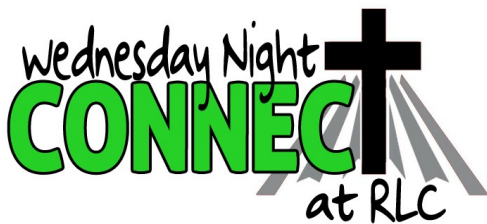




# THE PREVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2018

## Wednesday Nights Are Looking Different This Fall!



There are some fun changes happening to Wednesday nights beginning September 19! Join us for **Wednesday Night Connect!** In Paul's letter to the Romans, he tells us, "so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (*Romans 12:5*). At RLC, we strive to foster a deeper connection between our

church family with each other, and most importantly with Christ. A thriving, growing relationship with Jesus is vital in a disciple's life, and as disciples of Christ, we are called to be in relationship with each other for encouragement, worship, study, and edification.

**Wednesday Night Connect** is an opportunity for you to connect with others and with your Savior. There's a little something for everyone, and we invite you to be a part of this new movement at RLC.

Childcare will be available in the nursery for little ones.

### Wednesday Night Connect

**6:00 – Dinner is served!** Each week, we serve a hearty meal in the fellowship hall to get us geared up for the evening's events. Ravioli, sloppy joes, baked cheesy pasta with meat sauce, and "Chef's Choice" are the rotating menus, with the occasional pizza night thrown in just for fun. We start serving promptly at 6:00 PM and serve until either the food is gone or 6:25.

**6:30 – Shared worship time!** After dinner, we'll gather in the sanctuary for a few minutes of worship. The Praise team will lead us in a couple of songs – it might be what something from the upcoming week's song list, it might be a new song they're working on and want to start introducing to the congregation.

**6:45 – Here we go!** At this point, we will split off into our own activities for the evening:

**Nursery**—available for infants, toddlers, PreK and kindergarten-age children

**Super Kids!** - an exciting and energetic group for children in 1st-5th grades. We will connect with the kids in the narthex, and then move downstairs to the Super Kids! Room. (Red-door room in the preschool hall)

**Middle school small groups**—A small group experience just for middle schoolers, where we'll dive into God's Word and grow together as disciples as we discuss how what we read applies to our lives today. (Room 200, upstairs)

**Chancel Choir**—Come sing with us! We will use this time to rehearse what is sung on Sunday morning during the traditional worship service, as well as to connect with each other through this act of service. We will gather together in the choir

## Our Vision and Mission

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

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## Congregation Council

### **Council Members**

**Dave Larkin**, President  
**Jenifer Haler**, Vice President  
**Jeff Pilger**, Financial Officer  
**Janet Budzeck**, Secretary  
**Todd Maier**, Member-at-Large  
**Darrell Miles**, Member-At-Large  
**Ted Stuenkel**, Member-At-Large  
**Tom Pitkin**, Member-At-Large  
**Andy Ribbing**, Member-At-Large

### **Ex Officio Member**

**Pastor Steve Ernst**, Lead Pastor

Minutes of Council meetings are available on the website.

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Vander Voet, Lee—passed away 8/12/18

## Pastoral Acts

### **Baptisms**

None

### **Weddings**

None

### **Memorial/Funerals**

None

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### Reflections from the former Interim Lead Pastor (now back to Associate Pastor (thank you, Jesus!))



From  
Pastor  
Corey

When it was announced that Pastor Steve was going to take a well-deserved three month sabbatical, I wasn't too worried. I thought, "Well, this could be fun. I'll get to preach more. I'll get to wear a kilt every Wednesday...". Then it actually happened. Three months!?! Wait, what? But, what do I do now? What about the ministry plan? What about the budget?

Now, it isn't as though Pastor Steve and I hadn't talked about this sabbatical. We met several times to make sure I was prepared and that he could leave knowing the church was in good hands (not my hands, mind you, but the hands of Jesus). However, nothing can truly prepare a person for all the unknowns and unforeseens. And there have been a few. Rather than panic, I realized a few amazing truths through these last three months.

First, we have an amazing staff at RLC (I already knew that, but this summer reinforced it). Jenny, Lisa, Kelly and Amanda supported me in so many ways I can't even count. They have carried some heavy loads these last few months, but they've done so with patience, kindness, and true servant's hearts. Give them a hug when you have a chance...they deserve it. I also can't fail to mention the support of our Congregational Council. They, likewise, have been so supportive all summer long through their encouragement and prayer.

