



## *Cornerstone Fund*

The Guide and Vision adopted by the congregation in September 2013 is a vision of how we believe God would want Richland Lutheran Church and His people to change over the next five years. It emphasizes much more the character of how we believe God would want us to be than specific programs and activities. However, there is an objective regarding facilities, and the new capital fund is intended to address that need.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting in October, the congregation approved the establishment of a capital account for funding the development and implementation of a facilities strategic plan, and approved up to \$25,000 for an architect to prepare this plan during 2014. In order to ensure that our focus still remains on Jesus and not bricks and mortar, the new capital account has been named the Cornerstone Fund.



“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation;”

People have already begun to donate to this fund. At the time of this writing, \$4,106 has already been donated, and the RLC Foundation is matching every dollar donated by RLC members up to \$12,500. That seed money of \$25,000 is exactly what has been approved by the congregation for an architect to help us design facilities plan that will support and enhance ministries.

The Architect Selection Team will be making a recommendation to the Council in the near future. We are confident that the generosity of the congregation will make sure the resources are available when they are needed. Thank you for your faithfulness to God’s ministry at and through Richland Lutheran Church.

## Congregation Council

### Council Members

**Ben Barr**, Member at Large  
**Norm Gillette**, Member at Large  
**Kathy Killand**, Member at Large  
**Dave Larkin**, President  
**Rich Olsen**, Financial Officer  
**Don Schmid**, Member at Large  
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**Sandy Steele**, Vice President  
**Mike Strasburg**, Member at Large

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

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## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

January 19     Elle Carstensen

### Weddings

None

### Memorial/Funeral

None

### **The Preview**

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**DID YOU  
KNOW**



**DID YOU KNOW**...You are welcome to stay at the communion rail after receiving communion for a time of meditation and reflection? Please don't be in a hurry to whisk through communion and miss the great opportunity to commune with Christ.

**DID YOU KNOW**...The Staff and Council of Richland Lutheran got together for a mini-retreat? Friday night, January 24, and Saturday, January 25, the Staff and Council met together to discuss how we work together to accomplish the ministry and mission of our congregation. Dr. Darrell Puls of Peacebridge Ministries worked through topics like, What are our expectations, how do we best communicate, what constitutes good working relationships, what are the characteristics of biblical leaders, what are our roles and responsibilities, treating one-another with love and respect, etc. You are encouraged to pray for the Staff and Council as they work in ministry together.

**DID YOU KNOW**...A faithful group of about six folks gather every Wednesday night at seven forty-five in the sanctuary to pray together for Richland Lutheran Church and our ministry? We meet for about a half-hour to pray for people, ministries, programs, the community, and whatever else the Holy Spirit leads us to pray. There are a few others who pray from their homes at this time as well. Anyone is welcome, come pray with us for your church and our ministry.

**DID YOU KNOW**...The first hour of the weekly Richland Lutheran staff meeting is spent in Bible reflection and prayer? We practice the spiritual discipline of Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) to kick off every staff meeting. Currently we're reading the book of Acts. We read and discuss the passage together and then join our hearts and minds in prayer for one-another and our congregation.

**DID YOU KNOW**...There is a team of folks who prepare for and clean up communion before and after every service? You might not be surprised this doesn't magically happen but, if you're like me, you may not think regularly about how this happens. The Altar Guild, under the leadership of Judy Schroeder, assures we're all taken care of during communion. If you are interested in helping them please contact the church office.

**DID YOU KNOW**...That seventy years ago on the first Sunday in February 1944 the first worship service of Richland Lutheran Church, under the auspices of the National Lutheran Council, was held? Pastor Frank Carlson of Chicago led the congregation of twelve who met in the gym of Richland's Lewis and Clark Grade School. Pastor J. Milton Grimsrud, who a few months later would be assigned to Richland Lutheran as pastor by the Defense Area Ministry, was in attendance as one of the twelve. Also in attendance was Sister Veda Johnson, a Deaconess of the Augustana Synod. Both Grimsrud and Johnson had been assigned to the Hanford Engineer Works by the Defense Area Ministry of the National Lutheran Council.



## Financial Update

### Financial Report – Year-end 2013

As reflected in the financial summary below, our financial results for 2013 ended on a positive note. Throughout the year, our offerings/income was below expenses, but by the end of December, our offerings/income exceeded expenses by \$1,787.

