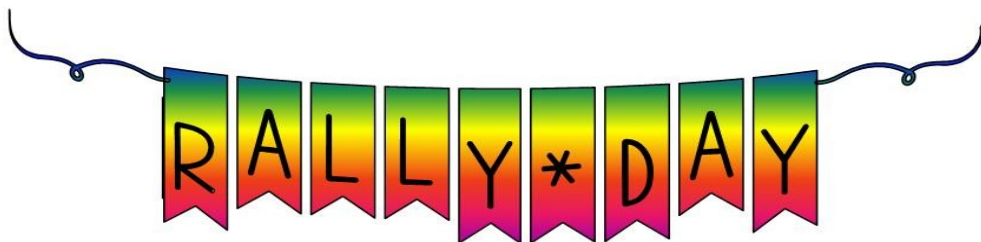


# The Preview



**Sunday school begins September 7** for kids age 3 years old through high school! We'll gather in the Prince of Peace fellowship area at 9:45 AM to meet our teachers, complete registration forms, and enjoy some refreshments.

Each week, the children will gather in their classrooms to explore the Bible, sing songs, and build their relationship with Jesus.

This year, the preschool and elementary children will be using the Spark Lectionary series curriculum. The 5th graders will be following a pre-confirmation curriculum developed for our needs. The middle school students will be using studies especially crafted for a variety of topics pertaining to living life as a young adult in our world today. And based on a recommendation from the recent long-range plan, the high school class will be studying from the "original curriculum" – the Bible!

**The RLC Sunday school follows the age guidelines used by the local school districts. Children should be age 3 by Aug. 31, 2014 to begin Sunday school and should attend the class that matches their school grade level.**

Adult Sunday school classes will resume on September 14 in the Friendship Room with Pastor Dave Hogan.

For more information, contact Jenny Page at the church or by email ([jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org)).



This year's children's Sunday school offerings will be designated towards a ministry the kids are readily familiar with – Operation Christmas Child! The weekly offerings will be designated to help with the shipping fee for the anticipated 300 boxes Richland Lutheran Church will prepare this year. In years past, the Sunday school offerings have been designated towards things like filling an "ark" of animals through Heifer International so that impoverished villages would have a sustainable means of living through livestock and towards the building of a playground in Mafraq, Jordan. As Operation Christmas Child at RLC has flourished into a year-round ministry, the children have developed a hands-on, on-going relationship by the filling of "shoebboxes" with gifts. This will help build a sense of financial stewardship by sharing their nickels and dimes in addition to the toys and school supplies they would enjoy themselves.

## 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  
**Joel Sorensen**, Secretary  
**Sandy Steele**, Vice President  
**Mike Strasburg**, Member at Large

### **Ex Officio Member**

**Pastor Steve Ernst**, Lead Pastor

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

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Lakey, Pete & Edie –  
remove, passed away

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## Pastoral Acts

### **Baptisms**

August 7 Jay Dixon  
August 7 Larry Harrold

### **Weddings**

None

### **Memorial/Funeral**

August 23 Ken Kenton

### **The Preview**

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## From Pastor Steve

DID YOU  
KNOW



**DID YOU KNOW...**There are websites dedicated to helping you get deeper into God's word? Sites like [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com), and [biblehub.com](http://biblehub.com) exclusively exist to offer helps to folks studying Scripture. These sites offer Bible study tools such as: commentaries, reading plans, cross references, dictionaries, language helps, word studies, encyclopedias and more. If you haven't visited one of these helpful sites you won't be disappointed when you do!

**DID YOU KNOW...**There are websites dedicated to helping you with Christian family issues? That's right, sites giving the Christian seeking to grow in their role as husband, wife, father, mother, grandmother, grandfather, son, daughter, etc. some very practical help. [Focusonthefamily.com](http://Focusonthefamily.com) and [familylife.com](http://familylife.com) are two of my favorites.

**DID YOU KNOW...**There are websites dedicated to helping you participate in leadership and ministry in the church? Sites like [relevantmagazine.com](http://relevantmagazine.com), [christianitytoday.com](http://christianitytoday.com), [worshipleader.com](http://worshipleader.com), and [churchexecutive.com](http://churchexecutive.com) are very helpful resources for anyone in ministry and mission. These are great resources to learn about what's happening in the Church today and how to do ministry better in your local congregation.

