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## **GriefShare Grief Support Group Starting August 19**

Congregation and community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to register for the GriefShare program held via Zoom through RLC.

This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Grief-related books/materials are made available for participants to borrow or purchase.

GriefShare will be held August 19—November 18 via Zoom online meetings. To register or for questions, call 943-3164 by August 18. You can also register at GriefShare.org. Cost: \$20 to cover the workbook, but if you've attended previously and already have a book, the fee is waived.

#### Call for New Ministries for 2021

Is God placing on your heart a new ministry for Richland Lutheran Church? Staff and Council will soon be preparing for our 2021 Ministry Plan and budget to be approved by you (the congregation) at our annual meeting on October 25, 2020. We must be intentional in developing a budget that will provide our needs for ministries that glorify God, encourage spiritual growth, and help Richland Lutheran Church live its vision and mission in "making disciples who worship, grow, serve, and steward". Now is your chance to speak up and let us know what new ministry idea you may be considering. Just complete and submit the "New Ministry Proposal" form available on RLC's web site or call the church office and you will be provided a form.

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### **Congregation Council**

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### **Directory Changes**

To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope the days find you all well. I miss your smiling faces and the hugs we shared so freely. As some of you know, Jim and I have been in route to Virginia since the beginning of June. We landed in Arizona, temporary housing, until his place of employment would allow us to move into our new home in Newport News. We will be starting to settle in on August 1.

Our new address is: 65 James Landing Road, Newport News, VA 23606.

God's blessings my friends, Shirley Fast

Past oral

Baptisms None

Weddings None

Memorials/Funerals None

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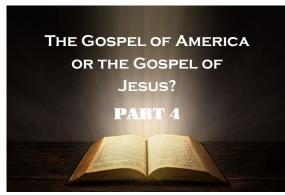
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## Certain Unalienable Rights: Pursuit of Happiness From Pastor Steve, Lead Pastor





Last month, we juxtaposed the second "Unalienable Right," *Liberty*, from the Declaration of Independence and that of the Gospel of Christ as part of the work of Scripture contextualization, "translating the never-changing Gospel of Jesus into an ever-changing, dynamic culture." The summation of which we concluded, "(We) would...gladly take on slavery that another might be freed by Christ. This is why Jesus could say to

the Disciples, 'They will know you are my disciples by your love.'" Quite a different Gospel from that of America.

This month we move into the third and last "Unalienable Right," *Pursuit of Happiness*. Right from the start this virtue has difficulties. Whereas *Life* and *Liberty* have common definitions and understanding, the Pursuit of Happiness remains ambiguous. What makes one happy does not necessarily make all happy. Furthermore, happiness must mean much more than experiencing simple pleasures. For the purposes of this article, then, we'll look at happiness as something deep and meaningful which brings joy through human flourishing. So, does the Bible teach this as an unalienable right?

It does if you have the right understanding of happiness. The closest the Bible comes to proclaiming happiness upon the individual is typified by Jesus' use of the word *Joy*. As Jesus plans to leave the disciples, he says to them, "*I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*" What Jesus has just told them was to keep the commandments and remain in love. Joy, then, according to Jesus comes from the pursuit of God, not man or manmade things.

One would be hard pressed to make a case for our country's forefathers to have this same understanding of happiness. More likely, the Gospel of America advocates for the "American Dream." In this sense the Gospel of Jesus stands in direct opposition to the Gospel of America.

As we conclude our discussion of the Declaration of Independence, I'll leave you with some questions to consider. 1) How does the Christian reconcile the Gospel of America with the Gospel of Jesus? 2) Can one live both at the same time? 3) Are there places in your life where you've combined or confused the two Gospels? 4) Is there something you can do to live more fully into the Gospel of Jesus, surrendering the Gospel of America?

Grace and Peace,

**Pastor Steve** 

What informs and influences YOU, the Gospel of America or the Gospel of Jesus?

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#### Real Friendship

Muhammad Ali once

said, "Friendship is the

hardest thing in the

world to explain. It's

something

learn in school. But if

you haven't learned the

meaning of friendship,

really

#### From Pastor Corey, Associate Pastor

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anything." learned Most of us -and I would hope all of us-know the power of real friendship. I'm not talking about casual acquaintances and I sure don't 'relationships' mean that are built on manipulation or only someone convenient, 'friendship' for the sake of personal gain (and we've all probably been guilty of doing these things, or we've been victim to them at some point). No, I'm talking about real friendship.

