#### November 2014



## Dedication of 2015 Intended Giving

#### TEACH CALLENCE CONNECTION CONNECT

## WEEKENDS:

**COVENANT** 

November 15 - 16 and 22 - 23, 2014

It's time to kick off our new stewardship emphasis, *Extravagant Generosity*! Our pastors will be preaching a series entitled "The Beneficiaries of Extravagant Generosity" the first four weekends in November.

Using the text of 2 Corinthians 9:8-14, each sermon will highlight who benefits from extravagant givers. Each week will strengthen our understanding of the importance of giving, while also affirming and encouraging us as well.

November 1-2 November 8-9 November 15-16 November 22-23

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

The Giver Benefits The Recipients Benefit God Benefits The Church Benefits 2 Corinthians 9:8-11
2 Corinthians 9:12
2 Corinthians 9:11-12
2 Corinthians 9:13-14

You are encouraged to bring your Bibles to church, follow along with the blue study sheets, and absorb the fullness of the Bible text.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

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 9:11

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 2 Corinthians 9:12

And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 2 Corinthians 9:14

Take the Extravagant Generosity challenge and prayerfully consider what God is asking of you in this spiritual discipline. You won't be disappointed!

The Preview

#### **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

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#### **Pastoral Acts**

October 23

John D. Carter Kora Carter Shayla Carter

Weddings None

#### **Memorial/Funeral**

October 4 October 18 Jean Moore Pete Lakey Edie Lakey

## The following fifth graders celebrated their first communion on October 5:

Orlando Barillas, Logan Riensche, Jason Schroeder, Joey Weissenfels, and Trey Wiegand

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#### **From Pastor Steve**



DID YOU KNOW...As a way to show you, our congregation, we are thankful for you, the staff and I will be hosting a light dinner prior to the Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday, November 26, starting at 5:30 PM. After dinner, we will worship together in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM sharing our thanks and gratitude for God's faithfulness in our ministry and lives. Please call the church office to let us know you'll be joining us. *"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3* 

DID YOU KNOW...The Visitation Ministry Team is holding an interest and information meeting for the congregation at Hebrew's Café on Sunday, November 23? There are some exciting things going on in this ministry and we're going to share them with you. There will also be an opportunity to get involved in this ministry if that is where the Holy Spirit is leading you. No need to sign-up, just join us for coffee and refreshments between services. *"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."* James 5:14



DID YOU KNOW...The Congregation Council has made some necessary changes to staffing and has put together a staffing committee to evaluate future staffing needs and configuration at RLC to fit with our ministry vision and structure? All of this will have been covered at the annual congregational meeting last Sunday but in case you missed it, here it is. With the adoption of the RLC Ministry Matrix and other staffing changes in the last couple of years the Council has made the following changes to take effect January 1, 2015.

First, the responsibility for visitation has been reassigned to our two full-time, ordained pastors and the developing Visitation Ministry Team. While temporarily without the above, we were blessed to have Pastor Dave step up to fill this gap while we laid the groundwork for a lay-led visitation ministry. Pastor Dave has worked over the past three years to develop both the visitation ministry and to train a lay team to assume this ministry and we appreciate his service. Second, the hours allocated for the Ministry Assistant for Spiritual Transformation (Jenny Page) will increase from 20 to 28 hours per week in 2015 in order meet the growing needs of that particular ministry. Finally, the redistribution of duties based on the Ministry Matrix allowed for the position of Director of Administration (Debbie Stankovich) to be reduced to 35 hours per week.

The committee assembled by the Council to look at staffing will be paying immediate attention to the area of Biblical Stewardship. With an opening currently in the Property and Grounds Coordinator position and the

expected retirement of our Director of Administration in 2016 the Council believes, and I agree, they have an opportunity and responsibility to diligently consider God's direction here. Asking him, "what would serve our congregation best in this area as we move into the future?" As that work is accomplished, the committee will continue its work into the three other areas of ministry to come up with an intentional strategy and plan for all future staffing that fits with our ministry and mission. "*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him*" James 1:5



## **Financial Report**

	YTD - September			Prior Year Comparison			
	Actuals	Budget	Var O/(U)	2014	2013	Var O/(U)	
Offerings / Income	\$ 585,480	\$554,063	\$ 31,417	\$ 554,063	\$ 533,871	\$ 20,191	
Expenses	\$ 616,531	\$573,492	\$ 43,040	\$ 573,492	\$ 573,741	\$( 249)	
Net Cash Flow	\$(31,051)	\$(19,429)	\$ (11,622)	\$(19,429)	\$(39,869)	\$ 20,441	

## Third Quarter Benevolence Distribution

Following is a list of local ministries where benevolence dollars for the third quarter of 2014 were sent. There were some extra dollars leftover from a previous year that were included in this quarter's giving. In the first and second quarters, benevolence was sent to worldwide ministries and national and regional ministries.

