



THE PREVIEW

AUGUST 2019

“Mansions” and Small Group Ministry After Eight Weeks

Six months after RLC implemented the 2019 ministry plan with the focus on “Discipling Together,” we were invited to look at a definition of Christian Discipleship other than simply *“the process of being a follower of Jesus Christ.”* What if we understood discipleship **“involves being conformed into the image of Christ for the glory of God and the love of others (our neighbors)”**?

If so, what does that take? What does it look like? And how do we get there? Will we be better disciples when we get there? Paul encouraged believers in Romans 12:2, **“Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is---his good, pleasing and perfect will.”**

To meet Paul’s challenge Pastor Steve and the Discipleship Team initiated our new Small Group ministry. April saw 10 small groups form, and 70-75 RLC members start the process of seeking “transformation” and embracing the heart of true discipleship **“by conforming to the image of Christ for the glory of God.”** Dr. R. Thomas Ashbrook’s book, “Mansions of the Heart” provides the curriculum the groups use seeking spiritual growth and transformation.

Now, 8 or 9 weeks into the “Mansions” study guide, our groups have read, discussed, shared, and prayed seeking to understand and embrace how it pertains to discipleship and spiritual growth. **So, how’s it going? Sort of difficult for some, enlightening for others!**

This is not a Bible study we have been used to. Christ followers know “we have been saved by grace through faith” so obedient to our faith and for love of the Lord, we check the these boxes: worship regularly (x), read the Bible (x), study about Jesus (x), live an honorable life (x), serve the church and the community (x), serve the poor (x), visit the sick (x) and release the captives (x).

Can anyone accuse believers of “not growing spiritually” when we faithfully worship the Triune God when “doing” the boxes above? No, I don’t think so, and we humbly pray Jesus would agree. But is there more?

Where do all the efforts with “Mansions” and spir-

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

Charlotte McCord - 7/20/19
 Briella DeWebber - 7/28/19

Weddings

None

Memorial/Funerals

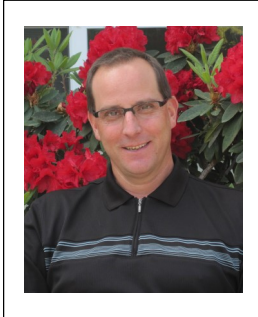
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Mansions of the Heart - Now What?, Part 1



**From
Pastor
Steve**

When our congregation began studying *Mansions of the Heart* by Thomas Ashbrook, predominately within our new small groups, I didn't realize the seismic shift we were making in our understanding of spiritual formation. Sure, I knew this book would challenge and stretch us, all Christian growth does, (for that matter, all growth does), but I failed to realize, until a few weeks ago, the true paradigm shift we were making in understanding discipleship as we know it.

On Sunday, June 30, I hosted a small group facilitators meeting where we discussed how folks in our groups were reacting to and being affected by Ashbrook's *Mansions*. Of course there are varied reactions and responses. In fact, as many as there are people who are reading the book. However, it became clear, regardless of the specific responses, that this read is stretching most of us into space with which we are unfamiliar. As the meeting with the facilitators progressed, I found myself at the white board in the Friendship Room illustrating the paradigm shift I believe Holy Spirit is taking our congregation through (I say "congregation" because about 100 of us are currently studying *Mansions*. That's 1/3 of our average Sunday attendance, a very significant percentage). What is illustrated on the next page, (thanks to Larry Halder for the table), is the radical shift of understanding spiritual formation God is taking us through.

Please allow me to explain. Generally, what we know about spiritual formation is what we have been taught and practice, captured in the bracket "this is where we start." Our

