



Sing All by Joseph Farrar

I grew up in the Methodist tradition. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, was the brother of hymn writer Charles Wesley, whose hymns are sung by many Christian churches of all denominations, including ours. Because of the things we value at Richland Lutheran Church, I believe the Wesleys would be right at home in our worship services, perhaps, I dare say, more than many modern United Methodist Churches.

In a 1761 edition of "Select Hymns," John Wesley committed to paper his "Directions for Singing." There are seven of them, and though I may write later on the others, I'm going to highlight two of them for you today.

III. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a single degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.

Beloved Church, allow me to exhort you and encourage you. No matter what worship service you attend, no matter what you believe your vocal ability to be, whether or not you know the song very well (that's why we sing several verses), whether or not you even LIKE to sing, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE! The more you do it, the better you will become at it, the better you will know the songs, and the more you will enjoy it. It will INDEED become a blessing. Men, I'm especially looking at you here. Our culture squashes men from participating in music and other arts when they are young, convincing them that it is somehow . . . unmasculine. When a group of men lift up their voices in song together (as you have the opportunity to do on our current setting of "This Is The Feast," I can't think of anything that is more manly.

IV. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, then when you sung the songs of Satan.

As a friend of mine used to say, "If you can't say 'Amen', then say, 'OUCH!'" Again, I implore you, beloved of God to "Lift up your voice with strength." I came to a great realization when I lived in New Orleans. God was working on me regarding how I felt about how some display their emotional response in worship. I was definitely judgemental about some of these things. During Mardi Gras one year, it dawned on me that here are hundreds of thousands of people (including me) lifting their hands and voices up to a float made of paper and paint with excitement to receive a nearly worthless strand of plastic beads, yet I would judge someone about how excited they were to receive what we have to receive from Jesus

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Member Directory Changes

No changes this month

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

September 7 Summer Thea Spinato

Weddings

September 20 Mary Fischer and David Stone

Memorial/Funeral

None

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From Pastor Steve

DID YOU
KNOW



DID YOU KNOW...Our denomination/affiliation Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) has 832 total congregations? Of these congregations, 715 are in the United States representing 40 states and 2 territories. The others are international congregations representing 14 countries. That's not too shabby considering it was only 13 1/2 years ago we started with 25 charter congregations.

DID YOU KNOW...That student performance significantly increased for students in the Jefferson Elementary School tutoring program? Yep, mean average expected growth was 12.8 percent; growth for students in the tutoring program was 22.9 per cent.

DID YOU KNOW...That we have 31 students that need tutors? Yep, but we only have 16 tutors. So, we really could use some additional tutors. Call Ann Brandes, 735-1658, or contact the church office.

DID YOU KNOW...Our very own Ryan Warren is working across the street at Stevens Park to satisfy his Eagle Scout Project? That's right! He is building a restroom facility for the City of Richland that will serve those who use the park. This will come in quite handy when we hold our annual block party there.

DID YOU KNOW...Child care is being provided on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. to assist parents involved in WILD, SuperKids, and the Family Project. If you're interested in these programs please feel free to take advantage of child care in the nursery.



Sing All, Continued

Christ. How excited do we get about our favorite football or other sports teams, and how do we greet them as they enter the stadium? Now, I love football (Go Saints!) and to tell the truth, I still love Mardi Gras, but I'm absolutely dedicated to getting that excited and MORE about the presence of God in our midst during worship.

Think these things over, friends, and if you want to take it even a step farther, contact me at joseph.farrar@richlandlutheran.org and let's talk about how you get involved in Music and Worship Ministry. Now is a particularly great time to join the choir as we are just beginning preparations for our Christmas Cantata, "Night of the Father's Love."

Financial Report - August 2014

As reflected in the financial summary below, our financial results through August are reflecting a positive trend compared to our financial results in 2013. Our offerings are up \$13,422 or 2.9% higher than last year for the same period. Our expenses are down \$(6,227) or 1.2% less than the same time last year. For the year, our offerings are below expenses by \$(27,169) compared to (\$46,818) in 2013, a change from last year of \$19,649. 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)	\$ 483,602	\$ 470,180	\$ 13,422
Expenses	\$ 449,181	\$481,911	\$ (32,730)	\$ 510,771	\$ 516,998	\$(6,227)
Net Cash Flow	<u>\$(21,579)</u>	<u>\$(29,991)</u>	<u>\$ 8,412</u>	<u>\$(27,169)</u>	<u>\$(46,818)</u>	<u>\$ 19,649</u>

For the year, actual offerings are below budget by \$(45,598) and actual expenses are under budget by \$(38,976).

