



THE PREVIEW

MAY 2018

Combined Worship Service on May 20

On Sunday, **May 20**, everyone is invited to a special combined worship service at **10:00 AM**. This will be the only service that day and we will celebrate together the Rite of Confirmation and the Rite of Covenant Membership for new members. Be sure and mark your calendar so that you can be here for this special service!



RLC Mission Teams

The high school team is being assembled and getting ready for their mission trip to Lodge Grass in June. They have begun sending their letters to reach out for financial support for their trip, and will begin meeting soon to talk over the specifics of the trip.

Please keep the youth and their adult leaders in prayer as they prepare for their trip, which be June 16-23. Pray that the students will be able to finish out their school year well, and that nothing will get in the way of team preparations. Please also pray for our friends in Lodge Grass - for their protection and peace in their community.

The RLC Team for the EEMN Short-Term Mission Trip to Estonia this August has already begun their training. We have researched the Estonian culture and history, and talked about what kinds of “giants” we may be facing as we visit a different country and culture - both personally and as a group.

As we continue to prepare, we ask that you, our RLC family, keep each one of us in prayer. Some things you can pray for at this time is that we all have the time to devote to our training so that we go as ready as we possibly can; AND that we are open to the necessity of flexibility within our plans. Please also pray for those in Estonia we will be working with, that the classes will be full and well attended.

Your RLC Estonia team: Mot and Pam Hedges, John Huebner, Warner Blyckert, Kelly Westlund and Adam Pilger

Our Vision and Mission

We are a congregation of Christ followers making disciples who worship, grow, serve, and steward.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Memorial/Funerals

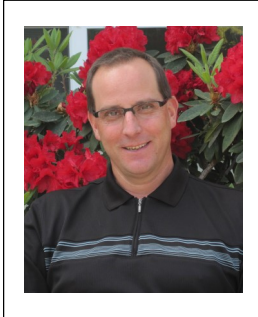
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Doctoral Dissertation Deliberation



From
Pastor
Steve

Beginning next month I will be taking my three month sabbatical which I'll use to write my doctoral dissertation. Having completed my two years of coursework and preparation I now technically become a "Doctoral Candidate." My only remaining requirements are the writing and defense of my dissertation at the completion of which I will have conferred to me the degree of Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Spiritual Formation by Portland Seminary of George Fox University.

Some of you have asked what my dissertation is about so I'd like to share that with you. Because I'm not in a PhD program, Portland Seminary gives me an option between two types of dissertations. I've chosen not to write a traditional dissertation but to write a dissertation which also includes an artifact. That means I'll write three chapters; 1) describing the problem, 2) discussing current proposed solutions to the problem, and 3) provide my proposed solution (thesis) to the problem ; and then three chapters 1) describing the artifact, 2) specifying the artifact and 3) summarizing and analyzing the artifact. The artifact I've chosen to produce is a web-site dedicated to support and help pastors know and practice spiritual formation to cultivate their faith and pass it down to their congregations. The thesis for my dissertation is described below:

Topic: Research and study leadership and spiritual formation to help Mainline pastors who are under-prepared for ministry to live out their calling.

Problem: Pastors prepared for ministry through traditional Mainline theological education lack the ability to practice their faith and pass it down to their congregations.

Research Question: What can a traditionally trained local Mainline pastor do to form and cultivate their spiritual life?

Claim: Lutheran and other Mainline pastors need extra training and experience to practice traditional, contemplative spiritual disciplines to direct and shape their faith.

Intended Outcome: Pastors who know and practice spiritual formation can practice their faith and pass it down to their congregations.

You might be thinking to yourself, "I thought pastoral sabbaticals were for rest and refreshment." You'd be right. So, interspersed with research and writing (I plan to write between 35 and 40 hours per week), I will make deliberate effort to practice rest and recreation. Summer is a great time to travel and I expect to make use of our trailer to "get away" to write, rest and recreate. A major focus will be spiritual renewal and formation. I plan to practice silence and solitude regularly, journal about how God is working in and through me, and study the Psalter for personal growth and edification.