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Today as I write this, it would have been my friend Joe Rosenberger's birthday. I met Joe in 1990 at Camp Ghormley as I was assigned to work in the kitchen under Joe's leadership. He was a big guy with a gruff voice, bearded and burly...and wow, could he cook! I was a bit terrified by his stature and my lack of knowledge and talent in the kitch-But what I found was a man who was very patient, kind, gen-

erous, and God-loving. Joe was one of the reasons I became a Christian-his words and actions lined up, and he was...different. Joe taught me how to properly hold a knife, how to play a guitar, how to have fun working a long, hot, sweaty job every day, and he demonstrated the love of Jesus-not with cliché's and a fake smile, but in a genuine, downto-earth way. years ago, Joe passed away. My good friend Tim, and I had the privilege of speaking at his service. I miss hearing his deep, wonderful laugh. And I knew that I could entrust myself to him. He was a mentor, a father figure, and most of all a great, true friend.

Who are your friends? As it is commonly stated, "You are only as good as the company you keep". And as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:33, "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals'." Do you have a friend who will love enough to say the hard things? Who will be there in your ups and downs? Who is willing to deal with all your quirks? If so, develop and invest in that relationship. But here's an-

other view of this: do vou love someone enough to tell them the hard things? Are you there for someone else in their ups and downs? you deal with someone's quirks? Are you the kind of friend to someone that you desire for yourself?

Remembering Joe today reminds me that there are people in my life that I can be a "Joe" to...or better vet, that I can at least be glimpse of Jesus to. As Bernard Meltzer, the radio host from a few years back, said, "A true friend is so, meone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked."

"A true friend is someone who things you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked."

-Bernard Meltzer

## President's Message: Quiet Water From Sandy Steele, Congregation President

Most of you are, no doubt, as weary as I am of all this COVID stuff going on around us. So, I'm going to take a break from that topic and share with you a peek into my life. Many of us are very busy; too busy to be still. Or, at least, that's what we think. Myself included. If I'm not busy, I'm looking for something to fill that space and the result is little or no time to stop, relax, and just be with God. I'm going to let my thoughts wander a bit, so I ask for your indulgence and thank you for your permission. I don't journal. The few times I've tried it ends up being just one more thing on my endless list of things-todo and then it becomes a laborious task. Well, I'm going to stretch myself a bit here, step out of my comfort, and take this opportunity journal AND share it with you – my brothers and sisters.

I recently took some time out from my so-called busy and stressful schedule to go away for some solitude and quiet time - alone. I needed to clear my head, sort out my thoughts, and hear God - and only Him. So, I got in my car and drove

Sandpoint, Idaho where I spent a couple of days. I began my brief sabbatical with a plan – my plan, of course. Yes, you guessed it. As God has a way of doing, my plan soon went by the wayside and His plan took over. It became evident to me very quickly that what He wanted from me was to just "Be still and know that I am *God*" (Psalm 46:10).

I arrived at my destination in the late afternoon, checked into my hotel, dropped off my baggage, then walked around the town for a while to find a place to eat, relax, and get my bearings. Early the next morning I walked down to the lake (Pend Oreille), strolled along the shore, sat on a bench, and contemplated God for a few hours before people began populating the beach. I asked Him no questions nor offered any thoughts of my own, which is not an easy task for me since thoughts are constantly rolling around in my mind. I just remained still, looked out over the calm water with the mountains as a backdrop, and let Him "Silence will enter. unite vou to God Himself..." Such true words!

This was my first experience of intentionally searching out the place that brings me peace; brings me close to God. It's the water! Not necessarily this particular water; it's the lake, the river, the ocean, even the pond in my own "backvard". Water is where Jesus takes me to draw my peace and strength from Him. So, I ask you - where do you go to be alone with God? There is a place for each of us. Take time out from your busyness, go to that place, be still, and know God. This is what He is teaching me.

Psalm 23:1-3

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my
shepherd, I lack
nothing. <sup>2</sup>He makes me
lie down in green
pastures, he leads me
beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he
refreshes my soul. He
guides me along the
right paths for his
name's sake.