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 August, our actual weekly average of offerings/income is \$13,817, or (\$2,333) 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, Director of Church Administration at 943-3164 or debbie.stankovich@richlandlutheran.org.

From the Council

October is here! The beginning of fall is upon us as well as the annual congregational meeting. Members of the congregation council and staff have been meeting over the past few months developing and prayerfully considering the operating budget for 2015. This can be a challenging time, because no one really knows what our offerings and tithes will be in the upcoming year. It is a time when we need to trust God for wisdom and faith that he will meet all our needs.

Throughout scripture, it teaches us about being a joyful and generous giver as well as the benefits we receive from giving. Giving is really more of an attitude toward life than it is a specific act at one time or another. God has created us to be givers. It isn't something we have to do in order to please him so much as it's something we need to do to keep us healthy. We are healthy and whole when we are both giving and receiving. When we give, we are simply reflecting God's image – he who gave everything!

St Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop, but the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully'. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

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From the Council, Continued

We may hesitate to give generously to God because we worry we don't have enough money left over to meet our needs. Paul assured the Corinthians that God was able to meet their needs.

At the annual meeting, you will be asked to approve the recommended operating budget for 2015. It is also the time to prayerfully consider what God is asking you to give to His ministry at RLC and the organizations we support through our benevolences.

Rich Olsen, Finance Officer

RLC Foundation Purpose

The purpose of the RLC Foundation is to undertake new ministries which otherwise would not be possible within the fiscal limits of the regular church budget. The RLC Foundation receives, administers, invests, and supervises distribution of such funds through enduring endowments, the result of giving over and above the pledging and tithing of the congregation to the regular church budget. Gifts may be made in many other forms: gifts through wills, transfers in trust, gift annuities, life insurance, life and income trusts, stocks, bonds, real estate and personal property.

Donors to United Way may designate the RLC Foundation to receive their gift. Also, Thrivent Members can designate Thrivent Choice distributions for the RLC Foundation. Thus, if the desire to give is present, almost anyone can share in making the Foundation a more effective organization in carrying out the mission and ministry of our Lord – now and in the future.

The RLC Foundation Seeded Ministries include radio programs, the neighborhood ministry program (the block party), Jefferson Elementary Tutoring program and jump starting the RLC Long Range Planning Committee's Architectural Fund with matching funds among many others. The RLC Foundation is there to seed new ministries in our church.

Contact Jeff Dagle, RLC Foundation President, for more information. There are brochures and more information in the racks in the Prince of Peace fellowship center.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

Presidents' Perspectives - The Annual Meeting

In the next few days you should see copies of the agenda and background information for the **Congregation's Annual Meeting** scheduled for **Sunday, October 26**. This is going to be a meeting where you will learn both where we have been this past year but even more important where we believe God is leading us for the next year. Get this on your calendars now! You won't want to miss this event.

Hear what the Staff and Council have to say in their reports about how 2014 has gone as well as getting an update on our finance.

Get an update on progress from the Facilities Building Committee. Two meetings have been held for the Congregation to give the committee your ideas of what needs to be changed to make our facilities more effective for ministry. Work has been ongoing since then to compile a prioritized list of those changes.

Get an update on progress toward the goals of the Guide and Vision, our long range plan. Council last month approved a few changes which you will also hear about.

You approved changes in our Constitution last year and they now need to be ratified by a second affirmative vote to make them effective. In addition, we have a few new minor proposed changes for your consideration as well as an important change to give flexibility to the Council to draw on operating reserve funds should a urgent need come up during the year that we didn't anticipate.

You will get to vote on your leadership as we add members to the Nominating Committee and to the Council membership.

We will look to our future as we consider a proposed Annual Ministry Plan for 2015 and a budget to support it.

We will be asking for your approval to use operating fund reserves to pay for a needed professional audit of the church's finances. This has been recommended by our internal Audit Committee.

The last item I want to make you aware of is the Audit Committee has recommended that the Congregation make a definite decision on whether to continue or drop plans for an off-site retreat center. No progress has been made on the retreat center for several years and input we are now getting from you suggests that we should consider instead an urban retreat center within our facilities in Richland. Should you decide to not proceed with the off-site retreat center then Richland Lutheran Church will return the money you have donated or ask if you are willing to repurpose it for the remodeling/construction of our facilities here.