**DID YOU KNOW...**There are websites dedicated to helping you with your daily devotions? That's right! If you're looking for help with your devotional time with God, visit any one of the following sites for easy to access devotional material: [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org), [odb.org](http://odb.org), [utmost.org](http://utmost.org), [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com).

**DID YOU KNOW...**There is a website totally dedicated to the ministry and mission of Richland Lutheran Church? Okay, perhaps you knew this already. However, did you know what's there? Meeting minutes of Council meetings, worship service videos, governance documents and policies, a list of ministries "seeded" by the RLC Foundation, RLC's confession of faith, visitors info, the Yellow Slip, registrations, a photo gallery, a track rack are just some of the things you'll find on our congregations website. If you haven't been there in a while, or not at all, visit us at [richlandlutheran.org](http://richlandlutheran.org).



# Financial Update

## Financial Report – July 2014

As reflected in the financial summary below, our financial results through July are reflecting a positive trend compared to our financial results in 2013. Our offerings are up \$15,609 or 3.8% higher than last year for the same period. Our expenses are down \$(12,149) or 2.6% less than the same time last year. For the year, our offerings are below expenses by \$(21,579) compared to \$(49,336) in 2013, a change from last year of \$27,757. These results are reflected in the columns titled “Prior Year Comparison”.

	YTD - July			Prior Year Comparison		
	Actuals	Budget	Var O/(U)	2014	2013	Var O/(U)
Offerings / Income	\$ 427,603	\$451,920	\$(24,317)	\$ 427,603	\$ 411,994	\$ 15,609
Expenses	\$ 449,181	\$481,911	\$(32,730)	\$ 449,181	\$ 461,330	\$(12,149)
Net Cash Flow	<u>\$(21,579)</u>	<u>\$(29,991)</u>	<u>\$ 8,412</u>	<u>\$(21,579)</u>	<u>\$(49,336)</u>	<u>\$ 27,757</u>

For the year, actual offerings are below budget by \$(24,317) and actual expenses are under budget by \$(32,730).

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. Through the month of July, our actual weekly average of offerings/income is \$14,253, or (\$1,897) under plan per week.

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).

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

### Worship Support Training for Ushers and Communion Assistants

We are in need of people to serve as ushers or communion assistants. There will be **communion assistant training** on Sunday, September 7, in the sanctuary and **training for ushers** on Sunday, September 14 in room #124. High schoolers are welcome to attend usher training. Both training sessions will be between services. If you are interested in serving in one or both of these areas or just want to see what’s involved, please sign up on the yellow worship slip in your bulletin.

### Acolyte Training and First Communion Instruction

**Acolyte training** for sixth graders or any older kids who have not received the training is Sunday, September 21, between services in the sanctuary. **Instruction for fifth graders preparing to celebrate their first communion** is also Sunday, September 21, between services. They will meet in their Sunday school classroom.

## From the Council

Dictionary.com defines “**Benevolence**” as: **1.** a desire to do good to others; goodwill; charitableness: *to be filled with benevolence toward one's fellow creatures.* **2.** an act of kindness; a charitable gift.

We have a benevolence policy that says, “*Richland Lutheran Church, in carrying out our mission, offers financial support to ministries and organizations beyond our congregation.*” And, of course, you all know RLC’s mission statement - “*Richland Lutheran Church fulfills its vision and calling by entering and engaging the world as God himself did through the person and work of Jesus Christ.*” Did you know that a team of individuals, specifically our Outreach Ministry Team, gather together in prayer and discussion to select and recommend to Council various ministries and organizations (local, national/regional, worldwide) that will receive a monetary gift of love and support on behalf of RLC? These ministries and organizations are then approved by all of you at the annual congregational meeting as part of the annual budget. They then become our benevolences for the year. One of these recipients is the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. We all have our favorite charities and UGM happens to be one of mine. So, of course, it warms my heart to know RLC supports such a wonderful, faith-based, Christ-centered organization as the Union Gospel Mission. But it doesn’t stop here.

Benevolence is not just the giving of money but also the giving of yourself – your heart, your love – by giving of your time in prayer and service. The Mission is also included in the 2014 Ministry Plan as one of our local evangelism ministries. A small group of our own brothers and sisters in Christ travel to the Mission one evening each month to share the Good News with the guys. Yes – the fourth Sunday of each month we gather at the Mission to share our hearts and our love for Christ. Although our mission is to share the love of Jesus and to offer His blessings upon these men, we find that we receive double blessings from them as they hear our individual messages, join us in song and prayer, and offer their thanks and appreciation to us as we depart for the evening. It’s a very heartfelt and rewarding experience and we welcome you to join us and share in that experience.

