Richland Lutheran CHURCH

The Preview

September 2016

Outreach - Neighborhood Block Party 2016

Old Fashioned Pie Social

Bring your favorite pie and join us for an old-fashioned Pie Social on Sunday, September 11, immediately following the 5 PM informal evening worship service!

Our Vision

We are a congregation of Christ followers who are making Jesus Christ known to all people and advancing His Kingdom.

Our Mission

RLC fulfills its vision by equipping, empowering and encouraging our congregation to live and grow in Biblical Stewardship, Spiritual Transformation, Christian Service and Worship.

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Member Directory Changes

No changes this month

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms
None

Weddings
None

Memorial/Funerals

August 4	Nancy Olsen
August 6	Jeffery Spriggle

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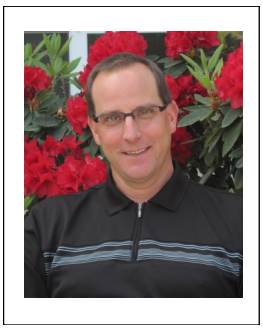
Be Strong and Take Heart



From Pastor Steve

Psalm 27:13-14
I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

Change is difficult! Ask anybody and they would most certainly agree; if they don't, they haven't truly experienced change. And change is necessary! John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." We at RLC know God has a bright and glorious future for us and we don't want to miss it. Remember God's promise to Israel in Jeremiah 29:11 "'*For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*'" As today's people of God we receive this promise for us and know it will only be realized if we change.

We are committed to change. I'm sure you remember last fall at our annual congregational meeting I presented to the congregation some difficult news. Namely, RLC is a declining church (see - graph on page 4). I communicated we have two options, we can die or we can reemerge. If we choose the first option, we would continue to do what we're doing, continue our decline, eventually leading to our death as a congregation. In fact, if the normal church life cycle isn't deliberately and significantly interrupted this would be our future by default. Conversely, if we choose the second option, we would intentionally interrupt our life cycle (change) by doing things significantly different from how we've done them in the past (change) and reemerge (change) as a renewed congregation (change). Now that's a lot of change!

At that meeting the congregation overwhelmingly communicated their intent for us to move forward in breaking our current life cycle through making eleven transitions (also communicated at the meeting) to reemerge, not die (change, change, and more change). This is a very difficult and at times painful work. In fact, there is only one thing more difficult (some would argue not possible) than helping a declining church break its cycle and reemerge, doing that with a dying church.

We now find ourselves deep into transition (change) and experiencing the difficulty and pain which comes with it, because, as already stated, change is difficult. This may cause us to question what we've set out to do, especially when the realities of transition (change) begin to come to the fore: people are upset, misunderstandings abound, power and control shift, culture morphs, priorities are reworked, expectations are not met, members leave, attendance continues to drop, etc., etc. This is very difficult on the congregation, especially the pastors and leaders, make no mistake.

However, this is expected and perfectly normal when doing the difficult work we've decided to do. We should not be surprised by the difficulty and pain. Any transition is tough, reemerging from

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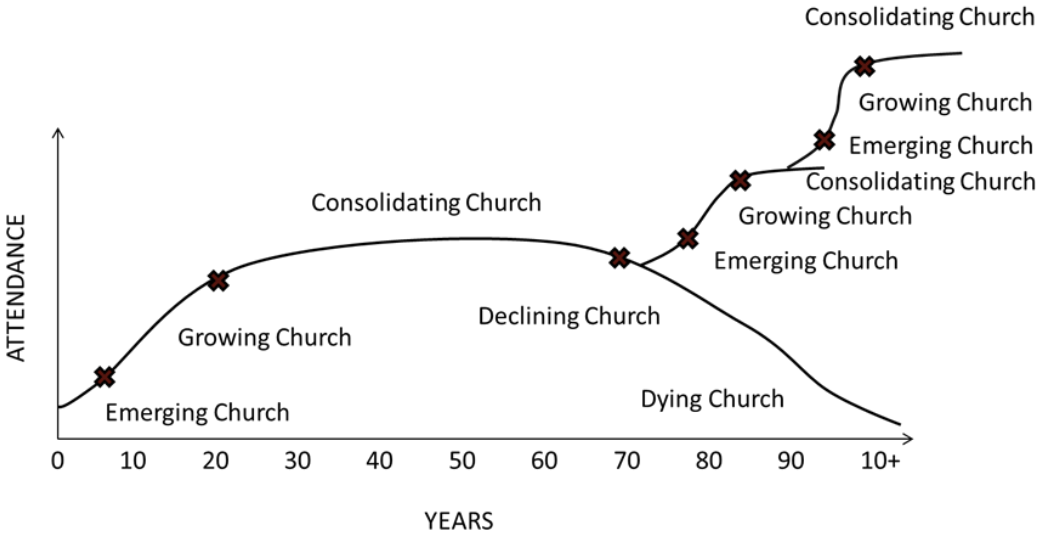
decline is almost impossible. But not for God! So like King David we remain confident we will see the goodness of the Lord. In fact, if you take a moment to look around, that goodness is already abounding. And we remain strong and take heart as we continue the Lord's Kingdom work.



