



THE PREVIEW

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Ordination Celebration - Sunday, October 1, 2023



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, you are joyfully invited to the ordination celebration of

Kelly Rae Westlund

2:00 PM

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Richland Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Reception immediately following

Combined Worship and Annual Meeting - Sunday, October 29



October 29, 2023

Combined Worship at 10:00 AM

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 29, 2023 @ 12:15 PM
Mark your calendar!

The Annual Congregational Meeting is just around the corner. **The date is Sunday, October 29, at 12:15 PM in the Prince of Peace.** Lots of information will be shared. You'll have the opportunity to hear about what's been going on at RLC throughout the year and vote for your Congregational Council leadership, next year's Nominating Committee, as well as our 2024 Ministry Plan and Funding Proposal.

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

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Congregation Council

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Notices

Updated addresses and phone numbers are available by logging into the CCB online directory.

Deaths:

Miriam Curran - 8/29/23

Jeff Johnson - 9/14/23

Karen Solnicka - 9/15/23

Pastoral Acts for September 2023

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Memorials/Funerals

Sylvia Downey - 9/6/23

Don Moore - 9/16/23

Miriam Curran - 9/16/23

Bettye Samuel - 9/23/23

Karen Solnicka - 9/29/23

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Pastor Kelly Westlund: The Newest Prepared and Sent Pastor

From Pastor Steve



There has been and continues to be a pastoral shortage in the Christian Church in America. Among the reasons for this include the increasing age of the average pastor, 57 compared to 50 in 2000, according to Lifeway Research; the ongoing labor shortage to include clergy, reported by the Wall Street Journal; and the continued decline of enrollment at seminaries, described by Ministry Watch. Anecdotally, we know this to be true as well. In our denomination, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), many congregations are without a pastor.

There, then, are several questions which arise. Is there anything being done about this? How will this shortage be overcome? Whose responsibility is it to train and deploy pastors in the LCMC? Or among other denominations? The answers to these questions are not difficult to find.

The LCMC operates more like an affiliation of congregations than it does a denomination, though a denomination it is. That is namely because the LCMC practices true autonomy of congregations with a very minimal organization/leadership structure. Hence, there is no “mother ship,” to train, teach, prepare, and send out pastors to its congregations. The onus of this work is on the congregations themselves.

The primary difficulty with this has been that most congregations in the LCMC came from church bodies, denominations, who did have a “mother ship” doing this work. That means, even if congregations know they are responsible for this work (which many don’t), they are not themselves equipped to do it. This all means pastors are not being trained and deployed into churches, for the most part in the LCMC and especially our NW district.

If this isn’t enough bad news, there’s more. On top of not preparing enough pastors, those we do prepare often don’t make it. The Center for Church Leadership’s research shows “seventy percent of pastors in the Christian Church or Churches of Christ drop out of the ministry during the first ten years.” I’m confident other denomination’s numbers are similar.

If these trends are to change, it is incumbent on congregations within the LCMC to do the work of training and deploying pastors to serve our congregations. If this work isn’t done, well, you know what happens.

The good news is, Richland Lutheran Church (RLC) knows this is our work and has been doing this work for many years. Lead Pastors, leaders and members have been preparing and sending out pastors since the church’s founding. For instance, two of my esteemed predecessors, Lead Pastors Palmer Gedde (1970-1991) and Bill Martens (1997-2011), in partnership with the congregation, did this important work. Some of those trained and sent out include, Pastors Torvik, Ulleland, Foss, L. Gedde, Berg, Eibel, Ray, Moody, Shen, Haugen, Nau, and Schumacher. That’s quite the list! In my tenure, we’ve raised up and sent out Pastor Corey Smith, who has just been called to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston, OR and last

Raising up new
Pastors is the work of
the Church.

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President's Message: A Time for Everything

Sandy Steele, Congregation President



It's now October and as we enter into our winter months, it's a time to just rest in God and trust in Him to carry us through these months ahead – at least it is for me. God is sufficient and He will give us the strength to weather through the cold and dreary weather ahead of us; whatever and however that may be. *“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”* Isaiah 40:31 He will take care of us because we trust in Him.