One of RLC’s Guide and Vision objectives is to “Expand Evangelism Efforts.” Each and every one of us can build on this objective and, at the same time, carry out RLC’s Mission by going out into our community to serve God in support of our local organizations. This is a great way to become involved in our community and to develop relationships allowing others to see Christ’s love through us. The Mission may not be where God is calling you. It may be with some other ministry or organization. But wherever it is and whatever it is...“**Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.**” Luke 6:38

Sandy Steele, Vice President

## News from the Wednesday Knitters

We have been busy this summer! We have donated over 25 knitted hats and afghans to the Tri-City Cancer Center. Now, our fall project is to knit sweaters and booties for Lutheran World Relief. We have found a pretty easy pattern for both. If you want to learn to knit, or get back to knitting, come join us. We meet every Wednesday from 2:30 - 4:30 PM in the Friendship Room.



## Save the Date RLC Arts and Crafts Fair

**Saturday, November 8, 2014**

Join in the fun of this unique one-of-a-kind fundraiser to support Good News Media Ministry. Create and donate handmade items for sale, bake for the Bake Sale table, help set up or help on the day of the sale.

All proceeds go to support the GNMM. Sign up sheets and more information will be available soon.

If you have questions, please call Nancy Ballard at 946-3255 or Norene Erlandson at 375-5360.

## President's Perspectives - Discipleship

A person I have grown to respect is Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German Lutheran pastor who left safety in America to return to Germany near the beginning of World War II to help encourage those in the church who were unwilling to put Hitler first in their lives. Last year I read again Bonhoeffer's book, "*The Cost of Discipleship*." Hear some of the things he was writing to his church brethren:

*Jesus summons men to follow him not as a teacher or a pattern of the good life, but as the Christ, the Son of God. When we are called to follow Christ, we are summoned to an exclusive attachment to his person. Besides Jesus, nothing has significance. He alone matters.*

*Jesus' summons to the rich young man was calling him to die, because only the man who is dead to his own will can follow Christ. Jesus says that every Christian has his own cross waiting for him, a cross destined and appointed by God. The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world.*

*Is there some part of your life which you are refusing to surrender at his behest, some sinful passion, maybe, or some animosity, some hope, perhaps your ambition or your reason? If so, you must not be surprised that you have not received the Holy Spirit, that prayer is difficult, or that your request for faith remains unanswered.*

*The Bible never draws the antithesis between faith and good works so sharply as to maintain that good works undermine faith. There is no faith without good works, and no good works apart from faith.*

Pastor Ernst in his sermon on August 17<sup>th</sup> told us that to ensure that we are not misled by any spiritual leader we must judge what they say by what the scripture says. So what does the scripture and in particular what does Jesus say about discipleship?

*"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." – Matthew 10:37-38.*

*"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes even his own life – he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." – Luke 14:26-27.*

*"In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple." – Luke 14:33.*

So what is Jesus saying here? First he is saying that to be his disciple we must love him more than any other person whether parents, children or spouse. Our love for him is to be so much greater than for others in our lives that in comparison it is even as we "hated" them. (He is not, of course, saying that we should hate anyone.) We must love him even to the extent of being willing to give up our lives to follow him. We are to love him more than anything we possess or desire in this world.

Regrettably we find it too hard or become complacent in our discipleship and often don't put Jesus first. When conflicts come for our use of money and His needs we put our desires and pleasures first. When He asks for some of our time we are reluctant to do so because we want to pursue success in our careers, enjoy our sports, and use our time on what we enjoy.

I was impressed when my mother's church in Salem, Oregon, for 2014 asked that as a minimum each member give 10% of their money to God's ministry and four hours each week in doing ministry. Imagine what a difference it would make if Richland Lutheran Church members were to agree to this small step in discipleship. Our church and the community would be changed.