Grace Clinic	\$1,500
Habitat for Humanity	2,500
Ignite Youth Mentoring	2,500
Second Harvest	3,000
Tri-Cities Chaplaincy	2,000
Union Gospel Mission	2,000
New Hope Farms	2,000
Luther Senior Center	2,000
Jubilee Boys Ranch	1,500
Fields of Grace	1,000
Heart for the Fatherless	1,000
Tri-City Pregnancy Network	1,000
Cork's Place (at Tri-Cities Chaplaincy)	) 1,200
RLC Urgent Assistance Funds	5,000.07
Penley Mission Fund	1,500
Voice of the Martyrs	500
Open Doors	1,000
TOTAL	\$31,200.07

## Lutheran World Relief Packing Update

Our sanctuary looked so colorful with all the beautiful quilts draped over the pews as they were blessed. Packing for Lutheran World Relief went well. There were lots of "oohs" and "ahs" over the baby sweaters the knitting group had made for the baby care kits. Thank you to all who so generously gave items for these kits. This will mean so much to those who receive one of them. A big thank you, also, to those who helped pack the boxes. They were delivered to Spokane by Don and LaVonne Scully.



## From the Council

Objective 6 of the 2013 Richland Lutheran Church Long Range Plan ("Our Guide for Today, Our Vision for Tomorrow") states that:

"...Richland Lutheran Church is a congregation that makes effective use of the resources provided by God to support His work."

It calls for increasing the time and talents that are donated by individuals to support the ministry and missions of Richland Lutheran Church" and to "...encourage everyone to discover and use their spiritual talents.

It occurs to me that within Richland Lutheran Church, there is a great, but often unrealized potential within its members to further ministry and missions of Richland Lutheran Church. We share our financial resources generously, and that is a wonderful thing. However, we are often less generous with our time and talents, rationalizing that the pastors or other staff, or others in the congregation will take care of it.

In his book, <u>I Am a Church Member</u>, Thom S. Rainer states "...with church membership everyone has a role or function. Church membership is founded on love. Authentic, biblical, unconditional love. Church membership is functioning membership. You should ask yourself and God in prayer, "...how can I best serve my church?" You should never ask yourself if you should be serving your church. If you are a member, you must be a functioning member. It's just that simple."

In his "First Pledge" Mr. Ranier reminds each of us that:

Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member whether I am an "eye," an "ear," or a "hand." As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Cor. 12:26).

The message is simple: as members of Richland Lutheran Church, we are obligated to serve in whatever way we can. It is <u>our responsibility</u> to seek out ways to serve beyond putting a check in the offering plate. All are called to volunteer freely and not wait to be asked.

Joel Sorensen, Secretary

#### **Benevolence Thanks**

Dear Richland Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your contribution to **Fields of Grace**. What a generous donation! Your support will help us to continue to provide fresh produce to area food banks and the families that they serve. Together, we can then offer nutritious and delicious options for those who are in need within our community.

As we are reminded in Scripture, "If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-andout, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight." (Isaiah 59:10, The Message)

We pray that God will bless your church in abundant ways.

With thanks and blessings, John Neill, Executive Director

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Shalom,

Thank you for your support over the years. Right now over half of our **Jews for Jesus** missionary staff are in harm's way in Israel and the Ukraine. Pray that we will be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" and we continue to "occupy until He comes."

Peter Sandberg, Jews for Jesus

## Presidents' Perspectives - Travels in Turkey

By the time you read this Carol and I will have returned from over three weeks of travel in Greece and Turkey. Our original plan was to go to Jordan, Israel and the West Bank. We were excited by the thought of seeing places where Jesus walked and worked while he was here on earth. But after more than 3,000 rockets rained down on Israel our tour company canceled the trip and we settled on a backup plan for Greece and Turkey. Here we hoped to see places mentioned in both the Old and New Testament and where momentous events took place that shaped the Christian church. We were unable to see all the following places in our three weeks but these give you a feel for how much has happened in Greece and Turkey that affect us at Richland Lutheran Church today.