I've shared with my long-time friend and LCMC National Service Coordinator, Rev. Mark Vander Tuig our situation and he has graciously offered a letter of encouragement to us. I'm pleased to share it with you. May you be encouraged by his words!

Dear Friends at Richland Lutheran,

In a time when it seems as though everything has changed there is one constant for every generation…and his name is Jesus. "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). But change is difficult for us. As an "idea", everyone agrees that something needs to change, but doing it is a very different thing.

Some of us long for the past, remembering former pastors, well attended programs, Sunday schools and youth programs bursting at the seams, funded building programs, and success at every turn. The church was looked to for guidance, connection, and a sense of something greater than ourselves. There was a time when the ministry and mission of the church was very effective. But everything around us has changed, and those days are gone.

I encourage you to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus as we continue to ask how we might again be effective in this generation. We are facing a new paradigm of what it means to follow Jesus, and we are

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remembering the real purpose of the church is to make disciples, and not to simply remain comfortable in familiar practices.

Embracing a new paradigm is not easy, but if we want a different future we need a different present. So don't give up, and don't give in just because you may be facing resistance. The Kingdom of Heaven is too important to allow our anxiety to hold us captive to inaction. We must press on. We are the Church, the body of Christ, called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus in this generation.

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3: 12-15.

Your brother In Christ,
Rev. Mark Vander Tuig

Gedde Lectures

Even though it's still feels like summer it is none too early to block out the date on your calendars for the Gedde Lectures this year. Be sure to save Saturday, November 19, when Professor R. Paul Stevens comes to us from Regent College in Vancouver, BC. If you are normally intimidated by the thoughts of sitting through theological discussions, you can put your mind at ease. We guarantee this will be the most practical discussions ever from the Gedde series. You will definitely take away lessons you can apply to all seven days of your week.

Paul is proposing three sessions that cover living as Christians in our homes, in our workplace, and spiritually thriving as we age. He believes that God leads married people as couples, not merely as individual husbands and wives. As many "good" marriages crumble around us, every couple has wondered if they, too, could end up divorced. Is there any way to prevent it? Is there any way to make sure you are married for good? Paul Stevens will lay the foundation for a healthy, growing, permanent relationship.

Dr. Stevens has a special passion for helping Christians integrate their faith and work. He has seen that for many people, work is often a hindrance to spiritual growth. At work, our prayer life suffers. We get stressed, irritable, fearful. Work draws out our dark side and sinful tendencies. Since we spend most of our waking hours doing work of some kind (at home or in the office), wouldn't it be fantastic if we could see our workplace as a holy space where we can grow in godliness and discover God's loving presence in the midst of great struggle?

But what about that time in our lives, when we age, and no longer work for compensation? Vocational discernment is a lifelong process — one that takes on even more significance in later life. Stevens argues that our calling does not end with formal retirement; to the contrary, we do well to keep on working, if possible, till life's end. He will delve into matters of calling, spirituality, and legacy in retirement, showing that we must continue to discern our vocation as we grow older in order to remain meaningfully engaged for the rest of our lives. He points to biblical wisdom that can help us redefine aging as an extraordinarily fruitful season of life.

So Paul will have something for everyone. We have listened to audio tapes of his chapel talks and he is a fantastic speaker. You will not want to miss this.

President's Corner

Sandy Steele

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the resignation of Bob Thompson as Richland Lutheran Church's Congregational Council President. Bob has provided us with invaluable leadership and support over the last few months and we will miss his gifted contributions. Although he has stepped down from his Council position, Bob and Marie still remain very much a part of our RLC family and have our love and support. We ask that you keep them both in your prayers.

As per the constitution, I will fulfill the role of President for the remainder of 2016. Darrell Miles was appointed by Council to fill the Member-at-Large vacancy created by Mike Strasburg's resignation and Jenifer Haler has accepted the appointment to fill the Vice President vacancy, both for the remainder of this year. The Nominating Committee (and they thought their job was finished) is currently at work focusing on the selection of a candidate to serve as President for the remainder of the term which expires end of 2017. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their work.

Deuteronomy 31:8 – "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

God is with us as we go forward!!!!
Sandy Steele

2016 GNMM Arts and Crafts Sale

Mark your calendars!

The Annual GNMM Arts and Crafts Sale is coming November 12!

You will have an opportunity to sell items you create, help set up and clean up, or help during the sale.

All proceeds will go to support the Good News Media Ministry.

