



THE PREVIEW

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Let Your Light Shine! RLC 75th Anniversary Celebration

October 9-10, 2021



"Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

In early 1946, Richland Lutheran Church was incorporated as an official congregation within the Evangelical Lutheran Church. A lot has transpired in the last 75 years here at the corner of Stevens and Van Giesen, but through it all, God, by the empowerment of his Holy Spirit, has faithfully led this congregation to being a witness of his love, mercy, and saving grace, making the name of Jesus Christ known and advancing the Kingdom of God.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join us as we celebrate this jubilee milestone of shining God's love to our community.

Saturday, October 9

6:00-8:00 PM

Family "Campfire" Sing-A-Long in the parking lot

Bring a lawn chair and a roasting stick as we will make s'mores and sing praises to our Lord!

Submit your top three favorite hymns or contemporary praise songs that we sing in worship to be included. A submission form will be available online Sept. 12-30. Watch for the link in the Grapevine, the Facebook group, and on the website.

Sunday, October 10

10:00 AM

Festival Worship Service

Pastor Perry Fruhling, LCMC Coordinator for Pastoral Ministry, will be our guest preacher for a combined worship service as we celebrate God's faithfulness to our community through RLC. A cake reception in the fellowship hall will immediately follow the service.

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Christian Considerations on Vaccinations

From Pastor Steve



Last month at our Congregation Council meeting, I was informally asked if I would be willing to write regarding the theological/Biblical perspective regarding vaccinations.

What was intended to be an article for this *Preview* will instead be delivered to RLC members separately in the mail. Please watch your mailbox.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve

Good News Media Ministry is Growing!

For the last nine months, GNMM has been in discussion about merging with Richland Lutheran Church because it has become clear media technology is an integral part of our society and over all programming of RLC. It has sometimes become difficult to decide who is responsible for paying for technology upgrades (lighting, sound systems, etc.) and/or who is responsible for prioritizing use of technology. After joint discussions with the RLC Council to make sure this was the best decision for the current needs of RLC, it was voted on and approved by the Board of Directors of the Good News Media Ministry at their September 15, 2021 quarterly meeting to begin the process of merging with RLC with a completion date of January 1, 2022. The current Board will continue as the Technology Fundraising Team and will have fundraisers so that programs like *Good News Today* continue!

For new members of RLC and as a review for others, GNMM exists to provide for *Good News Today*, a 30-minute broadcast airing on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM on KVEW. It has continued to air during the pandemic and is watched up and down the valley by many who do not have computers. We know this because we have received testimonies and contributions stating this, even though it is a week delayed from the real-time service many/most of RLC watched via computers.

Good News Today first aired on January 1, 1978, as a “program of Christian witness to the community at large via weekly television broadcasts of worship services at RLC.” GNMM was incorporated as its own non-profit organization “so that money raised and spent was not co-mingled with RLC funds.” Stories told by current members relay that at that time some RLC members did not feel this method of programming would be effective. It was agreed upon that there would be NO REQUEST for donations during the broadcast and funding would come from fundraisers and donations.

Over the years many of you have served on the GNMM Board of Directors and have given tirelessly to help with fundraising, and we thank you. The GNMM Board does want to give special thanks to the 24 years of service by Rick Budzeck and his family.

Submitted by Betty Quinn,
GNMM Vice Chairman

Watch your
mail for a
separate letter
from Pastor
Steve.

From the Council

Diane Bonin, Council Secretary

I was excited to hear that I would be writing an article for the October Preview, since this month we are celebrating RLC's 75th anniversary.

In thinking about our church's past, and dreams for our future, I was flooded with memories from my past 35+ years at RLC. I first entered RLC's doors as a visitor back in 1981 when I moved to Richland with my husband. I was in my late 20's and reluctant, yet excited, to be living in a new place. I remember RLC's welcoming members greeting me at the door and a visit from one of the pastors to the 4-plex where we resided. I remember the bustling of our sanctuary on Sunday mornings, and busyness of the Sunday School hour for both children and adults alike attending classes or visiting with other members.