Second, we have an amazing congregation (which I already knew as well, but this summer reinforced it again). Thank you to all who have praying for me and my family...there is indeed power in prayer. Thank you to all who offered words of

encouragement and reassurance...they were appreciated and they lifted my spirit during some tough days. Thanks to all for putting up with Kilt Wednesdays through the summer (especially the sewing ladies who were beginning to rate their favorite kilts). You all have truly reminded me that the church is not a building, but the living, breathing, loving, caring, faithful people of God. Thank you!

Third, and most important, we have an awesome God. He has proven on a daily basis that He can be trusted and leaned on; that He indeed carries us through the difficulties to teach, mold, and grow us into the image of His Son. He will never leave us, never forsake us, and He's always there to pick us up. I know now more than ever that God laughs; that He has a great sense of humor, and He has blessed us with a joy that runs deeper than the ocean. He is an amazing and awesome God!

And I will always treasure these last three months for the gift God gave to this church, and especially me, in the person of Pastor Karen. What a woman of God! Her wisdom, joy, passion, knowledge, and most of all, her love for Jesus has left a mark on my soul. Oklahoma is a better place because of her!

So, welcome back, Pastor Steve! Not just to have the Lead Pastor back, but it's nice to have one of my best friends and partner in ministry back. As he knows full well, he's coming back to an amazing staff and congregation, ready to continue to worship and serve this awesome God!

### Wednesday Night CONNECT, Continued

room (Room 51) off the hallway behind the altar area, next to the Prayer Room.

**Adult Bible Study**—join Pastor Steve for an in depth discussion of various scriptures each week in the Friendship Room.

*Additional opportunities will be added in the future! Questions? Contact Pastor Steve, Jenny Page, or Amanda Daniels.*



## End of Summer Update from Pastor Karen

Writing for a newsletter has never been a strong point of mine. However, since I will soon have completed three months of call here it seems like the right thing to do.

What a blessing you have all been to me. This continues to be my home congregation since there is no LCMC congregation near where I presently live. And after these months of serving I couldn't be more pleased. You so graciously welcomed me into your fellowship and offered so many kindnesses. There are no words to adequately express my thanks to all of you. In so many ways it has felt like I never left.

In my time here all I had hoped to accomplish has been done. I was daily surprised to watch how God brought the right people at the right time whenever I needed help.

Having been called primarily to work with the visitation ministry team this is what the final outcome looks like. Elaine Keyes has joined visitation leaders Norm and Sara Gillette to maintain the visitation database and handle the organizational aspects of this ministry. Along with Norm and Sara there are now six other couples who are involved with the needed visits that are taking place in personal homes, rehabilitation places and retirement centers.

It is the hope of the team to stay informed of those who need visits as well as the reception of Holy Communion. While I have been here this summer, several people have approached me with names of those they thought might need and appreciate visits. This was exceedingly helpful and my hope is that this continues with concerns being shared with Elaine, Norm or Sara.

It has also been my privilege to meet with so very many of the members of this congregation. I have always loved getting to know the members of the fellowship I serve. Thank you so much for sharing your time with me.

Not that long ago I was dragging my heels as time seemed to be slipping away so fast and I wasn't ready to leave. However, after my final sermon on the 19th I suddenly was overwhelmed with such peace from our God. It is done! The work He sent me here to do has been accomplished. Norm, Sara and Elaine love this ministry of visitation as I do and those who have been serving and have come on board do so with humble and loving hearts. I leave knowing God is at work in all of this!

I praise God for sending me here for such a time as this. We serve an awesome God! May you continue to walk faithfully in service to Him and to one another!

Ever in His Grip,

Pastor Karen Gardner

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## Men's Ministry Fall Retreat

**September 14-16**

- ✧ Seeking sign-ups soon to plan numbers for food ✧
- ✧ Special speaker, special message and special fellowship ✧
- ✧ Enjoy the mountain "clear" air and restful "get away" ✧
- ✧ Spiritually recharge your hearts, minds and bodies ✧

Call RLC office or register on the yellow worship slip.  
Or call Ted Stuenkel 628-2002, Norm Gillette, 378-5898

**Everyone is Invited!**

# Block Party 2018

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
4:00 - 7:00 PM**



**JOIN US FOR BBQ, COTTON CANDY, CUPCAKES,  
LIVE MUSIC AND FUN GAMES IN  
STEVENS PARK!**

**PLEASE COME, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO  
WELCOME AND ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

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## Another Reason to be at RLC on September 8

During the Block Party, from 4-7 PM, a truck will be in the parking lot for the purpose of shredding confidential materials. Please let neighbors, friends, and family members know that to protect their identity and private information they may bring confidential material they no longer need, to be shredded. In addition to paper documents, CI Shred will also accept old hard drives for secure destruction (5/person). The shred truck is courtesy of Piton Wealth/Thrivent Financial.

