



Long Range Plan Update

It's easy in the church today, when thinking about the future and putting together a plan, to focus on things we control such as facilities, programs, staffing, finances and the like. When these become our foci we come up with a plan for our church and then invite God into *our* plan. This may be why many churches don't find the long range planning process and implementation thereof helpful. Though facilities, programs, staff, and finances are important, they are not what ought to drive the planning process. Instead, in church planning, we ought to focus on what God controls and considers most important, namely spiritual growth, and ask, "God, what is *your* plan for us and can we join you in it?" With great intentionality our long range planning team has focused on spiritual growth and discerning what God is doing among us.

Having worked together since last September the long range planning team is well on its way. Most recently we have put together and are now implementing our second survey trying to assess our strengths and weaknesses. Please take the ten minutes needed to take the survey at :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rlc12keyssurvey>

We've also received our results from the Reveal Spiritual Growth Survey and spent two days with leaders from our congregation (about 30) analyzing the results and working with a consultant to put together a plan to help us grow spiritually. We're also in the process of putting together material for focus groups to meet at the end of May and the beginning of June. Please be on the lookout for your opportunity to give even more input to the team.

The team is planning to have our work completed and a report prepared by August this year and to deliver a report to the congregation at a special meeting at that time. This will enable RLC to include the initial implementation of the long range plan in the 2014 ministry plan.

Please continue to pray for the team and feel free to contact us anytime at lrpteam@richlandlutheran.org.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

None

Weddings

April 19 Kari Maier & Trevor Lindsay

Memorial/Funeral

April 6 John Sims

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From Pastor Steve



RLC in Mission for Christ: Do the Right Things

I'm sitting in the LCMC Leadership Conference in Birmingham, AL as I write this article. The speaker, Dr. Kent Hunter of Church Doctor Ministries, just said, "In our churches today we do a lot of things right, the question remains, do we do the right things?" So true! Thinking back on the churches I've been involved with over the years I can think of many things we've done right. Potlucks, check. Meetings, check. Felt board check. But are these, or other things we've done in our congregations the right things? Just because we do something right or well doesn't mean we ought to be doing it.

This reminds me of the time I tore the PCL in my right knee. When leaving my MRI appointment the radiologist, himself, stopped me and asked if I had a couple of minutes. Since this never happens I was immediately intrigued. Sitting at his desk with three large LCD screens in front of us he began to show and explain how badly I tore my PCL. He then said, "In my over 30 years as a radiologist I've never seen a tear like this. It is very difficult to tear one's PCL this badly." To which I replied, "Yeah, when I do something I try to do it right." Doing something right and doing the right thing are two different things entirely.

Congregations in mission for Christ focus more intentionally on doing the right things over and above doing things right. It's time churches begin to ask, "Lord, are we doing the right things?" In essence this is what we, RLC, are doing through the long range planning process. We are asking, "God, what are you doing and how can we partner with you in it?" This will help us discover what the right things are for us to do. And then do those things right.

Equip · Empower · Encourage

Maria's Leaving! Now What?

You might be wondering how we will fill the holes left by Maria's departure from RLC. For the short-term (at least through the summer) we are looking for interim musicians to assist with our three worship services. We have secured help for our Saturday night service but are still actively and prayerfully looking for help with our Sunday morning services. If you, or someone you know, has gifts in music and worship leadership please let us know.

For the long-term we will be looking for a full-time Director of Music and Worship. The Congregation Council is finalizing a job description and a search team is being put together to begin our search. This is a "hired" and not "called" position allowing the Congregation Council to move deliberately and expeditiously to fill this position. As always, if you have thoughts, concerns, input of any kind, please feel free to contact the Congregation Council or Pastor Steve to discuss them. Thanks also in advance for your prayers as we move forward. We are confident God will, as always, be faithful to RLC.

Financial Update

Information not available at time of printing.

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, or Rich Olsen, Council Treasurer at raolsen49@gmail.com.

