



THE PREVIEW

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Pastor Steve's Daily Devotional Series

Pastor Steve continues to offer a daily devotion video series. In the upcoming weeks, Pastor Steve will take a look at *Jesus as: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace*. Below is the schedule:

Wonderful Counselor: Monday, January 4—Wednesday, January 13

Mighty God: Thursday, January 14—Monday, January 25

Everlasting Father: Tuesday, Manuary 26—Thursday, February 4

Prince of Peace: Friday, February 5—Tuesday, February 16

The videos will be available on our YouTube channel and will also be posted on our Facebook group.

A new devotional series will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17, for the season of Lent.

For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given,
 and the government will
 be on his shoulders.
 And he will be called
**Wonderful Counselor,
 Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father,
 Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

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Pastoral Acts for December 2020

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Memorials/Funerals

None

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Could 2020 be a Sabbath Year for RLC?

From Pastor Steve, Lead Pastor



When you think about 2020 it's difficult to put a positive spin on it. Global pandemic, heightened racial tension and injustice, myriad natural disasters, angry and bitter politics, and the rest leave us lamenting this blasted year and desiring to move past it as fast as we can and never look back. However, is there anything good we can say about 2020? I wonder? Could God use such a disastrous year as this for his good? I know the Bible says, "In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28, NIV), but 2020 may be beyond even God's redemption. We know this isn't true, but it feels that way.

Last week, Congregational President Sandy Steele and I were meeting together after a great Congregation Council meeting and considering what things might look like when we get back to "normal," whatever that's going to be. It was fun to imagine and dream together about what ministry will look like post COVID-19. Sandy and I agree God has great plans for us, Richland Lutheran Church, next year. Furthermore, we believe God has been preparing us in 2020 to be ready for what he is planning for us in 2021. I liken what God has been doing in 2020 to the Old Testament command of *The Sabbath Year*. In Leviticus chapter 25, as Moses meets with God on Mount Sinai, God speaks to Moses and says,

Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a Sabbath to the Lord. For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of Sabbath rest, a Sabbath to the Lord. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest.'

I wonder, is this the Sabbath year of rest for our church? Our ministry? Is God preparing us for what is to come? Could God be using this difficult time "for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose?" I am convinced God is! Though a forced Sabbath year it is, it is still, in many ways, a Sabbath year. The key is, will this Sabbath be a "Sabbath to the Lord?"

A year of rest, a Sabbath year, doesn't necessarily need to be given to the Lord. Academia practices a Sabbath year, sabbatical, but doesn't necessarily give it to the Lord. Farmers practice Sabbath, fallow, but don't necessarily give it to the Lord. The military practices Sabbath, furlough, but doesn't give it to the Lord. The concept is the same in all Sabbath practices, but it takes intentionality to give a Sabbath to the Lord. To give a Sabbath to the Lord, we must be intentional. And that's exactly what I'm encouraging you to do.

Would you prayerfully consider giving the Lord 2020 as a Sabbath year? Perhaps you're already doing this, I know many of you are. As you've been forced to slow and rest many of you have been intentional about giving this time to the Lord. Bible study, devotionals, prayer, meditation, simplicity, silence and solitude have been some of the spiritual formation habits you've been practicing to do this. If this is you, keep at it! If you haven't been intentional about giving 2020 to the Lord, it's not too late. Truth be told, it looks like we have at least another half year to go before things get back to "normal." I wonder how God would bless us, RLC, and our ministry if all of us practiced a Sabbath year given to the Lord. What could God do? What will God do?

I'll leave you with a benediction of the Apostle Paul as a way to imagine with me and Sandy about the great things God will do after this year of Sabbath. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Would you prayerfully consider giving the Lord 2020 as a Sabbath year?

RLC Christian Education Scholarship Award

From Donna Brown, Todd Maier, and Julie Gearheard

The RLC Christian Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to congregation members in good standing with post secondary education expenses. These applicants must be looking at advancing God's Kingdom.