As I embark on this new adventure, for I've never had a sabbatical before, I covet your prayers. There is no doubt I will miss my pastoral ministry and all of you. I will come back September 1 hopefully having completed the bulk of my dissertation and having found rest and refreshment in Jesus Christ both for God's glory and your sake to better lead, pastor, and shepherd you, Richland Lutheran Church. I have made a commitment to you and before God to remain at RLC at least two years after I return. My hope and prayer is that I'll be with you all much longer than that!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve

Read the Bible 2018: I've Fallen Behind and I Can't Keep Up!



From
Pastor
Corey

Many of you are faced with this dilemma right now: you made a commitment to read through the Bible this year...but you've fallen behind...maybe you've fallen *really* behind. So, what can you do to get back on track?

Remember why you committed to doing this. This book is unlike any other. As Hebrews 4:12 says, "The word of God is living and active..." This book's purpose is for us to know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It all points to Him! In this book you will find life, wisdom, joy, heartache, truth...all things that our souls need and can relate to. Don't think of this as a chore, but rather a moment to connect with Jesus and commune with our living God.

Don't give up just yet...remember, this is a marathon, not a sprint. We'd all like to have that special time each day to do our reading, but life doesn't always cooperate with that plan. We're running late, a kid is sick, we get called in to work...and all of a sudden we're a week behind...or a month. Just like working out...you have a goal, but getting every workout in can sometimes be impossible. So, you squeeze in an extra walk, do a few pushups when you have five minutes. You can't get in shape in a week...it's a long process. Think of this Bible reading as more of a marathon, not a sprint. Therefore...

Be creative! Instead of giving up on the plan, think about the little moments in your life where you might have the opportunity to read God's Word. Maybe it's waiting at the doctor's office. Perhaps on a lunch break. Maybe even a Sunday afternoon, a family vacation, or waiting to pick up your kids from school. Read it on your phone or tablet. Listen to it while you're brushing your teeth or working out. Be creative!

Martin Luther wrote, "The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me." Don't give up! Jump back in and let God's Word encourage you every day.

Operation Christmas Child

MAY Operation Christmas Child request: Gifts for older children !

Playdough® (consider including small plastic cookie cutters), dolls, small stuffed animals, picture books, coloring books, soccer balls (deflated, include small hand pump & needles), Lego® sets, make-it-yourself craft kits, jump ropes, foam balls, costume items (crowns, costume jewelry), toy figures, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, slinkys, small Frisbees®, small kites, etch-a-sketches®, plastic dinosaurs & animals, action figures (not war related), hacky sacks, small puzzles, travel-sized games, sewing kits (needle, thread, small scissors, 1 yd. cotton fabric), playing cards, fishing kits (hooks, line, collapsible pole)

Super-hero items are okay, as long as it does not have a weapon.

Please!!! No used items.

Our goal for 2018 is 450 boxes!

Monetary contributions are welcome, as well. With your financial donation, we are able to purchase items in bulk and cover the \$9 per box shipping expense (total shipping for our goal is \$4050).

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



**2017 boxes
packed: 409**

President's Perspectives - Following God's Word

**Dave Larkin
Congregation
President**

My mother, who lives in Salem, Oregon, is just five months away from her 100th birthday. Born just before the end of World War I, she has lived through the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, the Great Depression, World War II, the creation of the State of Israel, the Civil Rights movement, the Korean and Viet Nam wars, and the fall of the Soviet empire. Her achievements during her life will seem modest to most; she wrote no books nor produced any works of art, held no public office, made no inventions or discoveries, and is little known outside her circle of friends and relatives.

But she will leave my brother and me with a permanent legacy by teaching us about the Bible and introducing us to Jesus. All through our childhood she would read to us for at least a half hour each night with at least half that time from books of Bible stories and later the scripture itself. We grew up hearing all the familiar stories from the Old and New Testament that have stayed in our memory even until today.

That legacy is one of the reasons why I have been such a supporter of Richland Lutheran Church's emphasis this year on reading through the Bible. This will be my fourth straight year of reading through the Bible. The NIV Bible I own and use turns forty years old this year and is liberally highlighted with a yellow marker pen. Some years I have specifically looked for and marked passages describing God's qualities, some years it has been passages having to do with doctrines, and every year it has been passages describing how God wants us to live.

By far the scriptures that God has impressed upon me the most is how he wants all his followers to live. I feel a special passion for the large number

of verses that tell us that God loves justice and wants us to help the poor, the orphan, the widow, the powerless, and the alien.

