



THE PREVIEW

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW, SERVE, AND STEWARD

Join us for Worship this Christmas

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

4:30 and 7:00 PM

Both services will be in-person and live streamed.



Christmas Day Worship

10:00 AM

Holy Communion 2022



Beginning January 16, we will return to receiving Holy Communion at the railing. We will continue to utilize the "Celebration Cups" (the all-in-one prepacked elements). The ushers will dismiss by pews to the front of the aisle. Fill in at the railing, leaving a comfortable space between households. The communion assistants will come along the railing with the tray of Celebration Cups, distributing with the phrase, "This is the Body and Blood of Christ, given for you." Simply take a Celebration Cup from the tray, open, and consume the wafer and juice. Beginning January 16, all of the Celebration Cups will have gluten-free wafers. (Individual gluten-free wafers will not be available.) When you are done, dispose of your cup and wrappers in the small bags attached to the backside of the railing.

For those who are not able to come to the railing, or who are not yet comfortable with coming to the railing, simply remain in your pew, and a communion assistant will come to you with the tray of elements for you to take while in your seat.

We are excited to be taking this step towards a return to normal worship, however we recognize that should there be a change in community health rates, we may need to make future modifications or changes. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation should that be necessary.

If you are a communion assistant who is ready to step back into serving, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com; 943-3164)

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## Congregation Council

### **Council Members**

**Sandy Steele**, President

**Kristen Imhoff**, Vice President

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**Fred Kremmer**, Member-At-Large

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**Valerie Silva**, Member-At-Large

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## Notices

Updated address(es) available by logging into the online directory.

## Pastoral Acts for November 2021

### Baptisms

11.21.21 - Vivica Britton

11.23.21 - Malcolm Miller

### Weddings

None

### Memorials/Funerals

11.3.21 - Linda Hastings

11.20.21 - John Samuel

11.22.21 - Bruce Lander

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## Have You Heard the Good News About Good News?

From Pastor Steve



You will no doubt have read the article in October's Preview, *Good News Media Ministry Is Changing*, written by Good News Media Ministry (GNMM) Vice Chairperson Betty Quinn. There, Betty gives a good summary of this ministry's history and mission since 1978. Betty also announced the GNMM Board has moved to merge this ministry with Richland Lutheran Church (RLC) and legally dissolve GNMM as a separate not for profit organization. I'd like to take this opportunity to talk a little bit about this ministry's restructure as it moves under the Richland Lutheran Church organizational structure.

The RLC Congregation Council has approved, along with a broader Technology Purpose Statement, a vision/mission for our GNMM (Technology) Ministry Team. It reads, "In coordination with RLC's vision/mission and as a ministry of this congregation, the GNMM Technology Team exists to make disciples who worship, grow, serve and steward by utilizing technology to enhance **discipleship**, create a strong sense of **community**, ensure clear and consistent **communications**, and **steward resources efficiently**." If you'd like a complete copy of RLC's Statement of Purpose for a Technology Ministry, please call the church office.

This new purpose broadens and coordinates all technology ministry at RLC under one umbrella. See the Biblical Stewardship area of our Ministry Matrix on the wall in our hallway. GNMM Technology Ministries fall in the area of Biblical Stewardship and has three sub teams. A Fundraising Team (more about that below). A Hardware and Peripherals Team which will, as the name denotes, coordinate our technology infrastructure. And a Worship Operations Team which coordinates sound, projection and production (live streaming and recording) at our two Sunday morning worship services.

Some of you have been very faithful in financially supporting Good News Media Ministry. And for that you have our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Furthermore, don't stop giving to this very important, and all the more necessary in our technological age, ministry. For the most part, RLC is depending on this ministry to continue to support itself. The creation of the above mentioned GNMM (Technology) Fundraising Team is specifically for this purpose. In fact, most of the previous GNMM Board will continue to serve this ministry on this team including Karen Filipy, Nancy Ballard, Betty Quinn and Julie Gearheard.

To continue to support, or begin your support of, this ministry, **please make your checks out to Richland Lutheran Church and note GNMM in the 'memo' section.** And remember, your gift will be supporting much more than just our Good News Today television program. It will be ensuring all of our technology ministries at Richland Lutheran Church will continue to help us make and maintain disciples far into the future! Thank you in advance for your generous giving!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve

Thank you for  
continuing to  
support Good  
News Media  
Ministry

## From the Council

Kristen Imhoff, Council Vice-President

Happy Advent! All my life I have loved seeing the blue altar cloths go up at the start of Advent. It signals the front end of a new church year – another “fresh start” where we begin again the systematic journey through the stories that remind us of what we need to know about God, ourselves, and our world. Have you ever thought of the church year this way – as a guided tour of sorts, through Scripture’s message? The various church seasons focus on different aspects of Jesus’ life and teaching through changing Bible readings, liturgy responses, hymns/songs, sermon topics, and even through color-coding cues in our altar paraments. Why do we repeat these themes each year? One reason: because we forget!

