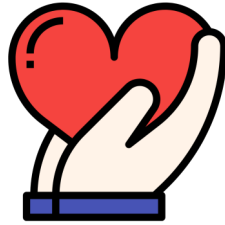


## Worship Help Needed!



We are still looking for additional volunteers to serve during worship (all three services!) in the following areas:

- Usher
- Offering Custodian
- Lector
- Projection Technician (morning only)
- Sound Board Operator
- Worship Assistant (leads the Creed, Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer)

If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact the church office as soon as possible. We currently have just the bare-minimum number of individuals for many of these roles, and no volunteers for some! This leaves those who are serving at risk of burn-out. Please prayerfully consider lending a hand. Thanks!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021!



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## Congregation Council

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**Jan Leitz**, Member-At-Large

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

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## Church Community Builder

If you have not yet activated your ability to view your profile in our directory/database, 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.



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## Pastoral Acts for June 2021

### Baptisms

6/2/21 - Jayne Jackson

### Weddings

6/12/21 - Allison Boynton & Cayle Turen

### Memorials/Funerals

6/12/21 - Jesse Umbarger

6/23/21 - David Hebert

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## Seasons

### From Pastor Steve, Lead Pastor



<sup>1</sup> *There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

<sup>2</sup> *a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,*

<sup>3</sup> *a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,*

<sup>4</sup> *a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,*

<sup>5</sup> *a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,*

<sup>6</sup> *a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,*

<sup>7</sup> *a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,*

<sup>8</sup> *a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.*

The above poetry from Ecclesiastes chapter three reminds us life has its ebbs and flows, ups and downs, goods and bads. Some see these verses and immediately become concerned, anxious and/or depressed. This happens for good reason, I suppose. I mean, who wants to acknowledge life is set up to get difficult? Seasons of death, uprooting, killing, tearing down, weeping, mourning, giving up, and the rest, are downright disheartening. However, seasons of life are not only part of it, but necessary. Without death there would be no life, without uprooting there would be no planting, without tearing, no mending. You get the picture, don't you?

Embracing a  
new season of  
life....

Clearly, we are in transition again between seasons, coming out of a very difficult one. COVID is mitigated, quarantine is lifted, life has opened. Transitions are difficult however. Making seasonal transitions takes great effort and intentionality. Just like moving from Winter into Spring, work needs to be done; cleaning, unwrapping, sorting, preparing are all necessary now as we transition back into normalcy. If this intentional work is not done, our transition may not happen at all.

I ask you, then, allow me to encourage you to do this important work of transition. For the past sixteen months we have, by necessity, been forced into a season of life which has left us with all kinds of unhealthy relational habits, quarantine, isolation, distancing, and the rest, and our relationships have suffered. NOW is the time to deliberately unlearn these habits and practice healthy ones. So, dust off those "winterized" relational practices, because Spring has sprung and it's time to do some relational house cleaning. May we all embrace this new season by adhering to the exhortation of the writer of Hebrews, "*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching*" (emphasis mine).

Grace and Peace,  
Steve

## From the Council

### Jeanne Dillner, Member-At-Large

*Philippians 2:12*  
*Continue to work out your salvation.*

Is it just me? Or has anyone else been hearing the call to disciple through recent sermons?

God is putting on my heart the word *disciple*. I don't know yet how he wants me to act on that word. For now, I am learning more about that word through morning devotional readings and listening to Sunday sermons. Let me share some of what I am learning with you.

Eugene Peterson in "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" said we are to spend our lives apprenticed to our master Jesus Christ. He continues by saying the following:

We are in a growing-learning relationship always. A disciple is a learner, but not in the academic setting of a school room, rather at the work site of a craftsman. We do not acquire information about God but skills in faith.

Friedrich Nietzsche said "the essential thing in heaven and earth is ... that there should be long obedience in the same direction; there thereby results and has always resulted in the long run, something which has made life worth living."