It wasn't long before I had two boys who were baptized into our fold in our beautiful chapel and I become involved with Sunday School, helping with VBS, and assisting with our library that received careful management from Betty, another friendly face. I remember attending the early service and sitting on the left-hand side of the sanctuary in the very last pew with my two boys. There is something that brings comfort to sitting in the same position in church on Sunday morning. This allowed me to know the folks sitting around me and I missed them when they were absent. I remember all the wonderful choirs and music that filled the Sunday morning services. Life seemed settled, happy, and predictable.

I remember the Chaplaincy Hospice (now Chaplaincy Health Care) that was started by ideas of our RLC members, and one of the chaplains who attended our church; the Good News Media Ministry, the preschool program that operated out of the church, members that attended the service at the Gospel Mission that last Sunday of the month, and still do. The Diakonia that helped at the Lutheran Senior Center, and numerous other groups. There were so many activities and enthusiastic volunteers to provide worship, service, stewardship and to be involved in classes to grow their faith.

Throughout the years, life and RLC have changed. Technology has been embraced and priorities in people's lives have shifted. The pandemic has changed how we see ourselves as a church member. We spend less face-to-face time with others and less time in fellowship with others. We are fortunate enough to watch the worship service without leaving our homes, follow Pastor Steve's daily devotions on You Tube from anywhere, and provide monetary stewardship electronically.

These new technical "wonders" have allowed us to reach others outside the confines of the church building and has allowed RLC to bring the good news and build disciples beyond our congregation, hallelujah!

Many of us have accepted this new way of life and may not see a reason to return to in-person church. However, I long for the fellowship of the past, seeing RLC congregants in person, smiling to others across the sanctuary, perhaps giving or receiving a hug, sharing our experiences and faith in a class, working together on a project. I believe meeting together is important for both our emotional well-being, personal spiritual growth, and that of our fellow congregant. We, the members, comprise RLC, and without our participation we are unable to accomplish the work of our church.

As I visited my garden yesterday, I thought of how a garden is like a church. Plants need to have appropriate soil, adequate nourishment, water, protection, and sun to help them grow successfully. I think RLC's future lies in the same. We have the son that fills our lives with beauty, and he expects us to be actively nourishing our faith through relationships with him and others.

Matthew 5:16 states: **"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven".**

It is my hope and prayer as we enter the next 75 years, that we can come together once again, display our light to others, focus on what we are about and to whom we belong-Jesus; and grow our church to fulfill our mission: **Richland Lutheran Church is a Congregation of Christ Followers who are making disciples who Worship, Grow, Serve, and Steward.**

Thank you for the opportunity of serving you on Council and being able to share my memories and future dreams with you!

President's Message: God Hears Our Prayers

Sandy Steele, Congregation President

I'd like to take this opportunity to deviate a bit from business matters of the church and share my heart. I recently took a road trip to the Oregon coast to spend time with God – and with friends. I met up with a friend from my junior high and high school days and we spent the time catching up, shopping, and, of course, walking the beach. It was a wonderful and very peaceful time away. I feel drawn to the ocean. It is God's creation after all. It's there that I hear His voice in the roar of the ocean and gain strength in His presence as I walk along the shore. It's there that I feel drawn to be alone and spend time with Him. And, it's there that I hope to spend more time, God willing!

I've shared with you in the past that it's the water that brings me peace and brings me close to God – rivers, lakes, streams. Yes! But, the ocean... I don't have the words but I'd like to share this little poem with you that says better than I can what the ocean says to me.

The Ocean's Shore
by Deborah Ann Belka

As I stroll
along the ocean's shore
I am blessed
To my very core.

Though I don't know
the water's depth
I'm sure the Lord
guides my every step.

As I listen
to the waves that roar
I trust His Spirit
over storms to soar.

Just as the sand
and sea must meet,
I know God's the strength
beneath my feet.

And like a pebble
in the sand
my faith can't be crushed
by the foot of man.

As I watch
eagles land on the dock,
I too find safety
in the Lord – my rock!

Now, let's turn back to a bit of Council business. As you may (or may not) know, one of Council's responsibilities is to select three nominees for the Nominating Committee to replace those whose terms expire. After much prayer and discernment Fred Kremmer, Susie Keller, and Pamela Warren have accepted our invitation as this year's nominees and will be on the ballot for your vote at the **Congregational Annual Meeting on October 31**. We give them each our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their willingness to serve God in this manner. We also want to offer our thanks and appreciation to Todd Maier, Sue Meek, and Mark Underwood as they complete their two-year terms. "Well done good and faithful servant(s)!"