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10 Page 6 THE PREVIEW

## **Financial Update**

#### From Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

Headlines across the US read, "The Pandemic Presents Challenges to Church Giving"; "COVID-19 funding drop is likely to kill some churches"; "Will your church survive the COVID-19 pandemic?"; "Stewardship in a Pandemic" ...the bottom line is we are in uncharted territory for church donations. With unemployment at an all-time high and uncertainty about when we will get to the new normal, many are unable to give as they desire to their church.

RLC is behind in our normal rate of giving which is understandable, though not desired. Is our church in financial trouble? In a nut shell, "NO". We are behind based on our budget, which the staff has cut by 20% for the year. We have received federal Paycheck Protection Program funding from the Small Business Administration that is helping us to meet our payroll and keep us in the black. Right now, it appears that based on the new forgiveness rules (June revisions) we will not have to repay any of our EIDL or PPP funds. This amounts to ~\$113K for the church as we have kept all full-time employees working and some part time employees who can work without our normal worship services. The monthly financial reports do NOT reflect these funds until we receive the final forgiveness paperwork which should happen in an August or September timeframe.

Believe me when I say the Staff at RLC has worked extremely hard from home, and at church when they can, to engage with the congregation using all means of available communication channels! It is difficult to not meet in person and provide for everyone's spiritual needs at a time like this. I can't say enough about how the staff and group leaders have taken to Zoom, You Tube, and even social distancing drive-bys to ensure the congregation feels the Spirit of the Lord with us during the pandemic. It takes a lot of work make this happen.

So, as we move forward in these unprecedented times know that it is God's time not ours.

Take care and stay healthy! Shalom, Bill

Lisa Wiegand, Ministry Assistant for Biblical Stewardship, or Bill Peterson, Finance

questions, contact

If you have

Officer.

#### **June Financials**

Income	Budget	Expenses	Deficit
\$434,776	\$450,517	\$455,114	\$20,337

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

### Digital Giving and Upcoming Changes to Pushpay



Did anyone anticipate we'd *still* be worshipping exclusively via live stream? Pushpay We thank God for equipping RLC with the technology to seamlessly transition to gathering via the internet each Sunday morning — simultaneously keeping our congregants safe at home and yet still connected to the life-giving Word of

God. In the same way, RLC is blessed to have already established a safe, trustworthy, and reliable means of gathering the tithes, offerings, and gifts through Pushpay. Digital giving is a quick and convenient method contributing, and helps keep the RLC staff safe and healthy, as well.

Visit the church website (www.RichlandLutheran.org) and click on the red "Give" button located towards the bottom of the front page. It takes just a moment to create an account. You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring transaction for your tithes and offerings. The most frequently used ministries that receive designated gifts are listed for your convenience, so you're still able to give those special offerings for things like the Food Pantry, GNMM, the Foundation, Operation Christmas Child, and more! If there is a specific established RLC ministry you wish to contribute to, but don't see it listed, simply contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com) and she will add it to the fund list.

\*Please note that beginning August 1, 2020, giving on Pushpay will require the creation of an account, as the option of "guest" giving will no longer be available. This impacts only those who have not previously created an account with Pushpay and wish to make an electronic contribution.

Of course, you're always welcome to still give your tithes, offerings, and special givings via check or cash in your offering envelopes by mailing them to the church (901 Van Giesen St., Richland, WA, 99354).

### Church Community Builder Coming Soon

In the coming months, RLC staff will be transitioning to use of a new church software management database system. Church Community Builder (CCB) will allow staff and congregants to connect more easily, and keep information up-to-date. This cloud based database will serve as a single point of coordination for communication, calendaring, scheduling, forms, and more. It will replace our use of external applications like Google Calendar, Google Forms, and Sign Up Genius. As a congregant, you will have the ability to log in to the database from either your smartphone or computer to view and update your personal information such as phone number, address, email, etc., and you can also easily communicate via email or text (through CCB) with others in whatever groups/ministries you participate in. Need a phone number of a fellow member? A digital directory is available.

Safe guarding your personal information is important. We will set limits on what can be seen by others, and you will have the ability to tighten those limits if desired. No information regarding children younger than age 18 will be available online. Contributions are never visible to anyone other than you and very limited staff.

As we progress with the transition, watch for more information about how you can set up your log-in and password, and use this powerful tool. CHURCH

COMMUNITY

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenny Page, Lisa Wiegand or Kelly Westlund.

lf you have questions about Pushpay or Church Community Builder, please call the church office.