The idea sprouting is that being a disciple of Christ is a learning journey. One that lasts a life-time, there may not even be a known destination. Eugene uses words from William Faulkner to describe it, "They are not monuments, but footprints. A monument says I got this far, a footprint says 'this is where I was when I started moving again.'"

If you are like me, this journey has a lot of starts, stops, and some regressions. Thank the Lord for His patience with me and grace to allow me to keep restarting. My morning buddy, Oswald Chambers, shines a light on another wonderful concept:

The profound thing in man is his will, not sin. Will is the essential element in God's creation of man: sin is a perverse disposition which entered into man. In a regenerated man, the source of will is the Almighty – imagine that, my will is God's will. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and do the will of his good pleasure."

The journey? Each of us has our own path. For me it seems to be to work out my faith knowing with complete confidence that I am forgiven. And, from that confidence, step on to build an unshakeable faith in the perfect and complete redemption of the Lord. My prayer is to keep on the faith path and allow God's will to become my will.

Regarding the discipleship at RLC --

We are all apprentices to the perfect journeyman, Jesus Christ. But is He calling

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"A disciple is a learner...at the worksite of a craftsman."  
 E. Peterson

## President's Message: We're back...

...and, it is so good to be back – in person that is! Council, along with everyone else, has been keeping pretty much distanced and “zooming it” since mid-March 2020. Now that we’re slowly (too slowly for some) getting back to our regular lives (whatever that may look like) and gathering in person, we may find it somewhat awkward at first but, rest assured, that awkwardness will quickly dissipate and we’ll get back into the rhythm - maybe even a new rhythm. One thing we all know for sure, although we may have been apart for those many months and our “normal” may now be somewhat different as a result, our Lord has always been right there with us and He never changes. *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”* Hebrews 13:8. So, even though our world as we know it may change, Jesus does not! To that I say, “Hallelujah!!”

Council’s June meeting was in person for the first time since March of last year and, as I write this, it occurs to me that this was actually the first time ever for some of our newer members. Yes, it was a bit awkward at first but we quickly warmed up to each other and proceeded with the business at hand as we’ve always done. We’ve been reviewing policies over the last few months so I thought it might be timely to give y’all an update. As of this writing we’ve reviewed and taken action on 18 out of 21 policies. I invite you to review these policies on your own and in their entirety by going to the church website - click on “Our Ministries” at the top of the page, go to RLC Congregation Council and scroll down to “Governance Documents and Policies”. In the meantime, here’s a summary of what Council has done.

☞ We “retired” four policies because they were no longer relevant and/or were captured in other governing documents – Adjacent Properties, Church Staff Employment, Council/Staff Relations, Executive Limita-

tions.

- ☞ Six policies remain unchanged – Benevolence; Common Consent Agenda; Internal Audit; Funding, Money Gathering & Membership Lists; Transportation; Urgent Assistance.
- ☞ Two policies remain unchanged with the exception of including a “disclosure/addendum”. These are Christian Education Scholarship and Weddings.
- ☞ Six policies were revised and they are:

☞ **Soul Care Policy** – Clarification of pastoral sabbaticals; increased minimum time between sabbaticals in event of two or more pastors; increased time for sabbatical to be taken upon eligibility.

☞ **Council Self Governance** – Incorporated sections from the now “retired” Council/Staff Relations policy regarding Council/Staff partnership and included reference to the RLC Council/Staff Covenant.

☞ **Facility Maintenance & Modification** – Incorporated parsonage from the now “retired” Adjacent Properties policy.

☞ **Facilities Use** – Included Host Checklist and addendums.

☞ **Financial Policy** – Changes made for record keeping and financial planning and reporting.

☞ **Personnel Policy & Guidelines** – Included background screening for Congregation Council members. I’d like to note here that we will evaluate our current background screening process, including the use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data, and share our findings with you.

What was thought to be an easy process

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Please see page 14 for the end of the article and an important announcement.