	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Var O/(U)</u>
<b>Offerings/Income</b>	<b>\$ 762,734</b>	<b>\$ 800,000</b>	<b>\$ (37,266)</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 760,947</b>	<b>\$ 800,000</b>	<b>\$ (39,053)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ 1,787</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,787</b>

For the year, actual offerings were under budget by \$(37,266) and actual expenses were under budget by \$(39,053). Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding this financial summary, please contact Debbie Stankovich, Lisa Wiegand or me.  
In His Service,  
Rich Olsen

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

## Benevolences

Dear Richland Lutheran Church,

I have received your gift of \$100.00 to the **Tri-City Union Gospel Mission** Vision 2015 Campaign. On behalf of the Mission I want to thank you for your gift.

I know you agree that the project we are undertaking is much needed and worthwhile. Your understanding and generosity, together with others, will help to provide a secure future for the Mission. As we continue to move forward, please join me in praying for the success of our campaign. May God bless you and those you hold dear.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Andrew J. Porter, Executive Director

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Dear Reverend Ernst,

On behalf of Franklin Graham (**Samaritan's Purse**), thank you for Richland Lutheran's investment and partnership in the work of **Annoor Sanitorium in Mafraq, Jordan**. We deeply appreciate your many years of continued support and long friendship with this ministry.

I am reminded of 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 which reads, "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." Thank you again for your generosity.

We ask for your prayers for Aileen Coleman and those working at the sanitorium, and trust that God will continue to work through them to minister help and hope to people in that area. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

Sincerely,  
Brittney Clark, Donor Ministries

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## *President's Perspectives*

I write this the morning after the first Council meeting of the new year. A new year and a new Council, with new desires for a deepening partnership with our staff and the congregation's lay leaders in ministry. One of the new practices for the Council this year is to reserve a half-hour block of time to hear from one of our Ministry Teams each month so that we fully understand what they are trying to accomplish, where they have seen successes, where they have encountered challenges, and what kind of resources or help they still need.

Last night, Bob Thompson shared with us the ministry efforts of the Audio/Visual (A/V) Team. The A/V Team is somewhat unique in that it provides people and technology that support both the Good News Ministry television program and our weekly worship services. The Good News Ministry television program each week provides a shortened version of our 8:30 AM worship services to between 3,000 to 5,000 viewers. This is by far our broadest outreach to the community as well as providing a service to our shut-ins.

I'm sure you have noticed the many congregants serving by running the sound system and operating the TV cameras. What you may not have known about was the behind the scenes work of the people in the control room recording the input on Sunday and then the editors working on Mondays to select what was then sent on to the television station for broadcast. We truly owe a huge debt of gratitude to Ed Simonen who for years coordinated efforts, trained workers, and kept aging VHS equipment operational. Wayne Killand did a lot of the editing on those Mondays. Having filled in a few times, I know what a struggle it can be to cram a 26 minute sermon onto a tape representing the whole service that cannot exceed our televised total of 29.5 minutes.

Over the past couple of years the A/V team has converted the TV cameras and video to a high definition digital system, reinstalled the sound system, expanded the wireless microphones, installed a new audio mixer and built and installed a new sound cabinet. Bob Thompson personally spent hundreds of hours including taking personal vacation time to coordinate all of this and deserves our very deepest thanks. The upgrades cost over \$82,000 to date with most coming from the Good News Ministry Fund but also some key funds from Memorials. About \$60,000 to \$70,000 of work remains to be done and will be completed as funding becomes available.

In the meantime the A/V Ministry team needs more workers who either have technical computer skills or are willing to learn. Their wish list includes a production manager, video editing personnel, camera operators, a graphics and web content developer, and a DVD production manager. While the TV program is now in high definition the team would like to also reach a larger audience through live streaming of services over the internet and producing DVDs of services that could be distributed to people who are sick or on vacation.

It is common for churches to encourage a Biblical standard of tithing 10% of income to God. What about our time? Typically we define a full work week as forty hours. What if each of us was to tithe our time by giving four hours per week in God's service? Imagine what an impact that would have on advancing God's Kingdom in the world. Is God calling you to this ministry?

