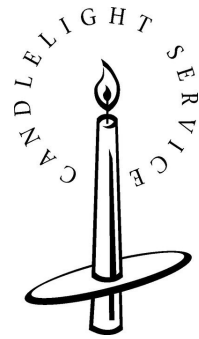




THE PREVIEW

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW, SERVE, AND STEWARD

Join Us for Christmas Eve Worship



This year, we will have two worship services on Christmas Eve, at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

You may reserve seats for in-person worship, or enjoy the services at home via live-stream.

Drive through and pick up a candle for your at-home live-stream Christmas Eve worship service on Sunday, December 20, from 12 - 2 PM.

the christmas ADVENTURE box

A Family Advent Devotional Activity

Start a new tradition with your family this season with the Christmas Adventure Box—a fun family advent devotional activity.

This booklet will be made available in both print and PDF formats. Printed copies will be available on Sunday mornings during in-person worship on the Welcome Desk, or can be either mailed or delivered to your home. The PDF version will be on the Children's Ministries page of the church website and on the RLC Facebook group.

This activity involves a little bit of prep work for the adults, but you can jump in at any time!

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com) or call the church office (943-3164).



Inside this issue:

From Pastor Steve	3
President's Message	5
Financial Update	6
From the Council	6
Calendar	8
Kids & Youth	12
Anniversaries and Birthdays	15

Congregation Council

Council Members

Sandy Steele, President

Jenifer Haler, Vice President

Bill Peterson, Financial Officer

Janet Budzeck, Secretary

Diane Bonin, Member-At-Large

Jim Honeyman, Member-At-Large

Fred Kremmer, Member-At-Large

Kiane Lesser, Member-at-Large

Valerie Silva, Member-At-Large

Ex Officio Member

Pastor Steve Ernst, Lead Pastor

Minutes of Council meetings are available on the website.

RLC Staff

Rev. Steve Ernst, Lead Pastor

Ministry Lead for Biblical Stewardship and Worship
revsteverlc@gmail.com

Rev. David Hogan, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Sam Geyer, Interim Visitation Pastor
revsamrlc@gmail.com

Amanda Daniels, Youth and Family Minister
amandadrlc@gmail.com

Susan Miller, Organist

Susie Nunamaker, Traditional Music Coordinator
susienunrlc@gmail.com

Jenny Page, Ministry Assistant for Spiritual Transformation and Worship
jennypagerlc@gmail.com

Kelly Westlund, Ministry Assistant for Christian Service
kellywrlc@gmail.com

Lisa Wiegand, Ministry Assistant for Biblical Stewardship
lisawrlc@gmail.com

Pastoral Acts for September 2020

Baptisms

Scott Murbach - November 2

Weddings

Vern (Randy) Packard & Jayne Jackson -
November 7

Memorials/Funerals

Scott Murbach - November 13

Scripture taken from the HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION© NIV©. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Biblica, Inc.™ All rights reserved worldwide.

All donations are subject to the Gift Acceptance Policy. RLC will treat the donor's designations as suggestions unless the Congregation Council has approved of the designations before receiving the gift. Copies of the policy are available on the website and in the finance office.

The Preview

is published monthly by Richland Lutheran Church for members and friends of the congregation. *The Preview* is distributed free of charge. Please report address changes to 901 Van Giesen, Richland, WA 99354, call 509-943-3164, fax 509-943-5383, or e-mail office@richlandlutheran.org. Richland Lutheran Church grants permission for any original content (not a reprint) to be photocopied for non-commercial, local church, or personal use, provided the copies indicate the source is *The Preview*. For any other usage, advance permission must be obtained. Electronic versions of *The Preview* may be forwarded in their entirety for noncommercial, local church, or personal use as well.

Church New Year Sermon Series: Loving Between Advents From Pastor Steve, Lead Pastor



Happy Church New Year! That's right, the Church New Year, which begins with the season of Advent, is here. Advent literally means, "Coming." As the Church New Year begins, we begin the season of waiting. Waiting for the coming of Christ. Better said, remembering the first coming of Jesus, anticipating the second. This is a much different start to the New Year than what most of us understand and practice regarding new starts, isn't it?