## Financial Update

From Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

### January–April 2021 RLC Financial Snapshot

Income	Budget (annualized)	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)
\$365,866	\$838,685	\$289,618	\$76,248

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

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quickly turned into a rather arduous and, in some cases, mentally draining task for Council but we persevered with the help of the Holy Spirit. I thank each member of Council for hanging in there and listening to the Holy Spirit as we prayed our way through these decisions. I thank each of you for your continued support. And, first and foremost, I thank God for never forsaking us. *“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”* (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Now that we’re entering into the second half of the year... Wow! As they say, “Time flies when you’re having fun.” Anyway, we’re preparing to immerse ourselves in planning for our 2022 Ministry Plan and Budget as well as for the upcoming annual meeting. Yes! We are planning for an in-person annual meeting this year on October 31. God willing, of course! So, stay tuned for more on this.

**I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Joel Sorensen has resigned from his position as Vice President of the Congregation Council. As we honor Joel’s decision to move on to whatever God has planned for him here at RLC, we express our thanks and appreciation for his time and service on Council over the years, as well as for the many other ways in which he serves God. We, of course, look forward to seeing him in choir as he joins his voice with others in praise to God. In accordance with RLC’s constitution, Council will be conducting a search for his successor.**

Shalom!  
Sandy Steele



## The Nudge of God

From Pastor Sam, Visitation Pastor

Sometimes I experience what I call the nudge of God—those are moments in my life when I am aware that God has something for me to do, to be or to share with others. It does not happen often, but I want to share with the church a nudge from God that I experienced during the worship service on the thirteenth of June.

Prior to the pandemic I had attended the 5 o'clock service so the first in-person service I attended in 16-months was the 5 o'clock service on June 6. It was nice to be back in church with my friends and colleagues and so the following Sunday, June 13, I again went to church.

As we entered the time for communion, the congregation sang a song that opens with the refrain: "As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of the earth be gathered into one in you."

I suspect that many of you are familiar with this hymn; following the refrain we sing the first verse, then the refrain again, then the second verse which is also followed by the refrain. And that is when God gave me that little nudge, for as we sang 'so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you', my heart was warmed with the love and peace of the divine nudge that those words were now also a call for all of us to gather to worship with one another.

The nudge led me to imagine—what if the grains of wheat that are scattered on the hill are really all of us, scattered away from one another because of pandemic distancing, and just as the wheat is gathered into one bread, that we are

now called to once again gather into one body in worship? And does that also mean that it is time to turn from the uncertainty of this past year, and to now place our trust and hope in the one whom we follow; that as the one body of Christ it is now time to come to him as one church united in faith, hope and love.

And there is one other thing.

After this song the bulletin tells us to recite a congregational prayer which says:

"Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen."

This was my experience of this little gift that came to me on the thirteenth of June and my question for you is what nudges from God are you experiencing in your own life of faith?

Blessings,  
Pastor Sam

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

## New Air Purifier System for RLC

From Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

Each of us can name a myriad of challenges that we've faced in our lives, from spiritual, personal, or professional. The Pandemic is a challenge that we never imagined, providing defining moments when we had to exercise extreme courage through adversity. Last year tested us all to new levels and now we must think of the future and resilience for RLC. As we move forward to the new normal, I want to provide you with some information that the Council feels is important for the health and welfare of the Congregation. We have been studying different ways to battle airborne transmission of viruses and pathogens that would do us harm. The Council wants everyone to feel safe in our Sanctuary, meeting rooms and office spaces. After extensive research and discussions, the COVID Team, Biblical Stewardship MALT, and Council are moving forward with a new technology (information provided) to improve our air quality at a very reasonable price.

This system was  
already installed  
in June.