Questions? Contact Nancy Ballard (509) 946-3255
or Norene Erlandson (509) 375-5360

Resignation from Council

Bob Thompson

Dear Friends,

For the past year or so, my wife Marie has been challenged by her health, both physical and emotional. While we do not yet fully understand the reasons, we know God's hand is at work and He will use this for His glory. We already see the changes He is making in our lives and in who we are. He is drawing us close to Him and closer to each other. He is also at work in many who are supporting us during this time, through prayer, through compassionate caring and most importantly through the recognition that it is His hand at work. The number of messages we have received that are centered on Christ and how it is for His glory that we are experiencing this is both overwhelming and a testament to the deep faith and trust that is shared among His people.

There is also a practical side to my situation that I must now address. While it was my hope that Marie would be well again before the end of the summer and I could fully execute my duties as your Council President, it is now apparent that God's plan is different. As things are today, I do not have either time nor the emotional energy that I need to be Council President. This is an important role in our church and it is one that I take very seriously. RLC is changing to reflect a body of 21st century Christians; it is growing in its depth and understanding of what it means to be a Christian and a true disciple of Christ; in many respects, RLC is going through a process that is similar to what my wife is going through—growing in emotional and spiritual dimensions through trials and careful discernment of where God is leading us—and working to remove any disease that can threaten the life of RLC. These are difficult times for our church but we will emerge as a healthy body of true believers in Christ—something the Tri-Cities desperately needs.

All of this brings me to a point where I must choose between what God has asked me to do for my church and the vows that I made to God and to Marie 32 years ago when she accepted me to be her husband. The love I have for RLC is great but the love I have for Marie and my commitment to her and to our marriage is greater. I must therefore resign my position as RLC Council President.

God has placed Sandy Steele, our vice-president, with us for this purpose. Sandy is an excellent leader and well-experienced with the Council. I am confident that it is God's plan for her to complete her many years on council as the President of the Council.

Thank you and may God bless you and Richland Lutheran Church.

From the Council

"*For where God built a church, there the Devil would also build a chapel.*"
Martin Luther

Joel Sorensen, Council Secretary

Unity is necessary to be a truly active, forgiving and loving congregation. As church members, we all share the responsibility to be sources of unity and not division. Jesus tells us to love our fellow church members unconditionally. And while that doesn't mean we must agree with everyone all the time, it does mean that we are willing to sacrifice our own wishes in order to keep unity in our church.

In his book I AM A CHURCH MEMBER, Thomas S. Rainer notes that *"Christians can sometimes act just like those demanding children who want things their way. Temper tantrums in churches may not include church members lying on the floor kicking and screaming, but some come close."*

"Unity in the church will not happen if members have unforgiving hearts. Too many times members have anger and hurt because of something another member has said or done. Some members are angry and hurt at the pastor and staff because of something they said or did or failed to do."

Dissention and conflict are inherent in all organizations; and unfortunately they sometimes exist in Christian congregations, as well. Things do not always go the way everyone wishes. Actions or decisions by pastors, councils or other leaders are not always greeted by everyone with loud amens!

Mr. Rainer reminds us that the strange thing about church membership is that we actually give up our own preferences when we join. All of us can find something we don't like about our church. However, we must always remember that we are there to meet the needs of others… to serve others, to give and to sacrifice.

He adds: *"We will never find joy in church membership when we are constantly seeking things our way. But paradoxically, we will find the greatest joy when we choose to be last. That's what Jesus meant when He said the last will be first. True joy means giving up our rights and preferences and serving everyone else."*

The Bible tells of Jesus speaking to his disciples who were having a "me first" fight:

> *"Sitting down He called the Twelve and said to them, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.'* Mark 9:35.

Sometimes we must be willing to accept inconveniences and matters even if they do not meet our personal preferences and desires. Rather we are there to serve others and most importantly, to serve Christ who went to the Cross for us.

> "*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever, Amen."* 1 Peter 4:8-11

Mr. Rainer offers the following pledge: *"I will seek to be a source of unity in my church. I know that there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip, or dissention. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel."*

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Autumn may bring to mind a time of harvest, but it's also a great time to kick-start a time of personal, spiritual GROWTH! If you've been thinking of joining a bible study or small group, now is the time!

Don't see something that fits your schedule? We'd love to have you start a new group! Please contact Pastor Corey for help or more information.

Sundays - Adult Sunday School (morning, contact Pastor Corey)

Mondays - Mary Martha Group (mid-day, contact Kelly Westlund); Women's Bible study (evening, contact Dawn Salyer)

Tuesdays (monthly) - Men's Prayer Group (morning, contact Dave Brandes)

Wednesdays - Bible study (mid-day, contact Pastor Corey); Bible study (evening, contact Laurel Palmblad)

Thursdays - Bible study (morning, contact Pastor Dave)

Saturdays (monthly) - Men's Breakfast (morning, contact Mike Strasburg)

Monthly - Women's Circles (varied, watch bulletin for dates)

Benevolence Thank you Notes

Dear Richland Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gift.

Your commitment to persecuted Christians around the world is making an incredible impact.

As ISIS seeks to eradicate Christianity in Iraq and other countries around the world, many of our brothers and sisters have become victims of unspeakable cruelty.