The Scholarship Fund Committee is proud to present 2020's recipient of this financial assistance:



Kelly Westlund: Kelly plans to complete an MDiv at Fuller Theological Seminary so that she can pursue ordination. She already holds a BA in Child and Family Studies from WSU and a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Liberty University. She is quite active at RLC where she currently works on staff and with the prayer teams, the Outreach team, visitation and facilitating Grief Support. She has been a Sunday School teacher, youth leader and prayer minister. She assists in worship in many capacities from communion assistant, to lector, liturgist and preaching. Kelly said in her application that "I have felt God calling me deeper into ministry."

Many thanks to the Scholarship Fund Committee (Donna, Todd, and Julie) and to RLC for this generous scholarship award. I am so grateful to receive this financial assistance and I am excited to begin my studies at Fuller this month! Please keep me in prayer as I follow the Lord's lead.

Gratefully, Kelly Westlund

Coffee Break Series for Families

Join Amanda
and Jenny for
Coffee Break
each week!

Tune in to our new weekly YouTube series

Coffee Break **for families!**

We offer encouragement, support, tips, and resources for families in these crazy times!

New "episodes" are available on Thursday evenings on our RLC Family Ministry Facebook page and the RLC Family YouTube channel (not the "regular" RLC YouTube channel).

President's Message: New Beginnings From Sandy Steele, Congregation President

Welcome to 2021!! As we embark upon yet another "new" year, I reflect back to 2020. What a year that was! One that we can (hopefully) soon put behind us but one that none of us will forget anytime soon, if at all. Little did we know at the beginning of the year that we'd be totally immersed in a pandemic within a few short weeks and here we are almost ten months later, going into yet another year still in the throes of COVID-19. However, I believe that every new year brings new beginnings and fresh starts and, with that, comes new HOPE. So, as we begin this new year, let's begin it afresh and full of Hope – the Hope that comes only through Jesus Christ. And, let's not let COVID-19 cloud that Hope for us.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

The first thing I want to do as we begin this new year is welcome our newly elected Council and Executive Committee mem-

bers - Joel Sorensen and Diane Bonin who join us on the Executive Committee and Jeanne Dillner, Jan Leitz, and Kristen Imhoff who join us on Council. I look forward to getting to know and serving with each of these individuals. I also look forward to another year of serving alongside Bill Peterson, Val Silva, and Fred Kremmer. It excites me to see how God will use each of us and where He will lead us as we continue to serve Him here at RLC.

And, while we're at it, let's not forget those who have given of themselves and have served God so faithfully over these last few years. I give a resounding **"THANK YOU"** to Jennifer Haler, Janet Budzeck, Kiane Lesser, and Jim Honeyman for their service and dedication to God and the ministries here at RLC. *"Well done, good and faithful servant (s)."* Of course, we all know that God has more for them and I look forward to seeing where He takes them next.

God called each of us to this leadership role in which you elected us and we do not take this lightly. So, as we enter into yet another new year (a "new beginning"), Council and Staff will be gathering (virtually) for a time of orientation and training to help us better serve Him...and you. This is normally a one-time, in-

person gathering, however... YES! You guessed it! COVID-19! But, that will not stop us. A series of sessions will be recorded for the viewing pleasure of Council and Staff throughout the month of January and onward. These recordings will be designed to inform/remind each of us (Council and Staff) of our responsibilities and your expectations - particularly, in the area of biblical and spiritual leadership - which is of the Holy Spirit and we are simply the vessels. *"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."* Acts 20:28

I look forward to the year ahead and traveling the path to which Jesus has led each of us. So, as we end one year and begin yet another, I join my fellow Council members in thanking you for your trust and for giving each of us the opportunity to serve Jesus by serving you.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to All!

Sandy Steele
Congregation President

We welcome new Council members for 2021 and thank those who have served the last few years.

Financial Update

From Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

January-November 2020 RLC Financial Snapshot

Income	Budget	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)
\$766,384	\$831,724	\$807,529	(\$45,145)

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

RLC has submitted all the paper work to GESA and the Small Business Administration for grant status/forgiveness of the PPP Loan we received this spring. Our qualified expenses far exceed the Loan amount and we should have all \$113K forgiven once processed. Until we receive final government approval, we are not considering the monies as income on our balance sheets.