I would like to begin by repeating my heartfelt “Thank You” to all who attended our August Special Congregational meeting and offered your thoughts (and votes) towards our future growth here at RLC. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the recommendations Council brought before you were approved by an overwhelming majority of those present. The recommendations were: 1) terminate RLC's 2016 Facilities Strategic Plan, 2) repurpose the Facilities Fundraising Team to build capital funds for future capital expenditures, and 3) replace our existing boilers & chiller with a like-kind 1-line hydronic system @ \$115,000. So, once again – THANK YOU, ALL! You may now be wondering “what now?”. First, as was shared with you at the meeting, our Ministry & Mission Planning Team is currently working on a new Guide & Vision that will help to determine a future plan for RLC to be driven by our ministries. Next, Council is in the process of assembling the Facilities Fundraising Team, so if you feel God's call, please don't hesitate to contact one of your Council members. And finally (or maybe not finally), we have set in motion the replacement of our HVAC system which will, hopefully, be completed before the cold weather comes upon us. So, we are moving forward! Praise God!!

October is a very important and busy month for us here at RLC. First and foremost, it's **Pastor Appreciation Month!** I'd like to begin by saying, “Thank you, Pastor Steve for all that you do in serving Jesus here at RLC and our surrounding neighborhoods.” I also shout out a resounding “Thank you” to our congregant pastors – Pastors Dave Hogan, Paul Berthelot, and Dave Clark. Let us, of course, not forget Kelly and Amanda who, along with their many other duties, serve in a pastoral role here at RLC. *“We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”* 1 Thessalonians 1:3

October is also the month of our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on October 29, so please be sure to join us and hear about our accomplishments for this year, as well as our Ministry Plan for next year. We'll also be electing new leaders for our RLC Council, approving next year's budget, and much more. This is an important event for all of us here at RLC, so be sure to note it on your calendars and plan to attend. And, Oh! By the way, lunch will be hosted by Council!!

And, finally, here we are in yet another season at RLC. **It is now time.** It's time for RLC, it's time for me personally, and, more importantly, it's time for one of our long-time, beloved members of staff. Kelly Westlund has served us for many years in various capacities here at RLC, including Ministry Assistant for Christian Services and, more recently, in pastoral ministry. She's been an integral member of our church family, as well as a good friend and partner in Christ to many of us, but

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

From the Council - Grow Your Faith: An Experiment

Jeanne Dillner - Finance Officer



Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?
Luke 14:28

RLC's culture surrounding requesting funds is one of prayer, patience and educating. This article is meant to inform you about an element of the proposed budget for 2024.

The largest increase to the budget is the cost to hire an associate pastor.

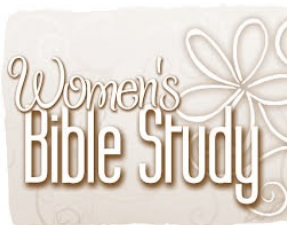
During the uncertainties brought about by COVID the council was led to leave the associate pastor's position unfilled. The budget was reduced substantially with that decision. Over the last 3 years, Kelly and Amanda have blessed us with their preaching. Their support in this area gave Pastor Steve necessary reprieves and time to perform some of the associate pastors' duties. Kelly and Amanda have also been assisting with these other duties. Now that we have been in full swing with all three services for more than a year and that Kelly has been called to another church, the council is recommending that RLC fill the associate pastor position. We believe the position is needed to serve the congregation more completely, and to give Steve and Amanda the time to perform the main duties of their positions.

The total increase to the budget is \$218,307. The salary for the associate pastor and cost of living increases and benefits for staff is the major portion of the budget increase. The council supports this budget increase and is praying in confidence that the revenue to support the 2024 budget will be provided. Please pray with us. Pray to discern how God is leading you to support the increases to our budget.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.
Proverbs 3:9

Together, we pray
for God's
discernment.

Women's Small Group Opportunity Coming in October 2023!



Head count needed! The daytime women's small group, currently known as "Tues@2p" is reforming in October and is looking for new members. We typically spend 1-1/2 to 2 hours together in Bible study and fellowship; Kristen Imhoff will continue to lead this group in the fall. We are open to changing our meeting day and time, depending on the needs of new members, but are looking to remain a daytime group. **If you would like to join us, or would like more information, please call Kristen at (509) 460-2270.** We need a minimum of 10 members to make this a go!

Financial Update

From Jeanne Dillner, Finance Officer

January - July 2023 RLC Financial Snapshot

Income	Budget	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)
\$570,208	\$582,220	\$630,063	\$(59,855)



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Scan this QR code to make an online tithe, offering or gift to RLC, or by clicking the "Give" link at the log-in portal webpage.

If you have any questions please contact Jeanne Dillner or Lisa Wiegand.

