



# THE PREVIEW

JULY 2019

## RLC 2019 Mission Trips

Please keep our RLC missionaries and their summer 2019 short-term mission trips in prayer over the next couple of months. Both our Lodge Grass team, and our missionaries for Slovakia and Estonia, with East European Missions Network, have been busy preparing for their mission ministries for several months now.

The Lodge Grass team will leave on Saturday, July 13, and return on Saturday, July 20. Please be in prayer for their safe travel, the Crow Indian Reservation, the children and families they will serve. May God's presence be felt and known in Lodge Grass, Montana, this summer and always.

Daniel Miles will travel with EEMN to Slovakia. The dates for his trip are July 10-22. Please also pray for safe travel for him and the rest of his team from around the country. Pray for the teens who will attend their camp and for their families, as well, that they may know the love of Jesus.

Mot and Pam Hedges and Andrew Miles will be in Estonia, July 27 - August 13. Kelly Westlund will join them in Estonia from August 5 - 13. Please pray for safe travel for each of them and the rest of their team from around the country. Pray for the youth and adults who will attend the Bible camps in Estonia, for their families, and the country as a whole to turn to Jesus and know his love and grace. Keep Pastor Anti Toplann, and Pastor Siimon Haamer (Estonian pastors) in prayer as they work with the groups, as well. May the Lord richly bless their ministry efforts in their country.



## Our Vision and Mission

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

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## Member Directory Changes

Carleen Lust, moved to California.  
 Len Lust, passed away.  
 Susan Gunter, passed away.

## Pastoral Acts

### **Baptisms**

Bentley Daniels - 6/2/19  
 Shay Daniels - 6/2/19  
 Devin Daniels - 6/2/19  
 Lyric Daniels - 6/2/19

### **Weddings**

Brandon Wheeler & Cynthia Hickey - 6/21/19

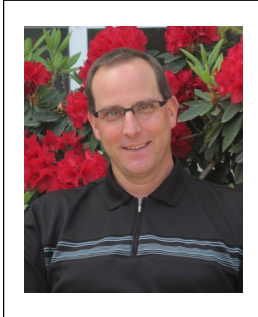
### **Memorial/Funerals**

None

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## Focus, Grasshopper



### From Pastor Steve

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. –Romans 12:1-3*

“Grasshopper,” used in the TV series “Kung Fu” by Caine’s Shaolin master as a term of affection and endearment for his young apprentice. “Focus,” used by Mr. Miyagi to instruct Daniel how to break six blocks of ice while he himself “prays.” Though we’re not training to learn and practice Kung Fu, we are indeed training for righteousness, as the Apostle Paul writes to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:16. Perhaps we could use these words of Kung Fu masters, “Focus, Grasshopper,” to encourage us to train for the Kingdom of God.

Isn’t this what the writer of Hebrews is basically saying in their opening words of chapter twelve? One, a wise one, does not run a race without first training. And training takes focus. Many years ago now, I was talked into running a half-marathon. Truth be told, though I’ve always been athletic, I’ve never been interested in running. I’m convinced God gave us the ability to run only because we might be chased. Christopher McDougall says, “Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up, it knows it must outrun the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning in Africa, a lion wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the slowest gazelle, or it will starve. It doesn’t matter whether you’re the lion or a gazelle – when the sun comes up, you’d better be running.” Some have used this to motivate their running. I use it as a reminder that I’m neither gazelle nor lion. But I digress. The point is, without extensive training I would not have been able to complete 13.1 miles.

Fellow Kingdom grasshoppers, have you grown weary and lost heart in your training for righteousness? Be encouraged to focus on what really matters. To “fix your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” Don’t try harder, but train closer. Closer to the One who endured the cross and sits on the throne. Get back to ~~what~~ who really matters, Jesus. He’s longing to be your master. To train you for a life of faith and obedience. Shed the hindrances and sin that easily entangle and focus, grasshopper!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve

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## Lutheran World Relief Needs School Kits



Access to education is a critical piece of helping children break the chains of chronic poverty. That’s why requests for LWR School Kits are on the rise.

