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# Lent Soup Suppers and Worship Series



Join us on Thursday evenings, March 5 - April 2, at 6:00 PM for Soup Supper. Each week will be hosted by a different ministry group or individuals.

Following supper we will move to the sanctuary for worship at 7:00 PM. The theme for

this year is *"Shadows of the Cross"*. We will explore how people and events in the Old Testament foreshadowed the life and work of Jesus.

Here is what we'll cover each Thursday:

- Wk 1: The Shadow of the Garden: The gospel is first announced
- Wk 2: The Shadow of Moriah: Abraham's command to sacrifice his son
- Wk 3: The Shadow of Passover: Deliverance from Egypt; deliverance from sin
- Wk 4: The Shadow of the Law: Purity, sacrifice, and priestly duties
- Wk 5: The Shadow of the Forsaken: A contemplative journey through Psalm 22

# Retreat Center Funds and Special Congregational Meeting

Council is offering a second informational/Q&A meeting regarding the Retreat Center Funds recommendations as presented at last year's Congregational Annual Meeting. Please join us on **March 8** during He-Brew's Café. This is your opportunity to ask questions so, you don't want to miss it.

A **Special Congregational Meeting** has also been called for **March 15** to cast your vote on the Retreat Center Fund recommendations. The meeting will begin at 9:45 AM in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall.

A list of eligible voters will be available at the Welcome Desk on Sunday, March 1.

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# **Congregation Council**

#### **Council Members**

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#### **Ex Officio Member**

Pastor Steve Ernst, Lead Pastor

Minutes of Council meetings are available on the website.

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# **Directory Changes**

**Pastoral Acts for February** 

#### <u>Baptisms</u>

None

**Weddings** 

None

Memorials/Funerals

None

# Do Lent for Others

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#### From Pastor Steve, Lead Pastor



tongues of men or of an*gels, but do not have love,* I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-4

John Chrysostom, Bishop

"So make something of doing Lent this year. Listen to God speak to you about how you might bless the other." of Constantinople in the late fourth century and an early church father said, "No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

This is a great quote to remember what we're doing during Lent must have implications for those around us. Many of us use the liturgical season of Lent to contemplate life and meditate more fully on our spiritual lives. To aid this endeavor, some of us practice spiritual disciplines and/or gifts like, fasting, solitude, stewardship, faith, prayer more fervently. However, as Bishop Chrysostom points out, if we do these things purely for ourselves, we miss the point of them entirely.

I can't help but think that Chrysostom had the thirteenth chapter of the first letter to the Corinthians in mind here. There, the Apostle Paul reminds the church that if they practice tongues, prophecy, faith, and stewardship without love of the other, "gain thev nothing. Chrysostom says the same about fasting and other ascetic practices if done without giving advantage to others, "you do nothing great."

As you do Lent this season, however you do it, I encourage you to think how what you're doing can be used to the advantage and love of others. As you fast, ask God to speak clearly about how you can feed the hungry. As you pray from the comfort of your home, ask God to speak clearly about how you can house the homeless. As you worship with your church family, ask God to speak clearly about how you can become family to the alone. As you read Scripture in your warm jacket, ask God to speak clearly about how you can clothe the naked.

I am confident God has something for you this Lenten season to love and bless others. Practicing spiritual disciplines, habits or gifts without love and seeking the advantage of others truly ends up being nothing. So make something of doing Lent this year. Listen to God speak to you about how you might bless the other.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Steve

# It's a DMin Program, Not a Demon Program From Pastor Corey, Associate Pastor



Ask Pastor Corey about his studies the next time you see him!

Ah, yes, that is the favorite joke about the Doctor of Ministry program I am currently working on. As many of you know, Pastor Steve is in the final stage of his program as he is working hard on his dissertation. I am in my first year, and it is truly fantastic. Pastor Steve's focus is on spiritual formation, while mine is apologetics. No, I'm not being trained to apologize for every-Apologetics is thing. defending simply the faith. I began this program last August because I feel it will help my brothers and sisters in Christ know Jesus and help them share this amazing faith. Here is a bit about what I've been studying...