Review suggested document retention rules at: <http://www.atg.wa.gov/what-shred>

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## LCMC 18th Annual Gathering

OCTOBER 7-10, 2018 DES MOINES, IA

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ's **Annual Gathering** is a four-day event featuring keynote speakers, worship and Bible study, breakout sessions, vendors and plenty of opportunities for fellowship and networking. Whether you're new to LCMC, just checking us out for the first time, or a long-time member looking to make new friends and reunite with old ones, the Annual Gathering is the place to be if you're looking to get inspired, get informed, get trained & equipped and get connected with other LCMC-ers!

"Growing Up" is the theme of our next Annual Gathering, and we've invited **Dr. Kent Hunter** of [Church Doctor Ministries](#) to help us to consider how congregations of any size can be focused on the Great Commission and develop a kingdom mindset. **Jo Kinnard** will be returning this year to serve as our Bible study leader as we reflect on the text of [Ephesians 4](#). It is time for our churches to "grow up" and become mature, hearing the call for every member to carry out the work of ministry as God has designed His Church to do.

For additional information on the Annual Gathering go to website [www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net).

## Dave Larkin, Council President

### President's Perspectives

School has begun and summer is over. Your president is back from trips to Israel/Jordan and a seminary course on the Gospel of John. During the summer I missed two of three Council meetings and I am grateful for how our Vice President, Jenifer Haler, stepped up to fill in the gap. Similarly, our Lead Pastor Steve Ernst was on Sabbatical for twelve weeks working on his doctorate and while he was gone we were so fortunate to have Pastor Karen Gardner to help fill in the gap. But with September here the regulars are now back. We all look forward to the fall season, but before we start that, I thought you might like a summary of what the Council has been doing during those summer months.

**Something Old** - You may have heard the phrase; something old, something new, and something borrowed. If I can use that as an organizing theme let me start with the "old." Each Council has the flexibility to make its own decisions and the 2017 - 2018 Council decided they wanted to return to something old. The 2016 Council had decided to end the long standing Christian Education Scholarship ministry but the current Council decided to reinstate it. So Council is reworking this ministry and for 2018 has approved awarding five scholarships totaling \$3,000 in educational assistance.

We also approved quarterly Benevolences of \$20,084 for ministries including Walk with Christ (\$2,500), Real Resources Foundation (\$3,500), Lutherhaven (\$1,800), Jews for Jesus (\$1,000), Journey with Christ (\$2,500), LCMC Seminary Debt Relief (\$2,000), LCMC Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund (\$2,000), Institute of Lutheran Theology (\$2,000), 4Tucson (\$500), The Masters Institute (\$500), Lutheran Military Veterans & families Ministries (\$1,000) and Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (\$784.20). The plan is to use 12% of your tithes and offerings to help those outside our congregation.

**Something New** – Pam Hedges and Lois Harrold, with input from others, came to Council to propose entering the 21<sup>st</sup> century with an electronic sign for the church. With significant financial help from the RLC Foundation and a lot of practical help from our Property Maintenance Team, that vision is today a reality. Council and staff are always open to new ideas from you on how we together can do ministry better and advance God's Kingdom.

Another "new" thing to look forward is to May 3-4, 2019 when RLC will host the LCMC NW District Gathering. A wonderful committee headed by Pete and Joan Mattich are putting together a detailed plan and schedule for this event and have already lined up two outstanding Keynote speakers. I don't want to steal their thunder by giving any more details but keep looking for information on this wonderful opportunity for all us to participate.

**Something Borrowed** – Okay, this might be a bit of a stretch, but preparations are nearing completion on a proposed Ministry Plan for 2019. In the past few years most of this planning and most of the goals have been proposed by our staff. But in line with Pastor Steve's desire to share the ministry with all, we have "borrowed" a practice from our past when lay members had more direct input into ministry. Your Ministry Teams have been asked to provide input all during this summer on how to make their areas more effective and to describe objective intentions for next year. This should provide all of us more ownership in the plan that the Congregation will be asked to approve at the annual meeting in October.