Peace and Joy to All!
Sandy Steele

2022 Nomination
Committee
Nominees:

Fred Kremmer
Susie Keller
Pamela Warren

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

Financial Update

From Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

January—August 2021 RLC Financial Snapshot

| Income | Budget | Expenses | Gain/(Loss) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| \$533,778 | \$564,495 | \$479,969 | \$53,809 |

RLC Christian Education Scholarship

Applications for the RLC Christian Education Scholarship for 2021 are now being accepted. Application forms are available through the RLC website. Applications must be received by close of business (5 PM) in the church office on November 1.

For more information on eligibility requirements, consult the Christian Education Scholarship page on the RLC website at: <http://richlandlutheran.org/christian-education-scholarship.html>

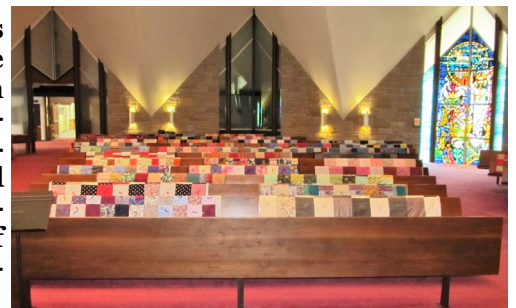
Sewing Bee Update

First, a big thanks to those of you who continued to sew the pre-cut quilting blocks together to make quilt tops during the pandemic even when the sewing group did not meet. We are busy sewing them to the backs since we have resumed our group. Unfortunately, this is slow because we only have 10-15 women currently meeting to do this. If you can tie a square knot, push in a common pin, and/or sew a straight seam, we need you! We meet Wed mornings from 9-11:30 AM and some are only able to help out part of that time or not able to come every week. Please pray on this.

Second, before these quilts, baby quilts, lap robes, etc. are given out, we have a quilt blessing in the sanctuary. This is usually done the week before we ship some to Lutheran World Relief. It is a happy occasion that this year the blessing will be done at the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

We have been asked where these quilts, et al., end up. In addition to World Lutheran Relief, some go locally (Red Cross, Veterans groups, nursing homes, the Cancer Center, and Union Gospel Mission to name a few), and some are sold to the public as a fund raiser for Good News Media Ministry at the yearly Arts and Crafts Sale and to RLC members on request.

Because GNMM has canceled the Arts and Crafts Sale again this year due to the continued pandemic, the Congregation Council has approved the quilts be available for sale after the quilt blessing, Sunday, October 10. If you see a quilt you'd wish to purchase, pick it out after the celebration and bring it to the Prince of Peace where we will have a cashier available. All proceeds will go to GNMM.



Quilt Sale:
Sunday,
October 10

Finding a Peaceful Place

From Pastor Sam, Visitation Pastor

It is sometimes helpful to have a place to go where we can leave behind the many cares of life. Maybe you have such a place; my wife, Christy, has a room in the basement of our home where she keeps her sewing machine and card making materials and she spends much time there doing things she enjoys. Recently, she and I had a small shop constructed on our property where I can keep my metalworking and woodworking machines and it will be the place where I can go to putter around and make things.

One thing I would like to take up again is woodturning, which I used to do many years ago and which I now have more time to commit to doing. I know for me having a place to do the things I enjoy creates a sense of calm and peacefulness that is a nice antidote to the sometimes stressful moments of life. So, is that something you too sometimes need?

Scripture does not tell us if Jesus ever had a hobby, but it does tell us that Jesus found time to get away. Throughout his ministry, Jesus focus was always upon the work his father sent him to do. And because his work meant that he spent untold hours helping the many people who came to see him, it seems that once in a while even he needed to find a place to rest; and he repeatedly did that by going to a lonely place where he could be with his Father.

One story about that is found in Matthew 14:23 which tells us that after Jesus fed 5,000 people and had sent them home, he “went up on a mountain by himself to pray”. It has always seemed to me that the relationship Jesus had with God is what gave him hope, strength, energy, and peace. So for Jesus to go up on the mountain to spend time with his father was how he was able to be renewed and, by doing so, he found the strength for his work that could only come by being in his father’s presence.