The choice for RLC is a Global Plasma Systems Needle Point Bi-Polar Ionization System. The NPBI system for RLC will employ 10 units that will protect the Sanctuary (2 units) and the 8 HVAC systems for the offices and meeting rooms. The cost of the system will be ~\$8K installed. This system requires no maintenance and the units should run for 7-10 years. Campbell and Company who installed and maintains our HVAC systems offers this product and they have been installing them in local schools, hospitals and businesses in the area.

The following information is provided to guide you in understanding the technology and systems we will employ:

- Bipolar ionization is experiencing a surge in popularity as the coronavirus pandemic fans concerns about air quality.
- Integrated into HVAC systems, the technology utilizes specialized tubes that take oxygen molecules from the air and convert them into charged atoms that then cluster around microparticles, surrounding and deactivating harmful substances like airborne mold, bacteria, allergens, and viruses.
- They also attach to expelled breath droplets and dust particles that can transport viruses, enlarging them so they're more easily caught in filters. It's an active process that provides continuous disinfection.

"The ions produce a chemical reaction on the cell membrane surface that inactivates the virus," Philip Tierno, a clinical professor of microbiology and pathology at the NYU School of Medicine, told Business Insider. "It can reduce 99.9% of microbes in a matter of minutes."

### **The battle against the coronavirus could be an air fight**

Concerns about airborne transmission have grown as new research indicates the novel coronavirus can remain airborne longer and spread further than previously thought. Some experts now believe that just normal breathing can spread the virus.

"The possibility of aerosolized spread of COVID-19 and the ability of particles to hang in the air for extended periods of time would make the consideration of an active air-cleaning strategy even more prudent," Tierno said.

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## New Air Purifier System for RLC

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Long popular in Europe, bipolar ionization first arrived in the US in the 1970s as a tool to control pathogens in food manufacturing. It was effective during the SARS outbreak of 2004, as well as more recent outbreaks of MERS and norovirus and various strains of influenza.

Recent advances have made units cheaper and easier to install and companies are scrambling to test the technology against the coronavirus. According to Tierno, early results have been positive: "Because coronaviruses are enveloped viruses, they are easier to kill compared to naked viruses like noroviruses."

### WHY CHOOSE NEEDLEPOINT BIPOLAR IONIZATION?

NPBI works with existing HVAC systems to actively and effectively clean the air.

- Proactive air treatment: NPBI technology is a proactive approach to cleaner air. While other, passive systems only clean the air that passes through the HVAC unit — via either a HEPA filter or UV light — GPS products actively treat the air in the space.
- Safe solution: NPBI delivers clean indoor air without producing ozone or other harmful byproducts. All products are UL registered and certified to be ozone-free.
- Nominal investment with a high return: Installation is usually completed within one day, and GPS systems do not require routine maintenance or replacement parts.

### A PURPOSE-BUILT AIR CLEANING SOLUTION

Systems for improving indoor air quality are not one-size-fits-all. Each GPS system is selected to fit the space and the specific needs of the customer.

### Many large venues already employ bipolar ionization

Hospitals including Johns Hopkins, Children's Hospital Boston and the University of Maryland Medical Center have already embraced the technology.

"Bipolar ionization has been used in healthcare for many years for many applications," Tony Abate, chief technical officer at AtmosAir Solutions, told Business Insider. "We believe bipolar ion systems will become a standard in these critical environments to protect patients and staff."

Terminals at LaGuardia, O'Hare, LAX, and San Francisco International Airport already have AtmosAir units in place. Tampa's Amalie Arena and the TWA Hotel at JFK airport are adopting bipolar ionization technology, as are large workplaces such as Google's headquarters in Chicago and San Jose.

If you have any questions you can research the systems at <https://globalplasmasolutions.com> on the web or contact Bill Peterson, Finance Officer.

Shalom, Bill

If you have any questions contact Bill Peterson.