Dave Larkin – Congregation President  
[dllarkin@charter.net](mailto:dllarkin@charter.net) or 509-628-0420

### Women's Book Club



The women's book club will be meeting Thursday, September 20, at 7 PM at the home of Joanne Woehle, 1511 Torthay Pl., in Richland. We will discuss "Barbara Bush: A Memoir" by Barbara Bush and pick books to read in the coming year. Please join us for one, several, or all books. Contact: Joanne Woehle 521-9311 or [jomawo@hotmail.com](mailto:jomawo@hotmail.com).

**From  
Jenifer  
Haler,  
Council  
Vice  
President**

## From the Council

The book *Who Broke My Church?: 7 Proven Strategies for Renewal and Revival* by Kent R. Hunter captured me by its extensive research and the following description in the Introduction:

“As you will discover, when God revitalizes His movement in any area of the world, it begins with those who have holy discontent. It is likely several of those people exist in your church. They love the Lord. They love the church and respect the pastor(s) and staff. They are involved, generously giving of their time and money. They are not the whiners and complainers found in almost every church. They are discontent about the lack of fruit. They are dissatisfied with puny results or business as usual. They know too much from Scripture to accept mediocrity. They will not settle for simply managing the congregation. They believe what Jesus said: The harvest is ripe (see Matthew 9:37). They are deeply troubled that many young adults consider the church irrelevant. They recognize the church exists to make a difference.”

“Those who hold discontent are the ‘early adopters’ of a move of God: Spiritual seeds that represent the organic start of a coming harvests - if they are cultivated and nurtured. You may discover that you are one of them. If not, you may be about to become one. If you choose to take this journey, get ready for the greatest God-adventure of your life.”

The keynote speaker at the National LCMC Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa this October will be Kent R. Hunter. He will speak about the *7 Proven Strategies for Renewal and Revival* as well as Church Doctor Ministries, an organization which works with churches who want to reach the unchurched and revitalize the mission of the church - to make disciples. Richland Lutheran Church’s 2018 Theme has been Discipleship. Our theme for 2019 will be Discipling Together.

This fall you might join others at Richland Lutheran Church who will:

- 1) Read *Who Broke My Church?: 7 Proven Strategies for Renewal and Revival* by Kent R. Hunter.
- 2) Listen to Kent R. Hunter’s keynote address to the LCMC Gathering. The LCMC’s Gathering in October ([https://www.lcmc.net/images/files/18\\_ag\\_registration\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.lcmc.net/images/files/18_ag_registration_FINAL.pdf)) will be live-streamed, according to their web site, at [www.lcmc.net/live](http://www.lcmc.net/live). Due to the time difference and schedule Kent R. Hunter’s keynote addresses will be on Monday, October 8 and Tuesday, October 9, at 9 AM - which becomes 7 AM locally.
- 3) Prayerfully consider looking for ways that help us renew our efforts to be disciples, following Jesus’s instructions in Matthew 28 by making disciples of all nations ... . teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded - Discipling Together.

## Adult Education Opportunity

What are we communicating to those who come to our church or Bible study group for the first time? We might be verbalizing words of welcome, but what if we are presenting a message that says the opposite? The most powerful communication tools we have are often not our words. Much of our communication is presented in a nonverbal way. So what are we really saying to those just beginning to come around to the truth of God and His church?

In this study we will look deeply into the posture and attitude that exemplify the right kind of invitation. We will look at what we need to do so that those who visit our church don’t just hear but also feel the message “You really are welcome here.”

Join us for this Sunday morning six-session class. Ideal for ushers, greeters, new member shepherds, and everyone who desires to make visitors feel at home at RLC. This class will be led by Jenifer Haler in Room 123 beginning September 30 between morning worship services (approximately 9:45-10:45 AM).

Questions? Contact Jenifer Haler or Jenny Page



## September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p><b>2</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group</p> <p><b>Proverbs 1-2</b> <b>1 Cor. 12:12-31</b></p>	<p><b>3 Labor Day - Offices Closed</b> 4:30 PM Nominating Committee</p> <p><b>Proverbs 3-4</b> <b>1 Cor. 13</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 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><b>Proverbs 5-7</b> <b>1 Cor. 14:1-25</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Brookdale Chapel 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group</p> <p><b>Proverbs 14-16</b> <b>1 Cor. 16</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>Proverbs 17-18</b> <b>2 Cor. 1-2</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 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> <p><b>Proverbs 19-20</b> <b>2 Cor. 3</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> 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 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler/Worgull Bible Study</p> <p>Men's Retreat at Stonewater Ranch</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>Ecclesiastes 1-2</b> <b>2 Cor. 8-9</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 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><b>Ecclesiastes 3-6</b> <b>2 Cor. 10</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> 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 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Dorcas Circle Bible Study 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship MALT</p> <p><b>Isaiah 1-2</b> <b>Galatians 1-2</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 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> <p><b>Isaiah 3-5</b> <b>Galatians 3</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Read the Bible 2018</b> <b>selections included in</b> <b>daily calendar</b></p>