Deep trust makes this dependency possible. Human beings generally trust based on history. When promises are kept, when truth is verified, when words (and then actions) communicate loving care, we will put our toes in the water of trust. As trust holds, we will be willing to go deeper into that trust/water. God will pass any “trust test” – His promises are always kept, His truth stands, and He has taken the greatest “love action” possible in Jesus. What God wants is for us to trust Him so much that we will completely submerge ourselves in our trust of Him, that we will have the closest possible connection with him, as Jesus did.

Every time we revisit the stories, songs, and rhythms of God, we remember again and anew the truth, promises and loving actions that are lavished on us by our Father God through His son Jesus Christ. The history holds, our trust builds, and we go a little deeper into life with Him. The repetitive nature of our church seasons and rituals, as in all the various cycles God has designed into human life, can really help us connect with him in an ever-deeper experience if our hearts and minds are open, humble, and seeking. Re-hearing God’s word also affords us a chance to gain new insights from familiar stories, yet another way that our experience of God himself deepens.

So—here we go! We’ll start (again!) with the Advent stories/songs and our blue altar cloths (signifying hope), that remind us of the promise (fulfilled!) of the Messiah, the truth of the God-With-Us wonder of incarnation, and the loving action of Jesus’ birth on earth that gives us our reason to hope. Let’s remember together, all this upcoming year, who God is and how very much he loves us, so that we continue growing deeper into trust and relationship with God, through our precious Savior, Jesus!

Remember ...

“Remember” is both an admonishment and an encouragement to us that is found all through the Bible.

What are we to remember? It’s who we are to remember: God himself—I AM Who I AM, the LORD (YHWH) your God, the only God, the creator and sustainer. In his mercy, He gives tips for remembering Him in view of our human limitations: remembering the Sabbath (Ex 20:8); remembering all His commandments (Num 15:40); remembering God’s deeds and wonders (Ps 77:11-12); remembering Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection (Lk 22:19), remembering how much He loves us (Jn 3:16), just to name a few.

Why all this remembering? As I’ve pondered that question, one answer that pops up is that remembering breeds the trust in God that we must have to be in true, healthy, dependent relationship with Him, and that is God’s desire for us. There it is – the uncomfortable idea of dependency! The Fall upended our comfortable dependency on God, but Jesus stepped in and lived an absolutely beautiful life of dependence on God the Father. He showed us that dependence on the right person (i.e. God) is the way to live the human life as it is designed to be lived. Spiritual growth, through the Holy Spirit’s leading, is the way we move away from our self-sufficient fallen nature into the trust that fosters the relationship with God we are longing for.

## President's Message: The Race is Not Yet Over

Sandy Steele, Congregation President

Well, here we are! Close to the finish line of yet another year and preparing to go into the new year, which means the race is not yet over. As I say this, my mind takes me to Philippians 3:14 (NLT) *"I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."* So, as we continue running this race that God has set before each of us, let us not forget our goal – that is, knowing Jesus.

As you ponder on that, allow me to share with you the latest from Council. We were (finally) able to hold our annual meeting this year and what a true joy that was! We prepared for this annual event not knowing how well attended it would be. But, once again, God is always faithful! We had a rather full house! Praise be to Him! It had been two years since we were last gathered in this capacity and it was so good to see so many of you. For those who were unable to attend, here's a brief summary of what took place.

- Besides the various reports that were presented, we were finally able to complete a couple of long overdue business items. The recommended retreat center funds allocation was taken from the table after two years, a couple of amendments were made, and the recommendations (as amended) were approved. Additionally, the proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws were finally approved. The revised Bylaws are immediately effective and the revisions to the Constitution, although approved, will not be effective until after ratification at next year's annual meeting. These particular business items should have been addressed by now, but unfortunately COVID came upon us and, as they say, "the rest is history". So, it was good to finally get these "off our plate" giving us the ability to move on to whatever God has planned for us.
- We welcome Fred Kremmer, Susie Keller, and Pamela Warren to the Nominating Committee where they will be joining Rick Budzeck, Valerie Bettinson, and Lori Hogan. I ask that you keep this team in your prayers as they soon begin their task of selecting our future leaders.
- And next, we have our Council nominees - I'll be returning as your President for another term, Kristen Imhoff continues as Vice President, and Jeanne Dillner moves into the role of Finance Officer. Patti Miller, Fred Ball, and Jim Lachut join Council as Members-at-large. I look forward to serving with these people God has brought together and seeing what He has in store for us here at RLC. As Bill Peterson, Val Silva, and Fred Kremmer move on to bigger and better things, I just want to say that it's been a true joy serving with them and although they are finishing their work on Council (for now), rest assured, God is not yet finished with them here at RLC.
- And lastly, the 2022 Operating budget of \$832,961 was also approved.