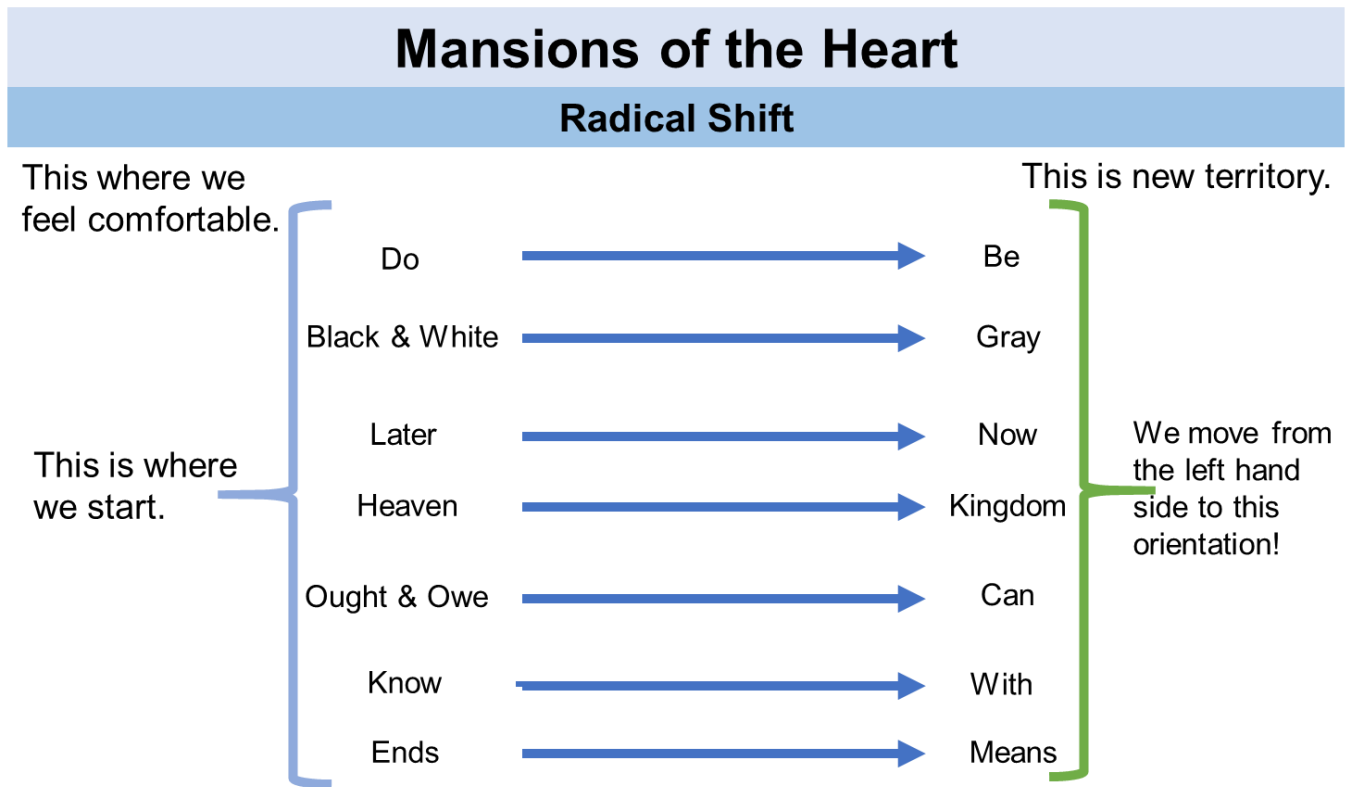
understanding includes "doing", or better said, serving God because we "ought to" or "owe" him. Our greatest endeavor in the Christian life is to make sure that we are "saved," meaning that we have our ticket to heaven when we die where we will finally enter into the kingdom of God. This keeps us focused on the end goal. We can know more about God by reading his word, the Holy Scriptures, where things are, for the most part, black and white illustrated by the "do's" and the "do not's," the "shall's" and the shall not's."

The paradigm shift we are making leads us into relatively unknown space in our Christian walk. Here, it's less about "doing" for God and more about "being" with God. The Biblical texts come alive and we see Scripture informing our lives with much more gray than black and white. Living in the kingdom of God now becomes equally important as the hereafter. We respond to God's love with faith and obedience not because we should, ought to, or owe God, but because we can. The process of spiritual formation becomes more important than the destination, so that being with God is the ultimate goal of the Christian life, now and forever.

As many of us near the conclusion of our study in *Mansions*, we're beginning to ask the question, what's next. Do we simply put the book up on a shelf saying, "There's some good stuff there, now onto the next." Or do we allow what we've learned to continue to shape us, continue to shape our church? *Mansions* provides us with a foundation for understanding spiritual formation. Understanding Teresa of

From Pastor Steve, Continued

Avila’s castles gives us a way to grow in Christian discipleship through seven stages of spiritual growth and a common language to practice and understand spiritual growth in living our lives together. I’m not exactly sure what this looks like yet, but I’d like you to imagine with me what God would do with “a church of spiritual pilgrims, recognizing their unique journeys to the heart of God, dependent on one another for help and encouragement in that adventure?” (Ashbrook 2019, 233) Also imagine what God would do “if small groups and spiritual friendships were intentionally facilitated to focus on helping us grow spiritually, and live out the love of Jesus in the world around us?” (Ashbrook 2019, 233) What would God do indeed?