The secular New Year begins with a BANG! I mean this quite literally in my neighborhood. We party all night, we make goals for the year, we begin new habits, we take life into our own hands resolving to work harder and live life better than the year before. Starting the secular New Year is much different to starting the Church New Year. Whereas the secular New Year focuses us on the future, the Church New Year focuses on the present.

In her book, *The Liturgical Year*, Joan Chittister writes, "The liturgical year...opens with Advent, the season that teaches us to wait for what is beyond the obvious. It trains us to see what is behind the apparent. Advent makes us look for God in all those places we have, until now, ignored." This approach to starting the New Year shifts the focus from self to God. From hurried and harried to slow and steady. From complex to simple. From excess to enough. Like the secular New Year, we enter into training, but that training looks more like silence, stillness, solitude, instead of work, work, work. In fact, Advent is meant to take us out of work, work, work into wait, wait, wait. Chittister continues,

Advent is meant to take us out of work, work, work into wait, wait, wait.

Advent relieves us of our commitment to the frenetic in a fast-paced world. It slows us down. It makes us think...Without Advent, moved only by the race to nowhere that exhausts the world around us, we could be so frantic with trying to consume and control this life that we fail to develop within ourselves a taste for the spirit that does not die and will not slip through our fingers like melted snow.

I encourage you, RLC, to fully embrace and celebrate the Church New Year. Enter into Advent purposefully. Slow, settle, simplify. We are among the few in the history of the world who are living between the two advents of Christ and the way we wait is of vital importance. Jesus said to love while we wait. All of the Law and the Prophets are summed in Jesus' commandments to love God and our neighbor. As we enter into the Church New Year we're going to take a break from our study in the Gospel of John to focus on loving between advents. I hope you will be blessed in our time together.

Advent/Christmas Sermon Schedule:

Advent One: Loving Between Advents - Love God - Mary (Luke 1:46-56)

Advent Two: Loving Between Advents - Love Yourself - Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)

Advent Three: Loving Between Advents - Love Others - Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)

Advent Four: Choir Cantata

Christmas One: Loving Between Advents - Love the Church - Anna (Luke 2:36-38)

Christmas Two: Loving Between Advents - Love the World - Jesus (John 3:16-21)

2021 Worship Music Changes

From Susie Nunamaker



Psalm 69:30 says, “I will praise the name of God with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving”. Our music is such a great gift and offering to the Lord and what a blessing to sing both traditional and contemporary songs of praise in our worship.

Beginning in January 2021, our Sunday services will reflect traditional or contemporary throughout the service, rather than a blend of styles as we are doing currently. Traditional music will be on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays, and contemporary music on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

We will remain compliant with the current restrictions so 1 vocalist and 1 accompanist each Sunday. God has blessed us with beautiful songs of worship in both styles and He has given us talented musicians who serve Him through leading us in worship. Whether in person or at home viewing the live stream, come ready to lift your hearts (if not your voice) in praise to our great God singing hymns and praise songs.

Annual Congregational Meeting Ballot Results

What a great response to our mail-in ballot process for this year’s Annual Congregational Meeting! We far surpassed our quorum of 38 eligible voters with a resounding 172 ballots returned. It pleases me to report that RLC stands united. Here are the results.

October 27, 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes – *Approved*

Council Nominees – *All Approved*

Joel Sorensen, Vice President
Diane Bonin, Secretary
Jeanne Dillner, Member-at-Large
Kristin Imhoff, Member-at-Large
Jan Leitz, Member-at-Large

Nominating Committee Nominees – *All Approved*

Rick Budzeck
Valerie Bettinson
Lori Hogan

2021 Ministry Funding Proposal (\$838,685) - *Approved*

I thank you all for your patience and understanding and for your willingness to work with us throughout this new and unprecedented method of conducting our annual Congregational meeting. It certainly wasn’t the same as meeting in person but only by God’s grace, and your willingness, were we able to conduct these portions of our annual business needs. We still have some unfinished and important business matters which will be carried out once we’re able to gather in person. In the meantime, I thank you again and I congratulate and welcome our new Council and Nominating Committee members.

Sandy Steele, Congregation President

We would like to thank our outgoing Council members for their service and dedication to the ministries of RLC:

Jenifer Haler
Janet Budzeck
Kiane Lesser
Jim Honeyman

President's Message: A Heart of Thanksgiving From Sandy Steele, Congregation President

This has been a very different year – one that none of us have ever experienced. We began the year as we begin every other year but it quickly took an unexpected turn when COVID-19 came in and disrupted our lives – and continues to do so. What it doesn't disrupt, however, is the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and the peace and hope that can be had only through Him. This year's Christmas season may have a different look but we will celebrate the love of our Lord nonetheless; and, we do this in many different ways. I'd like to focus on some of the ways RLC has celebrated His love throughout the year, even amidst COVID-19.