Dave Larkin – Congregation President

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## *Benevolences, Continued*

Dear Richland Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your generous donation. Your support allows us to provide humanitarian relief in the form of lifesaving supplies that bring shelter, warmth and dignity to families affected by disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, cyclones, tsunamis or conflict.

Our work is only possible thanks to the generous support of people like you, who are truly making a difference.  
With gratitude,  
Emily Spertling, President of **ShelterBox USA**

## *From the Council*

***“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9***

It’s 2014 - a brand new year! With a new year comes a fresh start – maybe a new life. This may even be a good time to try something new - something that takes you “out of your comfort zone”. We’ve all heard those words over the last few months – several times, in fact. So, let’s explore that a bit. What does it mean to “get out of your comfort zone”? For some, it means risk – fear of the unknown. You don’t know what to expect, how others will react or, even, if you’re capable of the task. For others, it means something new and different - adventure, excitement, growth. And, maybe for others, it’s a bit of both. Whatever it may mean to you, one thing I’ve learned over the last few years is that our comfort zone is not where God wants us nor is it where we can best serve Him. To show God that we want to trust **in** Him and grow in our relationship **with** Him often means stepping outside of our comfort.

When I was first asked to serve on Council, I questioned my qualifications and capability. This was definitely not my comfort but I stepped into that role anyway. And, “lo and behold”, God was right there providing the necessary tools as He always does – equipping, encouraging, and empowering. I now find myself, not only in a new role on Council but also in the role as my parents’ caregiver – both further yet outside of my comfort. But I know that God will continue walking this journey with me, guiding me along the way. God looks beyond our comfort. All we need to do is say “Yes”, trust in Him, and He will do the rest.

In a past Preview, you were asked to “Pray for Richland Lutheran Church to expand its capabilities and capacities...” in support of the 2014 Ministry Plan and Budget and our new Guide and Vision. I now ask you to include yourselves, as well as your sisters and brothers in Christ, in those prayers, asking God how and where He wants **you** to expand **your** capabilities and capacities. Have you felt His nudge to volunteer for a job or a ministry within His church – Richland Lutheran Church? Take a look at the 2014 Ministry Plan and you’ll find several vacant leadership and team member positions. Or explore other areas of needed volunteerism within the church – even outside of the church. God wants you! And, we need you! He is calling you to step up and step out to offer those gifts and talents He has blessed you with to serve Him. As you take that courageous step outside of your comfort, remember – God will not let you fail; He is ALWAYS with you. Stepping out of your comfort zone - trying something new, meeting new people, speaking the Gospel, or doing something else that He has placed in your heart - is an opportunity to show God’s greatness through you. So, take that giant step out in faith and TRUST God as He leads you down His chosen path. It may feel foreign to you at first and even a bit scary, but it’s **so** amazing to know that you can and are able to serve God wherever He wants you.

God’s Blessings to you all as you take that giant step!  
Sandy Steele

***“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”  
Joshua 1:9***

## *What is The Daniel Plan?*

Who doesn't want to live a healthy, God-pleasing life? I know that I have let my health slip, packed on some pounds, and need to live healthy...and I want to do this because this body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and His temple doesn't need to be this big! So, thanks to the suggestion of Ann Brandes, we are going to start The Daniel Plan, a program begun by Rick Warren (pastor at Saddleback Church) and a few doctors to help people tie their physical health with their spiritual life.

So, what is The Daniel Plan? It is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on *The Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends*. The program offers an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle where people get better together by optimizing their health in each of these life areas. Each essential supports and influences the others, offering a practical step-by-step approach for anyone to follow.

The essentials of Faith and Friends are what we call the "secret sauce" that makes The Daniel Plan so effective. The program benefits are accelerated when done in a supportive community of friends because God designed us to thrive in relationships. We have learned that the process of getting healthy and staying healthy relies on the support and encouragement of friends. With the support of God and your group, you have far more than willpower helping you to make positive changes so you can be consistent and sustain your new healthy lifestyle.

The overarching message of The Daniel Plan is about abundance, not deprivation, and this is why the plan is both transformational and sustainable. The Daniel Plan teaches a step-by-step approach and offers simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your current lifestyle. Throughout the program you are encouraged to rely on God's power, and the application of dependable biblical principles.