An article I read in the Wall Street Journal this week reviewed the new movie 'Paul, Apostle of Christ.' The article mentioned the huge growth in the number of Christians from the death of Paul in 67 A.D. until 350 A.D. after the Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the empire. Sociologist Rodney Stark has argued that the cause of this explosive growth was that these early Christians took seriously Jesus' instruction to feed the poor and visit the sick. Their pagan neighbors saw this love expressed for others and yearned for a life with meaning like the one they saw in these Christians.

I am reminded of the quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. "The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today." Expressing God's love for others through our actions is helping Richland Lutheran Church to advance the Kingdom of God.

I encourage all of you to continue to read the Bible daily. The Holy Spirit will use these words to encourage you in your discipleship, to help you grow spiritually, and to show you God's will for how you treat others you encounter during each day.

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**Andy
Ribbing,
Member
At Large**

From the Council - Discipleship

Ask yourself this question, “Am I a disciple that makes disciples?”

Being disciples of Jesus gets to the very core of who we are and what we should be doing with our lives.

Disciples follow Jesus

When we encounter Jesus, we meet a man who calls us to come and follow him and learn from him. It doesn't matter whether we are intelligent or not, rich or poor, young or old, or what is our ethnic background. He simply desires that we repent of rebelling against our Creator and cling to him by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. If we do this, we are promised forgiveness of our sins and reconciliation to God. Jesus calls us to come and die so that we might live.

Those who follow Jesus by faith are known as his disciples. Some suggest that disciples are the “super Christians” who are getting it done for Jesus, while Christians are just normal believers. We are either following Jesus or we aren't, there is no middle ground.

Disciples imitate and replicate Jesus

At the heart of following Jesus is Jesus' call to imitate him and replicate him. As disciples, we are called to imitate Jesus' love, his mission, his humility, his service, his suffering and his obedience to the Father. Since he is teacher, we are to learn from him and strive in the power of the Holy Spirit to become like him. This growth in Christ-likeness is a lifelong endeavor that is fueled by the hopeful expectation that one day we will see him face to face.

Disciples help others follow Jesus

As we follow our Lord, we quickly learn that part of imitation is replication. Having a personal relationship with Jesus is magnificent, but it is incomplete if it ends with us. Part of being his follower is to intentionally help others learn from him. As a friend of mine says, “if you aren't helping other people follow Jesus, I don't know what you mean when you say you're following Jesus.” To be his helper is to help others follow him.

Being a disciple that makes disciples happens in two particular ways. First, we're called to evangelize. Evangelism is telling people who don't follow Jesus what it means to follow him. We do this by proclaiming and portraying the gospel in our churches, our neighborhood and everywhere we go. We must never forget that God has placed us in the families, workplace, and cities of friends that we are in, so that we can proclaim the gospel of grace to those who are destined to be apart from Christ. We must help people learn how to begin to follow Jesus.

The second aspect of making disciples is helping other believers grow in Christ-likeness. Jesus has his church to be a body, a kingdom of citizens and a family who actively build each other up into the fullness of Christ. We are called to instruct each other about Christ and to imitate others who are following Christ. As disciples, we are to intentionally pour into other disciples so that they can pour into still others.

Disciples depend on grace

While it is true that a disciple of Jesus ought to help others follow Jesus, we must always remember that without the sustaining and empowering grace of God we can do nothing. Whether you're a pastor, a plumber, a policeman, or a stay-at-home parent, you never graduate from your need for God's grace.

As we follow Christ and help others follow him, we're constantly made aware that we need his grace. We fail. We sin. We struggle. But thankfully, God's grace abounds to us, his children. This is good news as we seek to follow Jesus together and daily be transformed into his glorious image. May we faithfully follow Christ and help others to do the same until we do see him face to face.

Community Worship

Brookdale - Richland Assisted Living has a growing ministry. When Lila Lloyd checked in as a resident, one of her first questions was, "Where are the Lutherans?" Several other local churches were already providing Sunday worship services, but no Lutherans! She was given the go-ahead to get things started and her past experience with RLC gave her the confidence needed to do just that. With Pastor Steve's approval and cooperation, a worship service with Holy Communion began on a monthly basis.