RLC is a congregation of loving, caring, and giving Christ followers and you have demonstrated that in so many ways above and beyond our budgeted benevolences. Those many ways include, not necessarily in any order of importance, the continuation of our Food Pantry which kept its doors open, even during the height of the pandemic, serving those in our community who are in need; the giving of your many gifts and donations to the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission and other charitable organizations; the tireless (or tired) sewing and distributing of face masks where needed; the many phone calls, visitations,

cards to those in need of love and support; RLC's GriefShare team who continue to come alongside those having lost loved ones; our prayer groups who meet weekly (albeit via Zoom) to pray for the congregation, the community, and our various missions and ministries; the bagging of week-end lunches for elementary students; donations to Operation Christmas Child providing gifts and love to children around the world; our urgent Assistance Fund providing assistance for those in urgent need; and the list goes on. And, of course, I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the various ways that many of you extend that love individually outside of RLC. I'd like to give a "shout out" to all of you who have given of your time, your gifts, and your resources by serving Jesus in these many ways.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe

you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:35-40

Yes, this year has been a very different and, for many, a difficult year; but, it's also been a good year. God has been with us throughout; He has never left us. So, let's celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us) as we bring an end to 2020. My prayer during this Christmas season and beyond is for Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love to one and all. *"But the greatest of these is love."*

A very Merry and Joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with many blessings!!

Sandy Steele

Thank you to all of you who have given of your time, your gifts, and your resources by serving Jesus this year.

Financial Update

From Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

January-October 2020 RLC Financial Snapshot

Income	Budget	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)
\$708,205	\$745,086	\$750,355	(\$42,151)

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Peterson or Lisa Wiegand

From the Council - A Prayer for Advent 2020

Valerie Silva—Member At Large

Almighty God and Eternal King,

For centuries, your people waited and looked for the coming of your Messiah into the world. Through all those years, you spoke to them through prophecy and miracles, your Word and the signs you left through all creation and cultures. We thank you, dear Father, that you sent Jesus to come and live among us and reveal your love even more by allowing himself to be sacrificed for our sins. And then, afterwards, by sending your Holy Spirit to live with us.

Now as we remember that time of waiting, we ask you, Holy Spirit, to help us prepare for the second coming of Jesus. Let us not forget the many who do not yet know you but may still come to do so. Remind us that we are now part of the way you speak into our world. Strengthen and encourage your people that we may become better witnesses of you. Give us your power and wisdom to speak and act in your love and truth. Keep us close to you, never allowing us to stray, but drawing us back when we choose to move further from your heart. Help us to love spending time with you.

And Holy Counselor, prepare us each day to show your love to the world. Give us your words to share, and the attitude of Jesus at all times, so that as we wait for his return, we may reflect his glory to all around us. Let others come to know you, God, through us, so that they too will be waiting when you come again.

And Jesus, as we await your return, let us never doubt that you are alive and active in our world today. We so need your touch! We pray, Great Physician, for healing: for healing from illness, for healing from hatred, for healing from bitterness, for healing from the blindness and callousness of self-centered hearts that causes us to ignore others and think that we are more worthy than they. Give us your heart. Give us your heart. Give us your heart.

And so, Lord, we wait for you. We wait upon you. We wait in eager anticipation of what you have promised, knowing you are always faithful.

In Jesus holy name,
Amen

Take time this
Advent to rest with
God, spend time
praying and
listening to what
He would say to
you.

Visitation is God's Work

From Pastor Sam

Jesus sets the path for us to follow by how he interacted with, and was in relationship with, the people that he met. Over and over again we find stories in the Gospels about the conversations, the discussions, the lessons, and the insightful understanding that he had about the many people he met on his travels throughout Israel.

One example of how Jesus did his work comes from the stories of when he healed someone. One such story comes from the gospel of John 9:1-6. This is the story of when Jesus healed a man who had been born blind.