Many of our ministries are not as successful as we would want because we do not have enough volunteers. One of the staff's goals for this year was to have every Ministry Team led by a lay person

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## Static Cling

Our title utilizes an advertising phrase for products which purport to reduce/eliminate “static cling.” They’ve been on the market long enough that the phrase has crept into American English idiom. You’ve immediately begun to think I’m going to build toward an idea of something that will prevent: our pant cuff from sticking halfway up the sock on our calf; or, the hem of our dress embarrassingly failing to hang properly, instead hung up somewhere higher on one’s hosiery or undergarment. “Static cling” also conjures up images of either toilet paper, or a dryer sheet, peeking out of our pant leg or dress. If the dryer sheet is the culprit, it gives the lie to the idea that it’ll reduce/eliminate “static cling.” The term means: (according to Webster, to whom I was introduced by my Dad when I’d ask him for a spelling or definition, and he’d reply, “I have a friend named Webster...”) the sense in which electricity produces “*stationary electrical charges, as those resulting from friction.*” It’s from the main definition of the word “static”, referring to “*bodies, masses or forces at rest or in equilibrium: opposed to DYNAMIC.*”

Elaine and I used to regularly attend University of Nebraska at Omaha’s college wrestling matches. They won the small college national title while we lived there. Once they had an exhibition match with Campus Crusade for Christ’s “Athletes in Action.” A UNO wrestler named Bruce Strauss was pitted against a recent Olympic and national champion. Despite being virally ill, Bruce performed anyway - fighting to a draw entering the last period. His opponent couldn’t get out from under him in that period, while Bruce was on top. He defeated a superior opponent being awarded what they call “riding points.” When it was over, the referee tried to get the two wrestlers separated, but couldn’t. Bruce had passed out, desperately hanging on. You might say, he was statically clinging. They actually had to pry them apart! It’s like listening to a Saturday NWPR program entitled *Inland Folk* hosted at WSU by Dan Maher (blind from birth). Listeners are familiar with hourly station breaks during his three-hour program. The audience is implored when entering a break to: “*Hang on! Hang on! Hang on!*”

Actually, we *all* have some embarrassingly shameful t.p. peeking out from beneath the façade we present to the world and one another: and the exposure beneath that façade is creeping up on us. The *only* way we can rectify this is to “Hang on! Hang on! Hang on!” to Jesus. It’s best exhibited in Scripture in **Genesis 32:22-32** where Jacob wrestles with Yahweh, and *will not let go* until He will bless him. A spiritual limp will be the sign of it; eternal blessedness the proof. Terminally sick in sin, we must statically cling to the Lord in order to be at rest. As the old hymn line says: “*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy Cross I cling.*” God isn’t fighting us; we cling to Him by faith - our riding points. Will you and I determine to persevere to the end with Christ? I don’t know about you, but *this* sin-sick soul intends to cling to Him until I remain at rest. You couldn’t pry me loose!

Pastor Dave

## President’s Perspectives, Continued

and not a paid staff member. Of the twenty Ministry Teams identified in the 2014 Annual Ministry Plan only seven had lay leaders identified at the beginning of the year.

But there are many other opportunities for service besides leading a team. We currently need people to open and lock the church doors, people to schedule ushers and other assistants in our worship services, more voices in the choir, more helpers with maintenance of the church, more help with expanding our television ministry to the internet, more volunteer tutors at Jefferson School, more people in prayer for our ministries, and right now Ginnette Ernst needs about 85 volunteers for the Block Party.

Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus? Start by meditating daily on the scripture to learn more about God and what he commands us each to do. Pray daily for His guidance and for the needs of others. Be alert to those around you who need spiritual, emotional, or physical help. Ask our staff how you can get started in ministry. Let your life be all about Jesus.

Dave Larkin – Congregation President

## September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue
	<p><b>1 Labor Day - Office Closed</b>            9:00 AM Play Date            4:30 PM Executive Committee</p>	<p><b>2</b>            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            6:00 PM Praise Band            6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248            7:00 PM Outreach Team</p>
<p><b>7</b>            8:30 AM Worship            9:00 AM Good News Today            9:45 AM <b>Communion Assistant Training</b>            9:45 AM <b>Rally Day/HeBrews Café</b>            11:00 AM Worship            5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>8</b>            9:00 AM Play Date            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study            7:00 PM Breaking Free Bible Study</p>	<p><b>9</b>            7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            6:00 PM Praise Band            6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248            7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>
<p><b>14</b>            9th Grade Retreat            8:30 AM Worship            9:00 AM Good News Today            9:45 AM <b>Usher Training</b>            9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks            9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Café            11:00 AM Worship            5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>15</b>            9:00 AM Play Date            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            5:00 pm <b>Deadline for articles for October Preview</b>            6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study            7:00 PM Breaking Free Bible Study</p>	<p><b>16</b>            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            6:00 PM Praise Band            6:30 PM <b>Facilities Building Committee Congregational Input Meeting</b>            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p><b>21</b>            8:30 AM Worship            9:00 AM Good News Today            9:45 AM <b>Acolyte Training</b>            9:45 AM <b>Confirmation Meeting for Parents</b>            9:45 AM <b>First Communion Training</b>            9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Café            11:00 AM Worship            5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p><b>22</b>            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 Breaking Free Bible Study</p>	<p><b>23</b>            9:30 AM Miriam Circle            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            6:00 PM Praise Band            6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting            6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p><b>28</b>  <b>Men's Retreat</b>            8:30 AM Worship            9:00 AM Good News Today            9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks            9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Café            11:00 AM Worship            5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team            6:30 PM Coffeehouse            7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group            7:30 PM Union Gospel Mission (meet at RLC at 7:00 PM)</p>	<p><b>29</b>            9:00 AM Play Date            12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group            6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study            7:00 PM Breaking Free Bible Study</p>	<p><b>30</b>            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            6:00 PM Praise Band            6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>