Please take advantage of summer school supply sales to purchase items for LWR school kits, and help provide hope and a future to children around the world. See LWR.org for more information. RLC will collect items in the coming months.

## Getting to Know Pastor Sam

**From  
Pastor  
Sam**

Beginning on June 4, 2019, I became an employee of Richland Lutheran Church as an Interim Associate Pastor. The job description says that my main purpose will be: “to provide Spiritual care to the congregation, coordinating urgent and ongoing visitation needs in partnership with the visitation team.” This ministry was one of the many ministries of which Pastor Corey was overseer, so my presence is meant to continue his work while he is on Sabbatical.

My main responsibilities will be to oversee and assist the men and women who are part of the visitation ministry of the church. Whenever I have been a member of the leadership team in any organization, one of the first things I have always tried to do is to get to know those that I will be working with, or who are members of a volunteer program that I am overseeing. I do that because I have learned that visiting with the members of a group will teach me about the work that they are doing, and because they will be the ones to show me how I can support them, and help them, as they do this work for the church. It is my hope that by the time this goes to print I will have met with most of the members of the visitation team.

As I thought about what it means to provide care for the people who provide care for others, I was reminded of one of the many lessons that Jesus taught to his disciples. In John 13:34-35 [RSV] Jesus says, “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.”

One way in which we show to the whole world what love for others looks like, is for the people of the world--who are not yet followers of Christ Jesus--to see how we care for, and love, the very people who are followers of Jesus. The visitation team visits those who may have a difficult time getting out of the house; or who may be ill; or are in a hospital; or who may just need a friend—so as I think about this commandment of Jesus’, it makes me realize that our visitation team is fulfilling this command that Jesus gave to his earliest disciples to “have love for one another.”

My job description says that I, too, will make visits to see those in need and that I will assist Pastor Steve with any hospital and other more emergency circumstances, if they arise.

During my time as an Associate Pastor I will be using Pastor Corey’s office. My regular office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons between 1:00-4:00 PM. That does not necessarily mean that I will be in the office during those hours, but those are the times when I will be available to meet with anyone who has a need for Pastoral or Spiritual Counseling. That schedule is not written in stone, so if there is a pastoral need that you feel would be helpful to talk about, please call the office and Kelly can arrange a time for us to meet.

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**Dave Larkin,  
Council  
President**

## President's Perspectives - Religion with Chinese Characteristics

In the approximately 4,000 years, from the time of Abraham until the death and resurrection of Jesus, God's interactions with the peoples of the world was largely restricted to his chosen people, the Jews. That all changed just before the ascension of Jesus to heaven with what we call the *Great Commission*. Mark, in chapter 16 of his gospel, reported that Jesus spoke to his disciples and <sup>15</sup> "He said to them, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."*

Over the past five years Carol and I have visited Turkey, Israel, Jordan, and China – all parts of the world Jesus included in his commission but whose population does not have Christian traditions embedded in their culture. We just returned from three weeks in China which unlike Israel, Turkey and Jordan does not even have a monotheistic tradition. We are still working through in our minds all we learned, and reaching conclusions. So what did we learn about China, and what does it say about the progress of the Great Commission there and whether his kingdom is advancing in that region of the world?

One of the most meaningful discussions our group had with our main Chinese guide and a local guide in the city of Xian had to do with their search for spiritual meaning. Our main guide "George" had a family that lived through the Cultural Revolution. His parents were selected as husband and wife by the Communist party. They were "educated" to reject all religions and to put the Party and its directions before any personal desire. They were encouraged to report, torture, and even kill fellow workers who did not totally agree with the Party. Because they were intellectuals, his parents were sent to the countryside during the Cultural Revolution while the two boys were left in Beijing on their own. At the time, they were just nine and eleven years old. They received money from the government and could eat in a commune cafeteria. But, because of their parent's situation, the other children bullied them.