Notes from Mansion of the Hearts, Facilitator meeting with Pastor Steve Ernst June 30, 2019.

**From
Pastor
Sam**

By All This...They Will Know You Are My Disciples

It is been nearly two months since I began to serve this church as Interim Associate Pastor overseeing the visitation program. I have met with many members of the visitation ministry and what I noticed is the dedication and commitment to visitation that those who do visits have for what God has called them to do. Visiting others is an important part of the life of the church, and those who do this work realize that being called into this ministry has meaning for those they visit because it shows them that we love and care for them.

I also found that I was drawn to attend the Thursday morning prayer group for one of their gatherings. Elaine Keyes, who provides administrative assistance for the visitation program, is also active in the prayer ministries, and she and I began to discuss the relationship that exists between the prayer and visitation ministries of the church.

I mention this because, as I observed both ministries, it surprised me that in some ways that the prayer ministry, and the visitation ministry, seemed to be somewhat disconnected from each other. In discussions I had with Pastor Steve, members of the staff, and some of the elected leaders, all acknowledged that what I was observing was a present reality of the church; so I began to talk about what it would mean to seek a path that would more fully align those two ministries.

Part of how this idea came to me was because of the experience I had when I was the pastor of the White Salmon United Methodist Church, which is in White Salmon, WA. The other part came because of how I view the role of the Body of Christ in how we 'stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel' (Philippians 1:27).

White Salmon has a weekly prayer group that was very intentional in how it discussed the reasons that we were praying for those on our prayer list. It used a structured format that we followed as we talked about those for whom we prayed. That format also helped to guide us as we decided on the kind of follow up that each person needed; whether that was a visit from the Pastor or some other person, or maybe a phone call.

One thing that helped guide the time of prayer was a form we followed when we met each week to pray. [I obtained a copy of the form from Brian Baynes, who is the prayer group leader in White Salmon, and asked Elaine to pass it on to the Thursday morning prayer group.] The form White Salmon used brought some structure to their time of prayer because it was divided into sections that included; a time to share joys we found from God during the previous week; we read a devotional and a scripture; and had a time of silent prayer. It was a small church, so we were able to talk about each person on the list to find out how the person was doing, talked about any follow-up that was needed, and once we completed the list; we prayed for the list as a whole knowing that what God sought from us was that we were to bring this list into His presence through our prayer.

The same thing happened with the other sections of the list because we prayed for the leaders of the church, present and former Pastors, the community of

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RLC Financial Snapshot

Richland Lutheran Church			June-19			
Year to Date			Prior Year Comparison			
	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>YTD '19</u>	<u>YTD '18</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Tithes/Offerings	\$ 386,283	\$ 857,782	45%	\$ 386,283	\$ 351,962	\$ 34,321
Expense	\$ 426,062	\$ 857,782	50%	\$ 426,062	\$ 556,796	\$ (130,734)
Profit /(Loss)	\$ (39,779)	\$ -	-5%	\$ (39,779)	\$ (204,834)	\$ 165,055

If you have any questions, contact Jeff Pilger, Financial Officer, or Lisa Wiegand, Ministry Assistant for Biblical Stewardship.

An Invitation from your RLC Prayer Ministry Team

Have you ever felt called to pray for someone but felt awkward and untrained?
 Have you ever considered becoming a prayer minister?
 Are you a small-group leader, Sunday school teacher, helper, counselor, or home visitor?

You are invited to attend
 an evening Seminar:

The FUNDAMENTALS of PRAYER MINISTRY
 Taught by Rev. Dr. James Kearney
 Wednesday, August 28, at 6:30 PM

To be hosted at the West Side Church North Sanctuary
 615 Wright Ave, Richland (at the corner of Wright Ave and Lee Blvd)

This hands-on seminar will give you
 tools for praying in groups of 2-3 people seeking spiritual help.