## September 2014

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Library Work 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 9:30 AM Ministry Leads Mtg. 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM Steele Growth Group	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>4:00 PM Block Party</b> 5:00 PM Worship
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p><b>The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!</b></p> <p>Please call the church office, 943-3164, or check the website, <a href="http://www.richlandlutheran.org">www.richlandlutheran.org</a>, for the most current information. Please note that not all activities, especially Growth Group meetings and Circles, are actually held at the church.</p> </div>			

## Activities for Kids

### SUPER KIDS SEPTEMBER 2014



Sept. 10 - Super Fun Kick Off!  
Sept. 17 - God made the world!  
Sept. 24 - God made everybody!

Admiral Awesome and Professor Peabody are excited to kick off another season of learning how to live a life empowered by Christ! This fall, they will spend some time exploring the Bible truths found in the book of Genesis!

Super Kids! is a Wednesday night ministry for children in 1st through 5th grades. Friends are always welcome to join us, and newcomers can jump in at any time! We meet from 6:30 to 7:45, immediately following the family dinner at 6:00 PM, in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. Worship and prayer, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, games, crafts, and lots of fun happen each week!

For more information, contact Jenny Page at 943-3164  
jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org

### Operation Christmas Child 2014

Item of the Month — Gifts for Older Girls & Boys, ages 10-14 and \$7 Shipping Fee per box

Please bring **NEW** gifts and toys for **OLDER GIRLS & BOYS**: Multi-colored Sharpies; yo-yo's, marbles, baseballs, ball caps, T-shirts, Bible story books, solar calculators, flashlights and batteries, soccer balls with pump, cars/trucks, kazoos, compasses, hammer & nails, screwdriver & screws, duct tape, tape measure, travel sewing kits, fat-quarter bundles, small pots/pans with a spatula, bangle bracelets, clip on earrings, "cheerleader" pom-poms, purse, unbreakable hand mirrors, flip-flops, socks, scarves, travel-sized board games, crafting kits (beads, etc), solar calculator, **non-liquid** make up. Be creative! Think about the older kids you know, and what they would like to receive. Gift items can be placed in the Christmas-y box near the mailboxes in the Prince of Peace fellowship area.



Please **NO** liquids, toy weapons or war-related toys (i.e. army men, etc.) Please — no used items!

We also need \$7 per box to cover shipping expenses. We estimate that we will have up to 300 boxes! If you can help cover a portion of the \$2100 needed to send these boxes around the world, please make your check payable to "RLC" with "Operation Christmas Child" noted on the memo line. Thank you for your help in making this a year-round ministry!

## Women's Bible Study



Bible study starting September 8 on  
Monday evenings from 7-9 PM.

Contact Shirley Fast for more information.

## Youth Activities

### Middle School!

Grades 6-8



WILD! is set to kick off another crazy season on Wednesday evenings! All middle school students are encouraged to attend this mid-week ministry. Each week, we spend time together having fun and learning God's Word. WILD! plays a vital role RLC's youth ministry by partnering with the middle school Sunday school class and confirmation retreats to help kids grow their relationships with each other and, more importantly, with Jesus Christ.

Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 10  
6:30-8:00 PM (immediately following the family dinner at 6:00)

Meet in the Gloria Dei room  
*Friends are always welcome to attend!*

For more information, contact Ben Barr  
(509) 948-0461

**Sept. 10** – KICKOFF!!!

**Sept. 17** – Back to Basics (Looking at the foundation of your faith)

**Sept. 24** – Free cheese is ALWAYS available in mousetraps Part 1 (Temptation tips for middle schoolers)

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT IS OCTOBER 10-12!** Cost is \$75. We'll meet at 5pm at RLC on the 10<sup>th</sup> and travel to Bar M Ranch (outside of Pendleton) and return by 1pm on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the yellow worship slip or email [office@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:office@richlandlutheran.org)

### 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 worshipping, playing, laughing, discussing, learning, praying...among other things! Friends are always welcome!