Last semester my cohort ventured through the book A Secular Age by Canadian philosopher, Charles Taylor, which traces how society has become a secular stronghold unlike any other time in the last 500 That was 800+ years. pages of pretty intense philosophy! As a result of this class, I wrote a paper based on interviews I conducted with several members of RLC who are involved in science and engineering. The tentative plan as I type this is to present this work at a Mid-Columbia Flourish

faith and science gathering in late April. (Flourish Mid-Columbia is an organization that works to integrate faith, work, and everyday living)

We are now reading several books that deal with models of engaging our world. Although at times the reading can be a bit... tedious, for example from the book *Philosophical* Fragments by Kierkegaard under the pseudonym Johannes Climacus: "...A person cannot possibly seek what he knows, and, just as impossibly, he cannot seek what he does not know, for what he knows he cannot seek. since he knows it, and what he does not know he cannot seek, because, after all, he does not even know what he is supposed to seek." Actually, it's pretty fun stuff.

What has been fascinating is the very different approach to apologetics that this program is leading towards. Rather than "knowing all the facts", it is focused more heavily on personal relationships that are built on not only our verbal proclamation (recognizing that we are not experts-that's thanks to reading Kierkegaard), but having the world observe our lives to see if the truth of Christ really makes a difference. It has challenged my view on what it means to be a follower of Christ and how to share my faith in this complicated society.

If you would like to know more about my studies be warned...I like to talk about it, and hopefully, I can pass this on to my Christian brothers and sisters. Soli Deo Gloria!

### President's Message: Christ's Servants From Sandy Steele, Congregation President

MALTs - Most of you are aware of Richland Lutheran Church's MALTs. For who those are not. "MALT" is an acronym which stands for Ministry Area Leadership Team. We have several ministry teams here at RLC which fall under four ministry areas – Worship, Spiritual Growth. Christian Service, and Biblical Stewardship. These make up our MALTs. Your Council serves (along with pastors and staff) as leaders within these four ministry areas as follows: Worship – Jenifer Haler and Val Silva; Spiritual Growth – Diane Bonin and Kiane Lesser; Christian Service - Janet Budzeck and Fred Kremmer; and Biblical Stewardship - Bill Peterson and Jim Honeyman.

Each of these individuals serves as an advocate to your ministry by praying for one another **and** everyone involved in their ministry area - encouraging, supporting, informing, and most of all listening to you. As the body of Christ, we work together for the common good. So, in order to do that in a way that serves and glorifies Jesus, they may pay an occasional visit to your ministry team meeting making themselves visible and available to you. I invite you to welcome and receive them with open hearts and minds. They are there to help you serve Jesus. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill *the law of Christ.*" Galatians 6:2

**Retreat Center Funds** I'd like to now turn to yet another area of service and take this opportunity to thank the Retreat Center Committee for their diligent and faithful work in bringing forth recommendations for distribution of the existing Retreat Center funds - Dan Jordheim, Lisa Corning, Woehle, Joanne Ted Stuenkel, and Erlan Leitz.

As many of you may recall, this committee's recommendations were brought before the congregation for a vote at October's annual meeting. And, as you also may recall, several questions ensued which resulted in the motion being tabled. We now fast forward to present time – but maybe not fast enough for some. Two information sessions have been scheduled for you to come and ask your questions. One of those meetings will have come and gone by the time you read this but don't despair, there is one more yet on the calendar. You are invited to join us at He-Brews Café on March 8 to have your questions answered before casting your vote on March 15 – also during HeBrews Cafe. This is your opportunity so don't miss out.

In prayerfully developing their recommendations, the Committee agreed that "uses that provided a service to Richland Lutheran members or the community and which could make a positive difference in their lives and relationship with God, met the original intent of Retreat Center contributions."

I'd like to further state that the Congregation Council and Staff of Richland Lutheran Church support the recommendations of the Retreat Center Fund Team based on the rationale that the recommended usages of these funds are for ministries that support spiritual growth, or meet the needs of those in our community, or for facility maintenance and upgrades to support our current ministries.

I say to each of you who served on this committee, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21)* 

Sandy Steele Congregation President

REMINDER: Special Congregational Meeting on March 15.

# The Cross Reconciles Me to God

#### From Kiane Lesser, Member-At-Large

By the time you read this, many of you will have participated in the Conflict Resolution workshop which RLC has been so blessed to be able to provide. I have been thinking a lot about relationships and how they are formed between us. That also led me to think about the fact that many relationships we have with each other will at some point face conflict. I began to think about our relationship with God, and how we are entering the season of Lent to prepare us for the greatest gift ever given to mankind, the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All of this led me to the cross.

As I think about the cross, I realize that the cross is what reconciles us to God. Romans 5:10-11 says, "Since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of His son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God-all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God."