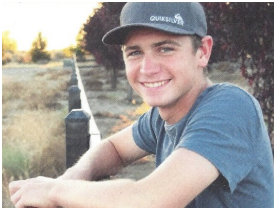
No registration is required.
 Refreshments and child care will be provided.
 Please call ahead, 509-946-4656, if you will be needing child care.



RLC Christian Education Scholarships Awarded

The RLC Christian Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to congregation members in good standing, with post-secondary education expenses, pursuing degrees which will assist recipients in advancing God's Kingdom.

The Scholarship Fund Committee is proud to present the recipients of the 2019 awards:



Connor Budzeck

Planning to become a career firefighter, Connor took advantage of the fire-fighting program at the Tri-Tech Skills Center during his high school career. He will continue his education in the fire science program at Columbia Basin College with the goal of getting Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certified. He states, "When you are a fire fighter you have three jobs; save life, protect property, protect the environment. Being a fire fighter means giving back to a community that has given me so much. I know this is exactly what God wants me to do."



Woody Page

Currently a sophomore at Eastern Washington University, Woody cites, "Lessons from church and youth group showed me how to be an example as a follower of Christ to others around me." That's one of the reasons Woody is pursuing a degree in secondary education, focusing on history. He explains, "A job, such a teacher, is the perfect place to be a shining example of Christ to the youth in our community."



Laurel Palmblad

Already a registered nurse, Laurel is working towards a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) through Idaho State University. This is on top of being a mother, and active at RLC member in the Grief Ministry, Vacation Bible School, and the preschool Sunday School program. She is also a Board of Director member for two small businesses in our community. "I have accomplished so much academically since starting my master's education," Laurel says, "but also I have grown through serving God and others with practice."



Robert Warren

Due to a strong interest in electronics from an early age, Robert will be starting his freshman year at University of Washington, majoring in electrical engineering. In preparation, he has challenged himself by taking multiple Advance Placement (AP) classes, been active in many high school clubs, became an Eagle Scout, and has been involved at RLC. Robert is a member of the Praise Band and assists with the middle school youth group on Wednesdays and Sundays. Looking forward to his professional career, Robert says, "The STEM [science, technology, engineering, and mathematic] field is not known for its friendliness towards Christians. Going into this field, I hope that I can bring God's message to people who really need it and might not have someone in their life to hear from about it. As I go into the future God has planned for me, I hope that I share His love and reflect all that He has to offer."

Small Groups, Continued from Page 1

itual growth originate? Since our 2019 ministry plan focus is “Discipling Together” and an enhanced definition of Discipleship “involves being conformed to the image of Christ for the glory of God and others”, will we not be better disciples or maybe the best disciples we can be if we are transformed and spiritually grow to be more Christlike and walk in his shoes? Tall order, but wow, what if our neighbors and the community said, “we know these RLC people by their love and how they love God and others.”

Is there “something more,” and can we find it in the “Mansions” story?

The 12 ordinary men Jesus asked to leave their lives and homes to follow him experienced spiritual growth and transformation, and became Apostles, primarily because they “knew” Jesus and “loved” him. Their “knowing relationship” with Jesus for three years while “being conformed to his likeness for the glory of the Father” helped them change the world with their discipleship.

Now, our obedient faithful know a lot “about” God in the boxes we have checked above. But when “the Holy Spirit transforms our sinful selves into Christ’s own image” we are conformed in the likeness of Christ and we can **“actually know” God’s love** in addition to **knowing “about him.”** It is said Christian surrender is saying yes to God’s love which is the work of the Holy Spirit, making his love ours and his nature ours. This is the core of Christian spiritual transformation.”

Lord, You and Your perfect love is the **“something more”** we pray for on the spiritual path of “Mansions.” Lord, abide with us in prayer, meditation, and contemplation as we seek transformation. We’ve learned the success of spiritual growth is dependent upon our faith not our performance, so Lord give us humble hearts to surrender and receive Your perfect love and a willingness to obey Your Spirit working in us.

Come Lord Jesus.

Norm Gillette

RLC Missions

Thanks you for keeping our missions teams in prayer this summer! Daniel Miles has returned home from the East European Mission Network trip to Slovakia. The Lodge Grass mission team had a great week in Lodge Grass, Montana, on the Crow Indian Reservation. The team was able to make connections with several people in the community, which will be very helpful for future planning.