Beginning **September 7**, 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!

September 12-14 is the final Confirmation retreat for 9th Graders!

**October 19, at 6 PM, is our annual Confirmation Banquet to honor those who are confirming their faith on November 2.** Please rsvp to [office@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:office@richlandlutheran.org) with a headcount.

#### **ATTENTION Middle School Parents:**

There will be a **Confirmation Parent Meeting** on Sunday, September 21, at 9:45 AM in the "Green Door" room of the preschool level of the Sunday school classrooms.

## Annual Men's Retreat



Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

### *Men's Fall Retreat*

*Stonewater Ranch*

*Plain, Washington*

**September 26 - 28, 2014**

*Fellowship - Reflection - Prayer - Renew Your Spirit*

*Scenic, peaceful mountain resort*

*"Abraham's Leadership - 'a spiritual model' - challenging men today"*

## Annual Neighborhood Block Party



**Saturday,  
September 6  
4-7 PM  
Stevens Park**

Come enjoy a fun evening of games, food, and friends as we host our neighborhood to the 4th Annual RLC Block Party.

We need your help to make this event a success. Please volunteer to set up, clean up, work at a booth, bake cupcakes, or donate candy & other items.

# Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday September 7</i>	<i>Sunday September 14</i>	<i>Sunday September 21</i>	<i>Sunday September 28</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Kathy Killand	Norm Gillette	Norm Gillette	Dolores Jaech
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Sue Meek	Susan Schmieman	Alicia Phaneuf
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Kjerstyn Jordheim Cayden Tanasse	Sophia Fetrow Robert Warren	Colby Riensche Ella Sperline	Adam Pilger Garrett Streufert
	11:00 AM	Carlyle Keyes Jennifer Williams	Janz Levin Daniel Miles	Conner Budzeck Nathan Mitchell	Nathan Ernst Trond Tilton
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H-Mike & Karen Schwartz A-John & Kiane Lesser	H-Larry Haler Bruce Lander A-Dave Larkin Jim Peterson	H-Jim Peterson Bruce Lander A-Mac Dixson Fred Kremmer	H-Larry Corning Jon Erlandson A-Eunice Weible Gary Weible
	11:00 AM	H- Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson A-Jean Loss Jim Loss	H- Alan Hagensen Carol Hexum A-Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	H-Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck A-Mike Strasburg Charles Rogers	H-Jean Loss Jim Loss A-Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Larry Haler Jenifer Haler Pam Hedges	Kathy Killand Jami Prigge Jason Prigge Jenifer Haler	Jan Leitz Erlan Leitz Charles Davis	Charles Davis Elaine Davis Jenifer Haler
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark Jenny Page Jon Page	Heidi Dagle Kelly Westlund ***** *****	Carl Schroeder Jason Corning Lisa Corning	Jenny Page Jon Page Kelly Westlund
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion</i>	Saturday 5:00 PM	Nancy Ballard	Joanne Woehle	Dave and Ann Brandes	Carl and Judy Schroeder
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Sunday After 8:30 AM	Lois Harrold Karin Nickola	Carol Schmid	Pamela Warren Rick Nunamaker	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder
<i>Clean Up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Doloros Erickson	Kelly Westlund	Judy Schroeder	Rick Nunamaker
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM				
	11:00 AM				
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM	***** *****	Michelle Clary Andy Clary	John Huebner *****	Astrid Goplen Neal/Freja
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges *****	Julie Bishop *****	Trina Miles Andrew Miles	Melissa Schmid Sarah/Katie Schmid
<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Bob Thompson & Andy Clark	Bob Thompson	Larry Haler	Bob Thompson
<i>Tech Direc- tor/Live Stream Coordinator</i>	8:30 AM	Jim Moran	Mike Schwartz	Brian Killand	Mike Stankovich