## September 2018

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>5</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Praise Band 6:45 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Proverbs 8-9</b> <b>1 Cor. 14:26-40</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 12:00 PM Outreach Team</p> <p><b>Proverbs 10-11</b> <b>1 Cor. 15:1-34</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting</p> <p><b>Proverbs 12-13</b> <b>1 Cor. 15:35-58</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p> <hr/> <p><b>8</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 PM Block Party Setup 4:00 PM Block Party 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p>
<p><b>12</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Praise Band 6:00 PM RLC Foundation 6:45 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Proverbs 21-22</b> <b>2 Cor. 4</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM LiFT</p> <p><b>Proverbs 23-24</b> <b>2 Cor. 5-6:2</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting</p> <p>Men's Retreat at Stonewater Ranch</p> <p><b>Proverbs 25-27</b> <b>2 Cor. 6:3-18</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p> <p>Men's Retreat at Stonewater Ranch</p> <p><b>Proverbs 28-31</b> <b>2 Cor. 7</b></p>
<p><b>19</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 11:00 AM Lunch at LSC 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Praise Band <b>6:00 PM Wednesday Night Connect kicks off with Family Dinner</b> 6:45 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Ecclesiastes 7-9</b> <b>2 Cor. 11:1-15</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Team Night</p> <p><b>Ecclesiastes 10-12</b> <b>2 Cor. 11:16-33</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting</p> <p><b>Song of Solomon 1-3</b> <b>2 Cor. 12</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p> <p><b>Song of Solomon 4-8</b> <b>2 Cor. 13</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:15 PM Worship MALT 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Praise Band 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Connect Activities</p> <p><b>Isaiah 6-8</b> <b>Galatians 4</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>Isaiah 9-12</b> <b>Galatians 5</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting</p> <p><b>Isaiah 13-16</b> <b>Galatians 6</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p> <p><b>Isaiah 17-21</b> <b>Ephesians 1-2</b></p>
		<p><b>The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!</b></p>	<p>Please call the church office, 943-3164, or check the website, <a href="http://www.richlandlutheran.org">www.richlandlutheran.org</a>, for the most current information. Please note that not all activities are actually held at the church.</p>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

### Sunday School

Sunday School starts September 9 for kids age 3 years old through 5th grade! We'll gather in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall 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 a new curriculum, "Dig Into Discipleship." Digging Into Discipleship brings a fresh approach to growing a lifelong relationship with God. As kids explore God's character throughout the Bible, God transforms them from the inside out. Kids discover what it means to reflect the heart of God in everyday life.

The RLC Sunday School follows the age guidelines used by the local school districts. Children should be age 3 by August 31, 2018 to begin Sunday School, and should attend the class that matches their school grade level.

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

### Super 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, immediately following the family dinner at 6:00 PM, in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall. Worship and prayer, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, games, crafts, and lots of fun happen each week!

This year we will be exploring the **Beatitudes**, as well as growing together as disciples of Christ through worship, spiritual growth, service, and using all that God has given us!

Super Kids! will be participating in the weekly Wednesday night gathering, as described on the front page.

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

### Operation Christmas Child



#### September request: Personal Hygiene & Wardrobe Basics

Socks, t-shirts, leggings, flip-flops, hats, fashion scarves, bandanas, underwear, "pillow case" dresses, toothbrushes (no toothpaste), wide-tooth combs, hair accessories, adhesive bandages (i.e. band aids®), non-liquid lip balm, nail clippers, nail files, compact mirrors, stick deodorant

Our goal for 2018 is ~~450 boxes!~~ **600 BOXES!** *At Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School this year, the participants were challenged to bring in up to 500 pair of flip flops (and then they'd get to pie Pastor Corey in the face!). They crushed that goal and brought in over 600 pair! It was decided to bring that challenge back to the congregation of RLC, and fill 600 boxes! Help us to respond with the same enthusiasm and love that the VBS kids did!*

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 \$5400). 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)

## Activities for Middle School

Middle School Youth Group is BACK! School is starting, and so are we! Beginning **September 9** join us **Sunday mornings at 9:45** in the middle school room upstairs! We've got games, lessons, and some fun time planned – so if you're in middle school you don't want to miss it!