On **Thursday, February 13, at 7 PM** in the Fellowship Hall, we are going to have an informational meeting to go over the vision and details of this program. This will be followed by our first session together on **Tuesday, February 18, at 7 PM**. We will begin with a large group meeting followed by breakout groups. This will run weekly on Tuesday nights for six weeks.

The book "The Daniel Plan" is available at bookstores as well as online if you'd like to pick up a copy. There is also a journal and study guide available at [danielplan.com](http://danielplan.com).

Please sign up for the informational meeting on the yellow worship slip, or contact the church office. If you have any questions, contact Ann Brandes at 735-1658 or [d\\_brandes@msn.com](mailto:d_brandes@msn.com). You can also contact me at 943-3164 or [pastor.corey@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:pastor.corey@richlandlutheran.org).

-Pastor Corey

## *World Mission Prayer League Event*

The World Mission Prayer League will hold its annual gathering in the Pacific Northwest on Saturday, March 8, from 2-4:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church (6001 Island Crest Way) on Mercer Island. Special speaker will be Dr. Karen Scott, Missionary in Residence at Trinity Lutheran College. March 8 is known around the world as International Women's Day and Dr. Scott will share with us about four special women she has known and worked with in Bangladesh. Ed & Karen Scott have nearly 30 years experience as missionaries in Bangladesh, in two major projects: Lutheran Aid to Medicine in Bangladesh (LAMB) and Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh (LHCB).

Plan on being encouraged and inspired. RSVP requested 425-391-8737 or [pnw@wmpl.org](mailto:pnw@wmpl.org).

## February 2014

Sun

Mon

Tue

### 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.

**2**

8:30 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Good News Today  
 9:45 AM Basic Belief Seminar  
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe  
 10:00 AM Mafraq Prayer Team  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team  
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse  
 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group

**3**

9:00 AM Play Date  
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group  
 6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Bible Study

**4**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 4:30 PM New Members Team  
 7:00 PM Outreach Team  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248

**9**

8:30 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Good News Today  
 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks  
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe  
 10:00 AM Mafraq Prayer Team  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team  
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse  
 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group

**10**

9:00 AM Play Date  
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group  
 6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Bible Study  
 7:00 PM RLC Foundation

**11**

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248  
 7:00 PM Congregation Council

**16**

8:30 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Good News Today  
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe  
 10:00 AM Mafraq Prayer Team  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team  
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse  
 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group

**17**

9:00 AM Play Date  
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group  
 6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Bible Study

**18**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 11:45 AM LAFF  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248  
 7:00 PM The Daniel Plan

**23**

8:30 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Good News Today  
 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks  
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Cafe  
 10:00 AM Mafraq Prayer Team  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:15 PM New Members Reception  
 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team  
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse  
 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group  
 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission Service

**24**

9:00 AM Play Date  
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group  
 1:30 PM Dorcas Circle  
 6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Bible Study

**25**

9:30 AM Miriam Circle  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248  
 7:00 PM The Daniel Plan



## February 2014

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 5:00 PM Worship
<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group 7:00 PM Music and Worship Search Team	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 5:00 PM Worship
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<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Night Dinner 6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work 5:00 PM Journey With Christ 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group 7:00 PM Music and Worship Search Team	<b>28</b> 12:00 AM Journey With Christ 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 9:00 AM Preview Assembly 9:30 AM Hannah Circle 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	

## Activities for Kids



### **SUPER KIDS FEBRUARY 2014**

- Feb. 5 - God is everlasting
- Feb. 12 - Jesus is human & divine
- Feb. 19 - Jesus has always existed
- Feb. 26 - Jesus the humble King

Admiral Awesome, Marty, Katy and Professor Peabody are exploring just who is our awesome God!

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!

**Adults are invited to join Pastor Steve in the chapel for a casual Bible study from 6:30-7:45 PM!**

For more information, contact Jenny Page at 943-3164  
[jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org)



It's never too early to start collecting for Operation Christmas Child! We will once again be having an "Item of the Month." For February, please bring NEW wash clothes and full-sized individually packaged bars of soap, individually packaged toothbrushes, and full size tubes of toothpaste to donate for the shoeboxes. They can be placed in the Christmas-y box near the mailboxes in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. Our goal for 2014 is at least 350 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 info contact Jenny Page ([jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org))

## *Youth Activities*

### Middle School

Grades 6-8

**WILD** is continuing another amazing year of fun and learning from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Gloria Dei Room upstairs.