## Worship Support, Continued

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday September 7</i>	<i>Sunday September 14</i>	<i>Sunday September 21</i>	<i>Sunday September 28</i>
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	#1-Fred Kremmer #2-Ken Meek	#1-Traci Moran #2-Don Schmid	#1-Robert Warren #2-Paul Hedges	#1-Ryan Warren #2-Larry Haler
<i>Editor/ Post Prod.</i>	8:30 AM	Ben Barr	Bob Thompson	Karen Rogers	Mike Stankovich
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson
	11:00 AM	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle
<i>Coffee Preparation and Cleanup</i>	8:30 AM	Sandy Steele	Patti Miller	Jon Page	*****
	11:00 AM	*****	Kelly Westlund	Jon Page	*****
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	Sat. 5:00	Rob Barr			
	8:30 AM	Schwartz/ Weible	Larry Harrold Harold Hogue	Fred Kremmer Jim Peterson	Jon Erlandson Lois Harrold
	11:00 AM	Phaneuf/ Hagensen	Rick Budzeck Bettinson	Jana Strasburg Mike Stankovich	Rick Snyder *****
<i>Sat. Evening Worship Support</i>		Scott and Debbie Hardman	Mike and Karen Schwartz	Dave and Ann Brandes	Chris Bonin, Diane Bonin, Kathy Barr Joe Soldat
<i>Cashiers</i>		Nancy Ballard Janet Budzeck	Judy Riggers Lori Hogan	Kay Aase Doris Barchet	Kay Aase Marge Hogue
<i>Recycle</i>		Karen Schwartz	Susan Schmieman	Karen Clark	John Lesser
<i>Flowers</i>		Irv & Elaine Solbrack		Hardmans	Quinns

## Benevolence Thanks

Dear Richland Lutheran Church,

It is with sincere appreciation that we thank you for your contribution to **Real Resources Foundation** (formerly YouthWorks Foundation.) Real Resources Foundation supports the benevolent efforts of YouthWorks, and will ensure that your donation is used to bless the **Crow Reservation** community.

Thank you again for your support of our mission! Blessings,

Lindsay Paskewitz, Foundation Coordinator

Dear MI Friends,

Thank you for your donation.

I had the privilege of teaching on the first chapter of Philippians this past week and was struck by verses 4-5. "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..."

Paul's words express my sentiment as I pray for you. I rejoice for the partnership we have in the Gospel and give thanks for your financial stewardship that so graciously supports MI.

May the gracious hand of our God be upon you and yours.

In Christ,

Per Nilsen, President of **The Master's Institute**

# Meier Architecture and Engineering -- First Workshop

Excitement was in the air Sunday, August 24, as Meier Architecture and Engineering conducted its first of two facility "brainstorming" workshops for our congregation! Ideas flowed from the mouths of participants for two full hours -- as we populated wish lists representing five geographic areas and then interactively prioritized our identified wants and needs.

In all, 62 people took part in the exercise led by Meier Senior Architect Ed Luebben. Participants were a good mix of men and women, adults and children, new and long-time members. And *everyone* remained actively "engaged" in the process from 12:00 noon (after the second service and a few yummy pieces of pizza) to 2:00 PM.

Surprises abounded! Solid themes and variations on themes were interspersed with absolutely brilliant ideas no one had ever expressed before. It was truly a VERY spiritual and productive two hours.

Most heartwarming for me was seeing our members working so closely and enthusiastically, side by side for Christ and the future of our church. The "body of Christ" was functioning as one, and you could *feel* it!



**Idea Sheet - Building Facilities Committee**

**Our Vision:** *Highland Lutheran Church is a congregation of Christ followers who are making Jesus Christ known to all people and advancing His Kingdom.*

**Our Mission:** *Highland Lutheran Church fulfills its vision and calling by entering and engaging the world as God himself did through the person and work of Jesus Christ.*

Considering our vision and mission, how would you redefine the space outside the sanctuary doors (from the Narthex to the Education Wing)? What improvements would you like to see? What is on your wish list? All ideas are welcomed! *Written* statements tied to our vision and mission would be especially useful to the Facilities Building Committee.

**Example:**

- If the front of our church was more apparent, then visitors would have an easier time finding the entrance.
- If we had more restrooms (and some showers), then we could host events such as "Walk with Christ."

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If you couldn't attend the first workshop, please join us Tuesday, September 16, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for the second workshop. If that's not possible, make your ideas known in another way. Fill out an Idea Sheet and place it in the Idea Box in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. Submit your ideas on the RLC web site. Tell your ideas to one of the Facilities Building Committee members -- Russ Warren, Dave Larkin, Jon Erlandson, Steve Moritz, Eric Schmieman, Tom Pitkin, or Karin Nickola.