Mot and Pam Hedges and Andrew Miles left for Estonia on Saturday, July 27, and Kelly Westlund will join them on August 5. Please pray for safe travels, and that those who attend the Bible camps will be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. This team will return home on August 13.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Education is important for every community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School kits contain essential supplies to help children - and, in some cases, adults - continue learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. So, when you are out shopping all the “back to school” supply sales, please pick up a few items for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We put them together and send them out in the fall.

Items needed:

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks
- 12-inch rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- Black or blue ballpoint pens
- 2.5 inch erasers
- Boxes of 24 crayons

It's Almost Time!!

Block Party 2019

Saturday, September 7

4:00 - 7:00 PM

at Stevens Park

Join us as we welcome our neighborhood!
Fun games, live music, BBQ, bounce houses
and more!

Volunteer signups will start
August 18. We need lots of help for
a successful event!



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!</p>	<p>Please call the church office, at 943-3164, or check the website, richlandlutheran.org, for the most current information. Please note that not all activities are actually held at the church.</p>	
<p>4 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café 9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study</p>	<p>5 12:00 PM Mary Martha 4:30 PM Nominating Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 PM Imhoff/Keyes Small Group 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248</p>
<p>11 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café 9:45 AM Middle School Small Group 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Brookdale Chapel 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study</p>	<p>12 12:00 PM Mary Martha 4:30 PM Nominating Committee 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>13 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 PM Imhoff/Keyes Small Group 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248 7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>
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August 2019

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 12:00 PM Outreach Team 5:00 PM Steel Small Group	2 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	3 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
7 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 10:00 AM Geyer Small Group 1:00 PM Gillette Small Group 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Praise Band	8 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 11:45 AM Dunamis Group 5:00 PM Steele Small Group 6:30 PM LIFT	9 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	10 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
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Activities for Kids

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

September 8, 2019—Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School registration and cake!

Activities for Middle School

Sunday school may be over for the school year, but - Great news! - **Middle School Youth Group** on Sunday mornings is continuing on through summer!

We just can't go all summer without our time together, so plan on continuing to join us. We are spending the summer in the Parables of Jesus!

Summer Wednesday's for Middle School

have been great so far! Join us for one more!

August Schedule

August 7 - No Summer Wednesday

August 14 - Last one of the summer! Stay tuned for details!

Activities for High School

Summer is HERE! Join us for 4:12 – High School **Youth Group - Sunday nights from 6:00-8:00 PM.** Pay attention to where we are, which week! Students: if you don't get texts from Amanda reminding you about it, let her know!

If you've got a high school student in your home, encourage them to be there! Need a ride? Want more info? Talk to Amanda!

High School Summer Retreat

August 5 -7

We're going to stay the nights in Portland, and spend the day of August 6 in Seaside! Interested in joining us? Talk to Amanda to get more info!

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White Salmon, the people of the world and the many things that we all face; extreme weather, the impact of war, the tragic losses of human life, and any other thing that seemed appropriate for us to pray.

The prayer time ended with another short devotional, a closing prayer usually led by the prayer group leader, and finally, we recited the Lords' prayer.

It is not my intention to say that this is an idea meant for Richland Lutheran Church to mimic what is done in White Salmon. Instead, it is my hope that we will be willing to follow this path of intentionality in prayer and see how the prayer life, and the visitation ministry, can be more closely aligned. And as always, this can only occur if we trust the Spirit of Christ Jesus who is the one who will lead us as we explore this idea.

One scripture that has been a guide for me as I have sought to bring this idea to the church comes from John 13:34-35 RSV when Jesus taught his disciples; "a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Jesus' command is that we show who we are by how we care for and love one another, and the one thing that we can show others is how we pray for one another and how we care for the needs of those who are here.

A few things have happened since we began this discussion; Elaine and I talked with the Thursday morning prayer group about this idea, and about three weeks ago they began to bring to the weekly prayer group the prayer list that is in the bulletin, and to pray for those on the list. It is heartening that the prayer group is willing to try a new thing; and to trust that this may be a new path for congregational care that is just opening up for the church.

Where is this headed? I follow where God leads by taking a step into a new thought or idea as I discern what God may have for me, and the step I took was to begin to talk with others about what I was observing. One group that I have shared this with is the Prayer Team who seems to be interested in what this idea may mean, and I also submitted a brief overview of this idea in the July Council report. It is my plan to continue to think, pray and discern how this may fit with the ministry plan of the church, and to continue to talk about this as time passes.