Dave Larkin – Congregation President

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 26, 2014

following the 11:00 service

Meet the Council Nominees

After prayerful consideration and several meetings, the Nominating Committee has agreed to put forth the following members of Richland Lutheran Church to stand for elections to serve on the Congregational Council for the next two years.

Candidates are:

- Sarah Hagensen, Member-at-Large (pic/bio below)
- Todd Maier, Member-at-Large (pic/bio below)
- Norm Gillette, Member-at-Large, incumbent
- Joel Sorensen, Secretary, incumbent

Sarah Hagensen:

I am a busy mom to three great kids and happily married to my husband, Alan, of 13 years. I have attended RLC the past 13 years and during that time I have been involved in various areas including teaching Sunday school and VBS, volunteering in the nursery, serving as a member of the most recent worship leader search team, and an interim council member when there became a vacancy in February. Prior to having children I taught 7th grade math and science. In addition to spending time with my family I enjoy the outdoors, watching hockey, photography, and sewing.



Todd Maier:

A lifelong Lutheran growing up in Bend, Oregon, where he met and married Lori (29 years ago). Has five grown children. Has been living in the Tri-Cities for 17 years. Has attended Richland Lutheran for nine years (prior to that, Lord of Life Lutheran in Kennewick). Works as a Automation Engineer for Bechtel.

Benevolence Thanks

Dear Friends in Christ,
You're a vital ingredient of the recipe for a great summer at **Lutherhaven** Ministries Bible Camp. Your overflowing measure of prayer, advocacy and financial support isn't just icing on our cake. In oh, so many ways your generosity ensures that concoction called summer camp at Lutherhaven Ministries impacts more and more kids and families and congregations and communities, for the sake of Jesus!



Thanks for your recent gift to Lutherhaven. Our recipe for camp just doesn't work without you.

Your servant in Jesus,
Bob Baker, Executive Director

October 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, for the most current information. Please note that not all activities, especially Growth Group meetings and Circles, are actually held at the church.

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 8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Good News Today
 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

6
 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 Breaking Free Bible Study

7
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248
 7:00 PM Outreach Team

12
 8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Good News Today
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Café
 9:45 AM New Members Class
 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks
 11:00 AM Worship
 1:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Pickup
 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse
 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group

13
 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

14
 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248
 7:00 PM Congregation Council

19
 8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Good News Today
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Café
 9:45 AM New Members Class
 11:00 AM Worship
 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team
 6:00 PM Confirmation Banquet
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse
 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group

20
 9:00 AM Play Date
 9:00 AM LWR Packing
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Growth Group
 6:30 PM Grapple Bible Study
 7:00 PM Breaking Free Bible Study

21
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248

26
 8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Good News Today
 9:45 AM Education Hour/HeBrews Café
 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks
 11:00 AM Worship
12:15 PM Annual Congregational Meeting
 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse
 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Growth Group
 7:00 PM UGM Service

27
 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

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 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248

October 2014

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Activities for Kids

SUPER KIDS OCTOBER 2014



October 1 - God lets us make choices!
October 8 - God cares why we do things!
October 15 - We can obey God!
October 22 - God keeps His promises!
October 29 - Let's put God first!

Admiral Awesome and Professor Peabody continue to venture through the book of Genesis discovering God's TRUTH for our lives today!

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

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

Operation Christmas Child October 2014

Item of the Month — Gum, Life Saver Rolls and \$7 Shipping Fee per box

This month, we're looking for packaged gum and rolls of Life Savers, and monetary donations to cover the shipping fee of \$7 per box. Gum and Life Savers may 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!

For more information contact Jenny Page (jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org)



Middle School Confirmation Retreat

CONFIRMATION RETREAT IS OCTOBER 10-12!

Cost is \$75. We'll meet at 5pm at RLC on the 10th and travel to Bar M Ranch (outside of Pendleton) and return by 1pm on the 12th. Please sign up on the yellow worship slip or email office@richlandlutheran.org

Youth Activities

Middle School!

Grades 6-8



- Oct. 1** - Free cheese is ALWAYS available in mousetraps, part 2
- Oct. 8** - Park games!!
- Oct. 15** - God's plan for the middle school remix, part 1
- Oct. 22** - God's plan for the middle school remix, part 2
- Oct. 29** - Hero night! (Come dressed as your favorite hero)

WILD! is off on 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, 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

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!

- 10/5:** Song study and other stuff
- 10/12:** Bowling night or some other fun things
- 10/19:** Confirmation Banquet (High schoolers will serve!)
- 10/26:** UGM Service

The 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!