If you are in Middle School, you are invited! We play games, we do activities, and we learn more about our awesome God. We also have **dinner at 6pm** in the fellowship hall if you are interested. Hope to see you there! Friends are always welcome!

### **March 14-15 is our Confirmation Lock-in!**

**We'll begin with dinner on Friday at 6 PM and conclude Saturday afternoon. Cost is \$20.**

### High School

Grades 9-12

### *Sunday Night Coffeehouse*

This is our weekly meeting for high school students. We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 PM each Sunday in the High School room at the very top of the stairs. We spend time worshiping, playing, laughing, discussing, learning, praying...among other things! Friends are always welcome!

### **FEBRUARY 14 we are having a LOCK-IN!!!**

Meet at RLC at 7 PM and we'll be done Saturday around 8 AM.

High School Discipleship Group meets at 5:30 PM in the Friendship Room. If you are interested in deepening your faith and growing closer to other Christ-followers, this may be the group for you!

## *LAFF - Soup and Genealogy*

February 18, 2014  
11:45 AM

Join this month's host, Kay Aase, for a soup lunch in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. Please bring bread or dessert to share. Following lunch, Loren Schmid will share a presentation on genealogy.

## *Slouching Toward Jerusalem*

English literature majors will “sort of” recognize this month’s article title taken from W. B. Yeats’ poem *The Second Coming*. He wrote the poem contextually in a time of the impending horrors of war, in which it seemed the end of the world was soon to appear. His actual ending lines wonder: “*what rough beast, its hour come round at last, Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born.*” In other words, something earth-shaking was on its way, just as the Incarnation and birth of Jesus had been. Anyway, modern international analysts - recognizing the placement of Jerusalem in regard to the end times’ conflagration - have frequently co-opted Yeats’ words and substituted the line “Slouching Toward Jerusalem” as the armies and politics of the world center around that locale. I have another sort of slouching toward Jerusalem in mind for this article: using slouching for declining health, and Jerusalem for the end of life (i.e., heading toward the New Jerusalem.)

And I am slouching more and more as I age. While I was never the winner of the elementary school posture contest (anyone else remember those?): I find it ridiculous that, if the doctor’s office is to be believed, I’m a full two inches less in stature than I was at the time I married Lady Elaine. You might say she’s taken me down a peg or two; but in reality it’s just more of the ravages of age: compression of the spinal column and becoming less flexible and more stooped (stupid?) I’ve discovered it’s easier to put one’s socks on by rolling back on the bed and lifting your legs in the air as you do so, than to bend over and try to reach the floor. Another sign of my declension is: being more prone to frequent allergy-related sinus infections. It takes forever for the antibiotics to work these days. Some have suggested I have acupuncture done to relieve this. You can bet I’m on pins and needles contemplating that. My Chinese fortune cookie last weekend claimed, “You could prosper in the field of medicine.” At this stage, the much more likely scenario is that the field of medicine will prosper from me!

Aging ones slouching toward their New Jerusalem, should consider T. S. Eliot’s religious poem *Little Gidding*, which says,

*“With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling  
We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.”*

Those lines also appear on a wall plaque at a national site on Highway 2 in Washington next to a photo of space exploration. Eliot also wrote lines in *Gerontion* (related to geriatrics and aging) which are helpful as we begin a new year: “*In the juvenescence of the year Came Christ the tiger.*” If in our experience Christ seems ineffective, Eliot reminds us that He’s actually no slouch; but crouching like a tiger about to spring. Never forget our Risen Ascended Lord is Victor. Even over aging! In view of my extreme sinfulness, I fear the springing of Christ the tiger; but I know that “*simply to Thy Cross I cling*”; and therefore when He does spring for me - I’ll be wrapped in the arms of Love! That’ll be poetic justice.