Given the social and pandemic world in which we currently live, having or seeking a place (in whatever form that may be) to spend time with God is something we should all try to do. The shop my wife and I had built is still new and not much yet used, but I see it as both a place to do things I enjoy and as a place where I can ‘get away’ once in a while, as well.

I also know that it will be a place where, when I am by myself, I will find the presence of God who will remind me of His peace. So if you have that favorite place where you find God’s peace, spend what time there that you can and remember that God will always be with you in that place as well.

Blessings,
Pastor Sam

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



Families, are you on our
RLC Families Facebook Page?

If not, search “**Richland Lutheran Church Family Ministry**” and request to join.

Come join the conversations, and stay up to date on what’s happening with Children & Youth ministries at RLC!

RLC Council Nominees for 2022



Nominee for Council President: Sandy Steele

In serving as the Congregation President over the last two years, I found it to be a blessed and rewarding experience and I am grateful to God for calling me to serve for yet another term. As I shared with you before, I have been an active member of Richland Lutheran Church for about 19 years, serving on various committees and ministries throughout the years including, but not limited to, GriefShare, Small Groups Ministry, and Council in various capacities.

I'm a native Tri-Citian, born and raised in Pasco as was my father before me. I grew up on a grape vineyard, graduated from Pasco High School, and went on to business college. I began my career in the secretarial field and worked my way into Human Resources, retiring in 2012 from Human Resources management with Kadlec Clinic. I have two grown sons and two teenage grandsons who all currently live in the Sacramento area. I enjoy reading, sewing, traveling, and spending time with my family and my church family.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on Council once again and look forward to serving Jesus and working with Pastor Steve, staff, and Council, as well as the congregation over these next two years. It excites me to see where Jesus is leading us here at RLC and I look forward to being a part of His plan.

Please keep our
nominees in
prayer.



Nominee for Financial Officer: Jeanne Dillner

God has prepared me professionally and spiritually to fill the role of Financial Officer. As a CPA, I am trained to perform audits, prepare and analyze financial statements, and understand internal controls. As a CEO, I have experience which has given me wisdom about running an organization. I have practical experience having served as the treasurer of the Richland Alliance Church for 10 years, and have served on RLC's audit committee for three years, and on the RLC Compensation committee for two.

After serving as Treasurer for so many years, my plan was to never agree to such a position again. The Lord has softened my heart and given me an interest in helping wherever He needs me. I look forward to working with Lisa Wiegand and the Council to continue to build our financial strength and transparency. And to continue in being good stewards of the generous resources He provides.



Nominee for Member-At-Large: Fred Ball

I graduated in 1958 from Lincoln High School in Tacoma, WA. I married Marilyn Ball in 1966 and together have raised 4 children. To date we have 15 grand-children and 10 great-grandchildren. I grew up in Western Washington and lived most of my life on the "west side." With two children living in Western Washington and two living in Eastern Washington, it was time (according to our daughter) to discover Eastern Washington.

After High School, I joined the Navy Reserves. While awaiting my orders I attended Trade School and took machinist training. I served my time in the Navy reserves on a small WWII submarine, the USS Segundo, earning my "Dolphins" for learning

RLC Council Nominees for 2022

Annual
Congregation
Meeting:
October 31

all the systems on the submarine. After my Navy service, I went to work at the family business, a non-ferrous foundry in Tacoma that my grandfather started in 1913. I worked 46 years working and eventually operating the business. After I retired I went to work as a school bus driver and worked an additional 10 years.

I volunteered in the Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Scout Master. At our church I was the President of the congregation and a member of the Board of Deacons and Trustees. While in Western Washington, I was involved in the Scottish community as President of Clan Donnachaidh Association, President of the Tacoma Highland Games Association, and a member of the Tacoma Scots Bagpipe Band as the Drum Major.

I am active in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and have progressed through the chairs as Outside Guard, Chaplin, Conductor, Vice President and Worthy President. I am currently treasurer at the Kennewick Eagles. In February, our daughter explained the volunteer services offered through the Kadlec Auxillary and, as a result, I can be found as a Patient Escort in the main lobby.