From Maria Frame

Dearest Members of RLC,

How does one say to you all the things in her heart? For nearly six years, I have been a part of the ministry of Richland Lutheran Church. This time has literally flown by – filled with fun, fellowship and praising God in worship – through good times and rough times, happy times and sad times. I've enjoyed getting to know many of you through choirs, between the services at Hebrews Café, or as you stop by my office on the way to yoga, Bible study, or on the way to a meeting. I am amazed how God uses you to love and support each other as children of the same Heavenly Father; I am equally awed by how God uses you to care for those outside the walls of RLC. Each of you is wonderful and special and I am blessed to have been a part of this congregation.

For those who serve in the Worship Ministry, words cannot express my thanks. Most of you serve quietly, behind the scenes. Your ministry is so vital to our worship services. So, a special thanks to those who decorate, set up and clean up communion, bake the bread, read the lessons, usher, greet folks as they come in the door, acolyte, operate the sound board and cameras, assemble the bulletins, play instruments, help lead the congregation's song - - and to those who see to the many other details so when the time comes, we can focus all our attention on worshipping God.

Who we are and what we do is all about God. God calls each of us individually and also together as the church to great things – more than we could ever hope or imagine on our own. For truly, with God all things are possible. As RLC continues to be faithful to its calling, I will hold you in prayer. May God's blessings be with you.

Maria G. Frame

Where does our belief come from?

As a member of the council, I have often wondered how we can increase our number of parishioners at Richland Lutheran Church. Our great commission tells us in **Matthew 28:18-20**:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

How do we do that? Many people have lots of ideas of how to fulfill this commission but perhaps we must first look at how we became believers ourselves. Some of us were born into the faith. Our family believed and so do we. Other people have had a person in their life who greatly influenced their belief. Usually someone they loved or respected. Yet others may have had a great epiphany; a realization, and accepted Jesus.

As for me... my mother had faith but did not attend church nor took us to church. It was my grandfather who greatly influenced me the most. I remember the times in the summer when I would get to spend a week or two with my grandparents on their small farm. I would awaken at my grandparents' house, early in the morning before my siblings, and find my grandfather sitting at the kitchen window drinking a cup of coffee. We would sit together and gaze out the big picture window overlooking the pasture and watch the cows grazing. It was during several of these times that my grandfather spoke about his belief in God. He was very passionate that I believe too.

Also, during my elementary years, a lady from a neighboring church came to our house and invited us kids to come to Sunday school. She came each Sunday in her station wagon and picked up all the kids in the neighborhood that would come. She was the minister's wife. It was here that I learned about Jesus and the Bible. My belief was kindled by my grandfather but my religious education was fostered by the local church. However, you might find it interesting that I never considered myself a member of this church. Even as an elementary kid I knew that not all Christian churches believed the same and I didn't agree with several things about this church. I attended Sunday school to hear about God and Jesus.

When our family moved to Boise, Idaho, my sister and I were in high school. We decided we wanted to go to church. As I said earlier, we didn't agree with the neighborhood church we attended back home so we decided to try out a Lutheran Church (my grandmother was raised Lutheran in Minnesota where she grew up). We attended a couple of Sundays before we received a visit from the pastor of the church telling us that we could not take communion anymore because we were not members. I was upset! I grew up believing that communion was for all people who believed in Jesus and what he did for us. We believed the bread was the body of Jesus given for us and that the wine was the blood of Jesus shed for us. My sister and I never attended that church again and the pastor never followed up.

The following year we moved to the Tri-Cities. We were familiar with the Tri-Cities because we grew up in Walla Walla (50 miles away) and our grandparents lived in Kennewick. Six months after moving to Kennewick, I met my husband, Brian. It was on our first date that Brian asked me what my faith was! I was shocked! I had never had a date ask me what my faith was, especially on a first date. Here was this handsome, athletic, jock asking me what I believed in?! I was impressed. He invited me to come to church with him and we attended regularly and were married 1 1/2 years later at Richland Lutheran Church.