Communist propaganda was very strong during "George's" childhood. Each morning the two boys heard the song "The

East is Red." When he awoke the first thing he saw was a photograph of Chairman Mao. There were over two hundred photographs of Chairman Mao on the walls of their home. The first activity of each day was to pray that Chairman Mao would have a long life. At the minimal school they attended they studied Mao's Little Red Book for two hours each day.

George told us that about seven years ago he began to be very concerned by the lack of any objective ethical standards in China. He saw that people had chosen to cooperate and support the Party and government in return for job security and economic improvement in their lives. In return for "things" and more freedom in choosing their spouses and careers they were willing to give up other freedoms, including religion. Most government jobs require being a member of the Communist party and any religious practice by a member is forbidden. George's solution has been to commit to Confucian ethics and principles but to also be a "Just-in-case Buddhist and Taoist." He is very concerned about the Chinese society's future without some higher principles. George, his wife, and little son spent three months in the U.S. and the son attended a church-run preschool. While we were on tour, we met him and he sang a song he had learned at school based on the song "I'm in the Lord's Army." God can use these small circumstances to move George on his spiritual path.

The local guide we talked to had much the same concerns and personal solutions.

While George and others in their spiritual search have not come to a belief in God or Jesus, I find hope that they have experienced a need in their hearts. Official surveys indicate that there may be at least 31 million Christians in China today while some estimates exceed 100 million. But religion is tightly controlled by the government and control is being increased recently, including the arrest of leaders of unofficial house or underground Chris-

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## Current Financial Snapshot

	Richland Lutheran Church			May-19		
	Year to Date			Prior Year Comparison		
	Actuals	Budget	% of Budget	YTD '19	YTD '18	Variance
Tithes/ Offerings	\$ 334,141	\$ 857,782	39%	\$ 334,141	\$ 293,374	\$ 40,767
Expense	\$ 355,227	\$ 857,782	41%	\$ 355,227	\$ 372,446	\$ (17,219)
Profit / (Loss)	\$ (21,086)	\$ -	-2%	\$ (21,086)	\$ (79,072)	\$ 57,986

If you have any questions please contact Jeff Pilger,  
Finance Officer, or Lisa Wiegand.

## Getting to Know Pastor Sam, Continued

As an interim member of the leadership team, I will be attending the weekly staff meetings and other meetings, as needed. The job description is written such that there may be other duties assigned to me as Pastor Steve chooses to assign them.

The other main requirement of this position will be to “provide worship service assistance and support as determined by the Lead Pastor. This would include preaching, serving as a liturgist, and handling memorial services, as needed.” I usually attend the 5 o’clock Sunday evening worship service and I just signed up to provide worship assistance in that service; but I may also assist at other services, as well.

On a more personal note, my wife Christy and I have been married for a little over 35 years and together we raised four children; all of whom are now adults. When we married, Christy had two children from her first marriage, and after we married she and I had two more together. We also have two grandchildren, but unfortunately they do not live in the Tri-Cities. Christy is planning to retire sometime in the fall of 2020 which will give us more time to visit our children and grandchildren.

It is a great joy to able to help the church while Pastor Corey is on sabbatical. I am grateful that God has led me to be here, and to be able to serve Him and the people of His Kingdom, in this way.

Blessings,  
Pastor Sam Geyer

**Janet  
Budzeck,  
Council  
Secretary**

## From the Council

This month on July 4 we will celebrate Independence Day and the many freedoms we have, such as the freedom to come and go as we please, to worship in whatever church we choose, and to pursue an education.

These freedoms are possible because 243 years ago a group of men got together and wrote these famous words: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

This year as we get together with friends and family to enjoy this special occasion, let us not forget those who have given of themselves so that we might have these freedoms, but also those who do not have these God given rights. Galatians 5:1 tells us that ‘It is for freedom that Christ has set us free’.