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## From the Council - Who Moved My Cheese?

Diane Bonin, Member At Large

Who Moved My Cheese? This is a favorite book of mine by Dr. Spencer Johnson that provides some good advice. For those of you who have not read it, it tells the story about characters that four move through a maze looking for their prize or goal of cheese, whatever it is that makes them happy. This is all good when the pathway to the cheese is predictbut once able. cheese has been moved, it forces the four characters to observe, adapt and find a new roadway to their goal. Adapting to change moves you forward.

The Bible also provides examples of adapting to our circumstances and changing to meet our goals. Consider 1 Corin-9:19-23, Paul thians states: "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak, I became weak to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I may save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

I have felt that over the last several months our prize of cheese is being moved. Life and dreams have been paused for a number of us as we do not know how to reach our goals, as our familiar pathway is no longer taking us to our destination.

Both the book and Paul's advice encourages us to keep going, adapting and not lose sight of our goals. I see that RLC is doing this. God's work continues on through virtual gatherings. We have welcomed each other into our homes for Zoom meetings and Bible study, chats, worship and devotions to name a few. We are exercising flexibility reaching out to others that we may not have had a spiritual connection with before. Stretching out of our

comfort zone, has brought growth both to the recipient and the person reaching out. Without being forced to make these changes due to our new circumstances, I am not sure we would have chosen these new options.

This is a good time to reflect on the past, and forge new roads for the future. Let's not let the movement of the cheese throw us into despair.

During this time, may we thank God for this opportunity to help us pause, reflect and take notice of life's fragility; adapt to our new world; help us look beyond ourselves to the plight of others; do what is right in his eyes; instill in us a Christ-like attitude of humility and love: and to continue what we have been commanded to do. spreading the good news of salvation and making disciples Christ.

This is a good time to reflect on the past, and forge new roads for the future.

## From the Nominating Committee

The work and fellowship of the 2020 RLC Congregational Council Nominating Committee has been completed. This team met faithfully each week in prayer and discussion from February through July to accomplish the task of seeking members to fill open positions on the council.

Please pray for these nominees, that they would faithfully seek God's guidance as they serve. The nominees are:
Joel Sorensen - Vice-President
Diane Bonin - Secretary
Jeanne Dillner - Member-At-Large
Jan Leitz - Member At Large
Kristen Imhoff - Member At Large.

The Nominating Committee thanks each and everyone of you for your prayers, thoughts and support during this process.

Norene Erlandson, Bill Bishop, Sue Peterson, Mark Underwood, Todd Maier, and Sue Meek

### Estonia Virtual Bible Camp 2020

As you can imagine, planning an actual mission trip to Estonia this year is not possible. Instead, SONetwork (formerly East European Mission Network) has been working with Pastor Siimon Haamer, at the Home of Hope in Tartu, and his nephew, Mattias Haamer, to put together a virtual Bible camp for youth in Estonia.

This year's camp will be unique in many ways, besides being online. Our Estonian partners are in the process of inviting youth from Tartu and surrounding areas to come to a camp at the Home of Hope, with the option of spending the night there in the building. They will have activities throughout the day, and the SONetwork camp sessions will be part of that, rather than being the entire camp. The Estonian leaders will have a much bigger part in the whole of the camp rather than being mostly our helpers and translators. This is exciting!

Mot and Pam Hedges and Kelly Westlund from RLC will take part in this year's event, along with several other Americans from around the country. The camp will run from August 3 - August 5 from 6—8:30 AM PST, with one extra session at 2:30 AM PST on August 5.

Please keep this very special camp in prayer: for the Estonian youth who will attend—that their hearts would be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives; for the Estonian leaders—that they would also feel God's call on them to serve even beyond this camp week; for the SONetwork team as we prepare and plan according to God's guidance for this camp; and for the technology we will be using not to fail as we reach out to these youth for Christ.

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#### **Activities for Kids**

#### **Children's Ministry**

We have reverted to our normal seasonal breaks for our children ministries! Super Kids, Children's Church and Sunday School are taking a hiatus until fall. As with previous summers, this will allow ministry leaders an opportunity to plan and prepare for when we gather again (either virtually or, hopefully, in person) in the fall.







For more information about activities for kids, contact Jenny Page!



Families, are you on our

RLC Families Facebook Page?