But when you share what has been entrusted to you with our hurting family around the world, you give them hope - a reminder of God's providential faithfulness and love.

In Iraqi refugee camps, you are providing microloans, trauma support and food kits to families who were forced to flee when ISIS arrived in their hometowns.

Thank you for standing with our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.

May God richly bless you!

In Christ,
David Curry, CEO **Open Doors USA**

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Dear Richland Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gift to our organization.

On behalf of millions served and empowered around the world every year, we want to thank you for your commitment to give to **World Relief**. With your support, local churches around the globe are growing in their capacity to restore hope and dignity to the vulnerable.

Standing together,

Stephan J. Bauman, President

RLC Council - Staff Covenant

As people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we have been called by the heavenly Father to serve together in partnership in the Gospel. We believe we have been equipped by the Holy Spirit to minister, to live together, to treat one another in love and respond to conflict, disagreement, and misunderstanding in ways that are remarkably different from the ways the world does the same. Together, the Council and staff of Richland Lutheran Church make the following covenant…

1. With the help of God, we promise to **respect**, **care** and **pray** for each other. *(James 5:16) (Hebrews 10:24)*
2. With the help of God, we promise to **assume** people have good intentions and motivations. *(Romans 15:14) (Romans 2:1)*
3. With the help of God, we promise to **participate** in decision making by speaking openly and honestly about priorities and opinions during meetings, not privately afterward. *(James 4:11) (Ephesians 4:15-16)*
4. With the help of God, we promise to **listen** completely without interrupting or talking over others. Encouraging people to speak without blaming or judging them when they do. We will listen with an open non-judgmental mind to the words and ideas of the others in the church and on the Church Council or staff and allow disagreement without personal resentment. *(Ephesians 5:21) (James 1:19)*
5. With the help of God, we promise to **seek** what is best for the Church as a whole, in pursuit of our congregation's mission and vision, not what may be best for us or for some small group in the Church. *(Philippians 2:3-4) (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)*
6. With the help of God, we promise to **accept** differences of opinion and conflict as inevitable, normal and productive. When we disagree, we will do so respectfully. *(Romans 12: 9-18) (1 Peter 2:17)*
7. With the help of God, we will seek to hold the majority of our communication and decision making in **face-to-face** meetings, however, when necessary we will allow for certain situations to be addressed by email or phone, according electronic communication the same respect as face-to-face. When conflict arises we promise to seek resolution by communicating directly with the person or group involved, instead of gossiping or speaking negatively about others in the wider community. *(Matthew 18:15-18) (Ephesians 4:3, 28-32)*
8. With the help of God, we promise to **forgive** each other and ourselves when we make mistakes. Offer forgiveness whether or not the other person acknowledges his or her responsibility in the conflict. *(Matthew 18:21-22) (Luke 11:4)*
9. With the help of God, we promise to **maintain** the integrity of the Council by not breaking confidentiality or undermining the Council and its decisions. *(Proverbs 11:13) (Proverbs 20:19)*
10. With the help of God, we promise to **support** the final decision of the Church Council, whether it reflects our personal view or not Exceptions are allowed if the individual believes the decision is clearly immoral, contrary to Scripture, or not in accordance with the RLC Constitution and Bylaws.*(Ephesians 4:3) (1 Corinthians 1:10)*

These covenants are meant to assist the Church Council and staff in leading the congregation in its mission, ministry, and vision.

Upcoming Training Meetings and Volunteer Opportunities

First Communion Instruction for Fifth Graders
Instruction for fifth graders preparing for their first communion will be Sunday, September 18, during the Sunday school hour in their classroom. First communion will be celebrated on World Communion Sunday, October 2.

Acolyte Training
Acolyte training is available for sixth graders, those who have not received the training, and those who would like a refresher course. The training will be Sunday, September 18, between services in the sanctuary.

Volunteer Opportunities in Worship Abound!
There are many opportunities available for you to serve our Lord here at RLC at any of the three worship services. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please write a note on your yellow worship slip or contact Joanne Woehle at 943-3164 or joannewrlc@gmail.com.

- Communion Assistants (serve communion) - training on October 2 between services in the sanctuary
- Worship Assistants (lead prayers) – see article on page 16 for more prayer opportunities
- Lectors (read the scriptures)
- Ushers – **training scheduled** on September 18 between morning services in Room #124
- Set-up/Clean-up Communion
- Church Friends (greeters before the service)
- Children Church Leaders (lead worship for the children mornings during the sermon)
- Sound Board Operators
- Camera Operators
- Prepare, turn-on, and/or clean-up coffee for HeBrews Café
- Cashier (count the money on Monday mornings)
- Offering Custodians (sort and lock-up the money after the services)
- Recyclers
- Assemble bulletins

Attention Key Holders!