- **Athens** is where Paul argued in the synagogue, the agora, or market place, and then was invited to speak with the Areopagus about his new teaching about the Unknown God Acts 17. We walked on the Acropolis and saw the meeting place of the Areopagus. The Areopagus functioned as the chief court of Athens with responsibility for judging murders, impieties, and were peculiarly attentive to blasphemies against the gods.
- **Constantinople (now Istanbul)** was made the capital of the eastern Roman Empire in 330 AD by the Emperor Constantine who had become the first Christian emperor. Today the Patriarch still located in Istanbul is the leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians. The second, fourth and fifth Ecumenical Councils were held here.
- **Nicea**, now Iznik is where the first and seventh Ecumenical Councils were held. The first Council resulted in what we now know as the Nicene Creed.
- Antioch, now Antakya, was where the followers were first called Christians. Barnabas was an early leader of the church here and he and Paul met with the church for about a year. Peter visited the church and remained here for almost six years.
- Tarsus, Paul's birthday place, is not far from Antioch.
- **Ephesus, Smyrna (now Izmir), Pergamum (now Bergama), Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea** are all in Turkey. These were the locations of the seven churches that Jesus told John to write letters to containing what he was about to see in Revelation Chapter 1. We visited four of these cities; Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, and Laodicea.
- **Ephesus** is where Paul spent 2-3 years preaching. Timothy became the bishop of Ephesus. The apostle John lived in Ephesus for 25 years and Mary, mother of Jesus, was also believed to have lived here. The book of I Corinthians was written by Paul from Ephesus. There are fascinating buildings and artifacts at this site.
- **Mt. Ararat** in eastern Turkey is where Noah and his ark finally came to rest on dry ground after the flood (Gen 8:4).
- Harran in eastern Turkey is where after his father died Abraham, Sarah, and Lot set out for the land of Canaan (Gen 12:5).

There are the cities with churches that Paul wrote letters to including Colossians, Philemon (a man living in Colossae), Galatians, and Ephesus. There are many more sites, more than I can discuss here, that were visited by Paul on his three missionary journeys. This is truly the land of the New Testament from the book of Acts to the Revelation of John. We were blessed to be able to experience it.

Dave Larkin - Congregation President

## Women's Ministry Presents:



## **Turkey Stock**

On Sunday, November 30, we will be making turkey stock for the Union Gospel Mission! Please bring your turkey carcasses and washed vegetable trimmings (except broccoli) to the church kitchen either before or after your church service and we will put them in the kettles. For those who attend the Saturday service there will be a spot marked for them in the fridge (and for those who might be out of town Sunday but would still like to contribute). If you are interested in helping in the kitchen with this project please talk to Mike Strasburg (509) 943-2783 home (253)797-1008 cell. A few pressure canners to speed the process along and an outdoor turkey fryer would also be helpful and appreciated if you have one you're willing to lend.

"What is stock and why is it important?" was a common question last year:

Stock makes no sense. The main ingredients would normally be thrown in the garbage and the secondary ones (bay leaves, peppercorns etc...) don't improve the look of things. When water is added it resembles something you would find in a garbage disposal. It's proven to be a unique conversation starter for those who haven't seen it. Then time is added in such an overwhelming quantity that it becomes the defining primary ingredient. Stock, sometimes referred to as "liquid gold" by cooks, is an investment of time that transforms unusable discards into something that improves everything it goes into. For the people who invest their time and talents cooking at the mission and see overwhelming need on a daily basis its presence is, by its very nature, a source of encouragement. In Mathew 25:40 we read "*The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*" Sunday, November 30, marks the beginning of Advent, a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth and a time to look forward to his inevitable return. I can't think of a better way to do that.

Mike Strasburg

November 2014							
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November 2014							
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<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM The Family Project 6:30 PM WILD! 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Library Work 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 9:30 AM Ministry Leads 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	7 9:00 AM GNMM Arts and Crafts Sale Setup 9:00 Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	1 4:30 PM Mafraq Prayer Team 5:00 PM Worship 8 9:00 AM GNMM Arts and Crafts Sale 4:30 PM Mafraq Prayer Team 5:00 PM Worship				
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## **Activities for Kids**



SUPER KIDS NOVEMBER 2014

November 5 - We can follow God! November 12 - Remember God's Golden Rule! November 19 - Operation Christmas Child! November 26 - No SuperKids! this week, but you are invited to join us for "Thanksgiving Eve" worship at 7:00 PM.