## President’s Perspectives, Continued

tian churches.

The government has a say in selection of pastors and the definition of doctrine for officially approved churches. This reminds me of a Chinese government saying. They say they have adopted Capitalism but with Chinese characteristics. The government seems to be approving Christianity so long as it has Chinese characteristics.

Missionary efforts or even support from Christians from other countries is totally unacceptable by the government. In addition to the Communist opposition to religion, there is a historical basis for this opposition. In the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Western countries forced the Chinese to give them land and privileges for

trading. Along with those they forced the government to allow Christian missionaries to work unimpeded in China. These humiliating developments have left the Chinese people with deep insecurity when confronted with the Western world.

My conclusion is that Chinese people are hungry for a deeper spiritual purpose in their lives. Christianity is still a minor player but is growing. Because missionary work by other countries is not acceptable, our duty is to pray for the Chinese Christians and for their brave pastors. I will be praying for George, his wife Charlene, and his son, who he calls “Little Potato.”

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## Community Volunteer Opportunity

The RLC Outreach Ministry Team would like to share this community volunteer opportunity with you:

The Benton County Jail is seeking volunteers to work with a select group of inmates participating in the **Redirection Program** under the direction of Sheriff Jerry Hatcher and in cooperation with the Chaplains.

This group of 12 - 20 men selected for this program are low-risk inmates from Benton County who expect to be released within 2-3 months. The Redirection Program provides these men with a variety of classes, 7 days a week for 12 weeks, in which they learn skills to enable them to make healthy decisions as productive members of society.

They are looking for volunteers who can provide tutoring for GED, parenting, resume writing, and more. Please consider if this is a way you can serve and contact Chaplain Luz Rupp at 509-783-1451, ext. 3830 or email: [chaplain.office@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:chaplain.office@co.benton.wa.us)

## July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue
	<b>1</b> 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 2:00 PM Gunter Memorial Service 4:30 PM Nominating Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 PM Imhoff/Keyes Small Group 4:30 PM Biblical Stewardship MALT 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248
<b>7</b> 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 4:00 PM Lodge Grass Mission Team 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study/Small Group	<b>8</b> 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 4:30 PM Nominating Committee 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 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
<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW 9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School 9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Singles Fellowship 3:00 PM Brookdale Chapel 5:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study/Small Group	<b>15</b> 9:00 AM LCMC District Council 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 4:30 PM Nominating Committee 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b> 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
<b>21</b> 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 7:00 PM Haler Bible Study/Small Group	<b>22</b> 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Dorcas Circle Bible Study 4:30 PM Nominating Committee 6:00 PM Christian Service MALT 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Worship MALT	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 PM Imhoff/Keyes Small Group 5:00 PM Biblical Stewardship MALT 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248 7:00 PM Kairos
<b>28</b> 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/Small Group 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission Service	<b>29</b> 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 4:30 PM Nominating Committee 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 1:00 PM Imhoff/Keyes Small Group 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248



## July 2019

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 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	<b>4 Offices Closed</b>	<b>5 Offices Closed</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 10:00 AM Geyer Small Group 1:00 PM Gillette Small Group 2:30 PM Knitting Group 4:30 PM Summer Wednesday for Middle School - Atomic Bowl 5:30 PM Praise Band	<b>11</b> 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 Women's Ministry	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 PM Men's Range Day 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 10:00 AM Geyer Small Group 10:30 AM Luther Senior Center Chapel and Lunch 1:00 PM Gillette Small Group 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:30 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM RLC Foundation	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:00 PM Steele Small Group 6:30 PM Team Night	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 10:00 AM Geyer Small Group 1:00 PM Gillette Small Group 2:30 PM Knitting Group 4:30 PM Spiritual Growth MALT 5:30 PM Praise Band 5:30 PM Summer Wednesday for Middle School	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:00 PM Steele Small Group	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer
<b>31</b> 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 6:00 PM Summer Wednesday for Middle School		<b>The Richland            Lutheran Church            calendar            changes daily!</b>	Please call the church office, at 943-3164, or check the website, richlandluther- an.org, for the most current information. Please note that not all activities are actually held at the church.