<b>July 2021</b>		
Sun	Mon	Tue
<b>4</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:30 AM Middle School Youth Group 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship	<b>5 Offices Closed</b> 5:00 PM Executive Committee	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution
<b>11</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:30 AM Middle School Youth Group 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM High School Youth Group 5:00 PM Worship	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 7:00 PM Congregation Council
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<b>July 2021</b>			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Prayer for the Church                      11:00 AM Nominating Committee                      1:00 PM Outreach Team                      5:30 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee                      5:30 PM Praise Team</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Prayer for the Church                      11:00 AM Nominating Committee                      5:30 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
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some of us to walk beside others to help guide them to a closer relationship with and teaching by Jesus?

If so, will you join me and others in praying on how to move forward?

*Lord, thank you that you talk to us through a variety of vessels. Thank you for this safe place to share the thoughts that you place on our hearts. Lord help us to hear and obey your call as you transform our willing hearts and souls to mirror yours.*

Amen

## RLC Foundation News

The RLC Foundation Board wants to thank the RLC members as they support this ministry. Due to Covid restrictions, we shifted our annual meeting to a mailing in February which included the RLC Foundation Annual Report, the request to approve the Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting and Voting Ballot for new board members. We received 144 ballots and are happy to share that our initiatives were approved. Thank you to those who participated in this unusual annual meeting.

The 2021 Board is:

Ginnette Ernst	President
Kris Mitchell	Vice President
Rich Olsen	Treasurer
Laurel Palmblad	Secretary
Diane Bonin	Member
Alyce Budzeck	Member
Christer Jansson	Member

We have been busy meeting virtually and are working on developing plans to better partner and communicate with RLC. We have funded support for Flourish Mid Columbia College Ministry so far this year. We are looking forward to working with the RLC Congregation on developing new seeds in the future.

Questions about  
online giving?  
Contact the RLC  
Office.

## Employment Opportunities at RLC

Richland Lutheran Church is looking to hire a part-time Nursery Attendant to care for children during church services and congregational activities. Minimum 4 hours per week with pay range of \$15-\$20/hour. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have training in child care basics or previous experience, certification in Infant/Child First Aid and CPR, and be able to pass a background check. For more information please visit RLC's website.

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Richland Lutheran Church is looking to hire a part-time Traditional Worship Piano Accompanist to accompany the Chancel Choir and/or vocalists during church services. Minimum 4 hours per week with starting pay of \$20/hour. Applicants must have keyboard skills sufficient to play hymns, liturgy, and easy anthem accompaniments at sight. Also, knowledge of basic music theory, including simple transpositions or harmonies. Applicant will also be required to pass a background check. For more information please visit RLC's website.

We need your help! Are you willing to serve?

## RLC Families Facebook Page



Families, are you on our **RLC Families Facebook Page?**

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

Come join the conversations!

## Quilts for Our Graduates

From Bonnie Harris and the Sewing Bee

On May 19, several of our RLC Sewing Bee met at Lois's home to pray over and pick up senior quilts to deliver. It was so good to see one another again. Lois had previously asked if I would lead the prayer that day in her home, and I found a beautiful prayer at [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com) which I modified just a bit. It references Jeremiah 29:11, "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."

Dear God,

We pray for our graduates today and lift them before you. During this season of new beginnings, we ask that you would make their way clear. We pray that you would keep their footsteps firm and remind them that you are with them always. May they be strengthened and instilled with hope for the new roads you have in store for them.

We pray for your protection that you would surround their lives as with a shield. Protect their coming and going, and help them to live aware in a dark world; keep harm or evil intent far away. We ask that you would keep them in the safety of your powerful presence.

We pray that you would direct their steps - open doors that need to be opened and close every one that should be shut tight. Allow every gift and treasure you have placed inside their lives to grow, develop and flourish to bring you glory.

We ask for your peace to cover them. We ask for laughter and joy to fill their days. We pray that you would give them courage to face the challenges set before them, with the confidence and peace that can only come from your spirit. Help them to be a light to others and to share the good news of your hope, peace and love.