Thank you to all of you who joined us at this year's annual meeting and for helping to make it a productive time well spent - together.

As we enter into our Christmas season in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus, I'd like to leave you with these lyrics from a hymn by Martin Luther – *"Good news from heaven the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing; To us this day a child is given, to crown us with the joy of Heaven."* I invite you to read Luke 2:1-18 from which this hymn was based.

A very Merry and Joyful Christmas to one and all as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus!

Sandy Steele

"I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."

Phil. 3:14



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

## Financial Update

From Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

### January - October 2021 RLC Financial Snapshot

Income	Budget	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)
\$680,936	\$698,904	\$593,499	\$87,437

## Christian Education Scholarship Award

The purpose of RLC's Christian Education Scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to our congregation members who have been in good standing for at least two years with post-secondary education expenses from an eligible educational institution and are candidates for degrees in Christian studies that are theological, biblical, and/or ministerial which will assist recipients in advancing God's Kingdom.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Scholarship Committee has completed their work for the year by awarding two scholarships to two very qualified individuals – Amanda Daniels and Kelly Westlund. Congratulations!!

**Amanda Daniels** – I am excited to begin classes at Fuller Seminary in January! My plan is to slowly work my way through a Masters of Divinity, with an eye on ordination one day. I'm looking forward to how this will help me to be more equipped for ministry, and look forward to using what I glean at RLC and in the Kingdom of God. I'm so grateful for the support and encouragement from the RLC community!

**Kelly Westlund** - I am currently finishing my fourth quarter at Fuller Theological Seminary, working on an MDiv. This, along with transfer credits from my Master of Theology, puts me just past halfway through the MDiv. I take two classes each quarter, so I should be finished in about two years, and will then pursue ordination and certification with LCMC. I am so grateful for this financial help for school and truly appreciate the encouragement and support that I receive from RLC as I respond to God's call in my life. You are all a true blessing and I thank God for the continued opportunity to serve here and partner with you in sharing the Gospel.

Sandy Steele

## As the Deer Longs...

From Pastor Sam, Visitation Pastor

Many years ago I remember reading an article in a magazine that said that when God created human beings that he built into our genetic structure what the article called a 'God gene' so that we would know about him and eventually come to follow him. I am not certain if there is a God gene, but my own life experience, as well as my Methodist background, tells me that it is God himself who is the one who is present within us and which gives us that sense of who he is as we begin our own journey of seeking to find Him.

As we enter the season of Advent, during which we prepare for the coming of Christ Jesus, I am reminded of my own faith story and how, despite being raised in the church, that I truly struggled for many years to come to find God. When I look back I see a zig-zag of coming close to him, then turning away. I see times of what felt like there was no God, and even no hope, until finally God reached me in such a way that I could no longer run away, or say no to Him.

For me the longing for God has been a life-long pursuit and even though I have found God, he still tugs at my heart to remind me that he is still calling to me to be with him. There is a psalm that always seems to remind me of that search and the joy I felt when I found what I was seeking; that psalm is Psalm 42 and it opens with these words:

As the deer longs for streams of  
water,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My being thirsts for God, the living  
God.

When can I go and see the face of  
God?

My tears have been my food day and  
night,

as they ask daily, "where is your  
God?"

Those times I recall as I pour out my  
soul,

When I went in procession with the  
crowd,

I went with them to the house of God,

Amid loud cries of thanksgiving,  
with the multitude keeping festival.

Why are you downcast, my soul;  
why do you groan within me?

Wait for God, whom I shall  
praise again,  
my Savior and my God.  
(Ps. 42:1-6 NAB)

What I have found is that the search for God is an everlasting part of the life of faith that I have lived. That longing for his love, and joy, and warmth, and presence, and guidance, and grace only fulfilled in the faith that I have in his Son.

As we enter the season of Advent we do so to remember the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how it is through seeking and finding God that we find his peace in our hearts.