## RLC Scrip Program: Mission Accomplished!

Last December we were looking for a way to highlight our Food Pantry ministry and generate income for this important and well-used service to our community. After consideration and prayer, we decided to try the ShopwithScrip program here at RLC. This program has worked at many congregations nationwide.

It's now been six months and, as with every new ministry at RLC, we've spent time reconsidering, evaluating and praying through its efficacy and we've come to several conclusions.

- The original intent of the Scrip program has been accomplished. We have highlighted our Food Pantry ministry and received greater income.
- Though we met our intended outcome, it hasn't been as we expected. Our expectation was that we'd generate funding through the program itself. However, few are using the program regularly, but direct donations to the ministry have increased greatly.
- The Scrip program doesn't include many stores/businesses our congregation frequents, like; WinCo, Fred Meyer, Yolks, Sterling's, and other local businesses.

Given these realities, we've decided that the Scrip program simply does not fit our congregation. We'll continue to highlight the Food Pantry ministry and, of course, receive donations. We encourage you to remember this important outreach to our neighbors in prayer, and as God leads, financially.

We want to especially thank Don Grewe for his administration of the program these last six months. With his efforts, the Food Pantry ministry has met its goals and we are confident this will continue for years to come. Mission Accomplished!

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## ROAR Vacation Bible School



We had so much fun learning how **GOD IS GOOD** at **ROAR** Vacation bible School! Thank you for all you support — from donating needed items, giving financial support, giving your time as a volunteer, helping with dinners, tolerating the noise, mess and general chaos of the week, and most of all for your prayers! I ask now that you continue to pray for the little ones who spent the week with us hearing, seeing, touching and experiencing just how much Jesus loves them, that the Truth of the Gospel sinks deep into their hearts and they cling to the grace and salvation offered through Christ.

**Mark your calendars now for  
VBS 2020 — June 22-26!**

## Activities for Middle School

Summer Wednesday's for Middle School  
are happening, and you don't want to miss out!

Middle School students, join us on Wednesdays  
this summer for some adventures!

### July Schedule

\*\* No Summer Wednesdays on July 3 or July 17 \*\*

July 10 - Bowling @ Atomic Bowl - 4:30 - 6:00 PM  
Bring \$\$ for bowling - \$10 will get you 2 games and shoes -  
and if you want to order food or drinks, bring money for that, too!

July 24 - Pool Party!! - 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Bring a swimsuit, towel, and a snack to share!  
Meet at Amanda's parents' (3602 Judemein Ct. in Pasco)

July 31 - Family Messy Game Night - 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Meet at the park across the street from RLC for a night of messy fun!  
Wear clothes that you're okay getting wet and messy, and a set of clean clothes  
to change into.

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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!

## 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!

**\*\* Due to the Mission Trip, NO YOUTH GROUP ON 7/14 or 7/21 \*\***

**July 7** - Meet at Amanda & Tim's!

**July 28** - Meet at RLC and we'll head to Ellie & Seth's!

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!

## 2nd Quarter Benevolence

The Council has approved the following Benevolence recommendations for the 2nd quarter of 2019:

- \$3,000 to East European Missions Network
- \$1000 to Lutheran World Relief
- \$1086.80 to World Mission Prayer League (General Fund)
- \$2000 to Voice of the Martyrs
- \$6000 to Mafrag Sanatorium
- \$1000 to Wycliffe Bible Translators
- \$1,000 to Open Doors
- \$1500 to Compassion International (Where Needed Most)
- \$1000 to World Relief
- \$2000 to the Tartu Academy of Theology (Estonia)
- \$1000 to ShelterBox (provides temporary shelter for those who have lost their homes in natural disasters)