We thank you for the opportunity you have given us to gift them with these quilts, as a reminder of their church family's support, encouragement and love.

Be a lamp to their feet, and a light to their path. Shine over them. Fill them with your spirit, Bless them with your favor and peace.

In Jesus' Name,  
Amen

A big thank you to Gail Gilbertson, Pat Johnson and Diane Fleener who made the beautiful quilts this year!

We all enjoyed meeting the graduates - such a blessing. We wish them all the best!

Thank you to our amazing quilters who created special quilts for our 2021 High School Graduates.



Lois brought this quilt to Madeline Pilger who has been attending Hanford High. She loved the colors and said it would fit in perfectly in her apartment in Bellingham where she will be studying to become a surgical technician.



## Quilts for Our Graduates, Continued

Congratulations,  
Graduates!



Gail and Bonnie delivered this quilt to Aiden Lesser who is graduating from Liberty Christian and will be going on to Whitworth College. His interest is physical therapy, majoring in kinesiology. It was fun to learn that red, white and blue are Liberty Christian's school colors. Also, when they shared with him and his mom, Kiane, that the pattern of this quilt is the log cabin and that the red center block signifies the fireplace in the cabin, she told us that the name Aiden means "little fire" in Irish mythology!

Gail and Bonnie also delivered this quilt to Andrew Miles. He's been working on his AA in addition to attending River View High School. He was chosen to travel throughout Washington State for a year representing Washington FFA. Some activities include leadership training and hosting workshops. Indianapolis is where the FFA National Convention is held and where he and his team will be representing Washington state.



Betty delivered this quilt to Blake Vopalensky. He will graduate from Richland High. He plans to stay locally and become an electrician.



Lori delivered this quilt to Kaleb Prigge who has been attending Richland High. Lori said, "Interesting side story. There were 2 quilts for me to pick from for him - black and turquoise or this one which is blue, gray and white, which happen to be Air Force colors! Kaleb will be enlisting in the Air Fore after some college! Amazing that I picked the "right" one."

## Activities for Kids

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021!

Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At *Treasured VBS*, kids dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures. They'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold—it's them!

RLC is excited to be planning for in-person vacation Bible school for this summer! This special version of VBS will be open to just our RLC families, and will be offered in a modified format to accommodate the anticipated COVID-healthy guidelines for our community. Please be sure to eat dinner *before* coming to VBS (*dinners will not be provided this year*).

### All activities will occur outside!

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

August 3-4-5

Evenings

Ages 4 yrs. old - 5th Grade

**\*\*Limited to RLC Families!\*\***

*Registration is available now online!*

*If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com)*

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



Save the date!

August 3 - 5

## Activities for Middle School and High School Youth

### Middle School Youth Group

#### Sunday Mornings

**9:30 -10:30 AM**

**at Stevens Park**

We're so excited to be meeting in person again! All middle school students are invited to join us Sunday mornings at the park in the shade for some games, a lesson, and hanging out together!

**Bring: your Bible, a chair & a drink!**

If you have any questions  
contact Amanda Daniels.

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

### High School Ministry

**It's summer - and we are having fun!**

High School Youth Group is back and happening a little differently this summer. We're meeting at leaders' homes, hanging out, learning together, and reconnecting!

Here's our July schedule:

**July 4** - No youth group

**July 11** - @ the Daniels' - 2-4 PM(ish)

\*Swimming, snacks, & teaching

**July 18** - @ the Daniels' - 3-5 PM(ish)

\*Games, food & a lesson

**July 25** - @ the Wheeler's - 3-5 PM(ish)

\*Hanging out, snacks & a lesson

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



**108 boxes sent in  
2020!**

## Operation Christmas Child: July Requests

This month, we are looking for Playdough® (consider including small plastic cookie cutters), dolls, small stuffed animals, small picture books, coloring books, soccer balls (deflated, include small hand pump & needles), Lego® sets, make-it-yourself craft kits, jump ropes, foam balls, costume items (crowns, costume jewelry), toy figures, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, slinkys, small Frisbee®, small kites, Etch a sketch®, plastic dinosaurs & animals, action figures (not war related), hacky sacks, small puzzles, travel-sized games, sewing kits (needle, thread, small scissors, 1 yd. cotton fabric), playing cards, fishing kits (hooks, line, collapsible pole).