We're excited to announce we're launching Middle School small groups on Wednesday nights as part of Wednesday Night Connect at 6:00 PM! After dinner and worship we'll split off into Middle School Guys and Middle School Gals to spend some time together talking about our week and our faith!

## Activities for High School

4:12 – High School Youth Group – is getting back into its regular school year gear! Join us Sunday nights, 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the high school room, in September to learn more about our awesome volunteer leaders and hear some of their personal faith stories. **Haven't been to youth group before? Or in a while? Come check it out!**

September 2 - 4:12 will be meeting at Seth & Ellie Rosser's house for a BBQ & Pool party! Regular 6:00 PM time. Come enjoy their awesome backyard, and the fact that there's no school the next day!

## Adult Education Opportunity

### Welcoming the Stranger—Discovering and Living God's Heart for Immigrants

**Facilitator:** Carol Larkin    Email: [calarkin45@gmail.com](mailto:calarkin45@gmail.com)  
Home Phone: 509-628-0420

**Date:** Begins September 16; (6-8 sessions)    **Time:** 9:50-10:50    **Place:** Friendship Room

**Materials provided:** Welcoming the Stranger by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang; accompanying Study Guide. The book's authors are employees of World Relief.

Martin Luther once said, "If you preach the gospel in all aspects **with the exception of the issues which deal specifically with your time, you are not preaching the gospel at all.**"

Certainly, one of the major issues of our time is immigration. This class will provide an opportunity:

- to learn what the Bible has to say that could guide us in our perspectives on immigrants and immigration issues
- to broaden our understanding of immigration and policy concerns

#### The Study Guide Topics are:

**Session A:** A Mission on our Doorstep; **Session B:** Thinking Biblically about Immigration; **Session C:** The Most Vulnerable: Refugees, Undocumented Immigrants, and Victims of Human Trafficking; **Session D:** Understanding Immigration Policy: Past and Present; **Session E:** Where Immigrants Come From: Addressing the Root Causes; **Session F:** A Christian Response to Immigration

#### Each session we will:

- Watch a short video introduction to the session's theme.
  - Read a short article on the sessions theme.
  - Discuss our reflections on the theme.
- Pray – using suggestions related to the theme.
  - Activity – "homework" suggestion

## GNMM Arts and Crafts Fair Reminder

The Good News Media Ministry (GNMM) Arts and Crafts Fair is coming up the second Saturday of November. This event is one of only two fundraisers that GNMM sponsors each year to help support this television ministry. The other fundraiser is the garage sale held in the spring.

We know there are a lot of talented individuals here at Richland Lutheran Church. Please consider sharing your gift and the treasures you make. If you have any craft items you would like to sell or donate or have any questions, please contact Alyce Thompson at 727-7390 or leave a message in her mailbox in the Prince of Peace at church.

GNMM is a separate ministry from RLC and has its own budget. It is supported by contributions using the pink envelope in your offering box, designated gifts, or the two fundraisers. To keep this program on the air, your help is needed as it costs over \$500.00 per week. All of the proceeds from the sale of craft items and food at this event are spent on keeping the good news of Jesus Christ on the KVEW network at 9:00 AM, although the times do vary if the television network chooses to air another program.

Please consider helping with this fundraiser either by selling or donating your craft items or volunteering to help at the sale. You could also take the opportunity to come by on Saturday, November 10, and see what great handmade items there are, which can be given as a gift from the heart. Of course, helping to spread the word about this fun shopping experience is always appreciated.

## LCMC NW District Gathering Coming to RLC



Save the Date!