The cross is the means by which we reconcile not only with God but with each other. *"Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of His death, and our hostility*  toward each other was put to death." Ephesians 2:16

My hope and prayer for each of you is that during this season of Lent, you would gaze upon the wondrous cross and know that when we are standing at the foot of the cross, our disagreements and disappointments with each other don't seem to matter so much. As we gaze upon the cross, walls built between us are torn down. As we move our focus on a daily basis to Christ and the cross, we can enjoy our relationships with each other, and bring joy to God, as we reconcile our differences our relationship through with Jesus.

### **RLC Financial Snapshot**

2019 RLC Budget Reconciliation reported by the Finance Officer:

Income	Budget	Expenses	% of Budget
\$920,658.12	\$857,782.00	\$923,244.39	107.6%

Deficient for the year for budget items \$2,586.27

Asset reconciliation for Adjacent Property income and expenses not included above-

Income	Expenses	Asset removed	Loss
\$46,550.12	\$48,476.97	\$118,183.79	\$120,110.64

Piton Investment Portfolio (Started with Wells Fargo and shifted to Piton 12 September 2019)

1 Jan 2019	31 Dec 2019	<b>Investment Return</b>
\$662,203	\$729,312	10.1%

Note the RLC Investment Portfolio has ~\$380K in Designated and Restricted Funds. The rest of the funds in the Portfolio are not Designated and/or Restricted use funds.



# **RLC Women's Silent Retreat**

### A Space for Grace

May 15-17, 2020 Immaculate Heart Retreat Center - Spokane, WA.

"Be still, and know that I am God...". Psalm 46:10.

Have you ever wanted to go away to a quiet place just to be alone with God? Have you ever wanted to step away from rushing here and there, the noise, the deadlines, and be in a quiet place where you can hear the voice of God? The Women's Ministry has a unique opportunity coming up inviting you to experience a period of time in silence where you can slow down and listen to God. This will be a time to retreat from and set aside distractions and demands and carve out a space of stillness just to be with God, to hear and feel all His love, grace and words. The Women's Silent Retreat will provide a quiet and peaceful setting giving you the opportunity to reevaluate yourself and your relationship with God. You will be asked not to use cell phones or other electronic devices during the silent time. This will be an individual time of spiritual refreshment, reflection, and soul strengthening. We ask that you come with limited or no expectations. Each of us is different and the experience will be new and unique. As we calm down and become quiet, the peace experienced will blend into the stillness of God's presence. Our minds and hearts will be open to whatever God has in store for us.

Is God giving you that "inner nudge" to spend some quiet time with Him? Is He calling you to come and be in **a space for grace**? Are you willing to answer His call not knowing why or what to expect? If your answer is "YES", then we invite you to join Him and us. If you're interested, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by April 17. If you have questions, please contact Norene Erlandson at 375-5360 or <u>sonlander@aol.com</u>. **Space is limited, so act fast!** More information will be provided at a later date.

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### 2020 Nominating Committee

"They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul." 2 Chronicles 15:12

The 2020 RLC Nominating Committee has begun the process of seeking congregational members to serve on our Church Council, and will meet throughout the year leading up to the RLC annual meeting in October.

The Committee covets your prayers as we conduct the work of identifying individuals to serve as RLC decision makers.

Through God's guidance, prayer and discussion, members of the Committee will work to fill the available positions of Vice -President, Secretary and three Members-at-Large.

The Committee would like to solicit input from the congregation for potential nominees to consider. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you or someone you know to be considered as a nominee for the Council. If so, or if you have any questions, please contact any of the members of the RLC Nominating Committee: Sue Peterson Norene Erlandson Bill Bishop Sue Meek Todd Maier Mark Underwood

Lent is the season from Ash Wednesday to Easter. 40 days, not counting Sundays.

### 40 Days of Lent 2020 Video Devotions

The RLC Staff has been joined by many members of the RLC Council and congregation to bring to you our annual 40 Days of Lent video devotions. These are short devotions that you can watch at a time that is convenient for you. We hope you enjoy them and that you find in them something that helps you grow in your relationship with Jesus this Lenten season!

The videos are on YouTube, and will be linked in our website, and Facebook group page each day, as well.

### **Baskets of Promise Campaign**

Lent is a time to focus our hearts and minds on Jesus' journey to the cross and an opportunity to share that gift of grace through service to others. 2020 marks the ninth year Lutherans will come together to assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits as part of the Baskets of Promise Campaign.