After we graduated from Central Washington University, we moved back to the Tri-Cities to pursue our careers and start a family. We became active right away with RLC committee work and attended church regularly. When our children were born, they were baptized at RLC. I became the Sunday School Superintendent for twelve years until my grandparents became ill and I was needed for their care.

Feeling that everyone should do something in the church, I began lecturing. I lector and assist in communion every month. I enjoy being part of Richland Lutheran Church. It is home to me. I have been a member for over 36 years. Currently, I am also a member of the church council.

So, where does our faith come from? For me it was from the great love and influence that my grandfather had for me. I have been fortunate to have so many people in my life care about my faith. They shared their love. It is up to us to do the same. Be a good Christian, love your neighbors, share your faith, be active in your church, and model what you believe.

The Christian Disciple and the Energy Crisis

By now, most Richland Lutheran congregants are aware that many of my ideas for sermons and study of the Holy Bible occur to me while I'm showering. And yes, that means the Lord and I get lost in thoughts, resulting in some pretty l-o-n-g showers. This means it's advantageous for me to live in dwellings with large hot water tanks: as once the water temperature turns icy the only thought that occurs to me is, "Get out, fast!" Anyway, you might say that I owe it all to clean living!

Of course, the main Source of ideas is the Holy Spirit in the meditation of the texts of the Scriptures. But, there is another secondary source of material: the comic pages of the newspaper. I've been an avid reader of the comic section since I was a young boy; and now that I'm *not* a young boy, I *still* continue the practice. The comics are not always humorous. Certainly - to date myself - *Steve Canyon* and *Mary Worth* were not funny; they were more like an old radio serial like *The Romance of Helen Trent* (I'm ingratiating myself to people of a certain age by these reminiscences.) Having digressed far afield from this month's column title, let me give you some examples of how a couple of recent comics led to it.

Billy in *Family Circus* walks into the kitchen where his parents are eating breakfast and pronounces, "I've got a lot of stuff to do today. I just don't know what it is yet." Meanwhile, the aging cat *Garfield* begins his day by declaring, "I can't make up my mind. Should I do nothing? Or start to do something, and then quit?" So: the young child having nothing on his schedule, but with so much energy he already knows his day is just going to be packed - indeed already is packed with anticipation - versus the weary cat, whom we know will opt for a nap.

Parallel the brand new Christian and the long-term Christian. One, full of enthusiastic energy; the other, experiencing such energy loss that they're counting the moments to their first nap of the day. The younger will likely misuse the expenditure of their energies; the older desperately try to recoup their energies. Regarding the latter; no amount of "drill baby drill" in order to try and come up with lost energy by force of will is going to work. Concerning the former: unguided misuse of energy will expose them to unintended "fracking" by applying stress pressure resulting in them perhaps "burning out". Neither option is friendly to the Christian growth and service environment. While the debate rages on about the usage of such measures in the *material universe*: in the *spiritual life*, both of these options *are* hazardous to your health.



As we head into Pentecost this month, consider the real Source of your energy for Christian living, the Holy Spirit. He has such renewable energy that according to **Romans 1:4** He "**declared with power**" our Lord and Savior to be God's Son in bodily resurrecting Jesus from the dead. The same Spirit which **II Corinthians 5:5** informs us every true Christian has as a down-payment guaranteeing our own resurrection; and in **John 16:13** will "**guide**" you into all truth. *That's* the Spirit!

Pastor Dave

Annual Luther Senior Center Corporation Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

6:00 PM

Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

For reservations, and if you have any questions, call Gary Weible at 627-8304

National Day of Prayer

On Thursday, May 2, America will celebrate its 62nd annual observance of the National Day of Prayer. The churches of the Tri-Cities will gather at Central Church in Richland, 1134 Stevens Drive, for a city-wide, inter-church gathering beginning at 7 PM. Worship will be led by Mario Rivera. The theme this year is *Pray For America* and the theme verse is Matthew 12:21 - "In His name the nations will put their hope." We will gather to worship and pray through the seven spheres of important social impact: Government, Church, Military, Family, Education, Media, and Business.

