



THE PREVIEW

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW, SERVE, AND STEWARD

We ARE the Church For Such a Time as This From Pastor Steve, Lead Pastor

“⁹ Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹ “All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”

¹² When Esther’s words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

- Esther 4:9-14

The passage above from the book of Esther is one which is often quoted and used to encourage believers they have work to do in God’s kingdom. However, we often forget the context. This isn’t a fluffy encouragement of Mordecai to Esther. This is really a rebuke of her. A correction. You see, things are not right and Esther, though she is in a position to do something about it, has surrendered to fear not faith. She should be going to the king, her husband, for help, but instead she shirks her responsibilities and waits days before putting on her royal robes and entering the king’s hall. Times are tough, but Esther and the kingdom grow.

It’s not much different for the church in the United States today. Times are tough, but we get to choose how we interpret and respond to what’s happening around us. I choose to look at the great opportunities we have and trust God will use this time to do his will and work. I firmly believe God has prepared us, Richland Lutheran, for such a time as this. Here are a few reasons why I believe this to be true.

Richland Lutheran is FAITHFUL. For 75 years, Richland Lutheran has been faithful and obedient to following Christ Jesus. We have a history, a “cloud of witnesses,” who have gone before us living by faith not fear. This comes from knowing clearly who God is and who we are in him. Faithfulness will allow us to move into God’s future wherever he may lead. Being a faithful church sets us up for such a time as this!

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Pastoral Acts for August 2021

Baptisms

Weddings

Susie McKinney & Dave Keller - 8/14/21

Memorials/Funerals

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For Such A Time As This, Continued from Front Page From Pastor Steve



Richland Lutheran is BIBLICAL. It doesn't take much digging at all to discover the church in the United States has been moving away from its Biblical roots - the authority of Scripture. The Bible really does have all we need to live an abundant and fulfilling life in a loving relationship with God and others. The Bible anchors Richland Lutheran solidly in a sea of constantly moving ethics, morality, belief, and truth. Being a Biblical church sets us up for such a time as this!

Richland Lutheran is PRAYERFUL. We are a praying church. A praying church recognizes the truth of James' words "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (Jas. 5:16b, NIV). If this is true, think about the power and effectiveness of a praying church, many righteous persons! RLC knows the power of prayer. RLC knows the effect of prayer. Most importantly, RLC practices prayer. Being a prayerful church sets us up for such a time as this!

Richland Lutheran is LITURGICAL. In its broadest sense, every church is liturgical. As it is used here, liturgy means the rites, rituals, repertoire of elements of corporate worship. Where many churches have removed liturgy these days, RLC continues to practice highly liturgical worship. Invocation, confession and absolution, litanies, corporate prayers, the sacraments, creedal professions, benedictions, and the rest are included in all of our worship services. Being a liturgical church sets us up for such a time as this!

Richland Lutheran is MISSIONAL. Gospel proclamation, making disciples and maintaining disciples through spiritual formation define the church in mission. The Great Commission, "Make Disciples," has been, is today, and forever will be the Church's primary work. A missional church knows and practices Gospel proclamation in a desperate and hurting world. And, desperate and hurting we are! There is Good News for the world and the United States; and Richland Lutheran proclaims this truth! Being a missional church sets us up for such a time as this!

Richland Lutheran is SACRAMENTAL. A sacrament is a practice of the church which helps us experience and receive God's grace. In our church we celebrate two sacraments, baptism and communion, and hold them as the pinnacle of how God meets us by his grace. As a sacramental church the sacraments, more than any other practice keeps us rooted, centered, balanced, focused on Christ. Last week I was riding with a friend and RLC member who graciously said about our worship services, "Your sermons are great, but communion is the most important part of the service." YES!!! I totally agree. Being a sacramental church sets us up for such a time as this!

Richland Lutheran is APOLITICAL. By this we mean the church recognizes the importance of the separation of church and state in its truest, purest and earliest form. Namely, the church doesn't interfere with the state and the state doesn't interfere with the church. Unfortunately, the church in the United States has not done this well. The "liberal" church involves itself politically with the "Social Gospel," advocating for social concerns within the state; and the "conservative" church involves itself politically with the "National Gospel," advocating for Christian concerns within the state. RLC takes the position of Jesus, "give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's," (Matt. 22:22, NIV), clearly delineating between church and state. Being an apolitical church sets us up for such a time as this!