In an effort to clean up our key logs, we'd like to confirm how many people actively hold church keys. Our key inventory is getting low due to all of the activities and many volunteers. If you currently have a church key or keys, please stop by Lisa Wiegand's office (Room 104) and validate your key number with our church log before Thursday, September 15. Thanks!

September 2016

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 are actually held at the church.	
4 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	**5 Labor Day - Offices Closed**	**6** 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 4:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Facility Building Committee 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248
11 RALLY DAY 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School **11:00 AM Worship - NOTE TIME CHANGE** 5:00 PM Informal Evening worship 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team 6:00 PM Old Fashioned Pie Social 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Bible Study	**12** 9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	**13** 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248 7:00 PM Congregation Council
18 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School 9:45 AM First Communion Instruction - 5th Grade Classroom 9:45 AM Usher Training - Room 124 9:45 AM Acolyte Training - Sanctuary 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM 9th Grade Retreat Returns 5:00 PM Informal Evening Worship 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Bible Study	**19** 9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	**20** 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Facility Building Committee 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Praise Team 6:30 PM Family Focus Bible Study 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	**8** 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 6:30 PM Kairos Outside	**9** 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 9:00 AM Craft Group 6:00 PM AA Meeting	**10** 2:00 PM Block Party Setup 4:00 PM Neighborhood Block Party! 4:30 PM Mission Prayer Team
14 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Praise Choir 6:30 PM Family Focus Bible Study 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	**15** 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 1:00 PM Piece-Makers 5:00 PM Deadline for October Preview Articles	**16** 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 9:00 AM Craft Group 5:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat 6:00 PM AA Meeting	**17** 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:30 PM Mission Prayer Team
21 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Praise Choir 6:00 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM SuperKids!, WILD! 6:30 PM Family Focus Bible Study 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	**22** 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church	**23** 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 9:00 AM Craft Group 6:00 PM AA Meeting	**24** 4:30 PM Mission Prayer Team
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Sunday School Starts September 11!

Sunday School starts September 11 for kids age 3 years old through high school! We will 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 "Classroom" series curriculum. The 5th graders will be following a pre-confirmation curriculum developed specifically for our needs. The middle school and high school students will be using curriculums that focus on meeting the spiritual needs of teens and pre-teens in today's world, helping to prepare them to live a life centered on Christ.

The RLC Sunday School follows the age guidelines used by the local school districts. Children should be age 3 by Aug. 31, 2016 to begin Sunday School, and should attend the class that matches their school grade level.

There are a wide variety of adult classes planned for this school year. Please watch the bulletin announcements for dates and locations.

For more information, contact Pastor Corey (RevCoreyRLC@gmail.com)

or Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com)

Super Kids Begins September 21!

Chaddar the Chipmunk is excited to be back at Super Kids! And he would love to meet YOU! Making new friends is one of his favorite things, second only to Jesus and acorn-flavored ice cream!

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 PM, 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, journaling and lots of fun happen each week!

For more information, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com)

Activities for Middle School

All middle school students are encouraged to attend Middle School Chaos (formerly WILD!)

Each week, we spend time together having fun and learning God's Word. **Chaos** 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.

THE FUN BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21!

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, please contact Melissa Carter (mellissacrlc@gmail.com)

Confirmation Information

Middle School Retreat
October 7-9 at Bar M Ranch
Cost: $75
(Financial assistance is available should this be a hardship for your family. Please contact Pastor Corey or Jenny Page for more information).
Sign up via the yellow worship slip or by emailing JennyPageRLC@gmail.com by September 21.

Pre-retreat homework packet will be mailed by September 25.
Meet at the church at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be provided. We want to be on the road by 5:30! Don't be late! We will return to the church on Sunday about 1:00 PM.

9th Grade Final Confirmation Retreat
September 16-18 at Bar M Ranch
Cost: $75
RSVP to JennyPageRLC@gmail.com immediately or on the yellow worship slip!
Meet at the church at 6:00 PM - NO DINNER will be provided. We will return Sunday about 1:00 PM.

Informational letter should have already been received. If you have not received it, please contact Jenny Page.

Activities for High School

Coffeehouse is kicking things off for the school year with an OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT! Join us on Sunday, August 28, from 6:30 PM - 10:15'ish in the courtyard. We'll be grilling up some burgers for dinner, so bring a snack or drink to share! You'll also want to bring something comfy to sit on during the movie. And as always, friends are welcome!

Questions about the high school youth group? Contact Melissa Carter at 943-3164 or MelissaCRLC@gmail.com.

Watch for a postcard with more details about September activities!

DISCIPLESHIP will resume in September, too! (Watch for that postcard again!). If you are interested in learning more about being a Christian leader and want opportunities to disciple others through various activities and events, please join this group!

For more info, contact Jon Page at 521-2946.

