



*The Loyal Loving Lord - L3*



*"I want you to know that the Eternal your God is the only true God. He's the faithful God who keeps His covenants and shows loyal love for a thousand generations to those who in return love Him and keep His commands."*

*-Deuteronomy 7:9 The Voice*

Our God is a god of loyalty and love, a God of faithfulness who keeps his covenants. In looking back at the five major covenants between God and his people we see this to be true. In this Lenten sermon series we will look at each of these five covenants and remember God's faithfulness. Along with remembering God's faithfulness through his covenants we will also hear personal testimonies from members of Richland Lutheran Church remembering God's faithfulness to this church body in the last 70 years. Come get to know our Loyal Loving Lord!

Schedule:

March 13	God's Covenant through Noah
March 20	God's Covenant through Abraham
March 27	God's Covenant through Moses
April 3	God's Covenant through David
April 10	God's Covenant through Jesus

**Ash Wednesday** is March 5. We will have services at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM. Lenten Soup Suppers will be on Thursdays at 6:00 PM followed by the Lenten services at 7:00 PM.

## Congregation Council

### Council Members

**Ben Barr**, Member at Large  
**Norm Gillette**, Member at Large  
**Sarah Hagensen**, Member at Large  
**Dave Larkin**, President  
**Rich Olsen**, Financial Officer  
**Don Schmid**, Member at Large  
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**Sandy Steele**, Vice President  
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## Member Directory Changes

We welcome the new members who joined us on February 23:

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Kennewick, WA 99336  
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## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

February 17      Liam Lalime

### Weddings

None

### Memorial/Funeral

None

### The Preview

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## From Pastor Steve

DID YOU  
KNOW



DID YOU KNOW...The Congregation Council approved Richland Lutheran's first quarter benevolence distribution to worldwide ministry? That's right. Benevolent funds totaling \$19,100 will be sent to Mafrag Jordan, Eastern European Missions Network, Lutheran World Relief, Tumaini Lutheran Seminary, World Mission Prayer League, Voice of the Martyrs, and Building Leaders for a Global Harvest. Great work everyone!

DID YOU KNOW...There are well over 50 folks from Richland Lutheran and beyond who are meeting together weekly toward healthier living in faith, food, fitness, focus and friends? Under the leadership of Ann Brandes and numerous small group leaders these folks are working through "The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life." If you didn't get in on this first go don't lose heart. Ann plans to offer this great ministry a couple of times a year.

DID YOU KNOW...Pastor's Steve and Corey take a day off? They alternate their days off to make sure a pastor is in the office Monday through Friday. Pastor Corey's normal day off is Monday and Pastor Steve's normal day off is Friday.

DID YOU KNOW...There are four trained "Spiritual Caregivers" at Richland Lutheran? Dave Brandes, Norm Gillette, Kris Mitchell, and Susan Schmieman have been trained by the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy to give spiritual care to others within Richland Lutheran and the broader community. What a blessing to have these faithful followers doing ministry among us.

DID YOU KNOW...There are plenty of ways for you to get involved in ministry and mission at Richland Lutheran? This year's Ministry Plan encourages all of us at Richland Lutheran to become and live as a Royal Priesthood. As defined in 1 Peter 2 a Royal Priesthood is, "A chosen people, a holy nation, God's special possession" created to "declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." If you're not already involved in the ministry and mission of the church begin to pray where God is leading you in His work and let someone help you with it by contacting the church office.

DID YOU KNOW...Our very own Jon Erlandson is the local Thrivent Chapter President? As a fraternal benefit society, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans operates more than 1,300 local groups of members called chapters. The chapter system is a way for members to help their greater community through volunteering activities, educational events and social activities. Thank you, Jon, for your work.



## Funding Our Future

**\*\*Important Update\*\*:** We're closely approaching our first goal of raising \$12,500 to be matched by the RLC Foundation for a total of \$25,000 to hire an architectural firm to begin to develop a Facilities Strategic Plan for Richland Lutheran Church. As a model of generosity and commitment to our future ("putting our money where our mouth is"), the Richland Lutheran Congregation Council and Staff took a special offering and gave amongst themselves \$6,955 toward this important first step. To date the rest of the congregation has given \$3,811 for a total of \$10,766. Though we are near our first goal, there is still a long way to go. You, too, are encouraged to prayerfully consider showing your generosity and commitment to the future of Richland Lutheran Church by giving to the Cornerstone Fund. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness to God and His work here!