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Sandy Steele, Council President

it's now time for us to bid her a fond adieu as she prepares to move over to the West side to begin her call as Pastor Kelly at Zion Lutheran Church in Kent, WA. We've been given the gift of watching her grow throughout these years into a full-fledged, gifted Pastor and now it's time for us to share her with others by letting her step out of her comfort (as well as ours) in faith and sending her out into God's Kingdom. This "change of season" will be difficult for all of us, but especially for Kelly. So, just as Peter did the unimaginable by stepping out onto the water in faith to walk towards Jesus, we say to Kelly, with tears of both joy and sadness, as **she** steps out in faith, "trust in God and know that He will always be with you." We love you, Kelly! We'll miss you, but we don't say "good bye". We say instead, "until next time" because we will see you again. You will never be far from us and we will always be here for you! You will always be in our hearts as we know you carry each of us in your heart. *Lord, we know that you have called Kelly and, as we send her out, we know that she does not go alone. As she leaves this place, may You bless her and take care of her; may You be kind and gracious to her; may You look on her with favor and give her peace. Amen.*

Kelly's departure brings yet another season of change and that is within our staffing. We're currently in prayerful search for someone to "fill those shoes". Although, we have not yet found that person, God knows who it is and He will reveal that information to us in His own way and in His own time. In the meantime, we continue praying that God will send us His chosen person and we ask for your prayers, as well.

Until next time...Shalom!

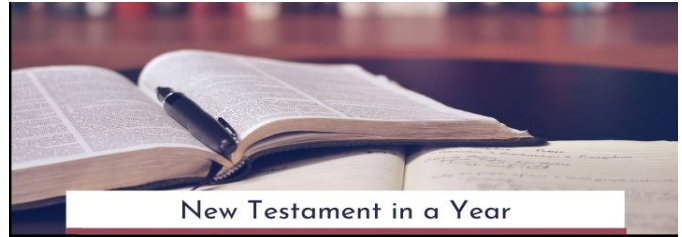
Sandy Steele

Read Through the New Testament in 2023

Look for the printed reading schedule for all of 2023 in the Information Center in the fellowship hall!

Remember to join Pastor Steve on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM in the friendship room for discussion of the week's readings!

Let's read the New Testament together in 2023!



October Readings

	Sunday	10/1/2023	
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	Saturday	10/7/2023	
	Sunday	10/8/2023	
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	Sunday	10/29/2023	
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Estonian Pastor to Visit RLC

From Mot Hedges

Join us for a very special Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 8.

Pastor Siimon Haamer, a 3rd generation Estonian Lutheran pastor, is the Director of the Tartu Academy of Theology. Siimon has been the point of contact for several RLC members who participated in short-term mission trips to Estonia through the Spiritual Orphan Network (formerly EEMN). He will be visiting Richland October 5-8, 2023 and will give a presentation during Coffee Hour (9:45-10:45 AM) at Richland Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 8. He will be joined by his nephew, Mattias Haamer. Please make time for this informative message.



Under the control of the Soviet Union, Christianity was persecuted and most pastors in Estonia were killed or sent to prison. The legacy of living under communism still has a significant impact on the people of Estonia. 30 years later, many of the remaining Christians have difficulty in talking about their faith. A 2009 Gallup Survey found Estonia to be the least religious country in the world.

The Haamer family was directly impacted by this persecution. In 1947, Siimon's grandfather (Harri Haamer) was sent to a Siberian prison for 7 years for continuing to preach. His grandmother and father (Eenok Haamer, then a teenager) had to go into hiding from the KGB and spent 4 years living in an underground bunker.

In 2019, Pastor Siimon spearheaded an effort to expand the Christian outreach to the Estonian people through construction of the Home of Hope. In addition to housing the Tartu Academy of theology, it provides the following services/outreach: Christian radio station, Bible study classes for the lay person, 24/7 pastoral care hotline, youth bible camps, assist in resettlement of Ukrainian refugees, and more. Siimon is in America on a fund-raising trip to help pay of the mortgage of the Home of Hope.

Additionally, Mot & Pam Hedges will host an informal reception for Siimon and Mattias in their home from 5 to 8 PM on Friday, October 6, at 1821 Thayer Dr., Richland. Please join us for good Christian Conversation and hors d'oeuvres.

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month we sent Pastor Kelly Westlund to Zion Lutheran in Kent, WA. Amanda Daniels is still finishing her education but is well under way in her preparation.