Admiral Awesome and Professor Peabody are continuing 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



#### **Operation Christmas Child November 2014 Item of the Month — \$7 Shipping Fee per box**

**This month, we're looking for monetary donations to cover the shipping fee of \$7 per box.** 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**" <u>noted on the memo line</u>. Thank you for your help in making this a year-round ministry!

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



**Sunday school Christmas program** is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 PM.

The rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, at 10:00 AM.

Help is needed with this event! If you are available to assist in the planning and implementation of this program, please contact Jenny Page (jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org)

## **Youth Activities**

# Middle School! Grades 6-8

November 5 - Tough ?'s Christians Face! November 12 - God's Not Dead! November 19 - Operation Christmas Child! November 26 - No WILD! this week, but you are invited to join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:00 PM.

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

(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!

> Nov. 2: Now what? Part 1 Nov. 9: Now what? Part 2 Nov. 16: Folding boxes and other stuff Nov. 23: Now what? Part 3 Nov. 30: Homelessness

November 2 is **Confirmation Sunday**. Come out and support your 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands at the 11:00 AM service!

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

## **Giving Tree - Union Gospel Mission**

We've decided to share our Christmas spirit with Union Gospel Mission again this year. This local mission project will run from November 9 to December 14. As cold weather will soon be upon us, items will be collected weekly and taken to the Mission for their use.

The Giving Tree will go up in November right after the Arts and Crafts Fair with tags listing suggestions for giving. However, YOU DO NOT have to have one of the tags from the giving tree to give. We will again be giving basic garments such as shorts, undershirts, socks, and especially long underwear. However, anything warm will be appreciated and clean hats, coats, gloves, etc. will also be welcome (we don't have a budget to clean items). As in the past there are many more men at the Mission than women and children so the emphasis will be on men's basic garments.

In Jesus' name, Betty Quinn



## The Greenhouse Effect

Our title is certain to enlist more readers than normal (and readers of this column *are* normal!) because of controversial association with the hot-button issue of "climate change." We can imagine readers who'll find themselves wading in to try to discern political leanings - if I'd disclose that I'm a climate change believer or denier. Sorry to disappoint. The column is *not* about *that* definition of the greenhouse effect. Readers of the column are used to the tactic of taking a well-known phrase and turning it into an article with a different twist than the title may suggest. This month is no exception. Have no fear; I'll *not* be writing in the manner of the "crazy uncle" whom everybody hopes to avoid at the family reunion because he's always off on some political rant against the left *or* the right.

It *is* a recent family reunion which *does* provide occasion for this article. The Hogan clan has just returned from another autumnal gathering of all the progeny Elaine and I - with the blessing of God - produced. There are 19 of us now. We've reached the stage where *this* year a couple of the grandchildren are old enough that career and college obligations prevented their ability to attend. That's why the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary was held earlier than the actual event: getting *everybody* in our family together is complicated - akin to planning logistics for the Normandy invasion. Going forward, the ability of *all* of us being able to get together at one time/place is diminished - excepting a death.

Hogans are characteristically on the move (one ancestor bears the title of *The Wandering Hogan* in Irish lore). Many of the early Christian Celts traveled a great deal in the interest of Christ. They categorized their travels in terms of descriptive color-coded martyrdom. The most common, with which *all* Christians should be able to identify: *green martyrdom*. It refers to repentance. Lutheran in particular should relate to this - despite predominantly Scandinavian/Germanic roots. The very *first* of Martin Luther's 95 points nailed to the Wittenberg door says in brief: that repentance is the *continuing* attitude and way of life of the Christian. Sadly, most Lutherans are ignorant of this fact of the Reformation (the celebration of which occurs in the month in which I'm writing this - *not* the month of publication).

A second form of martyrdom was *red martyrdom*. You can guess its meaning since you're red-blooded. It means giving up one's life for Christ and His cause. A Celtic word, *hiraeth*, gave expression to martyrdom's final sort: *white martyrdom* - extreme yearning for home, one's kin, loved ones and familiar geography as they chose this separation of their lives for the cause of Christ. This was the martyrdom they believed was the hardest to endure. "*...parting is such sweet sorrow*..." is Shakespeare's expression in *Romeo and Juliet*. Do we feel *that* deeply about one another in our desire to attend our weekly reunions at the service of worship (**Psalm 122:1**)? Do we feel this as we depart to suffer the white martyrdom of separation in returning to what Christ has called us to in our serving Him in the world? If not, it's a thing to be repented of and we'll need to go green!