Pastor Sam Geyer

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

<b>December 2021</b>		
Sun	Mon	Tue
<b>5</b> 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM Evening Worship 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 5:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Monday Night Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 PM Tuesdays @ 2 Bible Study
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<b>December 2021</b>			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 5:30 PM Praise Team 5:30 PM Super Kids! via Zoom 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:00 AM - Spiritual Growth MALT 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 11:30 AM Worship MALT</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
<p><b>8</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 5:30 PM Praise Team 5:30 PM Super Kids! via Zoom 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 5:00 PM Deadline for January Preview Articles 5:30 PM Praise Team 5:30 PM Super Kids! via Zoom 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
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## Activities for Kids



For more information about activities for kids, contact Jenny

## Super Kids!

If you need the Zoom ID, please call the church or email

**JennyPageRLC@gmail.com**

*For the security of our kids, the room ID will not be posted in public spaces.*

Super Kids! is a mid-week ministry for children in grades 1–5.

We meet Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM,

by **Zoom**. Each week, we learn biblical truths from God's Word, and generally have a lot of fun with crafts, games, and silliness. Come join us!

**Dec. 1 - God is...Self-Sufficient!**

**Dec. 8 - God is...Omniscient!**

**Dec. 15 - Super Kids Christmas (Virtual) Party**

**Dec. 22 - No Super Kids—Christmas Break**

**Dec. 29 - No Super Kids—Christmas Break**

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

## NEW YEAR! NEW LOCATION! NEW TIME!

Super Kids! will transition to meeting **IN PERSON** beginning **January 5 at 6:00 PM.**

We will meet in the Super Kids room, Room 3 downstairs.

*At this time, there will not be a dinner available prior to evening programming.*

## Sunday School classes are now meeting indoors!

- Children ages Pre-K through 1st grade are meeting in room 6 downstairs.
- Children in 2nd grade through 5th grade are meeting upstairs in room 209.

**No Sunday School** on December 19 and 26.

*Masks and appropriate distancing will be utilized. Should community health conditions change in the future, we will adjust accordingly.*



## Activities for Middle School and High School Youth

### **Middle School Youth Group**

**Sunday Mornings**

**9:45 AM**

**in the Middle School Room!**

All middle school students are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the Middle School room!

**Don't forget your Bible & a mask!**

This month we will be doing an Advent series, and a Christmas party on the 19th!

If you have any questions  
contact Amanda Daniels.

For more  
information about  
activities for Youth  
and Families,  
contact Amanda  
Daniels

### **WINTER BREAK**

**No Student Ministry**

**(High School & Middle School)**

**December 26 & January 2**

### **High School Ministry**

We are once again gathering on **Sunday** evenings at the church - from **6 PM -8 PM.**

We are meeting indoors (usually in the high school room), so masks are required.

We will be doing an Advent series for the month of December.

On the 19th, we'll be having Christmas party! Bring a wrapped white elephant gift (max of \$10!) and your best ugly Christmas sweater.

Contact Amanda Daniels  
if you have any questions or for more info!

RLC - a church that  
prays together!!

## How Can YOU Pray Today?

Each week we publish a list of prayer requests along with the weekly announcements. You can take this home from worship on Sundays, or find it on the RLC website on the Announcements and Newsletters page.



This month, please pray for the recipients of our gifts at the Union Gospel Mission, and for those who work and minister there to those in need in our community.

If you have a prayer request, contact the RLC office. If you would like to receive the requests via the Email Prayer Chain, contact Kelly Westlund to be added to the distribution list.

## The Giving Tree for Union Gospel Mission

From Betty Quinn

This year's Union Gospel Mission Giving Tree Project will coincide with Advent, and will officially end December 19. During Advent we (RLC) will concentrate on giving items to help with countering the cold, but will turn away nothing.

As in the past, a Christmas tree is in the Narthex during this time. There are again tags on the tree with suggestions for items to provide. You may take the tag as a visual reminder of what you want to give and then put it back on the tree when you return the item to the church. It is not necessary to take a tag nor is it necessary to wrap the gift. Even if you are still 'attending church' via Zoom or TV, you can come to the church any time during open hours to bring your gift for this project.



The emphasis of this project is to provide the local Union Gospel Mission located in Pasco with items to help provide their clients with basic supplies (socks, underwear) as well as items needed in the winter (hats, gloves, long underwear). The Mission serves many more men than women as you will notice by looking at the suggestion tags.