Confirmation Schedule

COMING SOON

September 16-18 — 9th Graders Final Confirmation Retreat (Bar M Ranch)

September 18, 9:45 AM — Acolyte training (6th graders & others who need a refresher); meet in the narthex

September 18, 9:45 AM — 1st Communion Instruction for 5th graders; meet in 5th grade Sunday School room

September 25, 9:45 AM — Parents' Confirmation Information Meeting; meet in the Gloria Dei room

October 7-9 — Middle School Confirmation Retreat (Bar M Ranch)

November 2, 6:00 PM — Confirmation Rehearsal; meet in the sanctuary

November 6, 9:45 AM — Congregational Confirmation Reception during HeBrews Café for 9th grader confirmands and their family. Everyone is invited!

November 6, 11:00 AM — Confirmation Day

Operation Christmas Child

September's Operation Christmas Child request: NEW Small Games!

This month, we are looking for **NEW** small-sized games! Remember these need to fit inside a small shoebox (see the bulletin board in the Prince of Peace for a sample box). Ideas include: puzzles, travel-size etch-a-sketch, card games, travel-size board games, etc.

Please only NEW items.

Our goal for 2016 is **700 boxes**. Monetary contributions to help us reach this goal are also appreciated. Checks can be made out to RLC with **"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" noted on the memo line**.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry that tangibly expresses our love of Christ through a simple box of gifts. Please also pray for the recipients of the boxes, that they will be drawn into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

For more information contact Jenny Page (jennypageRLC@gmail.com)

Grateful for our Volunteers

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who came out to help with the 2nd Harvest Mobile Food Truck distribution on Friday, August 19. Big thanks to Jon Erlandson for organizing the event!

25 volunteers served for a total of 80 volunteer hours. They set up, bagged and distributed food and then cleaned up the parking lot.

Volunteers distributed 9,746 pounds of food as they served a total of 110 families.

Thank you for helping to reach out to our community and shine the light and grace of Jesus' love to all who came here for assistance!

To Your Health!

DANIEL PLAN WALKING ACTIVITY
Everyone is Welcome!

Your Faith Community Health Ministry Team will be sponsoring a Saturday morning walk group starting September 10 at 9 AM. So grab your bottle of water, family, friends and join us!

We will meet at Columbia Point, give thanks to our Lord for the benefits of our walk and be on our way.

There are benches along the way for those who need to rest, the ability to turn back for shorter distance walkers and the ability to walk at your pace.

Faith, Fitness, and Friends are three of the Daniel Plan's five essentials necessary for wellness, and our walk will be one "step" in achieving this. Even if you have not been involved with the Daniel Plan, please join us on our journey to a healthier life!

Women's Book Club

The women's book club will have its first meeting this fall on Thursday, September 15. We will meet at Joanne Woehle's home, 1511 Torthay Pl. in Richland, to discuss books we have read this summer and pick our reading list for the year. You are welcome to join us at any time – for one book, several books, or all the books.

Contact: Joanne Woehle, 943-3164 or joannewrlc@gmail.com.

Praying Together Has Many Blessings

Excerpted from "Mighty Prevailing Prayer" by Wesley L. Duewel

1. The spirit of prayer is deepened. When one believer prays in the Spirit, God's holy fire and prayer passion works more deeply in others who are joining in prayer.
2. Love of the brethren and unity are intensified. The more you pray together the more you sense each other's heartbeat, burdens, joy in the Lord, and Christian experience.
3. Faith is strengthened. The more you hear others joining in prayer for the same needs, the stronger your faith tends to become. You become encouraged by the way God is giving faith to them.
4. Spiritual power is multiplied. As you pray together, the prayer of each helps deepen the hunger for God's answer and helps fan into flame the spirit of prayer. Love and unity are intensified, purified, and made more blessed. Faith for God's answer is strengthened. All who unite in prayer begin to sense God's power coming upon them and anointing their praying in a new way.

"God has ordained that the power to change things, to restrain evil, to calm human hatred, and to heal the world's wounds is released by the prayer of His people. You and I are expected to be priests to the hurting world. But how can we fulfill this role? It has to begin with our hearts."

The Lord needs you to carry out his plans for this world. We are all needed no matter our level of practice. We have several places for you to participate and grow in your faith. We will learn how to do this together.

Prayer ministers – pray for others after services offering blessings, healing, praise.
Worship assistants – write the prayers of the people, participate according to the style of service
Mission focus – praying for missions, persecuted, unsaved, backslidden
Prayers of the church – praying for all parts of the church body, pastors, council, children, ministries
Prayers for healing – praying for those listed on the announcement sheet

If you are feeling called to this ministry, please write a note on your yellow worship slip or contact Elaine Keyes at 967-2301 or keyeselaine3@gmail.com. Training for Worship Assistants will be held Sunday, October 9, between the morning services in Room #124.

Men's Fall Retreat 2016

Stonewater Ranch - Plain, Washington

September 23, 24, 25

Join us for our annual fall retreat at scenic Stonewater Ranch

Pastor and author David Drumm comes to us from Tuscon, Arizona to lead the retreat

"Jesus' Surprising Strategy"

In this peaceful, mountain setting we can step away from the stress of daily living and enjoy Pastor Dave reveal the surprisingly simple strategy of making the invisible Kingdom of God---- visible----in our church, our community and our city for God's glory.