In his Service, RLC Financial Officer Bill Peterson

From the Council -

Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

Isaiah 60:19-20

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more, the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.

Shalom- I hope this finds everyone doing well and staying healthy! It is Thanksgiving Day that I write this...we have lots to be thankful for! We live in a great nation, have a great church, and have significant light at the end of tunnel with respect to the COVID Pandemic.

The timeline for the new vaccines is truly a blessing. Operation Warp Speed is on target for deliveries to begin in the next few weeks! Yes, it will take 5 to 6 months for vaccines to reach many of us, however, that is unbelievably fast when compared to developing, testing, and producing other vaccines...which generally take years! The efforts of those who have developed, produced, and will deliver the vaccines should be in our prayers.

As we await the vaccine, remember that Pandemic Fatigue is very real! We all feel it, we all live it every day and it seems endless. We just want to get back to our church, our friends, and families... we all want this to be over. I always remember thinking during my military deployments that time was a double-edged sword as risk factors for operations were always high during the first few months, then we settled into a rhythm of normal operations, and finally we began to think about the light at the end of tunnel at the end of the deployment...those thoughts of getting home and seeing our loved ones unfortunately raised our risk factors sometimes higher than those at the beginning of our deployment! So, stay vigilant and stay the course don't let Pandemic Fatigue drive your decisions. I pray that we all remember to follow the CDC guidelines and stay safe until we get the vaccine! We have stayed safe and have done our best for the past 9 months so we can stay the

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Connecting with Our Community of Christ

From Pastor Sam, Visitation Pastor

It is a well-known reality that when most people regularly attend church they tend sit in the same place each week. I remember a story my wife told me that one Sunday she put her purse on a seat then had to leave for a moment and when she returned the couple that usually sat in those seats had moved her purse; it seems as if sometimes old habits and traditions are hard to change. So what are some reasons that people do sit in the same seats every Sunday?

One reason may be because it is easy to hear what is being said, or to see what's going on during the worship service. Parents will often sit where it is easy to take a child out of the sanctuary who is struggling to sit still. But it seems as if one of the main reasons that most people sit in the same seats each week is because that is where their family and friends sit. We all want to be in worship in the company of the people that we love and care about. These are the people with whom we pray, with whom we worship, and are the people with whom we live this life of faith.

It also helps to remember that Jesus, too, had friends and family with whom he must also have attended services in the synagogue. Throughout his time among the people of Israel, he spent much time with the twelve disciples and the many other people who accompanied him.

Jesus maintained a friendship with the family of Mary and Martha and their

brother Lazarus; he had meals with them, shared lessons with them, and even raised Lazarus from the dead. This is a family that Jesus seemed to have spent much time with and they seem to have been a family for whom he had much love.

I mention all of this because for much of 2020 we have not been able to spend much time with our pew neighbors. Prior to the pandemic, I usually attended the 5:00 Sunday evening service and sat near Marcia and Kelly, and Jeri and Tom; in other words I attended worship with people who are my friends and, because of the pandemic, I have not seen most of them for almost a year.

In John 13:34-35 Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

As we begin a new year remember this lesson of Jesus and make some kind of connection with those people with whom you used sit with during worship. Take a few moments to make a phone call, or send an email, or post a message on Facebook, or whatever works for you; and let them know that you miss them and that you too look forward to the day when we can all worship together in one place.

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

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course for a few more!

Lastly, I want to give thanks to our Good News Media Ministry and RLC staff who have kept the lights on for us...this team has truly answered the call. The online services and devotions have allowed our church to continue to spread the word of God during the Pandemic in a safe and enriching manner. This ministry has and continues to spread the good news of salvation by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. A true blessing to all!