May 3-4, 2019

Here at RLC

LCMC Northwest Gathering

Theme:

My Feet Are On the Rock:

Standing firm in a shifting world

Psalm 62:6

## Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday September 2</i>	<i>Sunday September 9</i>	<i>Sunday September 16</i>	<i>Sunday September 23</i>	<i>Sunday September 30</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Charles Davis	Jim Salaba	Kathy Killand	Dolores Jaech	Laura Stevens
	11:00 AM	(10:15 AM) Karen Clark	Valerie Bettinson	Sue Meek	Kelly Westlund	Vernon Packard
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Joey Weissenfels Jason Schroeder	Isabella Fetrow Brock Streufert	Jase Vopalensky Evelyn Davis	Hans Miles Nonie Kangas	Joey Weissenfels Brock Streufert
	11:00 AM	(10:15 AM) Emily Archibald Lauren Archibald	Kaysha Benjamson Josephine Whitney	Aiden Lesser Andrew Miles	Sam Webster Cliff Sandberg	Kaleb Prigge Kaysha Benjamson
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H- Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A- Jim Peterson Walt Wood	H- Matt Sterkel Darrell Miles A- Jon Erlandson Harold Hogue	H- Dave Larkin Fred Ball A- Jim Peterson Harold Hogue	H- Larry Haler Gary Weible A- Matt Sterkel Dave Larkin	H - Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A - Jim Peterson Walt Wood
	11:00 AM	(10:15 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- Andy Ribbing *****	H- Darrel Miles Alyce Thompson A- Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson	H - Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder A - Andy Ribbing Drew Snyder
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	8:30 AM	Jeff Pilger	Sue Meek	Rick Nunamaker	Valerie Silva	Sue Meek
	11:00 AM	(10:15 AM) Shirley Fast	Sandi Edgemon	Amanda Daniels	Valerie Silva	Kelly Westlund
	5:00 PM	Elaine Keyes	*****	*****	*****	*****
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Alesia Chaney Jenifer Haler Larry Haler	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Clarine Watkins	Alesia Chaney Kathy Killand Jeff Pilger	Clarine Watkins Elaine Davis Charles Davis	Jeff Pilger Charles Davis Elaine Davis
	11:00 AM	(10:15 AM) Karen Clark Kelly Westlund Amanda Daniels *****	Lisa Wiegand Kelly Westlund Valerie Bettinson Mike Bettinson	Kathy Umbarger Jenny Page ***** *****	Heidi Dagle Valerie Silva Jami Prigge Lisa Wiegand	Heidi Dagle Amanda Daniels Bill Peterson Sue Peterson
<i>Setup Communion</i>	Before 8:30	Rick and Susie Nunamaker	Lisa Wiegand	Joanne Woehle	Lisa Wiegand	Vernon Packard
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Between Services	Lois Harrold Bonnie Harris	Vernon Packard	Carol Schmid	Joy Stuenkel *****	Rick and Susie Nunamaker
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	After 11:00	(After 10:15 AM) Kelly Westlund	Nancy Ballard	Mike and MaryJo Schroeder	Kelly Westlund	Vernon Packard
<i>Cleanup After Evening Service</i>	After 5:00 Service	*****	Vernon Packard	*****	Nancy Ballard	*****
<i>Bake Communion Bread</i>		Jane Wilcox	Jane Wilcox	Joanne Woehle	Nancy Ballard	Jane Wilcox
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Jim & Sue Worgull	Carol Schmid	Debbie Honeyman	Norm & Sara Gil- lette
	11:00 AM	(10:15 AM) Kelly Westlund	Rachel & Andy Ribbing	LaVonne Scully	*****	*****
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM	Lori Lachut	Desiree Hall	John Huebner	Traci Moran	Karen Juergens
	11:00 AM	(10:15 AM) Pam Hedges	Julie Bishop	Jana Strasburg	Trina Miles	Karen Clark

## Worship Support

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<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Kenny You	Larry Haler	Drew Snyder	Andy Clark	Larry Haler
<i>Tech Director/ Live Stream Coordinator</i>	8:30 AM	Jim Moran	Mike Schwartz	Brian Killand	Jim Moran	Mike Schwartz
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	1- Don Schmid 2 - Ken Meek	1 - Karen Schwartz 2 - Mark Underwood	1 - Ken Meek 2 - Daniel Miles	1 - Don Schmid 2 - Andrew Miles	1 - Karen Schwartz 2 - Mark Underwood
<i>Editor/ Post Production</i>	8:30 AM	Scott Carswell	Jim Moran	*****	Bob Thompson	Mike Bettinson
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Daniel Miles	Paul Hedges	Daniel Miles	Paul Hedges	Daniel Miles
	11:00 AM	(10:15) Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	8:30 AM	Schwartz Weible	Erlandson Hogue	Kremmer Peterson	Harrold Peterson	***** *****
	11:00 AM	(10:15) Thompson Hagensen	Budzeck Bettinson	Thompson *****	Barchet Sorensen	***** *****
	5:00 PM	Quinn Vogel	Petersen	Quinn	Petersen Vogel	***** *****
<i>Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00 PM	Lisa Frislie Elaine Keyes	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Vogel	Betty Quinn Vernon Packard	Linda Totten Diane Bonin	Lisa Frislie Vernon Packard
<i>Cashiers (Monday after)</i>		Kathy Snyder Jon Erlandson	Joanne Woehle Lori Hogan	Nancy Ballard Adele Sorensen	Kristen Imhoff Marge Hogue	***** *****
<i>Bulletin Assembly (Friday before)</i>		Norm & Sara Gillette Bill Bishop	Norm & Bobbi Stout Lois Harrold	Norm & Bobbi Stout Patti Miller	Norm & Sara Gillette Carol Schmid	Lois Harrold Doloros Erickson Carol Schmid
<i>Recycle</i>		Fred Kremmer	Karen Schwartz	Alesia Chaney	Todd Maier	Kathy Snyder
<i>Flowers</i>		Larry & Jenifer Haler	Irv & Elaine Solbrack	Jeff & Peggy Pilger	Felix & Betty Quinn	Kathy Baumgarten