Pastor Dave

## *LCMC Northwest District “Gathering”*

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW TO ATTEND THE LCMC 2014 NORTHEAST DISTRICT “GATHERING”  
APRIL 4 & 5, 2014**

**WHERE:** Peace Lutheran Church  
8134 N. Meyer Rd  
Post Falls, Idaho 83854

**COST:** Early Registration Cost is \$45.00 (before March 15, 2014) per person  
*After* March 15, 2014 the Registration Cost is \$55.00 per person

More Information can be found at [www.LCMC-NW.com/2014-gathering-Northwest-District](http://www.LCMC-NW.com/2014-gathering-Northwest-District)

# Servant Coordination

	Time	Sunday February 2	Sunday February 9	Sunday February 16	Sunday February 23
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Sat. 5 PM	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich
	8:30 AM	Keith Lozano	Keith Lozano	Keith Lozano	Keith Lozano
	11:00 AM	Joe Potts	Joe Potts	Joe Potts	Joe Potts
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Carol Schmid	Sue & Jim Worgull	Fishers of Men	Lois Harrold
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Kathy & Rick Snyder	LaVonne Scully	****
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Boy Scouts	Peggy Pilger	Norm Gillette	Kristen Imhoff
	11:00 AM	Boy Scouts	Sue Meek	Zemmie Iedema	Alicia Phaneuf
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	Boy Scouts	H-Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A - Harold Hogue Larry Corning	H - Fred Kremmer Mac Dixson A - Kiane Lesser John Lesser	H - Larry Corning Eunice Weible A - Jon Erlandson Laura Stevens
	11:00 AM	Boy Scouts	H - Valerie Bettinson Mike Bettinson A - Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	H - Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck A - Mike Strasburg Charles Rogers	H - Jim Loss Jean Loss A - Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Sarah Schmid Katie Schmid	Colby Riensche Nathan Lipton	Mikayla Mars Josh Mars	Kyle Prigge Robert Warren
	11:00 AM	Kenny You Trond Tilton	Nathan Ernst Willow Whitney	Savannah Haynie Madelaine Haynie	Daniel Miles ****
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion</i>	Saturday 5:00 PM	Joanne Woehle	Nancy Ballard	Jim and Sue Worgull	Dave and Ann Brandes
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Sunday After 8:30 AM	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder	Lois Harrold Karin Nickola	Alicia Phaneuf	Rick Nunamaker Pamela Warren
<i>Clean Up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Jim and Jean Loss	Doloros Erickson	****	Kelly Westlund
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Jan Leitz Erlan Leitz Kathy Killand	Clarine Watkins Sue Meek Ken Meek	Pam Hedges Alesia Chaney Charles Davis	Clarine Watkins Alesia Chaney Charles Davis
	11:00 AM	Valerie Bettinson Mike Bettinson Karen Clark	Kelly Westlund Jenny Page Karen Clark	Jon Page Jenny Page Ginnette Ernst	Karen Clark Jeff Sperline Amy Sperline
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM	Melissa Schmid Sarah/Katie Schmid	Kaylyn Lesser Nathan Streufert	John Huebner ****	Astrid Goplen Neal/Freja
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Kira Westlund	Julie Bishop Conner Budzeck	Trina Miles Daniel Miles	Jana Strasburg ****
<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Jim Moran	Mike Schwartz	Mike Stankovich	Brian Killand
	11:00 AM	Woody Page	Woody Page	Woody Page	Jon Page
<i>Tech Director/Live Stream Coord</i>	8:30 AM	Drew Snyder	Ben Barr	Drew Snyder	Bob Thompson
	11:00 AM	Jon Page	Jon Page	Jack Page	Jack Page
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	1 - Fred Kremmer 2 - Ken Meek	1 - Traci Moran 2 - Don Schmid	1 - **** 2 - Paul Hedges	1 - Robert Warren 2 - Ryan Warren
	11:00 AM	1 - Zeke Ernst 2 - Andy Clark	1 - Kenny You 2 - Zeke Ernst	1 - Zeke Ernst 2 - Andy Clark	1 - Kenny You 2 - Zeke Ernst

