure or afraid to ask for help.

**Helping Hands** is a new and exciting ministry designed to bridge the gap, to give those who know of a need, whether it be for another person or for themselves, an avenue to receive that help, and provide a way for caring, concerned Christians to search out their gifts and to use them in service to others. We all know prayer is wonderful and needed, but we also know Christian action is often the answer to someone else's prayer. **As committed and caring Christians we believe it is important to take action to show the love and support of Christ to others by helping those in need.**

## *Did You Know?*

*"God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness." II Corinthians 9: 10.*

People who are members of Richland Lutheran Church are also members of the RLC Foundation. The Foundation is an independent behind-the-scenes partner with Richland Lutheran church. It uses its income to plant seeds that are expected to grow into new ministries to the glory of God. Some of the recent seeds planted are:

**Renovaré Essentials Conference** – Seed monies were supplied for this conference that offers a vision of a spiritual renewal process and proves valuable for spiritual development. A steering committee has made plans for the learning process to continue after the conference is over.

**Gedde Lecture Series** – Funding was provided to start a series honoring Pastor Palmer Gedde by bringing theological speakers to the Tri-Cities. With additional gifts from members it has become an annual event.

**Jefferson School Tutoring** – Funding initiated a program for volunteers to enter into a partnership with teachers and administrators at Jefferson School that will help students reach their academic potential.

**Spiritual Care-Giving Ministry Training** – Funding has allowed volunteers to participate in Care-Giving Training provided by the Chaplaincy. This has allowed members to be prepared to provide caregiving within RLC and to minister in other specialized areas.

There is a brochure in the Prince of Peace fellowship area that contains other earlier seeds such as the God Sighting Bibles and Study Guides and a G-3 start that has grown into Super Kids. More information is available from the Board of Directors or at [www.richlandlutheran.org](http://www.richlandlutheran.org) and the RLC Foundation link under the More link.

God first planted the idea of a foundation in Richland Lutheran Church in June 1966 at a Congregational Meeting when a member made a motion to establish a special foundation fund whose income only would be used for Christian education of Richland Lutheran Church members.

Then in 1987, Pastor Palmer Gedde who was familiar with broader non-profit foundations in the Midwest wondered if such a ministry would work at RLC. A group explored the possibility and on June 11, 1987, the group organized as a nonprofit corporation in the state of Washington and applied for tax exempt status with the IRS as a 501(c) 3 organization. The IRS returned the first application because they were certain the applicants had not understood the application. The application had a "zero" in the financial section. Over the years the fund has grown from such donations as cash gifts, wills, and property. Today the principal is over \$250,000.

RLC Foundation Board of Directors: Diane Bonin, Jeff Dagle, Karen Juergens, Lori Lachut, Ken Meek, Theresa Rathbone, Loren Schmid, and Jack Tellefson.

## *Words of Thanks*

Dear Richland Lutheran Church,

I am writing to thank you for your generous support and assistance that you have provided this past year. Your donation has helped the Institute of Lutheran Theology to carry out its mission and ministry. We have had an outstanding year 2012. Our enrollment is strong and continues to grow. We thank you for being part of this journey with us, and we pray that you will continue the journey with us as we start a new year with many new students and more wondrous adventures to come.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Bielfeldt, President - Institute of Lutheran Theology

## Worship Participants

<b>April 2013</b>	<b>Time</b>	<i>Sunday April 7</i>	<i>Sunday April 14</i>	<i>Sunday April 21</i>	<i>Sunday April 28</i>
<i>Pianist (Saturday)</i>	5:00 PM	Teresa Zorich	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
<i>Organists</i>	8:30 AM	Teresa Zorich	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
	11:00 AM	Jim Honeyman	Maria Frame	Maria Frame	Maria Frame
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Kristen Imhoff	Kathy Killand	Jim Peterson	Dolores Jaech
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Len Ross	Zemmie Iedema	Alicia Booth
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Ken Meek Sue Meek	Clarine Watkins Jeff Pilger Pam Hedges	Jami Prigge Jason Prigge Jeff Pilger	Clarine Watkins Erlan Leitz Jan Leitz
	11:00 AM	Cheryl Nixon-Erickson Karen Clark Kelly Westlund ****	Cheryl Nixon-Erickson Jon Page Jenny Page	Karen Clark Kelly Westlund Lisa Corning	**** **** ****
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion (Saturday) Sunday 8:30 setup</i>	5:00 PM	Judy and Carl Schroeder	Nancy Ballard	Joanne Woehle	Jim and Sue Worgull
<i>Cleanup 8:30, Set up 11:00 Sunday</i>	After 8:30 AM	Dan & Vicki Jordheim	Carol Schmid	Karin Nickola Lois Harrold	Mike & MaryJo Schroeder
<i>Clean up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Judy and Carl Schroeder	Jean Loss	Kelly Westlund	Doloros Erickson
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Ryan Warren Robert Warren	Katie Schmid Sarah Schmid	Alexis Riensche Nathan Lipton	Kyle Prigge Alexis Riensche
	11:00 AM	Rhett Levin Coley Levin	Peter Morris Nathan Mitchell	Jennifer Williams Zeke Ernst	Daniel Miles Kenny You
<i>Head Ushers &amp; Assisting Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H – Mike Schwartz Karen Schwartz A – Gary Weible Eunice Weible	H – Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A – Harold Hogue Dave Larkin	H – Fred Kremmer Bill Frame A – Jon Erlandson Dave Larkin	H – Dave Wunschel Larry Corning A – Jim Peterson 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	Fishers of Men	Sara & Norm Gillette	Fishers of Men
	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	Lori Lachut Tiffany Vopalensky	John Huebner Brittney Crisp	Astrid Goplen Neal/Freja
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Kira Westlund	Julie Bishop Ellie Hoffner	Trina Miles Daniel Miles	**** Drew Snyder
<i>Video System at 8:30 am service</i>	Console Camera 1 2	Brian Killand Fred Kremmer Bill Frame	Mike Schwartz Ken Meek Jon Erlandson	Jim Moran Don Schmid Paul Hedges	Mike Stankovich Traci Moran Luke Thompson
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Karen Schwartz	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson
	11:00 AM	****	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle
<i>Cashiers</i>		Kathy Snyder Tom Frislie	Nancy Ballard Dick Arnst	Kathy Snyder Doris Barchet	Nancy Ballard Marge Hogue
<i>Flowers</i>		John & Jan Fulton	Larry Corning	Tom & Erma Griffin	Kathy Higley
<i>Recycle</i>		Carol Schmid	Tom Frislie	LaVonne Scully	Jeff & Heidi Dagle