If not, search "Richland Lutheran Church Family Ministry" and request to join.

We need connection and community right now, maybe more than ever! Come join the conversations!

## **Activities for Middle School and High School Youth**

## **High School Youth Group**

and

#### **Middle School Youth Group**

are currently on PAUSE

Nobody thought we would *still* be in the phase we are in! But, here we are. Our regular youth group gatherings are currently on pause, but we do have a few Zoom game nights coming up that we hope to "see" you at!

In the meantime, Amanda is connecting with students individually, and would love to hear from your family as well!

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

## Middle School Zoom Game Night

Wednesday - August 12 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 801-602-3197

Join us for a night of online games and fun to take a break from the heat! It's easier to either use a laptop, or have 2 devices available as we'll be playing games via Jackbox!

Contact Amanda if you have any questions!

## **High School Zoom Game Night**

Sunday - August 2 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 801-602-3197

Join us for a night of online games and fun to take a break from the heat! It's easier to either use a laptop, or have 2 devices available as we'll be playing games via Jackbox!

Contact Amanda if you have any questions!

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## Operation Christmas Child Request for July: Any gifts for all ages

During this time of social distancing, you are invited to continue to gather items for OCC boxes, and just set them aside at home until we are able to gather together again in person.

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.



450 boxes sent in 2019!

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

### **RLC Prayer Groups**

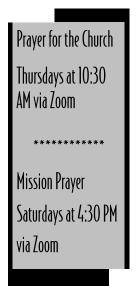
Our RLC prayer groups meet once a week. The Thursday morning group prays for our congregation's specific prayer requests, our ministries and our community. We meet at 10:30 AM via Zoom.

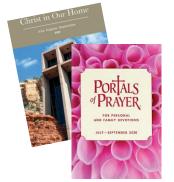
Our Mission prayer group meets on Saturday afternoons at 4:30 PM to pray for all of the various mission efforts RLC is involved in. We pray for our missionaries, Mike and Julie Penley, for the missions to Estonia and Lodge Grass, and Operation Christmas Child, for missionaries Caleb and Emily Arnold in Mexico; and for our local mission efforts such as the food pantry, the block party and others.

Scripture reminds us often that God calls us to pray regularly, persistently, and constantly. It is a blessing to lift up others to God in prayer and it is especially sweet to know that God hears us when we pray. Won't you join us? Please contact the church office for Zoom meeting information.

"...for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations."

Isaiah 56:7





#### **Devotion Booklets**

If you would like a copy of the July - September issue of Portals of Prayer or Christ in Our Home, please contact the church office and we will be happy to mail one to you.

Email officeatrlc@gmail.com or call 509-943-3164 and push "o".

#### **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**Wayne & Janice Campbell
Dave & Carol Larkin

**August 14** Cliff & Jeri Sandberg Andy & Tess Webster

**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

August 31 Tim & Patricia Lamberson



## **Birthdays**

August 2 Erik Killand

August 3 Elaine Hogan

**August 4** Jim Fast Jenifer Haler

**August 5**Jason Corning
Edith Hansen

August 6 Kathy Higley Mavis Lippert Don Salyer

**August 7** Seth Thompson

**August 8**John Huebner
Claire Whitney

**August 9** Wesley Hutchison Tess Webster Trey Wiegand

August 10 Dolores Jaech Anna Lipton Theresa Woehle

**August 11** Colton McCargar Carol Parks August 12 Hayley Deen

**August 14** Kirsten Killand

August 15 Mitch Davis Tom Frislie Matthew Palmblad

August 16
Bob Imhoff
Pat Olenius
John Samuel
Betty Schauer

**August 17** Ayden Busselman

August 18 Harold Hogue

August 19 Lois Harrold

**August 20** Mikayla Mars Wally Romsos

August 21 Audri Jordan Bill Peterson Corey Smith Russ Warren

**August 22** Kristen Donahue Bruce Lander **August 23** Casandra Blakely Lori Maier

August 24 Andrea Britton

August 26 Jim Honeyman Stefanie Porter Rick Snyder

**August 27** Kay Brauer Sara Carswell

**August 28** Ryan Davis Madelyn Miller

**August 29** Paul Berthelot

**August 30** Steve Ernst Shirley Fast Jim Moran

**August 31** Kevin Maier Claire Moran

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





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Good News Today

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