RLC is:
Faithful
Biblical
Prayerful
Liturgical
Missional
Sacramental
Apolitical
Relational
Ecclesial

From the Council

Valerie Silva, Member-At-Large

I suspect that over the past 18 months, I've thought about the air that I breathe more than any other point in my life. What am I inhaling? What am I exhaling? Even if the air is invisible, is it still safe? So many thoughts and concerns for me, for those around me, for those most vulnerable.

Air can have many impurities that put us at risk. Smoke from wildfires is currently fouling the air for many, making our throats and eyes sore and endangering our lungs. Other forms of air pollution can be equally dangerous. Air can contain miniscule pollens and dander, which bother those with allergies. And, we know all too well about dangers from inhaled viruses, fungal spores, and bacteria.

Sometimes air is pure, clean and refreshing. In early August, I was in western New York state. Among the trees and the water and especially after the blessed rain, the air was so lovely. I am regularly renewed by the air beside the Columbia river. Clean air brings oxygen to my lungs, which God has astoundingly, miraculously created, so that they diffuse it into my blood where it nourishes all the cells in my body! Air is a basic requirement of my brain even working so that I can write these words.

And I remember the Holy Spirit. In Greek the word for spirit is "pneuma". In Hebrew it is "ruach". Both of these words need multiple English words to define them. Besides spirit, there are also the meanings of wind and breath. I've known this for a long time and suspect you have too. And yet, I can forget.

I forget to pay attention to what air I'm inhaling. I forget to focus on God's truth, breathed to us in his Word and through the Spirit. I can instead try to fill my spiritual lungs with other, more worldly breaths. I find that I inhale bad 'air' that doesn't acknowledge God. And by taking this into myself, I'm led down a path to fear, irritability, bitterness, frustration, despair, discouragement. And then finally to hopelessness.

But does this match with God and what his Word and Spirit say? Of course not! We know that 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the person of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.' (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We also know from Jesus himself that 'the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' (John 14:26-27). What a sharp reminder that the world *does not* give us peace!

So, what are you breathing? Are the thoughts & ideas you are 'inhaling' ones that acknowledge God? Do they point you to his sovereignty, or to worldly powers? Do they increase your desire to rely on Him, or on human powers? Is the creation or the creator put first? Are they life-giving, encouraging thoughts, or ones that condemn and drag you, and others, down to the pit of despair?

As Christians we want to emulate Christ, to bring knowledge of him to others and to spread his Kingdom here and now. Among the ways we can do this, is to exemplify the fruits of the Spirit in our lives: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. We cannot demonstrate those fruits without the nourishing breath of the Spirit clarifying and interpreting God's Word in us.

Dear friends, guard yourselves! Keep track of what thoughts are allowed to pene-

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2Tim 3:16-17

President's Message: God Hears Our Prayers

Sandy Steele, Congregation President

God does indeed hear our prayers! As I mentioned in last month's article, a Member-at-Large vacancy occurred within Council for which we've been in prayer and discernment over the last few weeks, as have many of you. Well, our always-faithful God has once again answered those prayers. We welcome Janet Jansson to Council to fill this vacancy. We look forward to working with and getting to know Janet and we thank you all for your prayers. *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* 1 John 5:14

We are all aware of planned events that have been canceled over the last few weeks - not necessarily due to COVID. A lot of time, work, and love goes into preparing for these events so it is not without thoughtful prayer and disappointment that a decision to cancel is made. I would like to assure you that, as of this writing and God willing, we are still planning on our annual congregational meeting this year for which Council and staff are now busily preparing. It will have been two years since we last gathered for this important event and we're all looking forward to meeting together with our church family! As we've all learned over the last 18 or so months, life is hard to do on our own. We need each

other, our brothers and sisters in Christ, to encourage and uplift each other and to pray for one another. As Eugene Peterson said in *Preaching Today*, *"There can be no maturity in the spiritual life, no obedience in following Jesus, no wholeness in the Christian life, apart from an immersion in, and embrace of, community. I am not myself by myself."* In other words, we need community. We need each other in our worshipping as well as in conducting the business needs of our church. So, I ask you to plan to join us as we gather together in Jesus' name to carry out some important and overdue business needs of RLC. In the meantime, please be sure to keep Council and staff in prayer as we prepare for this upcoming event.