We look forward to your participation on this special night! For more information, contact Marilyn Seeger at 628-8824.

RLC Sewing Bee

The RLC Sewing Bee is pleased to announce that we have been selected again this year to receive monetary support from **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**. They have agreed to give us **\$400** to pay for supplies needed to make our quilts and lap robes and to give us **\$800** in matching funds from our sales in the November GNMM Arts and Crafts Fair. We also want to thank all of you who support our ministry with your prayers, donations, and time. We are truly blessed to be a blessing to those in need. Come join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to noon in the Prince of Peace fellowship area or by sewing quilt tops at home for us. Questions? Contact Lois Harrold or Ann Brandes.

LAFF

The activity for LAFF (Lutherans About Fun and Fellowship) in May is the play "On Golden Pond" by the Richland Players.

Date: May 19

Time 2:00 PM

Cost: \$10

In order to have seats together, please call Marge Hogue at 943-0162 to reserve your seats.

Money needs to be collected before May 10.

See you there!

Operation Christmas Child

Item of the Month — Gifts for Younger Girls, ages 5-9

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!

Please bring NEW gifts and toys for GIRLS ages 5-9. Suggested items: multi-colored Sharpies; bracelets, clip-on earrings, "cheerleader" pom-poms, play purses, socks, travel-sized board games, craft beads and lacing, craft kits, solar calculator, t-shirts, underwear, books. Be creative! Think about the younger girls 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
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May 2013

Sun

Mon

Tue

The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!

Please call the church office, 943-3164, or check the website, www.richlandlutheran.org, for the most current information. Please note that not all activities, especially Growth Group meetings and Circles, are actually held at the church.

5
 12:00 AM Middle School Confirmation Retreat
 8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Good News Today
 9:45 AM Basic Belief Seminar
 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

6
 10:30 AM Prayer Ministry Meeting
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group
 7:00 PM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team

7
 8:00 AM Gentle Yoga class
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 11:00 AM Finance Ministry Team Meeting
 7:00 PM Praise Team
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248

12
 8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Good News Today
 9:45 AM Basic Belief Seminar
 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

13
 10:30 AM Prayer Ministry Meeting
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group
 7:00 PM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Long-Range Planning Team

14
 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's
 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 Congregation Council

19
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 7:00 PM Praise Team
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248

26
 8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Good News Today
 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe
 10:15 AM Worship
 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

27
 8:00 AM Memorial Day - Office Closed
 10:30 AM Prayer Ministry Meeting
 1:30 PM Dorcas Circle
 7:00 PM Bible Study

28
 9:30 AM Hannah Circle
 9:30 AM Miriam Circle
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 7:00 PM Praise Team
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248
 7:00 PM Lydia Circle

May 2013

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 3:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	2 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	3 5:15 AM Coaching Session - Edgemon 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 5:00 PM Middle School Confirmation Retreat 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Peterson Bible Study 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM AI-Anon	4 Middle School Confirmation Retreat 5:00 PM Worship
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Activities for Kids



SUPER KIDS MAY 2013

- May 1 - Sammy, ch. 7 & 8
- May 8 - Sammy, ch. 9 & 10
- May 15 - Sammy, ch. 11
- May 22 - Psalm 23 review!
- May 29 - Year-end wrap up & Fun! Fun! Fun!

Captain Clueless has made a new friend, Larry the Lamb, who is helping him see Jesus, our Good Shepherd, in Psalm 23. Will Katy, Marty and the Super Kids! be able to help Captain Clueless understand the unfailing love of God as expressed through this beautiful scripture?

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 PM, immediately following the family dinner at 6:00, 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

Save the Date!



June 24-28

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Join us each evening June 24-28 for a fun-filled adventure at Kingdom Rock where we will learn to **STAND STRONG FOR GOD!** Registration begins May 19!

Watch the bulletin board in the Prince of Peace fellowship area for your opportunity to help provide the supplies we need to make VBS a success!

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)

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 call/email the church office at office@richlandlutheran.org.

8th 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!