Nominee for Member-At-Large: Jim Lachut

I grew up in North Tonawanda, NY, just outside of Buffalo. I have two sisters that still live at the homestead. I received my BS in Chemistry at the University of Buffalo, and my Master's in Chemistry from WSU, Pullman. I came to the Tri-Cities, WA, in January 1992 and have been employed with various contractors on the Hanford site since arriving. My wife, Lori, and I have been members of RLC since 2004. We have three adult children and four grandchildren. I will do my best to serve the members of RLC and further the word of Jesus Christ with the Lord's help.



Nominee for Member-At-Large: Patti Miller

I retired from Albertson's after 30 years. I have been a member of RLC for 51 years. I have served in many capacities at RLC. I taught for a total of seven years as a Sunday school teacher, taught an adult class on how to pray, helped with wedding receptions, youth groups, and several other committees through out the years.

My husband passed in 2019. I am blessed with family in the TriCities. I have 2 married children, two and almost 3 grandchildren. My extended family includes three step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

I have served the community by being a volunteer at Jefferson Elementary, helping teachers in the classroom, helping children learn to read better; and I had many lead rolls for TCI Kiwanis; and was a Shop Steward at Albertsons for 29 years. I like to sew, crochet, and knit. My favorite is to knit wash cloths . I like to read all kinds of books and help others in any way I can. I would be honored to serve the Lord by being on RLC's Council.



Our heartfelt thanks to those who are going off the Council - we so appreciate all the ways you have served RLC: Bill Peterson, Fred Kremmer, and Valerie Silva.

| October 2021 | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue |
| <p>3 World Communion Sunday 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 6:00 PM High School Youth Group</p> | <p>4 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 5:00 PM Executive Committee</p> | <p>5 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 PM Tuesdays @ 2 Bible Study</p> |
| <p>10 75th Anniversary Celebration 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service 11:00 AM 75th Anniversary Celebration Cake Reception 6:00 PM High School Youth Group</p> | <p>11 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study</p> | <p>12 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 pm Tuesdays @ 2 Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregation Council</p> |
| <p>17 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:30 AM Middle School Youth Group 9:45 AM Fall Kick-Off Celebration 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM High School Youth Group</p> | <p>18 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study</p> | <p>19 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 pm Tuesdays @ 2 Bible Study</p> |
| <p>24 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 6:00 PM High School Youth Group</p> | <p>25 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Biblical Stewardship MALT</p> | <p>26 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 pm Tuesdays @ 2 Bible Study 5:30 PM Christian Service MALT</p> |
| <p>31 Annual Congregation Meeting 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:30 AM Middle School Youth Group 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Annual Congregational Meeting 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM High School Youth Group</p> | | |

| October 2021 | | | |
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| Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 6 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 5:30 PM Praise Team 6:00 PM GriefShare via Zoom | 7 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:30 PM Steele Small Group | 1 | 2 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution |
| | | 8 | 9 75th Anniversary Celebration 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 6:00 PM Family Campfire Sing-a-long |
| 13 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 5:30 PM Praise Team 6:00 PM GriefShare via Zoom | 14 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 1:00 PM Outreach Team 5:30 PM Steele Small Group | 15 5:00 PM Deadline for November <i>Preview</i> Articles | 16 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution |
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From the Council - Protecting Our Church

We ask you all for prayer and understanding as we move forward with several new RLC safety and risk reduction measures.

What are the issues? We have had some unwanted attempts to enter our sanctuary and to use our grounds for illegal activities; attempts via computer and calls to scam the church and obtain personal identifiable information (PII) of our members; and lastly a past case of sexual harassment within the congregation.

We are at risk, so the Council and Staff have been discussing and praying about these issues, leading to the following measures:

- New security cameras and monitoring ability to protect our church from break-ins and vandalism. New locks and policies for gaining entrance to the church after hours (have already been put into place).
- Requirement for yearly computer security training for the Staff and extra caution with respect to member PII on all calls and any computerized information.
- Requirement of background checks for all Staff and Council members prior to hire or nomination (Background checks have been required for volunteers working with vulnerable populations for many years).

We think everyone can understand the why's for security cameras and enhanced computer training; however, concern over background checks may require some additional explanation.