In this story Jesus is walking along a road with his disciples when they see a blind man sitting beside the road. The disciples ask Jesus "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" In his reply Jesus denied that anybody sinned when he said, "it was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (RSV)

This story reminds us that as we do the work God has for us, which in

this situation is to visit with and be helpful for other people, that we carry the light of Christ within ourselves. In this story, Jesus heals the man; in our work as visitors we are the means by which the work of God is done as we bring hope, companionship, a listening ear, and joy to those moments.

Jesus' presence gave the man born blind hope and healing--and when we meet with someone in their homes, or talk with them on the phone, or connect through social media, we too bring hope, connection, compassion and love, as well.

In John 6:28-29, the Apostle John reminds us of the work of God; in this passage Jesus is asked, "what must we be doing to do the work of God?" And Jesus replies, "this is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." (RSV)

And that is the true work of God for it is through our faith and belief in who Christ is, that we do the work we have before us.

May God's peace be with you,

Pastor Sam

Contact the RLC office if you, or someone in your family, would like to be contacted by an RLC Visitation Minister.

Year-End Giving

Please remember: For contributions to be attributed to your 2020 statement, they must be received by the church office before 4:30 PM, December 31; or postmarked by December 31.

There is a secure, locked drop box near the narthex doors for your convenience in dropping off your gift. We will empty the drop box at 4:30 PM on Thursday, December 31.

Year end contribution statements will be issued in January. Questions?



December 2020		
Sun	Mon	Tue
		1 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution
6 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and livestream 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	7 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study	8 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 7:00 PM Congregation Council
13 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and livestream 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	14 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study	15 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:00 PM Deadline for January Preview Articles
20 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and livestream 7:00 PM High School Youth Group	21 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study	22 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Christian Service MALT
27 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and live stream 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	28 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 4:00 PM Biblical Stewardship MALT 5:00 PM Spiritual Growth MALT	29 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution

December 2020			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>2:00 PM RLC Family Chat 5:30 PM Praise Team 5:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM The Prayer Course 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 11:30 AM Worship MALT 12:00 PM Outreach Team 3:00 PM COVID Safety Response Team 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p>
<p>9</p> <p>2:00 PM Family Chat on FB Live 5:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM The Prayer Course 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 3:00 PM COVID Safety Response Team 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p>
<p>16</p> <p>2:00 PM Family Chat on FB Live 5:30 PM Praise Team 5:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM GriefShare 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM The Prayer Course 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 3:00 PM COVID Safety Response Team 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p>
<p>23</p> <p>2:00 PM Family Chat on FB Live 6:30 PM Super Kids! 6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Offices Closed</p> <p>4:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service 7:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Offices Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p>
<p>30</p> <p>2:00 PM Family Chat on FB Live 5:30 PM Praise Team</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM The Prayer Course 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:30 PM Steel Small Group</p>		

Affordable Housing Opportunities

From Rich Barchet

Providing affordable housing for all is a key goal of RLC's affordable housing ministry. Please consider some ways you might be inspired to pray, learn, discuss, or join in this work. If you have questions or comments, contact Rich Barchet (wr.barchet43@frontier.com, 375-6074)

Learn: Affordable housing is a critical issue in many communities including the Tri-Cities and its surrounds. The following websites provide additional background and details on this problem: Washington Low Income Housing Alliance <https://www.wliha.org/>; Washington State Housing Finance Commission <http://www.wshfc.org/>; and Washington State Department of Commerce <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/>. The annual Washington State Affordable Housing Conference in early October (<https://www.housingwa.org/>) provides presentations that address the need for affordable housing especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Participate: RLC appoints three directors to the Shalom Ecumenical Center (SEC) board, as do Lord of Life and All Saints' Episcopal Church. SEC sponsored the development of over 140 affordable apartments for seniors and persons with disabilities. The Tri-Cities Terrace, Edison Terrace, and Luther Senior Center boards all have directors from RLC as well as from other churches. The Tri-Cities Terrace and Edison Terrace Terrace affordable housing boards of directors would welcome volunteers from our congregation willing to meet quarterly (via Zoom) to oversee and guide the operations of their affordable apartments for seniors and adults with developmental and other disabilities. Luther Senior Center has a similar need.