MAY 12 AT COFFEEHOUSE IS TEA AND CROQUET WITH YOUR MOM! Youth are responsible for bringing your mom (if available, or other prominent female in your life), and a snack to share. Also, if you have a croquet set, please bring it!

We are beginning a series called “Sexfest” on May 19! We will look at God’s design for dating and marriage as well as some of the struggles we face when it comes to our desires and God’s plan.

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!!!

Parish Health Ministry

From the Gospel of Luke: "Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. By chance a certain priest was going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he travelled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.' Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?"

He said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do."

We never know when we will be called upon to be the Good Samaritan.

Are you equipped to respond appropriately in an emergency?

How much more effective could you be as a Good Samaritan if prior to an emergency you became familiar with CPR(cardiopulmonary resuscitation)/ First Aid/ AED(automated external defibrillator)?

On either May 14th from 1 - 5 p.m. or May 18th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. members of Richland Lutheran Church have an opportunity to attend an American Heart Association Certified CPR/ First Aid/ AED training at Hall's Quality Safety at 4033 W. Van Giesen, West Richland. Snacks and coffee will be available.

CPR / First Aid / AED Training



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has provided \$1500 funding to make possible this educational

event, which typically costs over \$60 per person. Though a \$5 donation will be accepted to allow even more RLC members to attend, it is not required. Those who registered before April 29 are guaranteed to take home a free first aid kit.



The more people who can respond appropriately to an emergency situation, should it ever arise, the more we can rely on each other to function as God intended, as Good Samaritans.

Contact Jenifer Haler @ 509-438-8162 or jl.haler2@charter.net to participate.

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

**Richland Lutheran Church
Women's Ministry**

Worship Participants

May 2013	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday May 5</i>	<i>Sunday May 12</i>	<i>Sunday May 19</i>	<i>Sunday May 26 8:30 & 10:15 AM</i>
<i>Pianist (Saturday)</i>	5:00 PM	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich
<i>Organist</i>	8:30 AM				
<i>Worship Leader</i>	11:00 AM				
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Peggy Pilger	Kathy Killand	Peggy Pilger	Dolores Jaech
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Valerie Bettinson	Zemmie Iedema	Alicia Booth
<i>Communion</i>	8:30 AM	Alesia Chaney Jeff Pilger Jason Prigge ****	Clarine Watkins Norm Gillette Sara Gillette	Erlan Leitz Jan Leitz Pam Hedges	Clarine Watkins Charles Davis Elaine Davis ****
<i>Assistants</i>	11:00 AM	Betty Quinn Karen Clark Kelly Westlund ****	Betty Quinn Ben Barr Val Silva	Betty Quinn Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson	Don Salyer Dawn Salyer Ben Barr Kelly Westlund
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion (Saturday) Sunday 8:30 setup</i>	5:00 PM	Nancy Ballard	Dave and Ann Brandes	Joanne Woehle	Jim and Sue Worgull
<i>Cleanup 8:30, Set up 11:00 Sunday</i>	After 8:30 AM	Carol Schmid	Karin Nickola Lois Harrold	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder
<i>Clean up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Jean Loss	Carl and Judy Schroeder	Kelly Westlund	Doloros Erickson
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	John Lesser Ryan Warren	Sarah Schmid Katie Schmid	Ella Sperline Anna Lesser	Aaron Cole Kyle Prigge
	11:00 AM	Nathan Salyer Trygve Tilton	Daniel Miles Kenny You	Carlyle Keyes Woody Page	Nathan Mitchell Peter Morris
<i>Head Ushers & Assisting Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H- Mike Schwartz Karen Schwartz A – Gary Weible Eunice Weible	H – Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A – Larry Haler Harold Hogue	H – Fred Kremmer Mac Dixson A – Jim Peterson ****	H – Dave Wunschel 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 ****	H – Jim Loss Jean Loss A – Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Sara & Norm Gillette	Sue & Jim Worgull	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	Michelle Clary Andy Clary	John Huebner Brittney Crisp	Astrid Goplen Neal/Freja
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Kira Westlund	Julie Bishop Ellie Hoffner	Trina Miles Daniel Miles	Jana Strasburg ****
<i>Video System at 8:30 am service</i>	Console Camera 1 2	Brian Killand Fred Kremmer Ken Meek	Mike Schwartz Traci Moran Jon Erlandson	Jim Moran Don Schmid Paul Hedges	Mike Stankovich Jon Erlandson Luke Thompson
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM				
	11:00 AM				
<i>Cashiers</i>		Kathy Snyder Dick Arnst	Judy Riggers Lori Hogan	Kathy Snyder Marge Hogue	Nancy Ballard Marge Hogue
<i>Flowers</i>			Norm & Mavis Lippert	Mac & Sally Dixson	Lori Hogan
<i>Recycle</i>		Mike Hoffner	Valerie Bettinson	Joan Perham	Laura Stevens

Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

- May 2**
Judy & Bill Eller
- May 9**
Terri & Dean Oberlander
- May 12**
Mavis & Norm Lippert
- May 15**
Marilyn & Loris Schmidt
- May 21**
Connie & John Johnson
Liz & Craig Swanson
- May 22**
Susan & Roy Gunter
Lori and Jim Lachut
- May 24**
Deborah & David Romine
- May 27**
Ila & Tom Pitkin
Carol & Wally Romsos
Angela & Blake Scherer
Tobi & Carl Schroeder
- May 28**
Kristen & Carl Imhoff
Linda & Michael Showalter



BIRTHDAYS

- May 1**
Jann Leitz
Ken Meek
Ella Sperline
- May 2**
Teri Einan
Rachel Richardson
Verna Wisehart
- May 3**
Dave Johnson
Kaitlyn Prigge
Matthew Rutt
- May 4**
Brandon Carro
Joe Soldat
Sue Worgull
- May 5**
Benjamin Dahlman
Brooke Johnson
Dennis Mahlum
Josh Mars
Ari Mensinger
Nathan Westlund
- May 6**
Margaret Coffman
Adam Donahue
Rebecca Weber
- May 7**
Madeline Haynie
Dick Stephens
- May 8**
Connor Budzeck

- Andrea Slonecker Guerra
Trygve Tilton
- May 9**
Brianna Blakely
Tim Bush
Chris Smith
Ryan Warren
- May 10**
Kristen Bennett

- Chuck Richardson
Robbie Richardson
Bob Schumacher
Alyce Thompson
- May 20**
Matt Hardman
Mot Hedges
Cory Oberlander
- May 21**
Kay Aase
Blake Goplen
B.J. Schroder
Dylan Wright-Mockler
- May 22**
Mike Bevelacqua
- May 23**
Brittany Crisp
Kelly Edwards
Steven Tilton
- May 24**
Cody Conrad
Jason Corning
Jason Drewrey
- May 25**
Carrie Chaney
Timothy May
Alyson Sundal
- May 26**
Cecilia McCartney
Katrine Smith
- May 27**
Lauren Bevelacqua
Jene O'Dell
- May 29**
Max Bartholomew
Lindsey Challender
Rich Olsen
Jana Strasburg
- May 30**



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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

Summer Worship schedule begins on **May 26** with Sunday worship services at 8:30 and 10:15 AM.

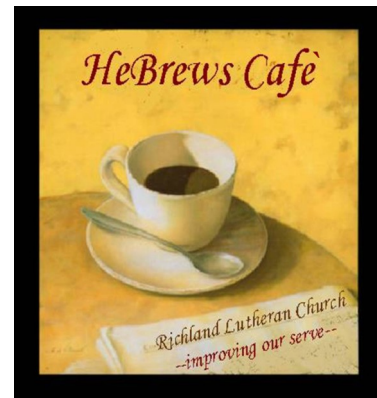
And when circumstances beyond your control prevent you from coming to church . . .

Good News Today

Aired Sunday mornings on KVEW 42 and KAPP 35 at 9:00 AM

Audio files of sermons are available on the website:

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

It's where Richland Lutheran Church members are refreshed, 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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