I'd like to conclude with this thought from Rick Warren: *"We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves."*

Peace and Joy to All!

Sandy Steele

2021 Annual Meeting:
October 31

New GriefShare Session



A new session of GriefShare has started, but it's not too late to join us. This 13-week session is offered via Zoom meetings from 6 - 8 PM on Wednesday evenings. There is a \$20 workbook fee if you have not attended before, and you are always welcome to attend again.

GriefShare is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved person in their lives, whether it is a new loss or a years-ago loss. Our trained and experienced facilitators are here to walk alongside you in your grief, offering support and encouragement along the way.

Register at GriefShare.org or call the RLC office if you have any questions.

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

Financial Update

From Bill Peterson, Finance Officer

January—July 2021 RLC Financial Snapshot

Income	Budget (annualized)	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)
\$487,022	\$838,685	\$432,745	\$54,277

Lutheran World Relief Packing

The Lutheran World Relief team is collecting items for Health Kits this month.

We need:

- Bath towels - dark colors, 52" x 27"
- Metal nail clippers
- Wrapped bath soap - 3-4 oz.
- Wide-toothed combs



Last month, we collected items for School Kits and are still in need of 70-page spiral notebooks.

These items can be placed in the LWR tub under the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.



Packing will take place on October 12 at 9:30 AM. Many hands are needed!

Here is what the Lutheran World Relief Website has to say about the kits we put together (lwr.org/kits):

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

And Be Thankful...

From Pastor Sam, Visitation Pastor

This past summer Pastor Steve, as well as Kelly and Amanda, have been preaching on the letter the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. And a good portion of what they have preached comes from Colossians chapter 3.

It is a chapter that offers much insight and guidance about what it means to know and follow Christ Jesus. In Colossians 3:14-15 the apostle Paul writes that the followers of Christ are to “put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful”.

It is the phrase, to be thankful, that always seems to capture my attention. That is partly because of how that phrase comes right after Paul writes that we are to put on love, and that we are to be peaceful, and then, all on its own, that we are to be thankful. It makes me wonder if Paul found that to be thankful is of such value that when he wrote this he made sure that it would be noticed?

For me, to be thankful has much meaning because to be thankful is one of the earliest lessons I learned

when, over 17-years ago, I returned to the Christian faith. And to this day when I pray I often open my prayers by saying to God, ‘Lord, I give you thanks....’

Colossians 3:1-17 is among my most favorite passages in scripture because of how it provides such a good description of what the Kingdom of God is like; and also because of how it is from the Spirit of Christ within that we are all called to live as people who love, and who seek peace, and who are thankful.

It has always been helpful for me to remember my own faith story and how the Spirit of Christ has shaped and taught me to be the person I am becoming, (that is probably because of my Methodist background and how John Wesley wrote that we are all moving on to Christian Perfection).

And for me, that often begins by offering thanks to God. So, as each of you live this life with Christ try to remember to offer thanks to God as well for what he has done within you.

Thank you,
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!

Where's Your Mission Field?

From Mot Hedges

What's in a name? It's much easier to refer to our denomination as LCMC rather than using the full name – Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. But what are we missing? A continual reminder that we are called to be in mission for Christ. In the New Testament, Jesus gives several commands to his followers for mission (Matthew 28: 18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21, Acts 1: 8).

Pam and I just returned from a short-term mission trip to Estonia. We were part of a team that went through the Spiritual Orphan Network (formerly EEMN). Our team partnered with a local Lutheran organization and held a 4-day camp for teens at the Home of Hope in Tartu. Twelve kids attended the camp. Most were Christian, but a couple were atheists who came with friends. The kids were involved and asked great questions. It was a wonderful experience, and we were blessed by it.

For most followers of Christ, our mission field is our family, our neighborhood, and our local community. For some, they will be called and sent out as were Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:1-3. If you feel God is calling you to something outside of your comfort zone, be assured he has prepared you for this work – trust in Him.

Not everyone is called to be sent out, but everyone can be part of those who support those who are sent. Those working in the mission field have great need for support, both financial and though prayer. In addition to your local ministry, prayerfully consider supporting an individual or Christian organization working in the foreign mission field – the need is great.