Each week we will collect a different item:

March 1: Bars of Soap (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)

March 8: Bath towels (light weight, maximum 52" x 27")

March 15: Large-toothed combs

March 22: Nail clippers (metal)

March 29: Bath towels

#### **PERSONAL CARE KITS**

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



### March Operation Christmas Child Request

# New Clothing items for Girls

This month, we are looking for **NEW** socks, t-shirts, leggings, flipflops, hats, fashion scarves, bandanas, underwear, "pillow case" dresses, and other easily packed clothing items. Patterns for "pillow case" dresses can be found on the OCC bulletin board near the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.



Thank you, RLC family, for your partnership in this ministry! We appreciate your financial support year round for this ministry. Your monetary donations allow us to buy additional items in bulk, as well as cover shipping costs.

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

450 boxes sent in 2019!

Look for the basket in the narthex to drop off your Personal Care Kit Donations. 

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| <b>1</b><br>8:30 AM Worship<br>9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW<br>9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School<br>9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group<br>11:00 AM Worship<br>2:00 PM Baby Shower<br>5:00 PM Worship<br>6:00 PM High School Youth Group<br>6:30 PM Umbarger/Underwood Small Group                                                                    | <b>2</b><br>12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study<br>3:30 PM Executive Committee<br>5:00 PM Nominating Committee<br>6:30 PM Women's Bible Study                                                                       | <b>3</b><br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution<br>2:00 PM Tues@2 Small Group<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
| 8<br>8:30 AM Worship<br>9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW<br>9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School<br>9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group<br>11:00 AM Worship<br>3:00 PM Brookdale Chapel<br>5:00 PM Worship<br>6:00 PM High School Youth Group<br>6:30 PM Umbarger/Underwood Small Group                                                                      | 9<br>12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study<br>5:00 PM Nominating Committee<br>6:30 PM Women's Bible Study                                                                                                             | <b>10</b><br>7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast<br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution<br>2:00 PM Tues@2 Small Group<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248<br>7:00 PM Congregation Council |  |  |  |  |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30 AM Worship<br>9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW<br>9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School<br>9:45 AM Special Congregational Meeting<br>9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group<br>11:00 AM Worship<br>5:00 PM Deadline for April Preview Articles<br>5:00 PM Worship<br>6:00 PM High School Youth Group<br>6:30 PM Umbarger/Underwood Small Group | <b>16</b><br>12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study<br>5:00 PM Nominating Committee<br>6:30 PM Women's Bible Study                                                                                                     | <b>17</b><br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution<br>2:00 PM Tues@2 Small Group<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248                                                                   |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>29</b><br>8:30 AM Worship<br>9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW<br>9:45 AM HeBrews Café/ Sunday School<br>9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group<br>11:00 AM Worship<br>5:00 PM Worship<br>6:00 PM High School Youth Group<br>6:30 PM Umbarger/Underwood Small Group                                                                                          | <b>30</b><br>12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study<br>5:00 PM Nominating Committee<br>6:30 PM Women's Bible Study                                                                                                     | <b>31</b><br>10:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution<br>2:00 PM Tues@2 Small Group<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 248<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 248                                                                   |  |  |  |  |

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| <b>18</b><br>9:00 AM Sewing Bee<br>10:00 AM Luther Senior Center<br>Chapel and Lunch<br>11:00 AM Geyer Small Group<br>1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study<br>2:00 PM Weekend Lunches for Kids<br>2:30 PM Knitting Group<br>5:30 PM Children's Choir<br>5:30 PM Praise Band<br>6:00 PM CONNECT Family Dinner<br>6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study<br>6:30 PM GriefShare<br>6:30 PM SuperKids!, MS Youth Grp<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir<br>7:00 PM RLC Foundation | <b>19</b><br>9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study<br>10:30 AM Prayer for the Church<br>5:00 PM Steele Small Group<br>6:00 PM Soup Supper<br>7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service                           | <b>20</b><br>9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly<br>6:00 PM AA Meeting | 21<br>7:00 AM Men's Breakfast<br>9:00 AM Food Pantry<br>Distribution<br>9:30 AM Sewing Bee - National<br>Quilting Day<br>4:30 PM Missions Prayer                                                                                                      |  |  |  |  |
| 25<br>9:00 AM Sewing Bee<br>11:00 AM Geyer Small Group<br>1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study<br>2:30 PM Knitting Group<br>5:30 PM Children's Choir<br>5:30 PM Praise Band<br>6:00 PM CONNECT Family Dinner<br>6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study<br>6:30 PM GriefShare<br>6:30 PM SuperKids!, MS Youth Grp<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir                                                                                                                           | <b>26</b><br>9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study<br>10:30 AM Prayer for the Church<br>11;30 AM Worship MALT<br>5:00 PM Steele Small Group<br>6:00 PM Soup Supper<br>7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service  | <b>27</b><br>9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly<br>6:00 PM AA Meeting | <b>28</b><br>9:00 AM Food Pantry<br>Distribution<br>11:00 AM Prince of Peace Reserved<br>4:30 PM Missions Prayer                                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                              | Our calendar changes<br>daily!<br>Please call the church office,<br>at<br>943-3164, or check the<br>website, richlandlutheran.org,<br>for the most<br>current information. Please<br>note that not all activities are<br>actually held at the church. |  |  |  |  |