## Servant Coordination, Continued

	Time	Sunday February 2	Sunday February 9	Sunday February 16	Sunday February 23
Editor/ Post Prod.	8:30 AM	Ben Barr	Bob Thompson	Mike Stankovich	Ben Barr
Sound System Operators	8:30 AM	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson
	11:00 AM	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle
Offering Custodians	5:00 PM	Rob Barr	****	****	****
	8:30	Schwartz Gary Weible	Rich Barchet Harold Hogue	Fred Kremmer Jim Peterson	Jon Erlandson Lois Harrold
	11:00	Alicia Phaneuf Alan Hagensen	Rick Budzeck Mike Bettinson	Jana Strasburg Mike Stankovich	Rick Snyder Rich Barchet
Cashiers		Kathy Snyder Marge Hogue	Nancy Ballard Lori Hogan	Judy Riggers Janet Budzeck	Kathy Snyder Doris Barchet
Recycle		Mike Hoffner	Valerie Bettinson	Joan Perham	Laura Stevens
Flowers			Irmgard Kuchera		

Please check over the schedule carefully. If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please trade with someone or find a substitute for yourself and let the church office know.

\*\*\*\* indicates an available service opportunity. If you can fill in, please let the church office know.

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**Beach Trip Fundraiser Dinner**  
**March 7 - 6:00 PM**

# *Anniversaries & Birthdays*

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

- February 5**  
Eunice & Gary Weible
- February 6**  
Lorrie & Charles Rogers
- February 8**  
Mary & Todd Riensche
- February 14**  
Nancy & Norman Fiess
- February 16**  
Wallapa & Wally  
Hendrickson  
Brenda & Rob Mercer
- February 17**  
Bonnie & Ken Harris
- February 29**  
Sharon & Erick Koehling

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- February 1**  
Julie Gearheard  
Loren Schmid
- February 2**  
Peggy Pilger  
Lauri Whitney
- February 3**  
Fred Brauer  
Jackson Clary
- February 4**  
Mary Armatis  
Jean Loss  
Brenda Mercer
- February 5**  
Ed Dalpiaz  
Marge Hogue  
Elsie Knostman  
Irmgard Kuchera  
Betty Quinn  
Henry Solbrack  
Laura Stevens  
Alan Tindell  
Jacob Wunschel
- February 6**  
Kelly Camastral  
Chloe Thorson
- February 8**  
Todd Riensche  
Natalie Scherer  
Patrick Schroeder
- February 9**  
Emma Hamilton
- February 10**  
Pat Gibson  
Carter Morris  
Bob Riggers  
JoAnn Rosscup
- February 11**  
Edna Brasfield  
Sallie Huebner  
Ron Page  
Heather Riensche  
Jack Tellefson
- February 12**  
Karin Nickola  
Lillian Solbrack
- February 13**  
Jennifer Gerber  
Helen Hendrickson  
Lucille Knutson  
Josephine Teal
- February 14**  
Roy Gunter  
Adam Pilger  
Loris Schmidt
- February 15**  
Elizabeth Striefel
- February 16**  
Alisha Bettinson  
David Chaney  
Thomas Larsen
- February 18**  
Norene Erlandson  
Jack Oppelt
- February 20**  
Bonnie Harris  
Terri Oberlander
- February 21**  
Steven Skinner
- February 22**  
James Fulton  
Katie Schmid
- February 23**  
Maxwell Clary  
Ginette Ernst  
Cadynce Hamilton  
Marilyn Mitchell  
Matt Rutt  
Marie Thompson

- February 24**  
Ron Brunke  
Greg Kelly  
Kyia Miles  
Michael Pardini  
Susan Schmieman  
Samuel Webster
- February 25**  
Lois Blanchard  
Michelle Peterson  
Tracey Stuenkel
- February 27**  
Ed Darrington  
Jon Erlandson
- February 28**  
Inez Miller



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***Worship Schedule***

**Traditional Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sundays at 8:30 AM

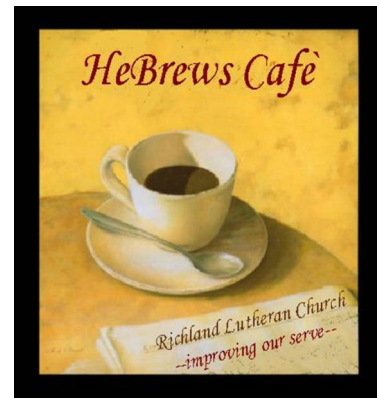
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sundays at 11:00 AM

**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

**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.**