The background check is a screening/vetting process to protect our church. We are only interested in protecting the church. We understand that Clergy, Staff, and Council members work with youth, and at-risk/vulnerable members of the Congregation on a regular basis; also, as leaders of the church they set the standards. As such, they must serve with transparency, integrity, and full accountability. A full and complete background check provides a significant risk reduction to our church and is highly recommended by our insurance carrier. If we don't do it, we are not exercising due diligence for the congregation. The process is completed by a recommended third-party company that conducts a national criminal search and other registries and watch lists. Lesser checks that only look into Washington state crimes are not recommended as people are so mobile with today's airlines and travel opportunities. More information can be provided on the background check company and their process including their security and encryption systems.

We are not interested in traffic violations or credit card issues but a significant criminal activity that would lead us to not offer a job or Council position (e.g., sex offender, assault, financial malfeasance, etc.) to an individual. We are not judging anyone; we will not force anyone to have a background check as that is an individual choice. However, if an individual does not wish to have a background check, they will not be eligible for a Council position nor a staff position at RLC.

Yes, RLC has gone 75 years without security cameras, enhanced entry locks, and background checks. To be responsible, we propose to do these things now.

Again, we ask for your prayers and understanding as we move forward to "Protecting our Church."

RLC Congregation Council

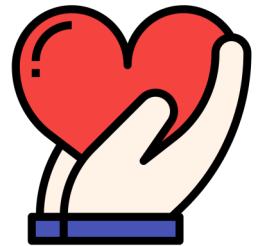
⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:8-10

Worship Help Needed!

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

- 11:00 Usher (greet worshippers, hand out bulletins, count attendance)
- Offering Custodian (sort out cash from envelopes & yellow slips, secure offering in drop safe)
- 11:00 Lector (read the scriptures from the lectern)
- 8:30 & 11:00 Projection Technician (morning only, click thru slides at appropriate time)
- 8:30 & 11:00 Sound Board Operator (adjust sound volumes, help with microphones as needed)
- 5:00 Evening Worship Assistant (greet worshippers, hand out bulletins, count attendance, read scriptures)
- Prayer Minister (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!

For more information contact the RLC Office!

943-3164
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Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 31, 2021 12:30 PM

Mark your calendar!



The Annual Congregational Meeting is just around the corner. ***The date is Sunday, October 31, at 12:30 PM in the Prince of Peace.*** Lots of information will be shared. You’ll hear about what’s been going on at RLC throughout the year and will have the opportunity to vote for your leadership for the Congregational Council, as well as for the Nominating Committee. We also have two outstanding items for which you’ll **finally** be able to vote – the Offsite Retreat Center Funds Allocation and the recommended changes to RLC’s Constitution and Bylaws. And, we’ll be talking about the future of RLC, as well as the operating budget for 2022.

Don’t miss this important event!! Be sure to mark the date on your calendars and plan to come hear what we’ve been doing and where God is leading us.

Sandy Steele, Council President

Activities for Kids



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

Mark your calendar! Sunday School Kick-Off is scheduled for **October 17** in the courtyard at 9:45 AM. Classes will be available for children ages 3* through 5th grade.

*Sunday School classes will be held **outside in the courtyard** until children have had the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. While we will be setting up canopies and patio heaters, you are encouraged to dress your child for the morning's weather.*

* RLC follows the Richland School District age guidelines for determining class placement. Children should be 3 years old on or before August 31 to begin Sunday School. As a child ages, they should attend the Sunday school class that matches their grade in school. Questions? Please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com).

Children's Church Returns at the 11:00 Service!



We will be resuming Children's Church beginning **October 3** at the **11:00 service**. The children' will be dismissed from the sanctuary at the beginning of the sermon. Children's Church will be held in the courtyard, utilizing a canopy and patio heaters, until younger children have the opportunity to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Super Kids! Kick-Off!

Mark your Calendar and Save the Date!

Super Kids! will be kicking off on Wednesday, October 20!



We will be meeting via Zoom.
Please watch for an email with the Zoom room ID.

It is our hope that when elementary aged children are able to be vaccinated, we will resume in-person gatherings.

This year, we will be asking the question, “How do we know God is...God?” We will be learning about the attributes of God!

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

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!



Activities for Middle School and High School Youth

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday Mornings

9:45 AM

at Stevens Park

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!

Middle School & High School Family Meeting

October 24 - 12:15 PM

in the Sanctuary

Families of High school or Middle school students, please join us for a conversation & check-in about middle school & high school ministries!