Be a part of the effort that re-energizes and expands our church and its 21<sup>st</sup> century ministries. We look forward to hearing from you!

Karin Nickola

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## ANNIVERSARIES

**September 1**  
Shirley & Jerry Johnson

**September 5**  
Elaine & Pastor Hogan  
Curt & Karen Juergens

**September 6**  
Jann & Emil Leitz  
Sharleen & Glenn  
Thesenvitz

**September 7**  
Lynne & Harry Rice

**September 8**  
Jan & Erlan Leitz

**September 9**  
Gloria & Russell Richman

**September 10**  
Lisa & Jason Corning  
Elaine & Irv Solbrack  
Irene & Richard Ulvin

**September 12**  
Janice & John Fulton  
Patti & Tom Miller

**September 15**  
Lauren & Rob Crum

**September 16**  
Margaret & Jerry Dagle  
Jean & Roland Thompson

**September 17**  
Laurel & Matthew  
Palmsblad

**September 20**  
Lynn & Joel Tanasse  
Loris & Jack Tellefson  
Joanne & Bernie Woehle

**September 21**  
Gayla & Terry Davis

**September 23**  
Betty and Felix Quinn

**September 24**  
Lauren & Rusty Heaslet

**September 26**  
Lois & Larry Harrold

**September 27**  
Kelly & Brian  
Duchscherer  
Amy & Josh Gardner  
Lori & Todd Hanson

**September 28**  
Lori & Michael Hogan  
Brenda & Andrew Hoyt

**September 29**  
Ruby & James Ulseth

## BIRTHDAYS

**September 1**  
Ila Pitkin  
Judy Simonen

**September 2**  
Morgan Oberlander

**September 3**  
Kora Carter  
Jantz Levin

**September 4**  
Tammy Carswell  
Carol Goplen  
Avalyn Hogan  
Vickie Kelly

**September 5**  
Alesia Chaney  
Benjamin Kelly

**September 6**  
Jacqueline Foss  
Nancy Jewell

**September 7**  
Steve Moritz

**September 8**  
Adele Sorensen

**September 9**  
Rhet McCullough  
Madeline Miller

**September 10**  
Chelsey Bettinson  
Sophia Fetrow  
Kathy Killand  
Susan Miller  
Shaune Salter  
Jeri Sandberg  
Angela Scherer

**September 11**  
Alec Richardson  
Don Schmid  
Janet Sliter

**September 12**  
Payton Barry  
Ken Dodge  
Isabella Fetrow  
Jennifer Williams

**September 13**  
Scott Conrad  
Mary Lipton  
Kristin Mensinger  
Walker Miller

**September 14**  
Ruth Vail

**September 15**  
Kathy Snyder

**September 16**  
Dorothy Beyer  
Roland Harvey  
Cheryl Nixon

**September 17**  
Iris Purtzer

**September 18**  
Jacquelyn Cross  
Ben Hoffner  
Nancy Olsen  
Vivian Stangeland

**September 19**  
Brian Duchscherer  
Carl Schroeder, Jr.  
Roland Thompson

**September 20**  
Lindsey Bussell  
Chelsea Johnson  
Joan Perham

**September 21**  
John Bartholomew  
Sherry Foreman  
Kurt Imhoff  
John Lesser  
Mallory Mercer  
Sue Vernon

**September 23**  
Julie Deen  
Eileen Koski  
Irene Ulvin

**September 24**  
Mary Jo Schroeder

**September 25**  
Olen Bishop  
Doloros Erickson  
Kaylyn Lesser

**September 26**  
Patty Newton  
Leah Smith

**September 27**  
Elaine Davis  
Dragica Vukojevic

**September 28**  
Stacy McCullough  
Debbie Simonen

**September 30**  
Lila Andor  
Jaime Femreite  
Peter Mattich  
Jason Prigge





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### **Worship Schedule**

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

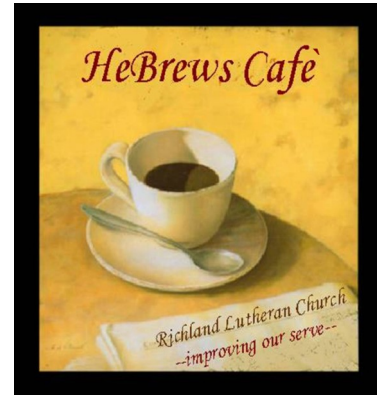
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sundays at 11:00 AM

**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.***

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