October 19th at 6:00 PM, is our annual Confirmation Banquet to honor those who are confirming their faith on November 2. Please rsvp to office@richlandlutheran.org with a headcount.

November 2 is Confirmation Sunday. Come out and support your 9th grade confirmands at the 11:00 service!

It's Taken Me a Long Time to Look *This Good*

Readers of this column (your feedback tells me that there are some), might remember the character “Fonzie” from the TV sitcom, *Happy Days*. Almost every episode, “The Fonz” would stop at a mirror, run a comb through his hair, gaze at his reflection, give himself a “two thumbs up” sign and declare, “Hey! Lookin’ good!” It was a comedic “running joke” that always got a laugh. What made us smile was that this routine pointed out something rather narcissistic in all of us. Narcissus, after whom this tendency is named, was the young fellow in Greek mythology who fell in love with his own reflection. Fonzie, according to the dress and hairstyles of the day, was considered good looking. Anybody who has seen the actor - who played that character - lately, in recent ads or programs, can see he’s still a nice looking man; but he’s looking older and more age appropriate!

I was *never*, to use a dated cultural-generational idiom, “the cat’s pajamas” - or a trend-setter. I wasn’t much to remark about, in terms of my countenance, bearing or sartorial splendor. In junior high, it was “cool” to have a pink corduroy shirt, and “ivy league” slacks with a buckle strap on the back (unbuckled!) . I bought the outfit, and within two weeks the fad was over. Nehru jackets went out of style so fast, I didn’t get an chance to kill them off. My sister claimed there weren’t many baby pictures of me because Mom didn’t think I looked so hot. I don’t know if that’s true; but I *was*, according to the idiom of the time, “sickly” as a child. My wife told me I have my Mom’s hands and laugh. I gazed into a mirror in my mid-40’s and declared, “Dad! What are *you* doing here?” Cousins tell me I resemble my dad. I *hope* they’re not inferring I resemble him in his 90’s! By *that* stage, he, who’d *always* been declared to be such a dapper English/Irishman, was often found wearing a ratty faded yellow shirt with best-forgotten ugly plaid pants and an old red bandana hanging out of the back pocket, as he toiled away in his flower garden! Any similarities *must* be genetic - after all, his name was Gene!

A favorite *Peanuts* strip involves Snoopy wearing snazzy jogging shorts, tennis shoes, dark glasses and a sweat band - out for his morning run. Charlie Brown comes into the picture as Snoopy runs toward him. He says to Snoopy, “*I’ve been watching you from a long way off, and you’re looking good.*” The thought balloon over Snoopy’s head says, “*It’s important to look good at a distance.*” Too much of our life is spent trying to convince people/God we’re looking good at a distance. Upon *closer* reflection, we’re the culmination of all our hypocrisy and misdeeds. We might fool ourselves and others; but we’re *not* fooling God. *He* sees us “up close and personal” from a long way off. The psalmist says (**Psalm 139:7**) it’s not *possible* to flee from God’s Spirit/presence. Pastor Corey reminded us in a sermon, when talking about God’s omnipresence, it means *all* things are present before God. Don’t be the person in **James 1:34, 24**, forgetting what you look like in the mirror of God’s Word. Obey *IT* as you run to God; you’ll resemble Jesus!

Pastor Dave

A Thank You and A Volunteer Opportunity

A huge thank you to all the wonderful greeters I’ve worked with over the years. Time has come for me to turn this over to someone else more engaged with the congregation at both services. It was a pleasure working with all of you.
Margie Kickert

We would also like to thank Margie for her years as a volunteer scheduling our Church Friends (Greeters) for worship services! If you would be interested in scheduling folks to be greeters please call Joanne Woehle at the church office.

Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday October 5</i>	<i>Sunday October 12</i>	<i>Sunday October 19</i>	<i>Sunday October 26</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Jim Peterson	Laura Stevens	Peggy Pilger	Peggy Pilger
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Elaine Keyes	Len Ross	Sue Meek
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Aiden Lesser Anna Lesser	Mikayla Mars Rhet McCullough	Adam Pilger Madeline Pilger	Kaleb Prigge Kyle Prigge
	11:00 AM	Jennifer Williams Kenny You	Carlyle Keyes Zeke Ernst	Andrew Miles Daniel Miles	Coley Levin Janz Levin
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H -Karen & Mike Schwartz A-John & Kiane Lesser	H-Mac Dixson Bruce Lander A-Harold Hogue Jim Peterson	H-Mac Dixson Fred Kremmer A-Chuck McCarger Jon Erlandson	H-Larry Corning Jon Erlandson A-Eunice & Gary Weible
	11:00 AM	H-Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A-Jean Loss Jim Loss	H-Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck A-Rick Snyder Carol Hexum	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	Pam Hedges Kathy Killand Jeff Pilger Marge Hogue	Jenifer Haler Larry Haler Pam Hedges Clarine Watkins	Charles Davis Erlan Leitz Jan Leitz	Jami Prigge Jason Prigge Clarine Watkins
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark Jeff Sperline Amy Sperline Ginnette Ernst	Heidi Dagle Kelly Westlund Jon Page Ginnette Ernst	Amy Sperline Jeff Sperline Heidi Dagle	Jenny Page Jon Page Kelly Westlund
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion</i>	Saturday 5:00 PM	Nancy Ballard	Judy & Carl Schroeder	Ann & Dave Brandes	Joanne Woehle
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Sunday After 8:30 AM	Lois Harrold Karin Nickola	Carol Schmid	Pamela Warren Rick Nunamaker	Mike & MaryJo Schroeder
<i>Clean Up Com- munion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Kelly Westlund	Doloros Erickson	*****	Jean Loss
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Jim & Sue Worgull	Carol Schmid	Norm and Sara Gillette
	11:00 AM	*****	Kelly Westlund	LaVonne Scully	Rick & Kathy Snyder
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM	Lori Lachut Jim Lachut	Kiane Lesser Anna Lesser	John Huebner Karen Juergens	Mary Lipton Nathan Lipton
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Kira Westlund	Julie Bishop *****	Trina Miles Andrew Miles	Melissa Schmid Sarah/Katie Schmid
<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Bob Thompson	Jim Moran	Larry Haler	Bob Thompson
<i>Tech Direc- tor/Live Stream Coordinator</i>	8:30 AM	Jim Moran	Mike Schwartz	Brian Killand	Mike Stankovich

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. 943-3164

Worship Support, Continued

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday October 5</i>	<i>Sunday October 12</i>	<i>Sunday October 19</i>	<i>Sunday October 26</i>
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	#1—Fred Kremmer #2—Ken Meek	#1—Paul Hedges #2—Don Schmid	#1—Andy Clark #2—Robert Warren	#1—Ryan Warren #2—Larry Haler
<i>Editor/ Post Production</i>	8:30 AM	Karen Rogers	Bob Thompson	Mike Stankovich	Karen Rogers
<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	Alicia Phaneuf Alan Hagensen	Rick Budzeck Bettinson	Jana Strasburg Mike Stankovich	Rick Snyder Rich Barchet
<i>Sat. Evening Worship Support</i>					
<i>Cashiers</i>		Nancy Ballard Marge Hogue	Kathy Snyder Janet Budzeck	Judy Riggers Debbie Honeyman	Nancy Ballard Doris Barchet
<i>Recycle</i>		Carol Schmid	Fred Kremmer	LaVonne Scully	Jeff & Heidi Dagle
<i>Flowers</i>		Dixson	H & L Solbrack		

WOMEN! SAVE THE DATE!

My Heart . . . A Manger

Enjoy dinner by candlelight, worship, music, and inspirational messages as we help each other prepare our hearts for the baby Jesus this Advent.

Friday, November 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM

\$15 per person

Reserved seating. Tickets are limited and go on sale Saturday, October 11, and must be purchased by Friday, November 7, 2014.

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

October 1
Melissa & Don Schmid

October 3
Rebecca & Steven Skinner

October 4
Karin & John Cagle
Judy & Ed Simonen

October 5
Allison & Seth Thompson

October 7
John Drewrey & Jen Ranta
Kris & Cameron Mitchell
Sue & Bill Peterson

October 8
Debbie & Steve Moritz

October 12
Judy & Carl Schroeder

October 14
Joan & Peter Mattich
Lillian & Henry Solbrack

October 17
Sharon & Steve Gano
Leslie & Steve Richardson

October 18
Kimberly & Jeff Ziemer

October 21
Michelle & Loren Peterson

October 24
Mary & Andrew Lipton
Sue & Jim Worgull

October 25
Jeri & Tom Frislie
Bettye & John Samuel

October 27
Sue & Allen Vernon

BIRTHDAYS

October 1
Kendall Conrad
Karen Juergens
Thomas Miller
Christina Schulz

October 2
Myrtle Nesbitt

October 3
Kathy Baumgarten
Justin Destito
Dean Oberlander

October 4
Sally Giller
Lila Hagensen

October 5
Darrell Miles
Glenn Thesenvitz

October 6
Bruce Chaney
Grace Davis
Trenton Duchscherer
Soren Miles
Boone Myers
Jordan Smith