High School Ministry

School is back, and so is Youth Group!

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

For now (weather permitting) we're meeting at Stevens Park across the street, so bring a chair (and your Bible)!

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

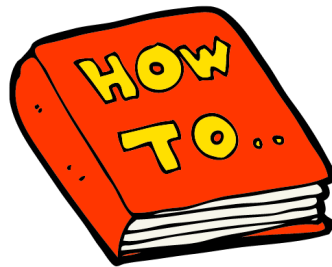
Community Church Builder

Church Community Builder (CCB) is a powerful new tool being used by RLC. Although we began using CCB a year ago, 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 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 update your contact information in the database.

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



How to Update Your Contact Information in CCB

Log in to the church online portal, Church Community Builder (CCB)

Click on your profile page by clicking the circle monogram in the top right hand corner menu bar. This will take you to your personal profile page.

Click the blue “Edit Profile” button in the blue header bar.

Update the information needed, and feel free to fill in any other information that is blank.

Some information that is applicable to the entire household can be edited all at once by clicking the box labeled “Apply xxxx to family.”

When done, click the blue “Save” button at the bottom of the edit profile pop up window you were working in.

Fun Bonus Tip!! You can add a profile photo AND a family photo! In the blue gradient header bar, click the camera icon in the gray monogram square to the left of your name to upload an individual profile photo. To add a family photo, click on the “About” tab in the menu bar under the blue gradient header; then click on the gray camera icon in the “family” box.



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108 boxes sent in
2020!

Operation Christmas Child: October Requests

Your monetary contributions will provide what is needed to buy gifts to help fill the boxes, and to pay the \$9 per box shipping cost.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

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

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.

It is Pastor Appreciation month! Please keep Pastor Steve, our Lead Pastor, and Pastor Sam, our Visitation Pastor, in your prayers.

Please pray for RLC's annual meeting, scheduled for October 31.

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.



RLC: A Church that
Prays Together

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

October 1
Don & Melissa Schmid

October 3
Alan & Barbara Casebere

October 5
Seth & Allison Thompson

October 7
John Drewrey & Jen Ranta
Cameron & Kris Mitchell
Bill & Sue Peterson

October 12
Carl & Judy Schroeder

October 14
Andrew & Mary Lipton
Henry & Lilian Solbrack

October 18
Jeff & Kimberly Ziemer

October 19
Brett & Chelsea Wheelless

October 21
Loren & Michelle Peterson

October 24
Jeff & Pat Johnson

October 25
Jamie & Sara Boulger
Tom & Jeri Frislie
John & Bettye Samuel

October 28
Fred & Marilyn Ball



Birthdays

October 1
Lynn Clarke
Karen Juergens

October 2
Myrtle Nesbitt

October 3
Kathy Baumgarten
Miriam Curran
Lyric Daniels
Braedy Ingram

October 4
Paige Ingram

October 5
Darrell Miles
Jenna Penley

October 6
Bruce Chaney
Grace Davis
Soren Miles

October 7
Andrew Villegas

October 8
Kaysha Benjamson
Eunice Weible

October 9
Olivia Moran
Judy Schroeder

October 10
David Juergens
Michael Schroeder

October 11
Bill Kaiser
Elsa Sandness

October 12
Corrine Armstrong
Jim Hardman

October 13
Aiden Pardini

October 15
Shayla Carter
Mark Williams

October 16
John Fulton

October 17
Terry Davis
Linda Totten

October 18
Anna Mae Squires

October 20
Hans Miles
Katherine Pardini
Lorrie Rogers
Wayne Roundy

October 21
Rich Olenius

October 22
Hannah Mitchell
Isabelle Thorson

October 24
Tom Pitkin
Blake Vopalensky
Joey Weissenfels

October 25
Clarine Watkins

October 26
Johnny Boynton
Ann Tolrud

October 27
Buck Taft

October 28
Carmelita Peterson
Trenton Worcester

October 29
Judy Eller
Rose Moran
Elaine Solbrack
Woody Page

October 30
James Loss
Elijah Rodriguez
Ollie Stolte

October 31
Lisa Corning

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 be livestreamed.

Sunday, October 10 at 10 AM ONLY (in person
and livestreamed)

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

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

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

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

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