Support: Elijah Family Homes (<https://www.elijahfamilyhomes.org/transition-to-success/>) provides parent-child assistance, transitional housing and case management services to support parents in recovery to build healthy families and become stronger neighbors and active citizens. EFH is looking for landlords who would be willing to rent to an EFH client family. Modern Living Services (<https://www.modernlivingservices.org/>) provides supportive services for people with disabilities, especially the developmentally disabled and is developing group homes to serve five to six individuals in each. Both MSLS and EFH have been hit hard by COVID-119, visit their websites for more on how you can help.

Pray: As Father Tim Kavanagh says in Jan Karon's Mitford series of novels, we can always pray the prayer that never fails: "Thy will be done."

No Internet? Watch Worship Service on TV!

If you don't have internet at home to watch the weekly livestream of our worship service, try watching *Good News Today!* Our Good News Media Ministry produces a weekly television show with KVEW-TV on channel 42-1 on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. You'll see the previous week's sermon that was recorded live in our sanctuary.

Questions? Call the church office at 943-3164, and press "0".

How can you be involved with affordable housing?



RLC Rekey Notice

We wanted to share some important information with you regarding rekeying/coding our facility. Over the years we've had many people request keys to the building, and while we are happy to issue them, in compliance with policy, sometimes they are lost or simply never returned. To date we have issued over 90 exterior keys, however only two-thirds are accounted for.

With that many keys unaccounted for, and to better insure proper security measures, we have re-keyed several, but not all of our exterior doors. The doors that were not rekeyed are now 'exit only' doors. We have also installed a numeric key code lock at the south entrance (by the Nursery) which will enable us to issue and change the code when necessary without the hassle of rekeying the whole building. With this being said, if you have an existing exterior key (labeled MK or MKX) it will no longer work.

If you need an exterior key and meet the requirements of the RLC key/code holder policy, we ask that you fill out a key/code holder request form (soon available on the web-site) which is currently being developed along with an updated and revised key/code holder policy. Since the facilities are currently closed, this is a perfect time to do this necessary work. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter. We appreciate your partnership in ministry at RLC!

The following doors are accessible by the new exterior keys:

- All four narthex doors
- Both exterior doors in the sanctuary and in the chapel
- The courtyard gate and the door into the Prince of Peace fellowship hall from the courtyard
- The maintenance office
- The garage
- The south door which also has the key code pad

All other doors are now exit only and cannot be accessed by key.

Please also note, that if you hold an interior door key, those all still work inside the building. They were not changed.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Wiegand.

Church Community Builder - Our New Database

If you have not yet activated your ability to view your profile, please visit the church website and click on "RLC Log In" in the top menu bar, and then click on the "RLC Community Log In" and "Request Account" if you no longer have the log in email sent previously.



+ RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our new RLC Key/
Code Holder Policy
will be ready soon.
For questions,
contact Lisa
Wiegand.

Activities for Kids



Super Kids!

Super Kids! meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for about an hour! We meet via Zoom (please contact Jenny Page for the room ID – for security purposes, we will not post it here).

We are finishing up our series on the Armor of God (Eph. 6) this month, and will have a virtual Christmas Party on December 23! A very special Christmas Super Kids “On the Go” pack will be delivered on December 22. If you’re not on the usual distribution list, but would like to join us for the Christmas party, let Jenny know by December 17.



Super Kids will be on Christmas break December 30 & January 6.
We will reZOOM on January 13.

Super Kids will meet weekly via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

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

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



Sunday School/Children’s Church!

Changes are coming to Sunday School & Children’s Church!

To better utilize our time and talents, we are consolidating our Sunday morning children’s videos into just one, and basing it on the Children’s Church format. As we continue to venture down this virtual learning path, we will evaluate other options at a later date. Videos are appropriate for preschool and elementary aged children. Simply go to YouTube.com and search for RLC Jenny Page.

Direct links are available through the RLC Families Facebook group page each Sunday. You can also find a link to the YouTube channel on the church website’s Children’s Ministry page, and on the church app under the Media tab.

Activities for Middle School and High School Youth

Middle School Youth Group

is meeting on Zoom

12/2 - 12/9- 12/16

Meeting ID: 801-602-3197

There is a waiting room, so please make sure your name is recognizable!

If you have any questions contact Amanda Daniels

High School Youth Group

is BACK in person! (Pandemic style)

Sunday nights - 6 PM -8 PM

Prince of Peace fellowship hall

- * Come in through the narthex doors *
- * Masks required * Social distancing followed *
- * Temperature checks upon entry*

We are so excited about (safely) gathering again!