## Financial Update

### Financial Report – January 2014

As reflected in the financial summary below, our financial results for January are off to a slow start. Our offerings are down \$(1,479) or 3.1% less than last year for the same period. Our expenses are up \$1,469 or 2.4% more than the same time last year. For the year, our offerings are below expenses by \$(17,627) compared to \$(14,679) in 2013, a change from last year of \$(2,948). These results are reflected in the columns titled “Prior Year Comparison”.

	YTD - January			Prior Year Comparison		
	Actuals	Budget	Var O/(U)	2014	2013	Var O/(U)
Offerings / Income	\$ 45,647	\$ 54,600	\$ (8,953)	\$ 45,647	\$ 47,126	\$ (1,479)
Expenses	\$ 63,274	\$ 64,261	\$ (987)	\$ 63,274	\$ 61,805	\$ 1,469
Net Cash Flow	<u>\$(17,627)</u>	<u>\$ (9,661)</u>	<u>\$(7,966)</u>	<u>\$(17,627)</u>	<u>\$(14,679)</u>	<u>\$ (2,948)</u>

For the year, actual offerings are below budget by \$(8,953) and actual expenses were under budget by \$(987).

As a reminder, this year’s approved budget is 9.8% higher than last year’s actual offerings. For your reference, our average planned offerings/income per week is approximately \$16,150. For the month of January, our actual weekly average of offerings/income was \$11,411.

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

In his service,  
Rich Olsen

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

## Cornerstone Capital Fund - January 2014

Below is the balance of the RLC Cornerstone Capital Fund to support the Long Range Plan initiatives. Through January, we have received \$4,106. As noted in the weekly bulletin, the RLC foundation is matching \$12,500 for the first \$12,500 received in offerings.

	Amount	Balance
<b>Deposits:</b>		
Balance - 2013	\$3,571.00	
Deposits - January 2014	\$ 535.00	
Total Deposits	<u>\$4,106.00</u>	
<b>Withdrawals:</b>		
Checks Written	\$ -	
Total Withdrawals	<u>\$ -</u>	
Ending Balance as of Jan 2014		<u>\$ 4,106.00</u>

## *President's Perspective - Church Modifications*

It had been many years since Richland Lutheran Church's facilities had a major updating. Then, in October of last year, the congregation took a significant step to changing that, when they authorized the creation of a Capital Fund Account to pay for church modifications.

The first step in the process was the selection of an architect to work with the congregation to develop a conceptual Facilities Strategic Plan to better meet the ministry needs of the church. A task force has been working for several months to select the right architect for this critical task. They have finished their job and you will see an article on pages 14-15 describing their process and choice. By the time you read this, the Council should have approved the task force's recommendation.

Now progress lies in your hands. The congregation approved raising and spending up to \$25,000 for the architect's work. The Richland Lutheran Foundation offered the congregation a matching grant for this purpose up to \$12,500, or half of the authorized cost. Our job now is to raise our half of the \$25,000. Your staff and Council have risen to this challenge to lead by example. Between the staff and Council almost \$7,000 has already been contributed, leaving only about \$5,500 to go. **Can you help?** Once we have the funds in hand the architects work can begin.

Can you imagine our church facilities with the following changes?

- **Sanctuary** – A vastly improved traffic flow to ease leaving the sanctuary after services. Enhanced lighting and dramatically improved sound quality.
- **Narthex** – A larger narthex accommodating 200 people comfortably and with improved traffic flow from the narthex to other areas of the church. A more inviting narthex with more natural light and higher ceilings. A secretary or reception office attached to help visitors find our staff or meeting spaces. Multi-person restrooms near the narthex.
- **Parking** – Increased parking capacity on-site for at least 130 cars.
- **Chapel** – A soundproofed chapel so it can be used for meetings or Sunday School classes while musicians are practicing in the sanctuary.
- **Prince of Peace** – Capacity to accommodate 300 seated people for a meal. Improved ability to break up the room into smaller temporary spaces for simultaneous multiple meetings. A larger and more functional kitchen including expanded storage space and improved sanitation.
- **Education Wings** – Meeting areas for at least three groups of ten or more. A larger and more secure nursery by locating it closer to the sanctuary.
- **Office Space**– Elimination of our "hidden" main offices and more efficient space for our staff by consolidating offices in one central location. Visitors able to easily find the main office and the Lead Pastor.

These are just a few of the changes desired and as you can imagine it will take major changes to the middle portion of our facilities. But how exciting to contemplate being able to use such a facility for our existing and some totally new ministries. Help us take the first step by paying for the architect and then stand by for the future of Richland Lutheran Church.