Being intentional about how we pray is one way that we demonstrate that we are disciples of Jesus Christ and it also shows to all people outside of this church that we not only talk about how we live as followers of Jesus, but that we do live as followers of Jesus by how we love one another.

And what can you do? One thing would be to include this idea during times when you pray for the church. If you do pray about this idea, pay attention to any little nudge or whisper from the Spirit of God that this might be something you can maybe help to do. Finally, be open to the Spirit's presence as we seek the path that Christ Jesus has for us to follow in how we pray, visit, and care for those God has sent to be in our midst.

Men's Ministry - Range Day

The RLC Men's Ministry invite you to join them for the 2nd Trap and Skeet Shootout on August 24, 2019, from 2-5 PM at the Rattlesnake Tri-Cities Shooting Association.

Chili, cornbread, salad, soft drinks and tea will be provided.

Contact: Bill Bishop

Would You Like to Join RLC?



Our next New Members class is scheduled for September 29 and October 6. If you would like to join the RLC family, please contact the church office or mark your yellow worship slip, and then make plans to attend this two week class hosted by Pastor Steve. Class will be held 9:45-10:30 AM in the chapel. New members will be received on Sunday, October 13.



Acolyte Training

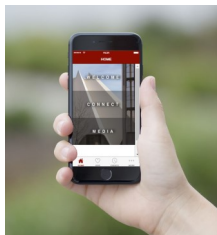
Acolyte Training will be held on Sunday, September 22, at 9:45 AM. All 6th grade students should attend to learn how to serve as an acolyte during worship. They will start being scheduled to serve in October. Older students who have not yet been trained should plan to attend as well. Please meet in the narthex.



First Communion Instruction

First Communion training will be held on Sunday, September 22, at 9:45 AM in the 5th grade Sunday School room. Pastor Steve will instruct the students in "the how's and the why's" of receiving communion. Students will be invited to receive communion with their families on Sunday, October 6—World Communion Sunday.

RLC Mobile App and Digital Giving



Digital giving is a safe and easy alternative for your tithes, offerings and special gifts to RLC. Register on the church website (RichlandLutheran.org) or on the mobile-phone app (text RLCAPP to 77977 to download). Digital giving eliminates the need for offering envelopes and volunteer/staff processing of your check or cash. It's even more efficient that using the bill payer system offered by your local bank or credit union! Recurring or one-time special giving is available. And, you have the ability to see your giving records at any time through your personal PushPay account! Join the others who have already made the switch!

Questions? Contact Lisa Wiegand or Jenny Page in the church office.



LiFT - Women's Ministry

Women of RLC! Join us on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30-7:45 PM in the Friendship Room for LIFT — Ladies in Fellowship Together. This year, we're diving into discipleship with a curriculum called "Friend of God: A Discipleship Experience." We hope you'll join us!

Questions? Contact Jenny Page (jennypageRLC@gmail.com)

Operation Christmas Child



August request: School Supplies!

Suggestions: spiral notebooks, pens, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, flexible rulers, protractors, pencil cases, manual pencil sharpeners, markers, mechanical pencils, solar powered calculators, scissors, small adhesive tape, blank index cards.

Our goal for 2019 is 400 boxes!

**403 boxes sent
in 2018!**

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 \$3600).

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.

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Boy Scout Troop 248 Wreath Sales



Troop 248 will
begin taking orders
in October.
Watch for details.

Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday August 4</i>	<i>Sunday August 11</i>	<i>Sunday August 18</i>	<i>Sunday August 25</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30	Charles Davis	Fred Ball	Jim Peterson	Kathy Killand
	11:00	Karen Clark	Vernon Packard	Valerie Bettinson	Sue Meek
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30	Mackie Kangas ****	Joey Weissenfels ****	Brock Streufert Julianna Monroe	Brock Streufert Joey Weissenfels
	11:00	Aiden Lesser ****	**** ****	Trey Wiegand ****	**** ****
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30	Darrell Miles Kyia Miles	Walt Wood Fred Ball	Gary Weible Jim Peterson	Jon Erlandson Walt Wood
		Jim Peterson Jon Erlandson	Dave Larkin Wayne Roundy	Fred Kremmer Matt Sterkel	Wayne Roundy ****
	11:00	Carol Hexum Alyce Thompson	Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder	Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck	Alan Hagensen Luke Hagensen
		Alan Hagensen Luke Hagensen	Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck	Alyce Thompson Mike Bettinson	Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	8:30	****	Sue Meek	Rick Nunamaker	Valerie Silva
	11:00	Shirley Fast	Sandi Edgemon	Valerie Bettinson	Valerie Silva
	5:00	Elaine Keyes	Sam Geyer	Sam Geyer	Sam Geyer
<i>Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00	Lisa Frislie Elaine Keyes	Vernon Packard Betty Quinn	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Vogel	Linda Totten Diane Bonin
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30	Charles Davis Elaine Davis Jenifer Haler Larry Haler	Sue Meek Clarine Watkins Alesia Chaney Wayne Roundy	Pam Hedges **** **** ****	Clarine Watkins **** **** ****
	11:00	Karen Clark Shirley Fast Jenny Page Kelly Westlund	Sue Peterson Bill Peterson Karen Clark ****	Kathy Umbarger Heidi Dagle Lisa Wiegand ****	Kelly Westlund **** **** ****
<i>Setup Communion</i>	Before 8:30	Mary Jo Schroeder	Susie & Rick Nunamaker	Lisa Wiegand	Joanne Woehle
<i>Cleanup/Setup Communion</i>	Between Services	Jenny Page	Bonnie Harris Lois Harrold	Pam Warren Joy Stuenkel	Mary Jo Schroeder
<i>Cleanup/Setup Communion</i>	After 11:00/ Before 5:00	Jenny Page	Vernon Packard	Nancy Ballard	Kelly Westlund
<i>Cleanup After Evening Service</i>	After 5:00 Service	Elaine Keyes ****	Vernon Packard ****	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Vogel	Diane Bonin Linda Totten
<i>Bake Communion Bread</i>		Nancy Ballard	Jane Wilcox	Kathy Umbarger	Joanne Woehle
<i>Greeters</i>	8:30	Lois Harrold	Norm & Sara Gillette	Carol Schmid	Debbie Honeyman
	11:00	****	Elaine Keyes	LaVonne Scully	Kelly Westlund
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	11:00	****	Traci Moran	Pam Hedges	Karen Clark

Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday August 4</i>	<i>Sunday August 11</i>	<i>Sunday August 18</i>	<i>Sunday August 25</i>
<i>Video Coordinator</i>	8:30	Scott Carswell	Brian Killand	Bob Thompson	Mike Bettinson
<i>Audio Coordinator</i>	8:30	Larry Halder	Larry Halder	Drew Snyder	Larry Halder
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30	Ken Meek Don Schmid	Ken Meek Andrew Miles	Mark Underwood Andrew Miles	Don Schmid Ken Meek
<i>Editor/ Post Production</i>	8:30	Scott Carswell	Drew Snyder	Bob Thompson	Mike Bettinson
<i>Sound System Operator</i>	8:30	Paul Hedges	****	Paul Hedges	****
	11:00	Tammy Carswell	****	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	8:30	Weible ****	Harold Hogue Joel Sorensen	Fred Kremmer Jim Peterson	Jon Erlandson Lois Harrold
	11:00	Alyce Budzeck Alan Hagensen	Mike Bettinson Rich Barchet	Alan Hagensen Rick Snyder	Alan Hagensen Rick Budzeck
		5:00	Betty Quinn ****	Steve Petersen ****	Marcia Vogel ****
<i>Recycle</i>		Carol Schmid	Alesia Chaney	****	****
<i>Flowers</i>		Bonnie Harris	Ken & Sue Meek	Bill & Julie Bishop	Norm & Sara Gillette

<i>Cashiers</i>	<i>Monday, Aug. 5</i>	<i>Monday, Aug. 12</i>	<i>Monday, Aug. 19</i>	<i>Monday, Aug. 26</i>	<i>Monday, Sept. 2</i>
	Kristen Imhoff Adele Sorensen	Joanne Woehle Jon Erlandson	Nancy Ballard Janet Budzeck	Kathy Snyder Lori Hogan	Judy Riggers Janet Budzeck

<i>Bulletin Assembly</i>	<i>Friday, Aug. 2</i>	<i>Friday, Aug. 9</i>	<i>Friday, Aug. 16</i>	<i>Friday, Aug. 23</i>	<i>Friday, Aug. 30</i>
	Norm Stout Bobbi Stout Lois Harrold	Norm Stout Bobbi Stout Lois Harrold	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Gail Gilbertson	Norene Erlandson Jon Erlandson Carol Schmid	Norene Erlandson Jon Erlandson 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 then let the church office know, and make the swap on SignUpGenius.com.