January 2021		
Sun	Mon	Tue
3 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and livestream 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	4 5:00 PM Executive Committee	5 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution
10 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and livestream 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	11 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study	12 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 7:00 PM Congregation Council
17 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and livestream 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	18 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study	19 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution
24 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and livestream 7:00 PM High School Youth Group	25 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Biblical Stewardship MALT	26 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Christian Service MALT
31 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Worship - In person and live stream 6:00 PM High School Youth Group		

January 2021			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 2:00 PM RLC Family Chat 5:30 PM Super Kids! 5:30 PM Praise Team 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:30 PM Pastor Steve's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM The Prayer Course 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 12:00 PM Outreach Team 3:00 PM COVID Safety Response Team 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>1 New Years Day Offices Closed</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p>
		<p>8</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p>
<p>13 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>14 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>15 5:00 PM Deadline for February Preview Articles</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 PM Missions Prayer</p>
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<p>Join us on Wednesdays at 2 PM on Facebook Live for RLC Family Chat.</p> <p>The video will be uploaded to YouTube afterward.</p>			

RLC Church Staffing 2021

From Pastor Steve

As you no doubt know, our congregation has been working diligently since Pastor Corey's resignation in late August to consider staffing at RLC. Immediately upon news of Pastor Corey's resignation, I hired, and the Council later extended, two interim positions. The Interim Contemporary Music Coordinator, filled by our own Susie Nunamaker and the Interim Visitation Pastor, filled by another RLC member, Pastor Sam Geyer. Closely thereafter, two Council Committees were formed to consider how we wanted to staff going into 2021 and beyond. The first committee, Staffing Review, was activated by the Congregation Council at their September meeting to consider our current staffing configuration and the best way to proceed into the future. Jon Erlandson, Jeff Pilger, Marilyn Ball, Valerie Silva (Council Member) and I began work to this end. Our Congregational President, Sandy Steele, sat in during most of our meetings.

This committee met weekly to discuss the best way to ensure that all of Pastor Corey's former responsibilities in ministry and mission would continue to be met. Their work included, but wasn't limited to, reviewing the current configuration and job descriptions and responsibilities of each staff position; speaking with current staff to review their current job descriptions to ensure all areas were relevant and up to date; and, discerning together what parts of current staff positions could be shuffled around to better meet congregational needs and staff gifts and abilities. This discernment process also included discovering items that could, and perhaps should, be handled by RLC members.

After a solid three months of meeting together and much work, the committee recommended and the Congregation Council unanimously approved the following conclusions and recommendations:

- Pastor Corey was serving as Associate Pastor and as Contemporary Music Coordinator. Each area was evaluated, respectively.
- We recommend that the Associate Pastor position not be filled at this time.
- Susie Nunamaker was contacted and satisfied with her position as Traditional Music Coordinator and no changes were made for that job description.
- The committee reviewed the Interim Contemporary Music Coordinator position, and recommends the CMC position be made regular, confident that this will ensure that Pastor Corey's former responsibilities are covered. This role may be combined with the Traditional Music Coordinator.
- The committee reviewed the Interim Visitation Pastor position and recommends that the position be made regular. This will go a long way in providing for visitation and prayer ministry, which were major responsibilities of Pastor Corey.
- The committee recommends the changes to the attached staff job descriptions. (The position descriptions which were changed were Ministry Assistant for Spiritual Growth and Worship, Ministry Assistant for Christian Service, Youth and Family Minister and Music Coordinator. These are available upon request). The committee is confident that these changes will suffice to assure Pastor Corey's former responsibilities are covered.
- The Lead Pastor will have primary responsibility for all areas and assign the ministry leads for them.
- The committee brings to the Council's attention the possibility of staff burnout and recommends:
 - * The Council assures compliance with the Soul Care Policy
 - * The Council forms a "Volunteer Coordination Team" to help raise up congregational volunteers to help with ministry and mission at RLC, relieving

The Staffing Committee discussed several job descriptions and positions to find the right fit for RLC.

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the staff of responsibilities, especially those which could and should be handled by congregants, not staff.