Dave Larkin – Congregation President

## *Beach Trip Fundraiser Dinner*

You are invited to our annual High School Beach Trip Fundraiser Dinner! Each year our youth venture out on a weeklong trip to Seaside, Oregon. Our high schoolers lead Bible studies, worship together, have quiet times, work around the hostel where we stay, and build relationships. For this year's dinner, we are letting you experience a day on the beach trip...seeing exactly what we do on a daily basis while we're there.

This is the only fundraiser we do for this trip, so your support is greatly appreciated. There will be great food and lots of fun. If you would like to attend this great dinner, please sign up on the **YELLOW WORSHIP SLIP**, and indicate how many will be in your party, or call the church office at 943-3164, or email our secretary at [office@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:office@richlandlutheran.org). If you are unable to attend the dinner but would still like to help our youth, consider making a special gift designated for the high school beach trip.

**When: Friday, March 7, 2014**

**Where: Prince of Peace fellowship area**

**Time: 6 PM**

**Cost: \$15 for adults, kids 12 and under \$5**

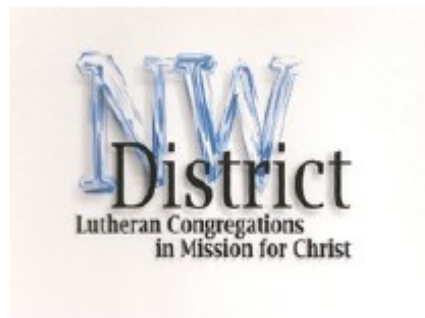


**Beach Trip Fundraiser Dinner**

**March 7 - 6:00 PM**

## *World Mission Prayer League*

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 and 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).



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

Greeting to the LCMC pastors and congregations of the LCMC Northwest District (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Canada).

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 2014 LCMC Northwest District Gathering to be hosted by Peace Lutheran Church, 8134 N. Meyer Rd in Post Falls Idaho on April 4-5, 2014.

Non-Northwest District members are welcome. If you are not a member of LCMC Northwest District, I encouraged you to join your fellow LCMC brothers and sisters for a great time of worship, education and fellowship. If you want to become a member of the LCMC Northwest District—the membership is FREE! Just go to [www.lcmc-nw.com](http://www.lcmc-nw.com) and click on Application. There are membership forms there for individual, congregational and chapter memberships.

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

WHEN: APRIL 4th & 5th, 2014 (Friday and Saturday)

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

Hotel, Driving Directions, and Registration Form; can be found on LCMC Northwest District web site: [www.lcmc-nw.com](http://www.lcmc-nw.com); click on 2014 Gathering.

Note: For those of you coming with an RV— the church has a space behind the church (**Dry Camping Only**). Space is limited! So the earlier you register; the better your chances to have a reserved spot **secured**.

## Negativity, the Superb Owl and Relativity

In our family I have reached legendary status for my negativity in watching our favorite teams (the beloved Nebraska Cornhuskers, the Seattle Seahawks and Mariners). I'm not sure if the negativity is simply a by-product of aging, or my passive-aggressive, compulsive-obsessive personality. It certainly *is* a part of my caring *too* much about our favorites doing well. These days my children don't want me in the room when these teams are playing. They believe there's a correlation between my yelling at the screen about our team's bone-headedness (translation: coming short of perfection on any given play or day), and the fact of the play - or the day - going in the soup. Imagine the conundrum this meant for the recent play-offs and subsequent Superb Owl appearance of the Seattle Seahawks. I use the term "Superb Owl" just so any of the young "with it" crowd which *undoubtedly* reads this column will know how "with it" I am! For all of you who aren't in the know - as *I* am - THAT is the term used throughout the sports blog-o-sphere by the younger set for: Super Bowl. I feel younger already.

Anyway, Seahawks fans have ME to thank that they're now world champions. Once they made the playoffs, I decided I was NOT going to be responsible for them losing any games; and so: I didn't watch any of them. Instead I invested in long afternoon naps on game day - choosing to awake and watch the SportsCenter highlights. I confess I *did* catch a *glimpse* of the Superb Owl, after awaking from my nap. Elaine called out (me sulking in the bedroom self-banished) and said I *should* come watch, because they appeared to be winning. I walked into the living room just in time to see Richard Sherman injured and Walter Thurmond get a pass interference penalty on the next play. See how this works? So, I promptly left the room, and the rest is victorious history.