### 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](mailto:jennypageRLC@gmail.com))



### Singles Fellowship

Singles! Join us on the second Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall for games! Bring a snack to share, if you'd like. This month we will meet on July 14. Contact: Judy Eller

## July Operation Christmas Child Request

### Gifts for Kids (2-14 yr. old)!

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)

Our goal for 2019 is 400 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 \$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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## Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday July 7</i>	<i>Sunday July 14</i>	<i>Sunday July 21</i>	<i>Sunday July 28</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30	Norm Gillette	Charles Davis	Kathy Killand	Jim Peterson
	11:00	Sue Meek	Elaine Keyes	Valerie Bettinson	Vernon Packard
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30	Julianna Monroe Andrew Miles	Brock Streufert Mackie Kangas	Kyia Miles Hans Miles	Evelyn Davis Nonie Kangas
	11:00	Emily Archibald Lauren Archibald	Trey Wiegand Josephine Whitney	Jason Schroeder Sam Webster	Judah Benjamson Kaysha Benjamson
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30	Matt Sterkel Jon Erlandson	Jon Erlandson Larry Haler	Jim Peterson Walt Wood	Kyia Miles Darrell Miles
		Harold Hogue Wayne Roundy	Fred Kremmer ****	Darrell Miles Wayne Roundy	Gary Weible Dave Larkin
	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 ****	Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	8:30	Jeff Pilger	Sue Meek	Rick Nunamaker	Valerie Silva
	11:00	Shirley Fast	Sandi Edgemon	Valerie Bettinson	Valerie Silva
	5:00	Elaine Keyes	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	Warner Blyckert Charles Davis Elaine Davis ****	Sue Meek Pam Hedges Warner Blyckert Wayne Roundy	Norm Gillette Alesia Chaney Jenifer Haler Larry Haler	Alesia Chaney **** **** ****
	11:00	Kelly Westlund Valerie Bettinson Mike Bettinson Jenny Page	Lisa Wiegand Sue Peterson Bill Peterson Heidi Dagle	Kathy Umbarger Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson Jenny Page	**** **** **** ****
<i>Setup Communion</i>	Before 8:30	Mary Jo Schroeder	Lisa Wiegand	Susie Nunamaker	Joanne Woehle
<i>Cleanup/Setup Communion</i>	Between Services	Vernon Packard	Bonnie Harris Lois Harrold	Carol Schmid Joanne Woehle	**** ****
<i>Cleanup/Setup Communion</i>	After 11:00	Jenny Page Ellie Rosser	****	Kelly Westlund	Ellie Rosser Jenny Page
<i>Cleanup After Evening Service</i>	After 5:00 Service	****	****	Vernon Packard	****
<i>Bake Com- munion Bread</i>		Kathy Umbarger	Jane Wilcox	Kathy Umbarger	Joanne Woehle
<i>Greeters</i>	8:30	Lois Harrold & Norm Gillette	Norm & Sara Gillette	Carol Schmid	Debbie Honeyman
	11:00	Pam & Wayne Roundy	Elaine Keyes	LaVonne Scully	Kelly Westlund
	5:00	****	****	****	****
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	11:00	Pam Hedges	Julie Bishop	Traci Moran	Karen Clark