### Wednesday Night CONNECT



Where are YOU on Wednesday nights? If you and your family are not at RLC, you're missing out on some great opportunities to CON-NECT with your brothers and sisters in Christ! Come join us!

5:30 - Children's Choir (Gloria Dei)

6:00 - Dinner! (Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall)

6:30 - Super Kids! (grades 1-5; Room 4 downstairs)

> Middle School Small Group (room 201, upstairs)

Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Room 123)

7:00 - Chancel Choir

### **Activities for Kids**

Super Kids! is a Wednes-

SuperKids! is a fun Wednesday night ministry for kids in grades 1-5! day 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 as part of the Wednesday Night CONNECT, from 6:30 to 7:45 PM, immediately following the family dinner at 6:00, in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall. Worship and praver, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, games, crafts, and lots of fun happen each week!

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

March 4—Parable of the Feast & Guests

March 11—Parable of the Persistent Widow

March 18—Parable of the Tower Builder

March 25–Easter Story

April 1–Resurrection Rolls!

Super Kids! will not meet during Spring Break, April 8.



# Activities for Middle School Youth

#### Sunday mornings - 9:45 AM Middle School Room upstairs

If you're middle school aged, come hang out with us on Sunday mornings! We've got great stuff going on, and each week we have a lesson, a game of some sort, and quality time with each other. See you there!

This month we're continuing our conversation about relationships, dating, marriage, sex, and love. It's been great so far, and it's not too late to join in!

For more information about youth and family activities, contact Amanda Daniels!

### Who doesn't need some mid-week fun? Come hang out with us at <u>Wednesday night Middle School</u> 6:00 PM Dinner - - - 6:30 PM Middle School

Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner and middle school group time! It's a great mid-week break from the craziness of "real life!" We're continuing on in our relationship series, so come and talk with us! Questions? Want more info? Talk to Amanda!

# **Activities for High School Youth**

Come hang out with us at

### High School Youth Group

### Sunday nights from 6:00 -8:00 PM!

(and usually DQ afterwards)

It's spriiiing! (Well, close enough) In our youth ministry world that means it's time for everyone's favorite awkward conversations about dating, relationships, love, marriage, and sex!

Students: if you don't get texts from Amanda reminding you about youth group, let her know!

If you've got a high school student in your home, they're always welcome! Need a ride? Want more info? Talk to Amanda!

### Walking with the Grieving

Join us on Sunday mornings starting March 22 at 9:45 AM.

Walking with the Grieving, an adult education class offered by the RLC GriefShare Facilitators, is for anyone who has a relative or friend who is on the journey through grief. It's so hard sometimes to know what to say or do for those who are grieving, and sometimes we struggle with how best to help our loved ones.

for a seven-week class to learn how to walk alongside someone who is working their way through the grief process.

We will talk about what grief is, and how differently people experience it. We will also talk about ways to to support, encourage, and simply, to be there for them.

Join us in the Friendship

Room on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM beginning March 22.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

*Psalm* 31:9

#### You're invited to join us

Volunteer Opportunity



We are currently seeking a volunteer to schedule acolytes each month. *You do not have to be a parent/guardian of an acolyte to do this!* This task is mostly done via emails and SignUpGenius. It does not require any direct supervision of acolytes on Sunday mornings; it's only scheduling them. If you have a few hours each month to help with this task, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com).