Meanwhile, in Everett - here's where relativity comes in - my five-year-old granddaughter, Lydia, was taking a walk with her mother, Anna, uninterested in going with her sister Linnea, brother Micah, and my son Kyle, to her uncle Kevin's to watch the game on a big screen. Anna - like Jesus' mother - is fond of treasuring in her heart the words of her children; so she sent us a transcript of their conversation as they walked the neighborhood during the Superb Owl. It went as follows: (L) "Mom, when is the sky going to open up?" (A) "What do you mean?" (L) "You know, so we can see heaven?" (A) "Maybe when Jesus comes back?" (L) "He's coming back?" (A) "Yes." (L) "Down here? When?" (A) "Any day now? Could be when you're alive or after you've already gone to heaven." (L) "WOW! I didn't know that. This is going to be difficult and embarrassing for a lot of people. I hope it's when I'm alive."

**(Philippians 4:8)** *"whatever is true...noble...right...pure...lovely....admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - thing about such things."* It appears there *are* some things more important than *even* the Superb Owl. THAT's positive!

Pastor Dave

## Benevolence

Dear Richland Lutheran,  
Through your generosity **Heart for the Fatherless** was able to grant twelve adoption grants in 2013. Additionally, we conducted a mission trip to Jamaica and held our fifth annual regional conference. God bless you!

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Dear Richland Lutheran Church,  
The **Tri-Cities Food Bank** thanks you for a recent donation. It is heartwarming to experience the kindness and spirit of sharing in our community, and I assure you that the donation will be put to good use helping to feed the needy in our area.

The Tri-Cities Food Bank was founded in our community in 1974, and since that time, we have never paid a salary. All of our work is done by volunteers. This allows us to keep our overhead below 2%. Our 110 active volunteers thank you for your support, which allows us to improve the lives of the less fortunate in our community.

Once again, we thank you for your generous donation. We are grateful.  
Sincerely, John R. Neill, Executive Director



## *First Annual New Members Event*



*L-R: Shirley Carlisle, Dan & Kim Morris, Carol Parks, Brenna & Justin Destito*

***“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*** Matthew 18:20

The New Members' Ministry team hosted its inaugural new members' annual event on Saturday, January 18, honoring those individuals who joined the Richland Lutheran Church family during 2013.

This year's theme was "A Winter's Night in Paradise" and the evening was filled with fun, good friends, conversation, and lots of Hawaiian-style food. The evening was topped off with duets by Zemmie Iedema and Joel Sorensen entertaining everyone with Hawaiian songs - including the Hawaiian Wedding Song - accompanied on the piano by Carol Larkin. And, of course, we can't forget Zemmie's performance of the hula dance as the grand finale. Thank you to these wonderfully gifted members of our church family. And, thank you to all who attended this annual event to help welcome these individuals who are new to our church family.


This Ministry team looks forward to hosting many more of these events and welcoming many more new members to Richland Lutheran Church. We also look forward to helping them connect with Christ, the church and its ministries, and God's purpose for their lives through our Shepherding Program. If you are a member of Richland Lutheran Church and haven't already volunteered for this ministry, we encourage you to consider doing so through prayer and by contacting a member of the New Members' Ministry team or by indicating your interest on the yellow worship slip.

***“Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be...”*** 1 Peter 5:2

New Members' Ministry Team: *Sandy Steele, Linda Totten, Fred Kremmer, Jay Dixon, Cindy Dixon, and Hermine Fordham*



## March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>12:00 AM Journey With Christ            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            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date            9:00 AM Preview Assembly            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            4:30 PM Executive Committee            6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study            7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting            4:30 PM Covenant Team            7:00 PM Outreach Team            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248            7:00 PM The Daniel Plan</p>
<p><b>9</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            10:00 AM Mafraq Prayer Team            11:00 AM Worship            5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse/Upper Room            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>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            7:00 PM The Daniel Plan</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>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/Upper Room            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study            7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting            11:45 AM LAFF            4:30 PM New Members Team            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248            7:00 PM The Daniel Plan</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>12:00 AM Journey With Christ            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            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group            7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission Service</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Miriam Circle            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248            7:00 PM The Daniel Plan</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>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/Upper Room            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            4:30 PM Executive Committee            6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study            7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	

## March 2014

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 12:00 AM Journey With Christ 5:00 PM Worship
<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship	<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 1:00 PM Daniel Plan 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Beach Trip Fundraiser Dinner	<b>8</b> 5:00 PM Worship
<b>12</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 AA Treatment Committee 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service 7:00 PM Music and Worship Search Team	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 1:00 PM Daniel Plan 5:30 PM Confirmation Lock-In 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>15</b> 12:00 AM Confirmation Lock-In 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
<b>19</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 7:30 PM GNMM Board Meeting	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 9:00 AM Library Work 1:00 PM Piece-makers 5:00 PM Journey With Christ 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service 7:00 PM Music and Worship Search Team	<b>21</b> 12:00 AM Journey With Christ 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 1:00 PM Daniel Plan 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>22</b> 12:00 AM Journey With Christ 5:00 PM Worship
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### 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 MARCH 2014**

March 5 - No Super Kids! Ash Wednesday worship @ 7:00 PM  
March 12 - The Night Visitor!  
March 19 - The Most Important Things!  
March 26 - In the Garden...