Secondly, Lila noticed that some folks were refusing the daily devotional, Portals of Prayer, because of failing eyesight. Large print devotionals were offered, which was a big success. Next came the gifts of "bibs" to help keep the diners shirts/blouses clean throughout a meal. And more recently, the donations of lap robes from the RLC Sewing Bee help keep them warm.

Thanks to Lila for her love and concern for her fellow residents at Brookdale - Richland, which has grown into quite the ministry!

Questions: Lila @ 371-1285

Living God's Heart for Immigrants - Carol Larkin

At the base of the Statue of Liberty, are the words: "Give me your tired, your poor/ Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free/ The wretched refuse of your teeming shore./ Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me./ I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Yet today, immigrants are often scorned and considered a threat by many Americans—even Christians. Demographic changes are fueling anxiety among some whites, who see their culture, status, or safety threatened. This reaction is normal. According to psychologist, John Tooby, "We're wired from birth to tell Us from Them. And we inevitably (and sometimes unconsciously) favor Us—especially when we feel threatened." (National Geographic, April 2018, p. 52) When those fears are inflamed by misleading information and negative stereotypes the individuality of immigrants vanishes and empathy dries up.

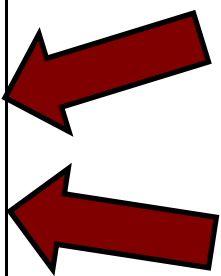
As believers committed to the authority of God's Word, we need to wrestle with the issues regarding immigration from a Biblical perspective, because Scripture makes clear that God loves immigrants and commands us repeatedly to care for them.

God gives specific commands throughout scripture about how immigrants are to be treated. The Hebrew word, *ger*, closest in meaning to our idea of immigrant, appears 92 times just in the Old Testament. Just one example is, "When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." Lev. 19:33-34

I have wanted to do something to show God's love for immigrants. Fortunately, I discovered and joined the Tri-Cities Immigrant Coalition which is working to provide accurate information on immigration issues and to promote understanding and interactions with immigrants. As I have had the opportunity to meet with people who are not white, some of their comments have surprised and saddened me:

- When another coalition member and I met with a young Hispanic man, he said several times in our conversation, "You, as white women, give me power just by sitting here with me."
- In meeting with a woman from S. America to ask her if she would be on a panel and share her story, she said, "You need to get white people to speak. I'm brown; they wouldn't listen to me." This is a woman who is very well educated, works to provide legal aid via technology to those who can't afford it, and is married to a white PNNL scientist.
- In meeting with a Hispanic who works at the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce to ask him to speak on Immigration and the Economy he said, "First, I want to know why you care." I told him that I cared because I believed that God created every person in His image and that He loves and values each person.

But these comments revealed that these people didn't feel valued, respected, or that people cared that they were being maligned and mistreated. Loving our immigrant neighbors starts with listening to them. That is why we are planning an event called, "Who Is My Neighbor?" At this event several immigrants will share their stories and perspectives. You will have a chance to ask questions. By coming you will show that you value them as individuals created in God's image and precious to him. *Event details coming soon.*

May 2018		
Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 27: 8:30 & 10:15 AM and 5 PM</p>		<p>1 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248</p>
<p>6 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School 9:45 AM Read the Bible 2018 Discussion 9:45 AM New Members Class 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Brookdale Chapel 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Bible Study</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha 5:00 PM Nominating Committee 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248 7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>
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<p>20 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM New Members/Confirmation Luncheon 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Bible Study</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Christian Service MALT 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:00 PM Biblical Stewardship MALT 6:30 PM Kairos 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248</p>
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May 2018

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Activities for Kids

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, in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall. Worship and prayer, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, games, crafts, journaling and lots of fun happen each week!

This month, we are wrapping up the Super Kids! season with a couple of special activity nights while we grow together as disciples of Christ through worship, spiritual growth, service, and using all that God has given us!

May 2 - Special Craft Night

May 9 - Super Kids! Olympics! Last night of the season.

For more information, please contact Jenny Page
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Shipwrecked VBS 2018

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Shipwrecked VBS

June 25-29, 2018

Ages 3 yr. old—5th grade

Preschoolers must be out of diapers, and preschool parents are strongly encouraged to stay with their child during the evening.