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<i>Video Coordinator</i>	8:30	Mike Bettinson	Brian Killand	Bob Thompson	Scott Carswell
<i>Audio Coordinator</i>	8:30	Larry Haler	Drew Snyder	Larry Haler	Larry Haler
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30	Ken Meek Don Schmid	Ken Meek Darrell Miles	Mark Underwood Darrell Miles	Don Schmid Darrell Miles
<i>Editor/ Post Production</i>	8:30	Mike Bettinson	Drew Snyder	Bob Thompson	Scott Carswell
<i>Sound System Operator</i>	8:30	Paul Hedges	Daniel Miles	Paul Hedges	Daniel Miles
	11:00	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	8:30	Weible ****	Erlandson Hogue	Kremmer Peterson	Harrold Sorensen
	11:00	Hagensen Thompson	Budzeck Bettinson	Barchet ****	Budzeck Bettinson
	5:00	Quinn ****	S. Peterson ****	Quinn ****	Vogel ****
<i>Cashiers (Monday After)</i>		Judy Riggers Janet Budzeck	Joanne Woehle Adele Sorensen	Lori Hogan Kristen Imhoff	Nancy Ballard Debbie Honeyman
<i>Bulletin Assembly (Friday Before)</i>		Norm Stout Bobbi Stout Lois Harrold	Norm Stout Bobbi Stout Lois Harrold	Jon Erlandson Norene Erlandson Gail Gilbertson	Jon Erlandson Norene Erlandson Carol Schmid
<i>Recycle</i>		Carol Schmid	LaVonne Scully	Heidi Dagle	Valerie Bettinson
<i>Flowers</i>		Rosser	****	Erlandson	****

### 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.  
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### ***Sign up for future dates now on SignUpGenius.com.***

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*Questions? Contact Jenny Page.*



## Anniversaries

**July 1**  
Jeff & Heidi Dagle

**July 4**  
Mike & Karen Schwartz

**July 7**  
Dick & Jane Stephens

**July 12**  
Skylar & Alex Collins

**July 14**  
Chuck & Sue McCargar  
Seth & Ellie Rosser

**July 15**  
Darrel & Vicki Glasford  
Ron & Bev Hollenbeck

**July 18**  
John & Karen Williams

**July 20**  
Mitch & Jordan Davis  
Jon & Norene Erlandson

**July 23**  
Greg & Vickie Kelly  
Rich & Pat Olenius

**July 27**  
Russ & Liz Rodriguez

**July 28**  
Randy & Gail Gilbertson

**July 29**  
Pete & Patty Newton

**July 31**  
Mike & Valerie Bettinson  
Shane & Stacy McCullough

## Birthdays

**July 1**  
Katherine Fulton  
Patricia Lamberson

**July 2**  
Ann Grewe  
Kyle Westlund

**July 5**  
Pamela Warren

**July 7**  
Sue McCargar  
Gary Olson  
Steven Petersen

**July 8**  
Kathy Fisher

**July 9**  
David Hogan  
Caitlyn Sterkel

**July 10**  
Vernon Packard  
Tiffany Vopalensky  
Rebecca Wedberg  
Emma Whitney

**July 11**  
Amanda Daniels  
Gloria Gibbons  
Randy Gilbertson

**July 12**  
Jerry Dagle  
Anna Spinato

**July 14**  
Rick Budzeck  
Carleen Lust  
Dave Wunschel

**July 15**  
Dianne Barry  
Charles Cable  
Sigrid Preston  
Crae Young

**July 16**  
Megan Orr  
Barbara Rau  
Russ Rodriguez

**July 17**  
Bev Hollenbeck  
Gary Weible

**July 18**  
Matthew Pearson

**July 19**  
George Simkins

**July 21**  
Daniel Imhoff  
Jason Schroeder

**July 22**  
Elizabeth Donahue  
Robert Parr

**July 23**  
Norm Stout

**July 24**  
Kristen Imhoff

**July 25**  
Wayne Campbell  
Shane McCullough  
Eileen McVea

**July 26**  
Pat Dalpiaz

**July 27**  
Tracy Kissire  
Bob Thompson  
Trond Tilton

**July 28**  
David Brown  
Grace Corning

**July 29**  
Harrison Budzeck  
Katie Shepherd

**July 30**  
Felix Quinn  
Sandy Steele

**July 31**  
Barbara Cunningham  
Connie Distefano  
Mary Stone





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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

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

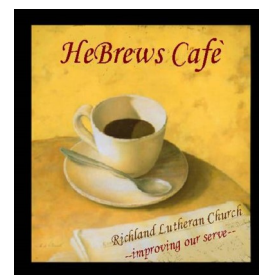
Sundays at 5:00 PM

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