Admiral Awesome, Marty, Katy and Professor Peabody are traveling the road to the cross and learning why Jesus—God the Son—died for us.

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



March's "Items of the Month" are: **brushes, combs, hair bands, barrettes, head bands, bows, solid-stick deodorant and other personal care items (no liquids or aerosols please!).** 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 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!

**March 14-15 is our Confirmation Lock-in!**  
**We'll begin with dinner on Friday at 6pm and conclude Saturday afternoon. Cost is \$20.**

### 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!

### **March 7 is our annual Beach Trip Fundraiser Dinner.**

**We'll need everyone's help! This is our main fundraiser for this trip, so please be there.**

High School Discipleship Group meets at 5:30pm 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!

## *Our Journey of Faith, Hope and Love*

Nearly a year ago, six of us accepted a challenge. It seemed straightforward enough at the start -- select an architect to help RLC develop a Facilities Strategic Plan, one that would guide future facility improvements in an orderly manner and be supportive of our vision, mission, and long range plan. And it seemed doable in fairly short order, considering the team. Everyone had experience funding, managing, maintaining, building, or improving church facilities. We were cheerful as we prayed for guidance that first night.

Initially, we were led to complete an assessment of our facilities. It outlined the history, strengths, and weaknesses of our facilities. The document was designed to be given to the architect so the firm could better understand our current conditions. It all seemed so logical. But the assessment raised *far* more questions than provided answers -- and most of the questions couldn't be addressed without professional help. How structurally sound *are* our existing facilities? Would it be more cost effective to remodel or tear down and rebuild certain portions of them? How much *could* we remodel without having to bring everything up to code? Would it be more cost-effective to build a new facility nearby or make extensive remodels to our existing structures? Should the Facilities Strategic Plan be phased? If so, over how much time, and placing which needs first? What qualifications should we look for when selecting an architectural firm to help us sort through all of this? We took some deep breaths and prayed that we would find ways to simplify the complexities.

We were led to an experienced, retired architect who spoke frankly and informally with us. By the end of that meeting, we at least knew what we were looking for -- an innovative firm, respected in the building industry, with process-oriented capabilities, preferably local and accessible, skilled at nurturing relationships and managing a large-scale project, committed to Christ, and experienced when remodeling churches. So we identified architectural firms of interest, whittled our list down to six, sent out Request for Proposal packets, prayed that the right people would answer, and waited.

With three of the six firms responding affirmatively, we arranged and conducted tours of RLC for them then began reviewing and discussing submitted proposals. Due to professional conflicts of interest, this was as far as one of our members could go in the selection process. And so it came to pass, that five of us were led to two dynamic local architectural firms. We conducted interviews with them and prayed for clarity of choice.

But the choice was not clear, and we were determined that our decision would be unanimous. Four of us agreed that one firm stood out above the other. One member had reservations. No matter how long or how passionately we discussed the matter, we could not reach consensus. We added patience and perseverance to our prayers.

We were led to visit two churches remodeled by the favored architectural firm -- one in Othello and one in Walla Walla. We spoke with church representatives about their experience, and we saw firsthand the fruits of their labor. We had weather, holidays, illnesses, and work schedules to juggle; but it was important that *we all* attend the visits. The churches were really nice, and the spokespersons were knowledgeable, kind, and helpful; but the visits did not address one important issue. Neither church used the architect in the process-oriented manner we believed RLC needed. We learned a lot, but we were no closer to a decision. We prayed for direction.



Jay Dixon  
Bob Thompson  
Debbie Stankovich  
Dave Brandes  
Karin Nickola  
Richard Siefken (not pictured)

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## *Our Journey of Faith, Hope and Love, Continued*

Direction came in the form of one more church visit. A Richland church seemed to have used the architectural firm the way we envisioned. We listened intently as the pastor walked us through his experiences with the architect. His remarks were exactly what we needed to hear. Bethel had used the architect in a process-oriented way -- to help its congregation assess the community and the needs of the community then conceptualize a phased design for their new facilities in Prosser. The church, which is already under construction, is directly aligned with and supportive of Bethel's vision and mission. We poured over drawings and handouts produced by the architect. We asked a wide range of questions and received the answers we were looking for. The trust Bethel had in this architect left quite an impression on all of us. It was a trust built over time and based on the success of two other ventures. Before driving away, we agreed to meet the following week.