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## ANNIVERSARIES

- April 4**  
Elaine & Charles Davis
- April 6**  
Janet & Rick Budzeck  
Vivian & Loren Stangeland
- April 8**  
Debbie & Mike Stankovich
- April 12**  
Dorothy & Victor Trujillo
- April 13**  
Dawn & Donald Salyer
- April 14**  
Erma & Tom Griffin
- April 16**  
Carole & Richard Siefken
- April 17**  
Kathy & Rick Snyder
- April 21**  
Amanda & Tracy Kissire  
Sue & Chuck Long
- April 22**  
Nina & Steven Tilton
- April 24**  
Kristin & Christopher  
VanSant
- April 25**  
Sande & Art Tackett
- April 26**  
Dianna & James Carroll
- April 28**  
Sheila & Roy Hibbard
- April 30**  
Danielle & Mike Kinmark

## BIRTHDAYS

- April 1**  
Bob Kolowith  
Nathan Salyer  
Bill Wedberg  
Jeanice Wise
- April 2**  
Paul Armatis  
Irene Barnes
- April 4**  
Nancy Ballard  
Daniel Pardini  
Kyle Peterson  
Emma Strasburg
- April 5**  
Sabrina Monroe  
Sue Peterson  
Sissel Selvig  
Casey Vernon
- April 6**  
Justin Crisp  
Brenna Destito  
Scott Hardman  
Kay Mesford  
Audrey Pardini
- April 7**  
David Nauts
- April 8**  
Julie Bishop  
Abbie Duchscherer
- April 9**  
Erma Griffin
- April 10**  
Margie Kickert  
Trina Miles  
Liz Rodriguez
- April 11**  
Scot Armatis
- April 12**  
Hermine Fordham
- April 13**  
Jason Gardner  
Joshua Gardner  
Greg Keyes
- April 14**  
Gayla Davis  
Kiane Lesser  
Luke Thompson
- April 15**  
Gwen Dodge  
Neal Goplen  
Butch Machinal  
Joanne Woehle
- April 16**  
Piper Mercer
- April 19**  
Jacob Giller
- April 20**  
Charles Davis  
Jay Dixon  
Caroline Olsen
- April 21**  
Glenn Edgemon  
Anna Lesser  
Jim Peterson
- April 22**  
Alaina Phaneuf  
Nita Todd
- April 23**  
Lanae Hexum-Kion  
Tom Miller
- April 24**  
Paul Hedges  
Emil Leitz  
Theo Nauts
- April 25**  
Gary Culbert  
Jennifer Makenas
- April 26**  
John Drewrey  
Rick Epperson  
Brody Nipper  
Helen Robinson  
Karen Schwartz  
Josephine Whitney

- April 27**  
Warner Blyckert  
Sheila Hibbard  
Josh Johnson  
Ron Kickert  
Lally Stivers
- April 28  
Margaret Dagle  
Jessica Thompson  
Donna Williams
- April 29**  
Gretchen Fleming
- April 30**  
Taylor Carroll  
Allison Hedges Lawrence  
Marie Riensche  
Carol Ross





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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**

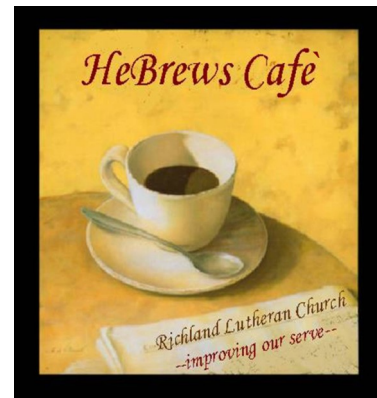
Saturdays at 5:00 PM

*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](http://www.richland-lutheran.org)**



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

**It's where Richland Lutheran Church members are re-  
freshed, rejuvenated, and renewed for work in the  
Kingdom!**

**There are still some Sundays available for serving.  
Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

**Equipping. Empowering. Encouraging.**

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