Register online at
RichlandLutheran.org
Beginning May 1

Family dinner—5:00 PM
Program—6:00-8:15 PM

New this year!

Bring a *clean* t-shirt and we'll apply a VBS logo heat-transfer image to it! Be sure to indicate your desire for a transfer when you register online!

(A donation of \$2 is suggested to help cover the cost of the transfer)

VBS Donations



When you donate supplies for VBS, you're a LIFE SAVER! It is because of the generous contributions of our congregation that we continue to be able to offer this fun, valuable ministry to our community!

We're expecting over 100 kids (and their families!) to be at VBS in June! In early May, our donation request board will be posted in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall. To contribute, simply find a tag with an item you're interested in supplying. Each tag has a number. Find the corresponding number on the sign-out sheet on the table below the tags, and write your name and phone number on the line. Take your tag as a reminder of what is needed, the quantity and the date we need it returned by (not all the dates are the same, so check carefully!). Return your item to Jenny Page (room 122), with the tag. *If your tag indicates something is "returnable," then it will be returned to you — please make sure your name is somewhere on the item.*

Shipwrecked VBS 2018, Continued

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms!

Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Scieny-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and interactive story lessons are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

Be sure to wear play clothes and safe shoes for this sometimes-messy, hands-on experience! Plus we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life -- something we like to call God Sightings!

Your kids will also participate in a mission project! We'll be collecting new flip-flops to be included in Operation Christmas Child boxes! Each day, kids will be invited to fill our "barrels" and hammock with their flip-flops donation at the front of the worship area! Thanks in advance for your contribution!

We'll start out with a family dinner at 5:15 PM in the fellowship hall. A free-will offering basket will be available, and you are invited to drop in a few dollars to help off-set the cost of the meal.

At 6:00 we'll start our Shipwrecked adventures in the sanctuary! Singing, Bible stories, scieny-fun gizmos, and much, much more are waiting for us as we explore and discover God's amazing story!

At about 7:45, we'll gather again in the sanctuary for our closing worship time. Family and friends are welcome to join us each night! We'll wrap things up at about 8:15.

****The safety of your children is important to us at Richland Lutheran. Therefore, we ask that all children remain in the sanctuary until an adult arrives to pick them up****

Activities for Middle School

Remember, our Spring **Middle School Retreat** will be **May 11-13** at Ghormely Meadows! Sign up by talking with Amanda, texting, e-mailing, or on the yellow slip! (Parents – interested in chaperoning? Talk to Amanda!)

WILD is winding up for the school year! Join us May 6 & May 13 before we switch over to our summer schedule! Sundays, 9:45-10:45 AM in the Middle School room. We'll be finishing up our series on Micah!

MS Devo will be meeting for the last couple of times this school year on May 2 & May 9! Join us those Wednesday nights for dinner at 6 PM and then some middle school fun starting at 6:30!

We're gearing up for summer around here, and that means no weekly programming for middle school – but we'll still have some fun events headed your way! Be on the lookout soon for more info!

Activities for High School

Summer is getting closer, so our High School Sunday School is going to be winding down soon – but we've got a few awesome weeks left before we break for summer! Join us May 6 & May 13 (and then don't miss out on the combined service on May 20!)

We know how Spring fever happens, but 4:12 is still the place to be on Sunday nights from 6-8 PM! Take a break from the homework, grab some friends, and come join us for some games, a message, and small group time. It'll be two of the best hours of your week!

Mission trip prep is going strong! Make sure all of your fundraising letters have been sent out!



Grateful for our Volunteers

This month we'd like to say a great big thank you to our volunteers who take such good care of our sanctuary and altar area. MaryJo Schroeder and her son, Jason, come in regularly to change out the paraments and banners that decorate the altar area. MaryJo also makes sure that each time we have a baptism a water droplet gets added to the baptismal banner.

Sue Meek is our decorator for the sanctuary. She takes care of the flowers, plants, candles and holiday decorations and makes our sanctuary look so beautiful. She also sets up the items for each baptism so that everything is ready for Pastor Steve or Pastor Corey.

When you see MaryJo, Jason or Sue, be sure to thank them for their service!

Women's Book Club



Kathy Snyder recommended a good book that she read, "Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann. A twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history.