As we sat around our familiar meeting table February 11, it was with faith, hope, love, and tremendous respect for the Lord and one another. We had come a long way. When we voted this time, it was unanimous. We recommended that night that our church council employ the services of Meier Architecture and Engineering to help RLC develop a Facilities Strategic Plan. Our prayers were joyful -- sincere expressions of thanks and praise for a successful journey.

If all goes according to plan, a building committee will be selected in the near future. These individuals will work with Meier to develop a Facilities Strategic Plan that suits our needs.

It will take time and a lot of input to develop the plan. But you can be sure, if we are patient with one another and find ways to go forth together, we will all grow and benefit from this effort. And most importantly, we will have new and improved ways to spread Christ's message.

The Prince of Peace update completed in 2013 is symbolic of what we can do if we work together and follow God's lead. It was completed on a shoe-string budget, by a small group of dedicated members, who saw that God's "house" was slipping into disrepair. On several occasions, our forward motion was slowed and/or altered to maintain unity. The update is not perfect, but it will serve us well until professionals can make sorely needed improvements.



The update is also a pleasant reminder of RLC's historically progressive nature. We have been a leader in this community since our inception. Our little white Grange Hall was one of the first churches in Richland. Worship services were held in our modern new Prince of Peace while our unique and beautiful new sanctuary was being built. Back and forth construction has gone through the years. The energy of our members produced some of the largest Sunday schools and Vacation Bible Schools in the Tri-Cities and supported all kinds of other church activities. In fact, that is one of the things that struck us most during our first two church visits -- how active our congregations is. Our church is in constant use -- day and night. Our wear is well earned!

So as I close, I would like to leave you with this message of inspiration. Exciting times lie ahead! And they are just as exhilarating and promising as those RLC's last generation experienced. I encourage you to listen, to learn, to find ways to become involved when opportunities arise! Contribute funds. Volunteer to be on a committee. Attend group information meetings. Provide suggestions. Become a part of the movement that helps others *turn to Christ at RLC!*

Sincerely,  
Karin Nickola

Mark your calendars!  
Lutherans About Fun and Fellowship are meeting again on  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
**11:45 AM**



Please bring a salad or dessert.  
We will be serving lasagna and garlic bread.

Pastor Corey will be our guest speaker conducting a class on cartoon sketching.

## *Lutheran World Relief*

This Lent we're joining the Lutheran World Relief Baskets of Promise appeal. Each week we'll collect a different item we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

March 9 - bars of soap (4-5 oz.) any brand in original wrapper

March 16- bath towels (light weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)

March 23 - toothbrushes (adult size, original packaging)

March 30 - combs

April 6 - metal nail clippers

April 13(Palm Sunday) - bars of soap

There will be a bin in the narthex for you to drop off items.

## *Journey with Christ for Boys*

**RLC is hosting Journey with Christ for Boys #72 the weekend of March 20-23** This regional, interdenominational, evangelistic youth ministry is very grateful to RLC for sharing our facility for this event. **Approximately 75 youth and adults will begin arriving Thursday mid-day and will be staying at the church through Sunday early evening, utilizing most rooms throughout the building.** The Journey team strives to have as small of an impact as possible to the day-to-day activities of the congregation, and appreciates your understanding for accommodating them while here. Sunday school rooms will be available as normally scheduled on March 23. The Journey also appreciates your prayers for their times of worship, study, prayer, reflection and fellowship in Christ.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenny Page ([jenny939798@yahoo.com](mailto:jenny939798@yahoo.com), 430-0050).