Remember the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:14-19

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Let your support for missions be a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

God bless you,

Mot & Pam Hedges

Not everyone is called to be sent out, but everyone can support those who are sent through prayer.

For Such a Time as This, Continued from Page 3

From Pastor Steve

Richland Lutheran is RELATIONAL. Today, more than ever, people are longing for relationships. We’ve been starved of relationships for the past year and a half and are jumping at any chance to be with others in community. For years now, Richland Lutheran has been a relational church. That is, we prioritize relationships. Our relationship with God, relationship with fellow believers, particularly at RLC, and relationships in the world. We take our motto, “Doing Life Together,” quite seriously. Being a relational church sets us up for such a time as this!

Richland Lutheran is ECCLESIAL. Here we are talking about the heart of our organization and leadership. Many churches practice secular models of organization and leadership. RLC has a uniquely “churchly” structure taken directly from Scripture. We practice partnership in the Gospel, the Priesthood of All Believers, low hierarchy, ministry not management to name a few ecclesial habits. Being an ecclesial church sets us up for such a time as this!

As a good Lutheran who spent way more time in Confirmation classes than anyone ought to, I ask the question, “What does this mean?” Well...We are to fear and love God by living into who we are and what God is doing. And by we, I mean all of us, I mean you! That’s right you are the church, you are RLC. Without you HERE there is no RLC. It is of the utmost importance you see yourself as part of RLC, prepared for such a time as this.

To help all of us reset and be ready to be continue to be the church for such a time as this, we’re offering the following sermon series, “The Church” (see schedule below). Together we’ll get back to the basics of what it means to be the church and how we can continue to grow together to be the church God desires us to be.

Our new sermon series starts on September 12

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
12-Sep-21	Make Disciples: The Church's True Purpose
19-Sep-21	Who Worship
26-Sep-21	Who Grow
3-Oct-21	Who Serve
10-Oct-21	Who Steward
17-Oct-21	Functioning Church Member
24-Oct-21	Unifying Church Member
31-Oct-21	Not Let my Church Be about My Preferences and De-
7-Nov-21	Pray for My Church Leaders
14-Nov-21	Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members
21-Nov-21	Treasure Church Membership as a Gift

September 2021		
Sun	Mon	Tue
5 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	6 Labor Day - Offices Closed	7 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution
12 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	13 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study	14 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 7:00 PM Congregation Council
19 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:30 AM Middle School Youth Group 9:45 AM Acolyte Training 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	20 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study	21 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution
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September 2021			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 5:30 PM Praise Team 6:00 PM GriefShare via Zoom</p>	<p>2 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 11:00 AM Nominating Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
<p>8 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 5:30 PM Praise Team 6:00 PM GriefShare via Zoom</p>	<p>9 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>10</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
<p>15 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 5:00 PM Deadline for October Preview Articles 5:30 PM Praise Team 6:00 PM GriefShare via Zoom</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth MALT 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 11:00 AM Nominating Committee 11:30 AM Worship MALT 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
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Let Your Light Shine!

RLC 75th Anniversary Celebration October 9-10, 2021

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.

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.

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



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

Matthew 5:16

Worship Help Needed!

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

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



For more information contact the RLC Office!

943-3164
officeatrlc@gmail.com

How is Your RLC Family?

We encourage you to take some time this month and get in touch with a couple of your RLC friends and family - maybe someone you haven't seen at worship for a while, or someone you used to chat with in HeBrews Café, or eat dinner with on Wednesday nights. Give them a call or a text or even send a card or an email and just let them know you are thinking of them! A little contact and encouragement can go a long way!

*Thinking
of
You*

From the Council, Continued from Page 4

trate deep into you, and which direction they take you. I find it helpful, morning and evening, to stop and purposefully try to clear my thoughts of the world and focus on inviting the Spirit to fill me with his presence. To literally, physically inhale while doing so and then ask him to clear the impurities inside me, and exhale them out. To bring to mind what is true, good and godly, and separate it from what only appears that way.

God has provided us with the clean, pure, fresh, healthy air that we need. I encourage you to fill yourselves with it.