**** indicates an available service opportunity.
If you can fill in, please let the church office know.

943-3164 or JennyPageRLC@gmail.com

Sign up for future dates now on SignUpGenius.com.

Search for the RLC schedules by clicking the search "magnifying glass" in the top right corner of the website www.SignUpGenius.com. Then enter jennypagerlc@gmail.com in the box on the left labeled "search for a sign up."

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Worship Support

Schedule Coordinators		
Lectors	Judy Riggers	531-8473
Acolytes	Kelly Weissenfels	(703) 975-4477
Ushers 8:30	Jim Peterson	627-6434
Ushers 11:00 / Evening Worship Support / Communion Asst. 11:00 / Greeters 11:00 / Children's Church / Sound System / Bulletin Assembly	Jenny Page	943-3164
Assisting Ministers	Kelly Westlund	943-3164
Communion Asst. 8:30	Charles Davis	943-5843
Communion Set up / Clean Up / Bake Communion Bread	Vern Packard	(928) 318-9052
Greeters 8:30	Sara & Norm Gillette	378-5999
GNMM	Mike Bettinson	528-2026
Offering Custodians / Cashiers	Lisa Wiegand	943-3164



Remember to use SignUpGenius.com to schedule your dates of service in the following areas:

- Lector
- Acolyte
- Communion Assistant
- Assisting Minister
- Usher
- Set up/Clean up of communion
- Baking communion bread
- Greeters
- Children's Church leader
- GNMM production
- Sound System Operator
- Offering Custodian
- Cashier
- Bulletin Assembly
- Recycle

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Anniversaries

August 2

Ed & Pat Dalpiaz

August 4

Alan & Sarah Hagensen
Matthew & Theresa
Monroe

August 7

Harold & Marge Hogue

August 11

Bruce & Ona Lander

August 12

Dave & Carol Larkin

August 14

Cliff & Jeri Sandberg

August 16

Bill & Julie Bishop
Gary & Sally Culbert

August 17

Bob & Marie Thompson

August 19

Danny & April Payne

August 24

Norm & Sara Gillette

August 26

Brian & Kathy Killand

August 27

Rich & Diane Olsen

August 29

Ken & Sue Meek
Walter & Virginia Wood

August 31

Timothy & Patricia
Lamberson

Birthdays

August 3

Elaine Hogan

August 4

Jenifer Haler

August 5

Jason Corning
Edith Hanson

August 6

Kathy Higley
Mavis Lippert

August 7

Seth Thompson

August 8

Claire Whitney

August 9

Wesley Hutchison
Tess Webster
Trey Wiegand

August 10

Dolores Jaech
Anna Lipton

August 11

Carol Parks

August 15

Mitch Davis
Tom Frislie
Bob Imhoff

August 16

Pat Olenius
John Samuel
Betty Schauer

August 17

Ayden Busselman

August 18

Harold Hogue

August 19

Lois Harrold

August 20

Mikayla Mars
Wally Romsos
Ruby Ulseth

August 21

Bill Peterson
Kyle Simpson
Corey Smith
Russ Warren

August 22

Kristen Donahue
Bruce Lander

August 23

Cassandra Blakely
Lori Maier

August 26

Jim Honeyman
Stefanie Porter
Rick Snyder

August 27

Kay Brauer
Sara Carswell

August 28

Ryan Davis

August 29

Paul Berthelot

August 30

Steve Ernst
Shirley Fast
Jim Moran

August 31

Claire Moran





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MONTHLY PUBLICATION

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mailing Label

Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays at 8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Informal Evening Worship with Holy Communion

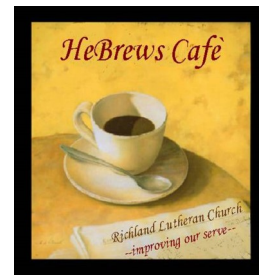
Sundays at 5:00 PM

*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:
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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