# **RLC Mobile Phone App and PushPay Giving Option**

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 onetime 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.



### Ladies in Fellowship Together



LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) has concluded our study, "Friends of God: A Discipleship Experience." We will be taking a break from our monthly gatherings, and prayerfully considering what God desires for women's ministries at RLC. If you have a passion for ministering to and with other women, and would like to take on a leadership role for this ministry, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com).

### Women's Book Club



The women's book club will be meeting Friday, March 20, (note Friday not Thursday because of Lenten service) at 6:30 PM at the home of Nancy Ballard, 2110 Austin Ct. in Richland. We will discuss "Hinds Feet on High Places" by Hannah Hurnard. Please join us for one, several, or all books. Contact: Joanne Woehle at jomawo@hotmail.com or 521-9311.

# National Quilting Day

National Quilting Day is March 21, 2020. The Sewing Bee ladies invite you to join them for a morning of quilting.

Come tie a quilt, or two!!

From 9:30 to 11:30 AM, we will be tying quilts in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. If you can tie your shoes, you can tie a quilt.

Coffee, juice and cookies will be served so bring your whole family and come and join us!



Quilts in the sanctuary on blessing day.

### VBS 2020 - Save the Date!



### SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School June 22-26

Want to help? Contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com)

#### **REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 5!**

### 2020 Mission Trip Opportunities

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15

#### Lodge Grass 2020 Intergenerational Mission Trip - for all ages!

We are starting to plan our 15th trip to Lodge Grass for this summer, and would love to have you pray about joining us! We had an amazing time last summer, and are excited to see what God is going to do with our time this summer.

If you are interested in hearing more information or if you have any questions contact Amanda Daniels or Jon Page.





If you are interested in participating in **this year's mission trip to Estonia (August 7-18)**, applications are due to EEMN by March 15. You can find information online at EEMN.org or on one of the resource tables in the fellowship hall.

If you have questions, contact Mot and Pam Hedges, or Kelly Westlund.

### Missions Prayer Requests:

- All those preparing for these mission trips.
- Pray for the hearts of those who will be served - that they will be open to the message of Jesus.
- Missionaries Mike and Julie Penley, and Jenna.
- Caleb and Emily Arnold and their children, Deslianne an Cohen. They have begun serving in Mexico.