Pastor Dave

#### I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1 (NIV)

## **Charter Email Customers**

It's come to our attention that most of our members and friends who use Charter email addresses are NOT getting emails from RLC. A couple things you can try to make sure that the @richlandlutheran.org domain is saved in your "ok to receive" list, or that our emails are saved as a contact. Also, check your junk mail folder and on each email from RLC click "not junk." Alternatively, you can use one of the free email accounts such as gmail or yahoo - just be sure to let us know if you change your email address!

## Worship Support

	Time	Sunday November 2	Sunday November 9	Sunday November 16	Sunday November 23	Sunday November 30
Lectors	8:30 AM	Peggy Pilger	Delores Jaech	Peggy Pilger	Kathy Killand	Laura Stevens
	11:00 AM	Susan Schmieman	Karen Clark	Len Ross	Alicia Phaneuf	Sue Meek
Acolytes	8:30 AM	Kaleb Prigge Kyle Prigge	Aiden Lesser Anna Lesser	Josh Mars Robert Warren	Mason Ciolli Ella Sperline	Sophia Fetrow Cayden Tanasse
	11:00 AM	Conner Budzeck Nathan Mitchell	Carlyle Keyes Jennifer Williams	Andrew Miles Daniel Miles	Trond Tilton Willow Whitney	Nathan Ernst Spencer Hoffner
Ushers	8:30 AM	H-Karen Schwartz Mike Schwartz A-Chuck McCargar Fred Kremmer	H-Mac Dixson Jim Peterson A-Harold Hogue Larry Haler	H-Gary Weible Eunice Weible A-John Lesser Kiane Lesser	H-Larry Corning Jon Erlandson A-Eunice Weible Gary Weible	H-Karen Schwartz Mike Schwartz A-Chuck McCargar Fred Kremmer
	11:00 AM	H-Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A-Jean Loss Jim Loss	H - **** **** 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	H-Alan Hagensen Janna Strasburg A_***** ****
Communion Assistants	8:30 AM	Warner Blyckert Pam Hedges Kathy Killand	Clarine Watkins Norm Gillette Sara Gillette	Larry Haler Jennifer Haler Jami Prigge Jason Prigge	Clarine Watkins Jeff Pilger Charles Davis	Jeff Pilger Sara Gillette Norm Gillette
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark Heidi Dagle Kelly Westlund	Jon Page Jenny Page Val Silva	Ginnette Ernst Kelly Westlund ***** ****	Heidi Dagle Val Silva Ginnette Ernst	Jon Page Jenny Page *****
Setup/Cleanup Communion	Saturday 5:00 PM	Ann Brandes Dave Brandes	Joanne Woehle	****	Nancy Ballard	Joanne Woehle
Cleanup/ Setup Communion	Sunday After 8:30 AM	Lois Harrold Karin Nickola	Carol Schmid	Pam Warren Rick Nunamaker	Vicki Jordheim Dan Jordheim	MaryJo Schroeder Mike Schroeder
Clean Up Com- munion	After 11:00 AM	Kelly Westlund	Jean Loss	Jean Loss	Rick Nunamaker	Kelly Westlund
Church Friends	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Jim Worgull Sue Worgull	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette	Carol Schmid	Carleen Lust Len Lust
	11:00 AM	Ann Brandes Dave Brandes	LaVonne Scully	Kelly Westlund	Karen Clark	Ann Brandes Dave Brandes
Children's Church	8:30 AM	Lori Lachut Jim Lachut	Michelle Clary Andy Clary	John Huebner Karen Juergens	Melissa Schmid Sarah/Katie	****
Leaders	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Kira Westlund	Julie Bishop ****	Trina Miles Andrew Miles	Karen Clark ****	Trina Miles Andrew Miles
Producer/ Audio Mix	8:30 AM	Andrew Clark	Bob Thompson	Larry Haler	Mike Schwartz	Mike Stankovich
Tech Direc- tor/Live Stream Coordinator	8:30 AM	Jim Moran	Mike Schwartz	Mike Stankovich	Brian Killand	Jim Moran