October 7
Mike Stankovich
Andrew Villegas
Milutin Vukojevic

October 8
Eunice Weible

October 9
Jared Goplen
Judy Schroeder

October 10
David Juergens
Michael Schroeder
Clay Underwood

October 12
Corrine Armstrong
James Hardman
Carmen Whelan

October 13
Aiden Pardini
Cayden Tanasse

October 14
Erik Bratvold, II
Leonard Lust
Bea Skinner
Bill Venema
Sharon Wunschel

October 15
Shayla Carter
Dennis Larsen
Corki Mraz
Alma Utecht
Mark Williams

October 16
Chuck Fordham
John Fulton

October 17
Terry Davis
Linda Totten

October 18
Alexis Foss
Jaida Wiley

October 19
Kiley Johnson
Jon Putz

October 20
Hans Miles
Katherine Pardini
Lorrie Rogers

October 21
Elaine Boday
Ana Montoya
Rich Olenius

October 22
Freja Elrod
Hannah Mitchell

October 24
Virgina Glasford
Thomas Pitkin
Blake Vopalensky

October 25
Sharon Gano

October 26
Johnny Boynton
Jeff Sperline
Ann Tolrud
Clarine Watkins

October 27
Corrine Corbin
Kelly Duchscherer

October 28
Carmie Peterson

October 29
Judy Eller
Woody Page
Gerald Sandness
Elaine Solbrack

October 30
Steve Gano
Jim Loss
Elijah Rodriguez
Ollie Stolte

October 31
Lisa Corning
Jeff Gano
Tom Griffin
Elizabeth Kelly
Debbie Maier

GNMM Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 8

It's almost time for the annual GNMM Arts and Crafts Fair at RLC. Handmade crafted items are greatly appreciated. We welcome all participants. This is a wonderful time to join in the opportunities of service and fellowship in support of Good News Media Ministry. **All proceeds go to Good News Media Ministry.**

To request a table to sell your creations, please sign up on the form below. To volunteer to work, please sign up below. You can also sign up online by going to the church website at www.richland-lutheran.org.

_____ Please reserve a table for me/us. I understand all proceeds go to GNMM. I will have my own change and I will be there to sell my items.

_____ I would like to share a table with someone. I will have my own change and I will be there to sell my items.

_____ I have items to contribute. I cannot be there to sell, but I will make arrangements to have them at the church no later than 1:00 PM on Friday, November 7. I will price my own items.

_____ I have no items to share, but I would like to help sell someone else's items at the Miscellaneous Table or help sell at the Bake Sale Table. I can be there: _____ all day or _____ (list the time you are available.)

_____ I will bake goodies for the Bake Sale Table (bread, rolls, cookies, cakes, muffins, fudge, lefse, etc). I will wrap them for sale and price each item. We will need many of these items.

_____ I will make a pie(s) for the Pie and Coffee Table.
NO CREAM OR PUMPKIN PIES, PLEASE.

_____ I will help with setup on Friday, November 7, 9 AM - 3 PM and/or

_____ I will help with cleanup on Saturday, November 8, from 2-4 PM.

Items may be dropped off beginning Thursday morning, November 6, through Friday, November 7, no later than 1:00 PM. Please be sure all items are priced.

Name _____ Phone _____

Please leave the completed form in the offering plate or place it in the mailbox of one of the persons listed below. If you have any questions, please contact:

Nancy Ballard 946-3255

Norene Erlandson 375-5360

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Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 8:30 AM

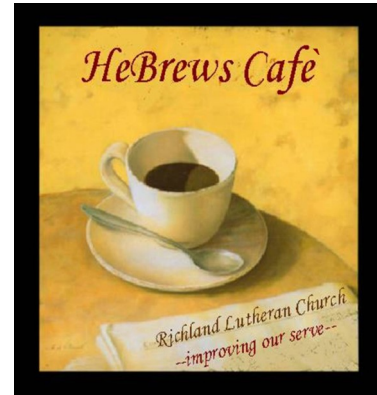
Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 11:00 AM

Worship with Holy Communion
Saturdays at 5:00 PM

*And when circumstances beyond your control prevent
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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
Kingdom!***

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

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