# Worship Support for January

|                                  | Time                              | Sunday,<br>March 1                                           | Sunday,<br>March 8                                        | Sunday,<br>March 15                                         | Sunday,<br>March 22                             | Sunday,<br>March 29                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>.</b> .                       | 8:30                              | Norm Gillette                                                | Charles Davis                                             | Kathy Killand                                               | Norm Gillette                                   | Jim Peterson                          |
| Lectors                          | 11:00                             | Karen Clark                                                  | Valerie Bettinson                                         | Elaine Keyes                                                | Sue Meek                                        | Vernon Packard                        |
| Asslutas                         | 8:30                              | Julianna Monroe<br>Sabrina Monroe                            | Kyia Miles<br>Hans Miles                                  | Mackie Kangas<br>Evelyn Davis                               | Brock Streufert<br>Jase Vopalensky              | Kaitlyn Prigge<br>Kaleb Prigge        |
| Acolytes                         | 11:00                             | Gabe Kissire<br>Harrison Budzeck                             | Emily Archibald<br>Lauren Archibald                       | Josephine Whitney<br>Cameron Smith                          | Kaysha Benjamson<br>Judah Benjamson             | Lila Hagensen<br>Joe Granda           |
|                                  | 9.00                              | Chuck McCargar<br>Sue McCargar                               | Fred Ball<br>Matt Sterkel                                 | Gary Weible<br>Dave Larkin                                  | Jim Peterson<br>Matt Sterkel                    | Fred Ball<br>Fred Kremmer             |
| Ushers                           | 8:30                              | Gary Weible<br>Larry Haler                                   | Wayne Roundy<br>Jim Peterson                              | Wayne Roundy<br>Fred Ball                                   | Dave Larkin<br>Darrell Miles                    | Wayne Roundy<br>Gary Weible           |
| Ushers                           | 11:00                             | Carol Hexum<br>Alyce Budzeck                                 | Kathy Snyder<br>Rick Snyder                               | Rick Budzeck<br>Janet Budzeck                               | Alan Hagensen<br>Luke Hagensen                  | Rick Snyder<br>Kathy Snyder           |
|                                  | 11:00                             | Alan Hagensen<br>Luke Hagensen                               | Rick Budzeck<br>Janet Budzeck                             | Alyce Budzeck                                               | Mike Bettinson<br>Valerie Bettinson             | Alan Hagensen<br>Luke Hagensen        |
| Accipting                        | 8:30                              | Jeff Pilger                                                  | Sue Meek                                                  | Rick Nunamaker                                              | Valerie Silva                                   | Jeff Pilger                           |
| Assisting<br>Ministers           | 11:00                             | Shirley Fast                                                 | Sandi Edgemon                                             | Valerie Bettinson                                           | Valerie Silva                                   | Kelly Westlund                        |
| in this tor o                    | 5:00                              | Elaine Keyes                                                 | ****                                                      | ****                                                        | ****                                            | ****                                  |
| Evening<br>Worship<br>Support    | 5:00                              | Lisa Frislie<br>Elaine Keyes                                 | Vernon Packard<br>Betty Quinn                             | Kelly Arnzen<br>Marcia Vogel                                | Diane Bonin<br>Linda Totten                     | Betty Quinn<br>Vern Packard           |
| Communion                        | 8:30                              | Alesia Chaney<br>Charles Davis<br>Elaine Davis               | Pam Hedges<br>Clarine Watkins<br>Alesia Chaney            | Alesia Chaney<br>Kathy Killand<br>****                      | Clarine Watkins<br>Wayne Roundy<br>****         | Jenifer Haler<br>Larry Haler<br>****  |
| Assistants                       | 11:00                             | Karen Clark<br>Kelly Westlund<br>Heidi Dagle<br>Shirley Fast | Jenny Page<br>Valerie Bettinson<br>Mike Bettinson<br>**** | Jenny Page<br>Lisa Wiegand<br>Sue Peterson<br>Bill Peterson | Valerie Silva<br>Ginnette Ernst<br>****<br>**** | Kelly Westlund<br>Heidi Dagle<br>**** |
| Setup<br>Communion               | Before<br>8:30                    | Vern Packard                                                 | Susie Nunamaker                                           | Lisa Wiegand                                                | Joanne Woehle                                   | ****                                  |
| Cleanup/Setup<br>Communion       | Between<br>Services               | Lois Harrold                                                 | ****                                                      | ****                                                        | ****                                            | ****                                  |
| Cleanup/Setup<br>Communion       | After<br>11:00/<br>Before<br>5:00 | Jenny Page                                                   | Jenny Page                                                | ***                                                         | Kelly Westlund                                  | ***                                   |
| Cleanup After<br>Evening Service | After 5:00<br>Service             | Elaine Keyes                                                 | Vern Packard                                              | Marcia Vogel<br>Kelly Arnzen                                | Diane Bonin<br>Linda Totten                     | Vern Packard                          |
| Bake<br>Communion<br>Bread       |                                   | Jane Wilcox                                                  | Nancy Ballard                                             | Kathy Umbarger                                              | Joanne Woehle                                   | Kelly Westlund                        |
| Greeters                         | 8:30                              | Lois Harrold                                                 | Norm & Sara<br>Gillette                                   | ****                                                        | Debbie Honeyman                                 | Norm & Sara<br>Gillette               |
|                                  | 11:00                             | ****                                                         | Elaine Keyes                                              | LaVonne Scully                                              | Kelly Westlund                                  | ***                                   |
| Children's                       | 8:30                              | Trina Miles                                                  | Karen Juergens                                            | Traci Moran                                                 | ****                                            | ****                                  |
| Church<br>Leaders                | 11:00                             | Pam Hedges                                                   | Julie Bishop                                              | Karen Clark                                                 | Pam Hedges                                      | Traci Moran                           |

#### 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 sign up on SignUpGenius.com Or let the office know: 943-3164 or JennyPageRLC@gmail.com