This is our annual opportunity to fellowship with like – minded men and enjoy nature's grandeur and God's creation while meditating on the blessings of the Holy Spirit who advocates for us and our families every day. Please register ASAP so we can plan the food and meals.

Name:_____ Phone/email_____

Cost: $115 (includes two nights lodging, five meals and priceless spiritual benefits) All attendees will receive a copy of Pastor Drumm's book, "Jesus' Surprising Strategy"

Checks and registration to RLC office, 901 Van Giesen, Richland or call the office 943-3164 Questions or more information call Norm Gillette 509-378-5898 or email nlg1939@msn.com. Register online at richland-lutheran.org.

Food Pantry Shopping List

Our restructured food pantry operation is going very well thanks to the efforts of Debbie and Steve Moritz and their team of volunteers! The food pantry is open for distribution to anyone who needs food assistance on Tuesdays from 1 - 4 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM - Noon. Folks sign in and receive food based on the number of people in their household. The pantry is filled via donations from congregation members - both in the form of non-perishable foods and financial donations.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with bagging food or distributing it, please call Steve or Debbie Moritz at (509) 396-7255 or sign up on the yellow worship slip.

If you would like to donate to the food pantry, here is a shopping list for your convenience:

- ❑ Peanut butter
- ❑ Jelly (no glass jars)
- ❑ Tuna
- ❑ Canned chicken
- ❑ Canned soup
- ❑ Canned vegetables
- ❑ Pork and beans
- ❑ Canned fruit
- ❑ Chili
- ❑ Stew
- ❑ Macaroni and cheese
- ❑ Spaghetti pasta
- ❑ Spaghetti sauce
- ❑ Tuna Helper™
- ❑ Chicken Helper™
- ❑ Pancake mix
- ❑ Syrup
- ❑ Cereal, Oats or Grits
- ❑ 1 pound bag of rice

Thank you for your generous contributions to help those in our community that are in need!!

Worship Support

	Time	*Sunday September 4 (10:15)*	*Sunday September 11 (Fall Schedule)*	*Sunday September 18*	*Sunday September 25*
Lectors	8:30 AM	Laura Stevens	Kathy Killand	Dolores Jaech	Dolores Jaech
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Valerie Bettinson	*****	Sue Meek
Acolytes	8:30 AM	Josh Mars Ella Sperline	Aiden Lesser Anna Lesser	Kaleb Prigge Kyle Prigge	Cayden Tanasse Garrett Streufert
	11:00 AM	Carlyle Keyes Coley Levin	Matthew Smith Jason Schroeder	Joey Weissenfels Conner Budzeck	Andrew Miles Daniel Miles
Ushers	8:30 AM	H-Jim Peterson Gary Weible A-Bruce Lander Larry Haler	H-Jon Erlandson Darrell Miles A-Dave Larkin Bruce Lander	H-Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A-Larry Haler Gary Weible	H-Larry Corning Jim Peterson A-Fred Kremmer Bruce Lander
	11:00 AM	H-Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A-Alyce Thompson *****	H-Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder A-Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	H-Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck A-Charles Rogers *****	H-Darrell Miles Alyce Thompson A-Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson
Assisting Ministers	8:30 AM	*****	Sue Meek	Val Silva	*****
	11:00 AM	Mary Armatis	Sandi Edgemon	Kelly Westlund	Kelly Westlund
Communion Assistants	8:30 AM	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Sue Meek	Clarine Watkins Warner Blyckert Charles Davis	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Charles Davis	Clarine Watkins Charles Davis Elaine Davis
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark Kathy Umbarger Heidi Dagle Sue Peterson	Jenny Page Kelly Westlund Valerie Silva *****	Kathy Umbarger Sue Peterson Ginnette Ernst *****	Heidi Dagle Kelly Westlund ***** *****
Setup Communion	Before 8:30 Service	Jim & Sue Worgull (Saturday)	Joanne Woehle Bernie Woehle	Rick Nunamaker Susie Nunamaker	Rick Nunamaker Susie Nunamaker
Cleanup/ Setup Communion	Between Services	Lois Harrold Rick Nunamaker	Pam Warren Joy Stuenkel	Carol Schmid	Dan Jordheim Vicki Jordheim
Cleanup/Setup Communion	After 11:00 AM	Rick Nunamaker Susie Nunamaker	Mike Schroeder MaryJo Schroeder	Kelly Westlund	Jim Loss Jean Loss
Cleanup Communion	After Evening	No one needed	Joanne Woehle Bernie Woehle	Susie Nunamaker Rick Nunamaker	Nancy Ballard
Church Friends	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Jim & Sue Worgull	Carol Schmid	Debbie Honeyman
	11:00 AM	Rick & Kathy Snyder	Kelly Westlund	LaVonne Scully	*****
Children's Church Leaders	8:30 AM	Lori Lachut Holly Slatter	Karen Juergens	Desiree Hall	Kjerstyn Jordheim
	11:00 AM	Jana Strasburg	Julie Bishop	Pam Hedges	Traci Moran