# Servant Coordination

	Time	Sunday March 2	Sunday March 9	Sunday March 16	Sunday March 23	Sunday March 30
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Sat. 5 PM	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich
	8:30 AM	Keith Lozano	Keith Lozano	Keith Lozano	Keith Lozano	Keith Lozano
	11:00 AM	Joe Potts	Joe Potts	Joe Potts	Joe Potts	Joe Potts
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Sara & Norm Gillette	Fishers of Men	Debbie Honeyman	Sue & Jim Worgull
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Kathy & Rick Snyder	LaVonne Scully	****	Ann & Dave Brandes
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Peggy Pilger	Dolores Jaech	Peggy Pilger	Kathy Killand	Laura Stevens
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Jon Page	Alicia Phaneuf	Sue Meek	Susan Schmieman
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H - Karen Schwartz Mike Schwartz A - Gary Weible Eunice Weible	H - Larry Corning Gary Weible A - Harold Hogue Jim Peterson	H - Jim Peterson Fred Kremmer A - Mac Dixson Dave Larkin	H - Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A - Laura Stevens Jon Erlandson	H - Fred Kremmer Jim Peterson A - John Lesser Kiane Lesser
	11:00 AM	H - Alan Hagensen Carol Hexum A - Jean Loss Jim Loss	H - Mike Bettinson Val Bettinson A - Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	H - Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck A - Charles Rogers Mike Strasburg	H - Jean Loss Jim Loss A - Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder	H - Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A - Mark Underwood Charles Rogers
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Anna Lesser Colby Riensche	Ella Sperline ****	Adam Pilger Cayden Tanasse	Josh Mars Mikayla Mars	Kjerstyn Jordheim Nathan Lipton
	11:00 AM	Jennifer Williams Daniel Miles	Trond Tilton Carlyle Keyes	Katie Schmid Sarah Schmid	Willow Whitney Sophia Fetrow	Madeline Haynie Conner Budzeck
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion</i>	Saturday 5:00 PM	Joanne Woehle	Nancy Ballard	Dave and Ann Brandes	Joanne Woehle	Jim and Sue Worgull
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Sunday After 8:30 AM	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder	Lois Harrold Karin Nickola	Carol Schmid	Rick Nunamaker Pamela Warren	Alicia Phaneuf
<i>Clean Up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Jim and Jean Loss	Doloros Erickson	Rick Nunamaker	Rick Nunamaker	Kelly Westlund
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Jenifer Haler Alesia Chaney Charles Davis	Clarine Watkins Kathy Killand Ken Meek	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Erlan Leitz	Clarine Watkins Pam Hedges Marge Hogue	Alesia Chaney Elaine Davis Charles Davis ****
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark Kelly Westlund ****	Jenny Page Jon Page ****	Valerie Bettinson Mike Bettinson ****	Kelly Westlund **** ****	Jenny Page Jon Page **** ****
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM	Michelle and Andy Clary	Mary Lipton Anna/Nathan	John Huebner ****	Lori Lachut ****	Astrid Goplen Neal/Freja
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges ****	Julie Bishop Conner Budzeck	Trina Miles Andrew Miles	Sara Carswell ****	Melissa Schmid Sarah/Katie
<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Jim Moran	Mike Stankovich	Mike Schwartz	Mike Schwartz	Brian Killand
	11:00 AM	Woody Page	Woody Page	Jon Page	Jon Page	Jon Page
<i>Tech Director/Live Stream Coord</i>	8:30 AM	Bob Thompson	Ben Barr	Bob Thompson	Bob Thompson	Bob Thompson
	11:00 AM	Jon Page	Jon Page	Jack Page	Jon Page	Jon Page

## Servant Coordination, Continued

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday March 2</i>	<i>Sunday March 9</i>	<i>Sunday March 16</i>	<i>Sunday March 23</i>	<i>Sunday March 30</i>
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	1- Fred Kremmer 2 - Ken Meek	1 - Traci Moran 2 - Don Schmid	1 - Larry Haler 2 - Paul Hedges	1 - Robert Warren 2 - Ryan Warren	1 - Ken Meek 2 - Fred Kremmer
	11:00 AM	1 - Zeke Ernst 2 - Kenny You	1 - Andy Clark 2 - Zeke Ernst	1 - Woody Page 2 - Kenny You	1 - Andy Clark 2 - Zeke Ernst	1 - Zeke Ernst 2 - Kenny You
<i>Editor/ Post Prod.</i>	8:30 AM	Mike Stankovich	Bob Thompson	Ben Barr	Ben Barr	Bob Thompson
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson
	11:00 AM	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Bob Thompson	Paul Hedges
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	Sat. 5:00	Rob Barr	****	****	****	****
	8:30 AM	Schwartz Gary Weible	Rich Barchet Schwartz	Fred Kremmer Jim Peterson	Jon Erlandson Lois Harrold	Jim Peterson Harold Hogue
	11:00 AM	Alicia Phaneuf Alan Hagensen	Rick Budzeck Mike Bettinson	Jana Strasburg Mike Stankovich	Rick Snyder Rich Barchet	Jana Strasburg Mike Bettinson
<i>Cashiers</i>		Judy Riggers Debbie Honeyman	Nancy Ballard Marge Hogue	Kathy Snyder Lori Hogan	Judy Riggers Janet Budzeck	Nancy Ballard Debbie Honeyman
<i>Recycle</i>		Karen Schwartz	LaVonne Scully	Karen Clark	John Lesser	James & Jean Loss
<i>Flowers</i>		Jerry & Sissel Selvig	Karen Gardner	****	Valerie Silva	Rob and Kathy Barr