We will meet on May 17 at Bonnie Severtsen's home, 513 Tanglewood, to discuss the book. Contact: Joanne Woehle at jomawo@hotmail.com

LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together

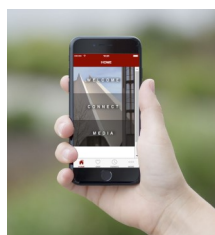


Women of RLC! Join us on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30-7:45 PM in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall for LIFT — Ladies in Fellowship Together.

This month, Kathy Umbarger will be sharing with us about her fabric doll ministry. Bring a pair of sewing scissors with you, if possible! (We'll have a few extra on hand, if you don't have a pair).

Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com)

RLC Phone App



Did you know you can safely and securely make your contributions online and via the app? Creating your PushPay account takes only a few minutes, and then it's a snap to give a single-time offering or set up a recurring contribution. If you'd like to set up electronic giving, but don't have a smartphone or would like help walking through the process, contact Lisa Wiegand or Jenny Page, and we'd be happy to assist.

Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday May 6</i>	<i>Sunday May 13</i>	<i>Sunday May 20</i>	<i>Sunday May 27</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Kathy Killand	Dolores Jaech	Jim Peterson	Jim Salaba
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Vernon Packard	Valerie Bettinson	Sue Meek
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Evelyn Davis Hans Miles	Isabella Fetrow Brock Streufert	Nonie Kangas Evelyn Davis	Aiden Lesser Nonie Kangas 10:15 Sam Webster Andrew Miles
	11:00 AM	Jason Schroeder Trey Wiegand	Hannah Angello Josephine Whitney	Aiden Lesser Matthew Smith	
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H- Chuck and Sue McCargar A-Fred Kremmer Jim Peterson	H- Gary Weible Darrell Miles A- Larry Haler Fred Kremmer	H- Matt Sterkel Harold Hogue A- Fred Ball Jon Erlandson	H- Walt Wood Dave Larkin A- Jon Erlandson Harold Hogue
	11:00 AM	H- Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A- Alyce Thompson Andy Ribbing	H- Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder A- Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	H- Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck A- ***** *****	H-Darrell Miles Alyce Thompson A- Andy Ribbing *****
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	8:30 AM	Rick Nunamaker	Sue Meek	Jeff Pilger	*****
	11:00 AM	Sandi Edgemon	Kelly Westlund	Valerie Bettinson	Amanda Daniels
	5:00 PM	Elaine Keyes	*****	*****	*****
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Warner Blyckert	Clarine Watkins Erlan Leitz Jan Leitz	Pam Hedges Kathy Killand Charles Davis	Clarine Watkins Sue Meek Alesia Chaney
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark Jenny Page Kelly Westlund *****	Lisa Wiegand Valerie Silva Sue Peterson Heidi Dagle	Valerie Bettinson Mike Bettinson Kathy Umbarger Ginnette Ernst	Jenny Page Jami Prigge Kelly Westlund Amanda Daniels
<i>Setup Communion</i>	Before 8:30	Lisa Wiegand	Joanne Woehle	Joanne Woehle	Mary Jo Schroeder
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Between Services	Pamela Warren Joy Stuenkel	Vernon Packard	Carol Schmid	Margaret Arnst Bonnie Harris
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Com- munion</i>	After 11:00	Rick Nunamaker	Jenny Page	Kelly Westlund	Nancy Ballard
<i>Cleanup After Even- ing Service</i>	After 5:00 Service	Vernon Packard	*****	Nancy Ballard	Vernon Packard
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Jim and Sue Worgull	Carol Schmid	Debbie Honeyman
	11:00 AM	Kelly Westlund	Rachel & Andy Ribbing	LaVonne Scully	*****
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM	Lori Lachut	Desi Hall	John Huebner	Traci Moran
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges	Julie Bishop	Jana Strasburg	Trina Miles