I vary the decorations on the Giving Tree each year and wanted to share how our entire church participated in its decorations this year. Deceased member, Kay Aase, made the star. Wallapa Hendrickson donated the origami fish representing early believers in Christ as the Messiah. The palm leaf crosses were made by Sue Meek and passed out at Easter services. Many hands sharing their love of Jesus demonstrate the reason for the season.

For new members and a review for the rest of the congregation, we have a plastic container at the far corner of the hallway by the door used for the Food Pantry into which you can deposit items all year long and they will be shared with the Union Gospel Mission. Remember that the Mission has a store that serves anyone in the community with no cost to the individual. This store has clothes as well as other useful items donated by the community such as dishes, lamps, shoes, etc. The Mission also uses donated items such as laundry soap and cleaning items to help with their overall budget.

If you have questions call me (521-7214) or Kelly in the church office (943-3164).

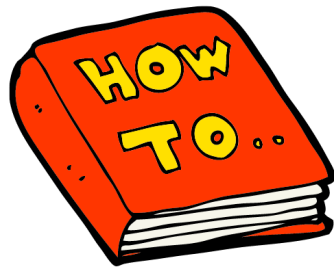


## Community Church Builder

Church Community Builder (CCB) is a powerful data management tool being used by RLC. Although we began using CCB in August 2020, it has really been put into use these last few months as we have returned to a more normal schedule of programming and worship. We will be having a series of *Preview* articles highlighting different aspects of CCB to help you become more familiar and comfortable with using this online portal. There are three videos posted on the church website to also assist you with using CCB. You are encouraged to watch them, and to also follow along with these short tutorials here in the *Preview*.

If you have any questions about accessing or using CCB, please reach out to any of the staff members — they are here to help!

*This month, we are looking at how to use the online directory.*



### How to “Fit in” as an RLC Member in CCB

*The “My Fit” section of the database details an individual’s spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, and personality. By completing this section of your profile, you will enable ministry leaders to match you with an appropriate role in RLC’s ministries.*

If you need help using CCB, just give the office a call!

- Click on the dark gray “RLC Online Community Login” button
- Enter your username and password, and click the blue “login” button.
- Click your monogram/profile picture in the top right corner to view your personal profile page.
- Click the white “Actions” box in the blue gradient header.
- Click “My Fit” from the dropdown box.
- In the pop up window, you will find four categories: Spiritual Gifts, Passions, Abilities, and Personality Style. Scroll through each list, and click the associated check box on the right of each attribute or characteristic you have.
- When done, click the “Save” button. You can always return to this section to update or change your answers as needed.
- Log out of CCB by click the “power” button at the top right, or simply close your browser window.



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**108 boxes sent in  
2020!**

**330 boxes sent in  
2021!**

## Operation Christmas Child: December - It's Time to Pray!

We sent 330 boxes this year! What a wonderful outpouring of compassion, kindness and love! Our modified packing set up was warmly received, resulted in a great box count! Thank you for your support of this ministry.

This month, our request is that you pray for the recipients of the boxes packed by RLC, that each individual and their family feel the love of Christ through the gifts and notes received. Pray also that in November 2022 we will be able to gather once again for the fun of an in person packing night.

## Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)/Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

Take Note!

Just a friendly reminder that RLC needs something in writing from either your financial institution or yourself when submitting your RMD/QCD. Many times checks are received with no instruction as to what the contribution is for. In these cases it is recorded for the general fund and is considered tax deductible. Donations to a qualified charity from an IRA are not taxed as income and therefore are not considered tax deductible. Please confirm with your financial institution that they are including notation that your contribution is an RMD/QCD in order for us to properly record your contribution. Thank you!

## Giving in 2022



For those who have not made the switch to online giving, and still utilize paper envelopes, your 2022 box will be in your mailbox in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall by December 19. **Please do not use these new envelopes until January 1!** Due to the large number of households that are now using digital giving methods, **offering numbers have changed for 2022!** On December 31, dispose of any unused envelopes in your 2021 box because that box number won't match to you any longer!

 **Pushpay** Online giving - Convenient. Easy. Secure.



## 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 20**  
Jim & Shirley Fast  
Jim & Traci Moran

**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  
Autumn Pleyo

**December 2**  
Janet Budzeck  
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  
Deacon Carton  
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  
Brian Killand  
Hal Udem

**December 30**  
Jeff Ziemer

**December 31**  
Marilyn Ball

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





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**Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM**

**Sunday evening at 5 PM**

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will be livestreamed.

Christmas Eve Services - 4:30, 7:00 PM

Christmas Day - 10 AM

**Go to [richlandlutheran.org](http://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  
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