(For further reading, check out 1 John, especially the fourth chapter, but John's letters are better read as a whole!)

Activities for Kids



Mark your calendar! Sunday School Kick-Off is scheduled for **October 17** in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM. Classes will be available for children ages 3* through 5th grade. *Although we traditionally start Sunday School in September, this year we are cautiously waiting just a few extra weeks in prayerful anticipation of a change in COVID transmission rates.*

* 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).

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

• Important Dates! **COMING SOON**

September 19—Acolyte Training for all middle school students

September 26—First Communion Instruction for 5th and 6th graders

Both of these special events will occur during the Sunday School hour. Students should meet in their Sunday School classrooms by 9:45 AM.

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!

High School Ministry

School is back, and so is Youth Group!

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

Activities for Kids, Continued



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN & 5TH GRADE!

Do you enjoy sharing your faith with children? Then teaching Sunday school may be the ministry for you! We are currently looking for teachers for the preschool/kindergarten room, and the fifth grade room. Curriculum is provided. Classes meet between morning worship services for about an hour, and class sizes are small.

If you would like to teach Sunday school, please contact Jenny Page (JennyPageRLC@gmail.com).

Super Kids! Kick-Off!



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

Mark your Calendar and Save the Date!

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

Although we traditionally start Super Kids in September, this year we are cautiously waiting just a few extra weeks in prayerful anticipation of a change in COVID transmission rates.

Super Kids! is a mid-week ministry for children in grades 1–5. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 PM, downstairs in the Super Kids! Command Center (also known as room 3). Each week, we learn biblical truths from God's Word, sing a few songs that praise Jesus, and generally have a lot of fun with crafts, games, and silliness. Come join us!

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

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 to also follow along with these short tutorials here in the *Preview*.

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

How to Find Your To-Date Giving 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.
- Click “involvement” in the menu bar centered under the blue-gradient banner towards the top of the page.
- Locate the “Financial” box
 - Each ‘blue dot’ over a month indicates a month with giving.
 - You can toggle the ‘include family’ option to see giving from all members of your household.
- By clicking the “Financial” box, you will then see a consolidated list of all tithes, gifts, and payments in the right column.
- By hovering your cursor over the top right corner of the “Financial” box, three small dots (“...”) will appear with a pop up menu:
 - “Give” - you can make a contribution or payment for class materials, altar flowers, etc., at any time! Just follow the instructions as they appear.
 - “Giving Statement” - you can view, download and/or print your own giving statement at any time! Just follow the instructions as they appear.
 - “Pledge Statement” - you can view, download and/or print your own pledge statement at any time! Just follow the instructions as they appear.
- When done, simply click ‘log out’ (looks like a power button) at the top right of the screen in the black menu bar between the search box and your monogram/photo.

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



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**108 boxes sent in
2020!**

Operation Christmas Child: September Requests

This month, we are looking for Daily Essentials - Socks, t-shirts, leggings, flip flops, hats, fashion scarves, bandanas, underwear, "pillow case" dresses, toothbrushes (**no toothpaste**), wide tooth combs, hair accessories, adhesive bandages (i.e. band aids®), non-liquid lip balm, nail clippers, nail files, compact mirrors, stick deodorants, etc.

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.

Please pray for our Congregation Council as they meet monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. They are beginning preparations for the Annual Meeting on 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

September 5
David & Elaine Hogan
Curt & Karen Juergens

September 6
John & Melissa Carter
Emil & Jann Leitz

September 8
Erlan & Jan Leitz

September 10
Jason & Lisa Corning

September 12
John & Janice Fulton

September 16
Jerry & Margaret Dagle

September 17
Matthew & Laurel Palmblad

September 20
David & Mary Stone
Bernie & Joanne Woehle

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Terry & Gayla Davis

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Felix & Betty Quinn

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Rusty & Lauren Heaslet

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Kelly Arnzen & Marcia Vogel

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Larry & Lois Harrold

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Birthdays

September 1
Ila Pitkin

September 2
Conlan Heaslet

September 3
Kora Carter
Jantz Levin

September 4
Tammy Carswell
Vickie Kelly

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Alesia Chaney

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Nancy Jewell
George Squires

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Paige Maier
Seth Rosser
Adele Sorensen

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





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Sunday evening at 5 PM

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

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