### Lenten Services

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday March 5</i>	<i>Lenten Service March 13</i>	<i>Lenten Service March 20</i>	<i>Lenten Service March 27</i>
<i>Pianist/Organist</i>	NOON 7:00 PM	Teresa Zorich Keith Lozano	Teresa Zorich	Teresa Zorich	
<i>Ushers</i>	7:00 PM	H - Jean Loss Jim Loss A - Gary Weible Eunice Weible	John and Kiane Lesser	Karen and Mike Schwartz	Larry Haler ****
<i>Communion Setup/Cleanup</i>	NOON 7:00 PM	Carol Schmid Rick Nunamaker	_____	_____	_____
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	7:00 PM	Elaine Davis **** ****	_____	_____	_____
<i>Acolytes</i>	7:00 PM	Katie Schmid Sarah Schmid	Robert Warren	Aaron Cole	Kyle Prigge
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	7:00 PM	****	****	****	****

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.

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## ANNIVERSARIES

- March 1**  
Maria and Bill Frame
- March 12**  
Barbara & John  
Cunningham  
Piper & Will Mercer
- March 16**  
Joanne & Wayne Killand  
Adele & Joel Sorensen
- March 19**  
MaryJo and Mike Schroeder

## BIRTHDAYS

- March 1**  
Katie Chaney  
Craig Swanson
- March 2**  
Sally Culbert  
Drew McCullough
- March 3**  
Cindy Dixon  
Norm Gillette  
Astrid Goplen  
Shanna Goplen
- March 4**  
Jami Prigge  
Steven Solnicka
- March 6**  
Darrel Glasford  
Marge Nelson  
Neil Todd
- March 7**  
Jordan Schroeder
- March 8**  
Joanne Killand  
Jeff Pilger
- March 9**  
Andrew Clark  
Fred Kremmer
- March 10**  
Elaine Anderson  
Jeri Frislie  
Rob Mercer
- March 12**  
Nate Chaney  
Sue Meek
- March 13**  
Randy Coffman
- March 14**  
Erick Koehling
- March 15**  
Eileen Posey
- March 16**  
Peg Culbert  
Diane Olsen  
Marilyn Schmidt
- March 17**  
Samantha Bussell  
Lillyana Frislie  
Jim Perham  
Len Ross
- March 18**  
Bernie Woehle
- March 19**  
Kenny You  
Vincent Rodriguez
- March 20**  
Sharon Kaiser  
Jack Page  
Ken Rivers  
Ed Simonen  
Abby Skinner  
Bob Somerville
- March 21**  
Madelyn Hogan  
Todd Maier  
Emelia Scherer  
Logann Smith  
Bruce Vesper
- March 23**  
Jennifer Boynton  
Josh Maier  
Serena Tilton
- March 24**  
Shirley Johnson  
Mille Nierman  
Sharleen Thesenvitz
- March 25**  
Susan Gunter  
LaVonne Scully

- March 26**  
David Larsen  
Matthew Larsen  
Mike Schwartz
- March 27**  
Joey Maier  
Dawn Salyer  
Paige Shirey
- March 28**  
Carl Schroeder  
Michael Streufert  
Nathan Streufert
- March 29**  
Ethan Bishop  
Jeff Dagle  
Bryce Gardner  
Allen Maier
- March 30**  
Kayla Deen  
Wayne Killand  
Holt Mensinger  
Mike Strasberg
- March 31**  
Jon Page  
Gloria Richman



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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

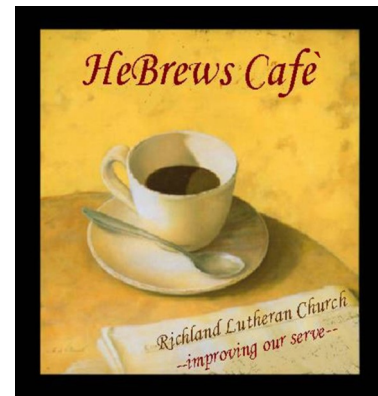
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*And when circumstances beyond your control prevent  
you from coming to church . . .*

#### **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 re-  
freshed, rejuvenated, and renewed for work in the  
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**There are still some Sundays available for serving.  
Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

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