## Worship Support, Continued

	Time	Sunday November 2	Sunday November 9	Sunday November 16	Sunday November 23	Sunday November 30
Cameras	8:30 AM	#1-Robert Warren #2-Ryan Warren	#1-Paul Hedges #2– Don Schmid	#1–Fred Kremmer #2-Ken Meek	#1-Paul Hedges #2-Andrew Clark	#1-Don Schmid #2-Mike Schwartz
Editor/ Post Production	8:30 AM	Karen Rogers	Mike Stankovich	Bob Thompson	Karen Rogers	Bob Thompson
Sound System Operators	8:30 AM	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson	Chuck Richardson
Operators	11:00 AM	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle
Coffee Propagation and	8:30 AM	Sandy Steele	Patti Miller	****	****	****
Preparation and Cleanup	11:00 AM	****	Kelly Westlund	****	****	****
Offering Custodians	Sat. 5:00	Rob Barr	****	****	****	****
Cusioaians	8:30 AM	Schwartz Weible	Larry Harrold Fred Kremmer	Harold Hogue Jim Peterson	Jon Erlandson Lois Harrold	Schwartz Fred Kremmer
	11:00 AM	Alicia Phaneuf Alan Hagensen	Rick Budzeck Bettinson	Jana Strasburg Mike Stankovich	Rick Snyder Rich Barchet	Jana Strasburg Alan Hagensen
Sat. Evening Worship Support		Diane Bonin Chris Bonin Joe Soldat Kathy Barr	Scott Hardman Debbie Hardman	Rob Barr Kathy Barr	Jim Lachut Lori Lachut	Mike Schwartz Karen Schwartz
Cashiers		Kathy Snyder Marge Hogue	Judy Riggers Debbie Honeyman	Nancy Ballard Janet Budzeck	Kathy Snyder Lori Hogan	**** Lori Hogan
Recycle		Mike Hoffner	Valerie Bettinson	Joan Perham	Laura Stevens	Jim & Jean Loss
Flowers		Anonymous	Iedema	Schwartz		Gearheard

Thanksgiving Nov. 26 7 p.m.	Ushers	Acolytes	Lector	Sound System Operator	Offering Custodian
			Sue Meek		Joanne Woehle

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

November 2 Marilyn & Robert Schumacher

November 8 Cindy & Mark Underwood

November 9 Zemmie & Stuart Iedema

November 10 Joclyn & Scott Conrad

November 14 Elaine & Greg Keyes

November 18 Julie & Michael Penley LaVonne & Don Scully Pamela & Russell Warren

November 26 Mary & Butch Machinal

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

November 1 Diane Fleener Sydney Johnson Debra Myers Val Silva Loren Stangeland Jan Wisness

November 2 Brian Chaney Audrey Hagensen Becca Rogers

November 4 Dasha Perham AJ Wiegand

November 5 Jeff Nixon Jim Salaba

November 6 Ann Brandes Dave Larkin

November 7 Traci Moran Yvonne Venema Josh Woehle

November 8 Jen Ranta

November 9 Mikayla Hamilton Lauren Heaslet Gabriel Kissire

November 10 Barbara Westlund

November 11 Kelly Doyle Lila Lloyd

**November 12** Nancy Bergman Lynn Tanasse November 13 Matt Schwartz Garrett Streufert Melissa Woehle

November 14 Heidi Dagle Lori Lachut Samuel Salter

November 16 Don Scully Lisa Wiegand

November 17 Dave Brandes Alan Hagensen Amanda Kissire

November 19 Brock Streufert

November 20 Jim Lachut Rylee Mercer Thomas Mercer Kris Mitchell Kristin Smith

November 21 Rob Barr Loren Peterson

November 22 Barbara Roberts Deborah Romine Art Tackett

**November 23** Bobbi Bergman Barbara Sandness Floyd Thompson

November 24 Michelle Hamilton Pam Hedges Brenda Hoyt

November 25 Nancy Fiess November 26 Jan Leitz Sydney Miller Bob Zimmerman

November 27 Matthew Corning Tim Lamberson

November 28 Ona Lander Coley Levin Nathan Lipton

November 29 Margaret Arnst Rebecca Skinner

November 30 Courtney Olsen



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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

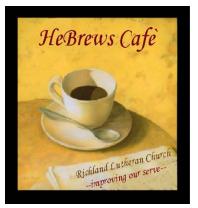
Worship with Holy Communion Saturdays at 5:00 PM

Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 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



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

It's where Richland Lutheran Church members are refreshed, rejuvenated, and renewed for work in the Kingdom!

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

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