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	Time	*Sunday September 4 (10:15)*	*Sunday September 11 (Fall Schedule)*	*Sunday September 18*	*Sunday September 25*
Producer/ Audio Mix	8:30 AM	*****	Larry Haler	*****	Larry Haler (11:00)
Tech Director/ Live Stream Co-ordinator	8:30 AM	Jim Moran	Brian Killand	Mike Schwartz	Jim Moran (11:00)
Cameras	8:30 AM	#1-Don Schmid #2-Fred Kremmer	#1-Ken Meek #2-Don Schmid	#1-Robert Warren #2-Adam Pilger	#1-Woody Page (11:00) #2-Mark Underwood
Editor/ Post Production	8:30 AM	Scott Carswell	Bob Thompson	Mike Bettinson	Jim Moran (11:00)
Sound System Operators	8:30 AM	Larry Corning	Paul Hedges	Larry Corning	Paul Hedges
	11:00 AM	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle
Coffee Prep, and/or Plug-in, Clean-up	8:30 AM	Sandy Steele	*****	*****	*****
	11:00 AM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Offering Custodians	Sat. 5:00	*****	*****	*****	*****
	8:30 AM	M/K Schwartz G/E Weible	Harold Hogue	Fred Kremmer Jim Peterson	Jon Erlandson
	11:00 AM	Jana Strasburg Alan Hagensen	Rick Budzeck M/V Bettinson	Alyce Thompson Rick Snyder	Rich Barchet Joel Sorensen
Cashiers		Kathy Snyder Debbie Honeyman	Judy Riggers Jon Erlandson	Mary Armatis Debbie Honeyman	Nancy Ballard Bobbi Stout
Recycle		Karen Schwartz	Alesia Chaney	LaVonne Scully	Todd Maier
Flowers		Jeff & Peggy Pilger	Irv & Elaine Solbrack	Felix & Betty Quinn	Larry & Lois Harrold

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

Anniversaries

September 1
Shirley & Jerry Johnson

September 5
Elaine & Pastor Hogan
Curt & Karen Juergens

September 6
Melissa & John Carter
Jeanne & Mark Dillner
Jann & Emil Leitz

September 7
Lynne & Harry Rice

September 8
Jan & Erlan Leitz

September 10
Lisa & Jason Corning
Jan & Brent Pfundheller
Elaine & Irv Solbrack
Irene & Richard Ulvin

September 12
Janice & John Fulton
Patti & Tom Miller

September 16
Margaret & Jerry Dagle
Jean & Roland Thompson

September 17
Laurel & Matthew Palmblad

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 25
Kelly Arnzen & Marcia Vogel

September 26
Lois & Larry Harrold

September 27
Lori & Todd Hanson

September 28
Lori & Michael Hogan

Birthdays

September 1
Ila Pitkin

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
Jan Pfundheller
Jeri Sandberg
Angela Scherer

September 11
Don Schmid
Janet Sliter

September 12
Payton Barry
Isabella Fetrow
Jennifer Williams

September 13
Scott Conrad
Don Grewe
Mary Lipton
Walker Miller

September 14
Ruth Vail

September 15
Kathy Snyder

September 16
Dorothy Beyer
Roland Harvey

September 18
Ben Hoffner
Vivian Stangeland

September 19
Carl Schroeder, Jr.
Roland Thompson

September 20
Lindsey Bussell
Joan Perham

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

September 23
Lily Dagle
Julie Deen
Irene Ulvin

September 24
Mary Jo Schroeder

September 25
Olen Bishop
Doloros Erickson
Claire Fehrenbacher
Kaylyn Lesser

September 26
Patty Newton
Leah Smith
Kelly Weisenfels

September 27
Elaine Davis
Susie Nunamaker
Dragica Vukojevic

September 28
Lillian Hutchison
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

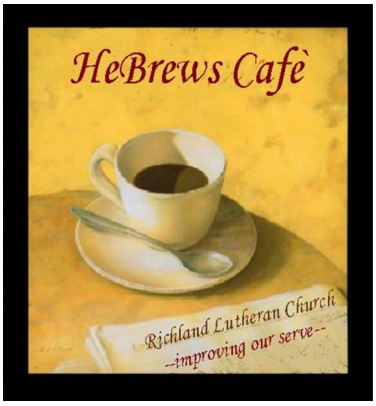
Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 11:00 AM

Informal Evening Worship with Holy Communion
Saturday, September 3 at 5:00 PM
Starting September 11, Sundays 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

Live Streaming and audio files of sermons are available on the website:
www.richlandlutheran.org



Come to HeBrews Café 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.

Equipping. Empowering. Encouraging.