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

### Estonia Mission Team - Thank You, RLC!

We wish to thank all of you at RLC for your support, whether financial or through prayer, of the 2018 Estonia Mission Team while we were travelling and serving in Estonia. The English Bible camps were well-received in both Kuressaare and Tartu. We got to see many old friends and made many new friends, and it was exciting to see how God was at work in Estonia!

Gratefully,  
Mot and Pam Hedges, John Huebner, Adam Pilger and Kelly Westlund



## Anniversaries

**September 1**  
Jerry & Shirley Johnson

**September 2**  
Andy & Rachel Ribbing

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

**September 6**  
John & Melissa Carter  
Emil & Jann Leitz

**September 8**  
Erlan & Jan Leitz

**September 10**  
Jason & Lisa Corning  
Irv & Elaine Solbrack

**September 12**  
John & Janice Fulton

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

**September 17**  
Matthew & Laurel Palmblad

**September 20**  
Bernie & Joanne Woehle

**September 21**  
Terry & Gayla Davis

**September 23**  
Felix & Betty Quinn

**September 24**  
Rusty & Lauren Heaslet

**September 25**  
Kelly & Marcia Arnzen

**September 26**  
Larry & Lois Harrold

**September 28**  
Mike & Lori Hogan



## Birthdays

**September 1**  
Ila Pitkin

**September 2**  
Morgan Oberlander

**September 3**  
Kora Carter  
Jantz Levin

**September 4**  
Tammy Carswell  
Vickie Kelly

**September 5**  
Alesia Chaney  
Ben Kelly

**September 6**  
Nancy Jewell

**September 8**  
Paige Maier  
Seth Rosser  
Adele Sorensen

**September 9**  
Rhet McCullough  
Madeline Miller  
Cliff Sandberg

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

**September 11**  
Don Schmid  
Janet Sliter

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

**September 13**  
Don Grewe  
Sydney Heaslet  
Mary Lipton

**September 14**  
Fred Ball

**September 15**  
Kathy Snyder

**September 16**  
Dorothy Beyer

**September 17**  
Cassidy Miller

**September 18**  
Vivian Stangeland

**September 19**  
Carl Schroeder Jr.

**September 21**  
Kurt Imhoff  
John Lesser  
Mallory Mercer  
Sue Vernon

**September 23**  
Lily Dagle  
Julie Deen

**September 24**  
MaryJo Schroeder

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

**September 26**  
Patty Newton  
Leah Smith  
Kelly Weissenfels

**September 27**  
Elaine Davis  
Susie Nunamaker  
Dragica Vukojevic

**September 28**  
Natalie Hagensen  
Lillian Hutchison  
Stacy McCullough  
Deborah Simonen

**September 30**  
Lila Andor  
Jaime Femreite  
Pete Mattich



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## **Worship Schedule**

### **Traditional Worship with Holy Communion**

Sundays at 8:30 AM

### **Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion**

Sunday, September 2 at 10:15 AM

Sundays at 11:00 AM

### **Informal Evening Worship with Holy Communion**

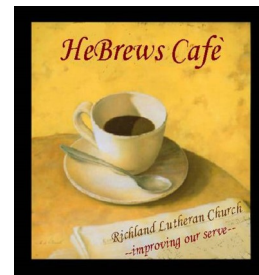
Sundays at 5:00 PM

*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:***



***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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