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

|                            | Time     | Sunday<br>March 1              | Sunday<br>March 8              | Sunday<br>March 15            | Sunday<br>March 22              | Sunday<br>March 29          |  |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Video<br>Coordinator       | 8:30     | Drew Snyder                    | Don Schmid                     | Larry Haler                   | Drew Snyder                     | Mark Underwood              |  |
| Audio<br>Coordinator       | 8:30     | Mike Bettinson                 | Brian Killand                  | Scott Carswell                | Brian Killand                   | Bob Thompson                |  |
| Cameras                    | 8:30     | Ken Meek<br>Vern Packard       | Bill Bishop<br>Larry Haler     | Andrew Miles<br>Ken Meek      | Larry Haler<br>Vern Packard     | Bill Bishop<br>Ken Meek     |  |
| Editor/<br>Post Production | 8:30     | Mike Bettinson                 | Jessica<br>Schumacher          | Scott Carswell                | Drew Snyder                     | Jessica<br>Schumacher       |  |
| Sound System               | 8:30     | Paul Hedges                    | Paul Hedges                    | Paul Hedges                   | Paul Hedges                     | Paul Hedges                 |  |
| Operator                   | 11:00    | Jeff Dagle                     | Tammy Carswell                 | Jeff Dagle                    | Tammy Carswell                  | ****                        |  |
|                            | 8:30     | Gary Weible<br>Joel Sorensen   | Jon Erlandson<br>Harold Hogue  | Fred Kremmer<br>Jim Peterson  | Erlan Leitz<br>Lois Harrold     | Gary Weible<br>Harold Hogue |  |
| Offering<br>Custodians     | 11:00    | Alan Hagensen<br>Alyce Budzeck | Mike Bettinson<br>Rick Budzeck | Alan Hagensen<br>Rich Barchet | Alyce Budzeck<br>Mike Bettinson | Rich Barchet<br>Rick Snyder |  |
|                            | 5:00     | Steven Petersen                | Marcia Vogel                   | Betty Quinn                   | Steven Petersen                 | Marcia Vogel                |  |
| Recycle                    | Week of: | Karen Clark                    | Valerie Bettinson              | ****                          | Valerie Bettinson               | ****                        |  |
| Flowers                    |          | ****                           | ****                           | ****                          | Valerie Silva                   | Julie & Bill Bishop         |  |

Worship Support

| Cashiers | Monday        | Monday          | Monday         | Monday         | Monday        |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|          | March 2       | March 9         | March 16       | March 23       | March 30      |
|          | Nancy Ballard | Kathy Snyder    | Kristen Imhoff | Joanne Woehle  | Judy Riggers  |
|          | Lori Hogan    | Debbie Honeyman | Jon Erlandson  | Adele Sorensen | Janet Budzeck |

|                   | Friday                                    | Friday                                    | Friday                                            | Friday                            |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                   | March 6                                   | March 13                                  | March 20                                          | March 27                          |
| Bulletin Assembly | Norm Stout<br>Bobbi Stout<br>Lois Harrold | Norm Stout<br>Bobbi Stout<br>Lois Harrold | Norm Gillette<br>Sara Gillette<br>Gail Gilbertson | Norene Erlandson<br>Jon Erlandson |

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- 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

If you have questions about using the SignUpGenius website, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com).



### **Anniversaries**

March 12 John & Barbara Cunningham Will & Piper Mercer

March 16 Joel & Adele Sorensen

March 19 Michael & MaryJo Schroeder Buck & Jennifer Taft

March 28 Ed & Susan Miller Rick & Susie Nunamaker

### **Birthdays**

March 2 Sally Culbert Drew McCullough

March 3 Cindy Dixon Norm Gillette

**March 4** Danny Payne Jami Prigge

March 6 Darrel Glasford Marjorie Nelson

March 8 Mackie Kangas Jeff Pilger

**March 9** Andrew Clark Fred Kremmer

**March 10** Jerilyn Frislie

March 12 Sue Meek

**March 15** Roy Ballard Eileen Posey

March 16 Peg Culbert Diane Olsen Marilyn Schmidt **March 17** Lilyana Frislie Craig Probst

March 18 Bernie Woehle

March 19 Vincent Rodriguez Kenny You

March 20 Brennan Bryson Jack Page Kenneth Rivers Abby Skinner

March 21 Nonie Kangas Todd Maier Emelia Scherer Brandon Wheeler

March 23 Jennifer Boynton Josh Maier Nina Tilton

**March 24** Shirley Johnson Mille Nierman

March 25 LaVonne Scully

**March 26** Carla Williams



**March 27** Janet Jansson Joey Maier Dawn Salyer

March 28 Carl Schroeder Michael Streufert Nathan Streufert

March 29 Ethan Bishop

March 31 Jon Page



Praying for God's blessings on each of you as you celebrate your special day.



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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

Lent Worship Services Thursdays at 7:00 PM

And when circumstances beyond your control prevent you from coming to church...

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