Worship Support

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<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Drew Snyder	Kenny You	Larry Haler	Andy Clark
<i>Tech Director/ Live Stream Coordinator</i>	8:30 AM	Brian Killand	Brian Killand	Mike Schwartz	Jim Moran
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	1 - Don Schmid 2 - Ken Meek	1 - Mark Under- wood 2 - Don Schmid	1 - Karen Schwartz 2 - *****	1 - ***** 2 - Mark Under- wood
<i>Editor/ Post Produc- tion</i>	8:30 AM	Scott Carswell	Jim Moran	Mike Bettinson	Mark Dillner
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Daniel Miles	Paul Hedges	Daniel Hedges	Paul Hedges
	11:00 AM	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	8:30 AM	Schwartz Weible	Harrold Hogue	Kremmer Peterson	Erlandson Kane
	11:00 AM	Strasburg Hagensen	Budzeck Bettinson	Thompson Snyder	Budzeck Sorensen
	5:00 PM	Quinn	Petersen	Quinn	Petersen
<i>Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00 PM	Lisa Frislie Elaine Keyes	Linda Totten Diane Bonin	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Vogel	Jason and Lisa Corning
<i>Cashiers (Monday af- ter)</i>		Joanne Woehle Janet Budzeck	Nancy Ballard Lori Hogan	Kristen Imhoff Jon Erlandson	Judy Riggers Adele Sorensen
<i>Bulletin Assembly (Friday before)</i>		Norm and Bobbi Stout Lois Harrold	Norm and Bobbi Stout Carol Schmid	Norm and Sara Gillette *****	Lois Harrold Doloros Erickson Carol Schmid
<i>Recycle</i>		Valerie Bettinson	Karen Clark	Karen Schwartz	Vernon Packard
<i>Flowers</i>		*****	Warner Blyckert	*****	*****

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

- May 3**
George & Geri Simkins
- May 9**
Dean & Terri Oberlander
- May 12**
Norm and Mavis Lippert
- May 15**
Loris & Marilyn Schmidt
- May 16**
Gary & Kathy Fisher
- May 22**
Roy & Susan Gunter
Jim & Lori Lachut
- May 24**
Danny & Whitney Taasevigen
- May 25**
David & Donna Brown
Don & Ann Grewe
- May 27**
Thomas & Ila Pitkin
Angela & Blake Sherer
- May 28**
Carl & Kristen Imhoff
- May 30**
Tim & Amanda Daniels

Birthdays



- May 1**
Jann Leitz
Ken Meek
Ella Sperline
- May 2**
Meganne Weissenfels
Verna Wiesehart
- May 3**
Dave Johnson
Kaitlynn Prigge
- May 4**
Sue Worgull
- May 5**
Dennis Mahlum
Josh Mars
Nathan Westlund
- May 6**
Adam Donahue
Rebecca Weber
- May 7**
Madelaine Haynie
Dick Stephens
John Wiegand
- May 8**
Donner Budzeck
Naomi Godwin
Trygve Tilton
- May 9**
Brianna Blakely
Lora Gorton
Chris Smith
Ryan Warren
- May 10**
Kristen Bennett
- May 11**
Carol Larkin
- May 12**
Steve Wisness
- May 13**
Karin Cagle
Charlene Kangas
- May 15**
Joan Mattich
Jane Stephens
- May 17**
Heather Colburn
John D Lesser
- May 18**
John Carter
Rick Riensche
Caitlin Wright
- May 19**
Bert Andor
Megan Deen
Bob Schumacher
Lillian Spinato
Alyce Thompson
- May 20**
Mot Hedges
Cory Oberlander
- May 21**
BJ Schroeder
- May 23**
Brittney Crisp
Steven Tilton
- May 24**
Cody Conrad
Jason Corning, Jr.
Jason Drewrey
Luke Pearson
Bettye Samuel
- May 25**
Carrie Chaney
- May 26**
Cecilia McCartney
Marcia Vogel
- May 27**
Jene O'Dell
- May 28**
Karoline Archibald
- May 29**
Larry Harrold
Rich Olsen
Jana Strasburg
- May 30**
Kyle Prigge
Casey Sloughter
- May 31**
Kari Louk
Sarah Schmid



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Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays at 8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays at 11:00 AM,

Summer Schedule begins on May 27 at 10:15 AM

Informal Evening Worship with Holy Communion

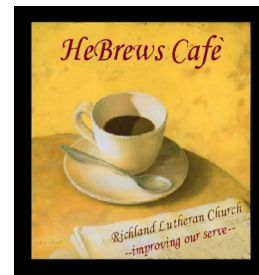
Sundays at 5:00 PM

*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.***

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