If you have any questions about high school ministry contact
Amanda Daniels

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



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!

Regathering for Worship—Reservations & More

Reservations may be made online through the link on the “Worship with Us” tab on the church website, Monday 9:00 AM—Friday 12:00 Noon.

Or by phone (509-430-0050) Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon.

For a more complete list of details for our Regathering, please visit the church website and click “Announcements” or “Worship with Us,” or call the church (943-3164) and we’d be happy to mail a copy to you.

BRUSHFIRE

2021 Church Offering Envelopes

It’s time for new offering envelopes! Due to the church building being closed, the boxes will be available for distribution in a variety of ways:

- At in-person worship, placed on your reserved seat
- At a drive-by pick up on December 20 from 12:00-2:00 PM, at the narthex doors
- Call the church office (943-3164) to make an appointment to be met at the church at a specific date/time. You will be met at the narthex door for hand-off.
- Call the church office to make arrangements for delivery to your home the last week of the year.

Please remember to not use the 2021 envelopes until after January 1, 2021. And, please do not use your 2020 envelopes after the start of the new year.

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



2021 Offering
Envelopes are
available, but please
don't use them until
after January 1!

Operation Christmas Child: December



108 boxes sent in 2020!

This year, RLC packed 108 boxes! This month, we ask that you pray for the children who will receive these gifts, and that they will know God’s love in a new way. We will share with you where the boxes were sent as that information becomes available.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

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

Anniversaries



December 2
Bruce & Alesia Chaney

December 4
Nick & Anna Spinato

December 6
James & Sharon Fulton

December 8
Bert & Lila Andor
Paul & Arline Berthelot

December 14
Jon & Jenny Page

December 16
Corey & Leah Smith

December 20
Jim & Traci Moran
Jim & Shirley Fast

December 22
Dennis & Darlene Mahlum

December 26
Shane & Janelle Thorson

December 27
Christer & Janet Jansson

December 29
Jack & Devin Page

December 30
John & Lisa Wiegand

Birthdays

December 1
Zeke Ernst
Karen Filipy

December 2
Janet Budzeck
Ken Harris
Patti Miller

December 3
Norm Lippert
Kathy Umbarger
Paul Vopalensky

December 4
Kjerstyn Jordheim

December 5
Andrew Miles

December 6
Tyler Salyer
Joy Stuenkel

December 7
Nathan Mitchell

December 9
Tammy Maruska

December 10
Janice Fulton
Jenna Worcester

December 11
Laurel Palmblad

December 12
Rick Nunamaker

December 13
Nikki Arnzen
Nathan Ernst
Carlyle Keyes

December 14
Bentley Daniels
Drew Snyder
Summer Spinato

December 15
Joel Sorensen

December 17
Aiden Lesser
Cody McCargar

December 18
Ralph Curran
Barbara Edwards

December 19
Jeremy Bender
Sande Tackett
John Umbarger
Kelly Westlund

December 20
Bill Bishop
Carter Deacon
Madelyn Palmblad

December 21
Jase Miller

December 22
Eleanora Bishop

December 23
Marianne Kane
Karen Williams

December 26
Joan Lund
Julianna Monroe

December 28
Kristi Heffron
Rhett Levin
Marilyn Schumacher
Gerald Whitney

December 29
Lisa Frislie
Vicki Glasford
Brian Killand
Flint Lennox
Hal Undem

December 30
Jeff Ziemer

December 31
Marilyn Ball

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





Richland Lutheran Church, LCMC
901 Van Giesen
Richland, WA 99354

MONTHLY PUBLICATION

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mailing Label

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-Person by Registration **ONLY**, and
Live Stream Worship on
Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM
Christmas Eve at 4:00 and 7:00 PM

Go to richlandlutheran.org or
[YouTube.com/c/richlandlutheranchurch/live](https://www.youtube.com/c/richlandlutheranchurch/live)

***For another option you can watch
Good News Today***

Aired Sunday mornings on
KVEW 42 and KAPP 35 at 9:00 AM

Recorded videos of our service can be found on
our YouTube Channel
*(Go to YouTube and search Richland Lutheran
Church)*

Richland Lutheran Church:
Making Disciples who
Worship · Grow · Serve · Steward