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

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

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. Please take some time this month to pray for your fellow congregation members and their specific needs.



Please also keep in prayer the preparation for Vacation Bible School, which will be August 3-5.

## Online Giving

This past year has seen a significant increase in users of RLC's online giving option, Pushpay! The convenience, ease, and security of digital giving has proven to be a vital part of allowing RLC members to faithfully continue contributing through this extended time of modified worship. Thank you for your generosity, and for using Pushpay!

If you have received a box of paper offering envelopes for 2021, but have switched to online giving and will continue to utilize online giving in 2022, please return your box of envelopes to the tray on the Welcome Desk in the narthex, situated behind the "welcome" sign that is labeled "returned 2021 offering boxes."

If you have questions about switching to online giving, please contact Lisa Wiegand or Jenny Page in the church office.





## Anniversaries

### July 1

Jeff & Heidi Dagle

### July 4

Katie & Edward Shepherd

### July 7

Dick & Jane Stephens

### July 9

Jim & Julie Gearheard

### July 12

Skylar & Alex Collins

### July 14

Chuck & Sue McCargar  
Seth & Ellie Rosser

### July 15

Darrel & Vicki Glasford  
Ron & Bev Hollenbeck

### July 18

John & Karen Williams

### July 20

Mitch & Jordan Davis  
Jon & Norene Erlandson

### July 23

Greg & Vickie Kelly  
Rich & Pat Olenius

### July 27

Russ & Liz Rodriguez

### July 28

Randy & Gail Gilbertson

### July 29

Pete & Patty Newton

### July 31

Mike & Valerie Bettinson  
Shane & Stacy McCullough

## Birthdays

### July 1

Katherine Fulton  
Patricia Lamberson

### July 2

Ann Grewe  
Kyle Westlund

### July 5

Pamela Warren  
Kurtis Leitz

### July 7

Gary Olson  
Sue McCargar  
Steven Petersen

### July 9

David Hogan  
Caitlyn Sterkel

### July 10

Vernon Packard  
Rebecca Wedberg  
Tiffany Vopalensky

### July 11

Gloria Gibbons  
Amanda Daniels  
Randy Gilbertson

### July 12

Jerry Dagle  
Anna Spinato

### July 14

Rick Budzeck  
Carleen Lust  
Dave Wunschel

### July 15

Dianne Barry  
Charles Cable  
Sigrid Preston  
Crae Young

### July 16

Megan Orr  
Barbara Rau  
Russ Rodriguez  
David Stone

### July 17

Bev Hollenbeck  
Gary Weible

### July 18

Matthew Pearson

### July 19

George Simkins

### July 21

Donna Ling  
Jason Schroeder

### July 22

Elizabeth Donahue  
Robert Parr

### July 23

Norm Stout

### July 24

Kristen Imhoff

### July 25

Wayne Campbell  
Shane McCullough  
Kimberly Ziemer

### July 26

Pat Dalpiaz

### July 27

Tracy Kissire  
Bob Thompson  
Shane Thorson  
Trond Tilton

### July 28

David Brown

### July 29

Harrison Budzeck  
Katie Shepherd

### July 30

Judah Benjamson  
Chance Gese  
Felix Quinn  
Sandy Steele  
Robert Warren

### July 31

Connie Distefano  
Mary Stone



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





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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

**Sunday evening at 5 PM**

Both the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services will  
also be livestreamed.

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**

*(Go to YouTube and search Richland Lutheran  
Church)*

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