The second committee, Contemporary Music Coordinator (CMC) Search, was formed and simultaneously began their work to find a regular and ongoing Coordinator. Shane Benjamson, Susie McKinney, Mike Bettinson, Janet Budzeck (Council Member), Jenny Page (Staff Member) and I set to work. The first matters of consideration included, working to define and clarify the responsibilities of the newly created position. Formulating interview questions that would be asked of applicants to aid in discerning qualified candidates. And writing a clear and succinct job listing that would serve the purpose of attracting good candidates.

As this work was being done, it came to the committee's attention that there were 2-3 people within the congregation that could easily fill this position. It was the committee's shared opinion that it would be better to hire from within. The decision was made to limit the scope of the posting to internal communication. The listing remained posted for a two week window. The committee received an application from current Interim CMC, Susie Nunamaker, which was the only application received.

The CMC search team contacted Susie and setup an interview. The interview was conducted in person with careful consideration of COVID protocols. The CMC search team split up the questions we had worked on in our previous meetings and asked them in turn. The resulting conversation was informative and spirit led. The interview lasted about an hour. Susie was forthcoming and personable. The team was united in our perspective that she presented as a more than qualified candidate. We ended the interview as we end all of our meetings in prayer and a commitment to continued prayer for guidance from God.

The search team reached a consensus that Susie would be a good fit for this position. It was decided that we should recommend Susie to be put in the position of Contemporary Music Coordinator at the earliest convenience of the Congregation Council. At their December meeting the Congregation Council unanimously approved hiring Susie Nunamaker for this position. The position will be combined with the Traditional Music Coordinator position, already held by Susie.

There you have it! After much consideration, prayer, discernment and work, God has made provision for us as we move into 2021 and beyond. Please join me in extending a warm welcome and congratulations to both Pastor Sam and Susie Nunamaker as they more into their new calling here at Richland Lutheran. I also encourage you to appreciate the rest of the staff here at RLC. Jenny Page, Kelly Westlund, Amanda Daniels, Susan Miller, and Lisa Wiegand round out our great team. I am blessed to be able to ministry with such godly and faithful ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lastly, I thank all of you, our congregation, and the true "priesthood of all believers!" Property team members, quilters, food pantry helpers, bulletin printers and assemblers, ushers, council members, prayer warriors, choir members, Grief Share leaders, tutors, small group leaders, Sunday School teachers, AV Techs, and I'm just getting started knowing I can't possibly include all the ways our congregation ministers together. I am so grateful for you and excited about how God will use all of us to make disciples in 2021 and well beyond!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve

Congratulations to
Pastor Sam Geyer,
Visitation Pastor,
and Susie
Nunamaker, Music
Coordinator.

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).

New year—new topic of study! What will it be? It's a surprise!

Super Kids will be on Christmas break on Jan. 6. We will reZOOM on Jan. 13.



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

And, Super Kids, you're always welcome to call or FaceTime Miss Jenny or Chadder on the phone if you'd like to chat!

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

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

RLC Families Facebook 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

Middle School Youth Group
is meeting on Zoom
all Wednesday's in January!
6:30 - 7:30 PM

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.

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

High School Youth Group
is BACK in person! (Pandemic style)

Sunday nights - 6-8 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.

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 Offering Envelopes—Do You Have Yours Yet?

Its 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
- 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.

2020 Year End statements will be mailed to your homes by the end of January. Please look it over carefully and contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com) if you have an discrepancy or questions about your statement. You can also access your giving record at any time by logging into your account on Church Community Builder (log in link on the church website).



2020 Year-End statements will be mailed to you by the end of January.

Operation Christmas Child: January

This month, we are asking for individually wrapped bars of soap and new wash-cloths.

We received word that our 2020 boxes went to South Africa, Madagascar and Haiti!

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

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



108 boxes sent in 2020!

Anniversaries



January 2
Kristen & Adam Donahue

January 22
Mot & Pam Hedges

January 29
Gerald & Lauri Whitney

Birthdays

January 1
Earl Leitz

January 2
Sarah Hagensen

January 4
Trell Miles
Kaden Taasevigen

January 5
Carol Hexum
Ellie Rosser
David Smith

January 6
Phyllis Schwarz
Matthew Sterkel
Ryan Stolte

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