So, keep up the good work of preparing and sending pastors Richland Lutheran Church! Thank you for your faithfulness in the past, most recent present and future in assuring our denomination and district continue to have shepherds for God's sheep.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve

Christian Education Scholarship

Applications for the RLC Christian Education Scholarship for 2023-24 are now being accepted. The forms are available through the RLC website and must be received in the church officeno later than 4:00 PM on November 1, 2023. The minimum scholarship awarded will be \$1000. For more information on eligibility requirements, please consult the Christian Education Scholarship page on the RLC website at: <http://richlandlutheran.org/christian-education-scholarship.html>

Mark your calendar!

Quilt Blessing and Arts & Crafts Sale for 2023

Our second yearly fundraiser for Good News Media Ministry (GNMM) is scheduled! The quilt blessing will be on Sunday, October 29, and the Arts & Crafts Sale will be Saturday, November 4.

The Sewing Bee will once again host this fundraiser with all proceeds going to GNMM. Last year some members of the RLC congregation asked if they could provide homemade items. If interested, please contact Betty Quinn (509.521.7214).



Looking Ahead: Giving Tree for UGM

Beginning November 5, our annual Giving Tree for the Union Gospel Mission will be set up for collecting warm clothing and other items for UGM to gift to people who come to them for help. We do this early so that those in need can receive items of warmth and care when they need them during the cold winter months. The tree will be up through December 3. Items will be taken to UGM on a weekly basis.

October 2023		
Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:45 AM Coffee Hour 9:45 AM Confirmation Hour 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Revelation Class 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 2:00 PM Westlund Ordination and Reception 4:00 PM High School Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 5:00 PM Executive Committee</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:45 AM Coffee Hour with Pastor Haamer 9:45 AM Confirmation Hour 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Revelation Class 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 4:00 PM High School Youth Group 5:00 PM Evening Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Gathering at Denny's 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248 7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 9:45 AM Coffee Hour 9:45 AM Confirmation Hour 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Revelation Class 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 1:00 PM Youth/Families to Middleton's Fall Festival 5:00 PM Evening Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 4:00 PM Deadline for November <i>Preview</i> Articles 6:30 PM Kairos</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Packing for Lutheran World Relief 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
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<p>29 Reformation Day</p> <p>8:45 AM Revelation Class 9:00 AM Good News Today—KVEW TV 10:00 AM Combined Worship/Quilt Blessing 11:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 4:00 PM High School Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>

October 2023			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee 9:30 AM Healing Prayer Advisory Team 11:30 AM Packing Weekend Lunches for Kids 2:00 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM GriefShare via Zoom 6:00 PM Super Kids! 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Youth</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Read the NT Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 10:30 AM Preaching Team 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth NA 6:00 PM AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee 9:30 AM Healing Prayer Advisory Team 10:30 AM Luther Senior Center Chapel and Luncheon 11:30 AM Packing Weekend Lunches for Kids 2:00 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM GriefShare via Zoom 6:00 PM Super Kids! 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Youth</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Read the NT Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth NA 6:00 PM AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 3:00 PM Driver/Goka Wedding</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee/Quilt Setup 9:30 AM Healing Prayer Advisory Team 2:00 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM GriefShare via Zoom 6:00 PM Super Kids! 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Youth</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Read the NT Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer for the Church 5:00 PM Steele Small Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth NA 6:00 PM AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM - Food Pantry Distribution</p>

Proactive Sunday School Safety



RLC has implemented a secure check-in/check-out badging system for all individuals entering and exiting the education hallway, including the preschool hall. A badging station is located near the corner of the education and main hallways. All preschool and elementary aged children will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian for check-in prior to going to their classroom. Parents/guardians will be given a ‘check-out tag’ that matches their children to ensure only authorized individuals are picking up children after Sunday School. Children will not be released from Sunday School until an authorized adult returns to the check-out station for pick up. Older students and adults (volunteers or adults attending a class in room 123 or another room) will also be checked-in and out with a badge. Middle school and high school students will be released without supervision after they check out at the badging station. Our primary purpose is to proactively provide a safe and secure environment for our preschool and elementary students, so that in the event of an emergency we will have an accurate method of tracking everyone present in the education wing, and to ensure children are not exiting the building unaccompanied by an authorized parent/guardian. *We acknowledge that this may be initially inconvenient, especially as we work the hiccups out of the system, but we hope that the safety of our children is worth a few minutes of inconvenience each Sunday*, and we are grateful for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Jenny Page (jenny.page@richlandlutheranchurch.com)

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



Super Kids!

Super Kids! is a mid-week ministry for children in kindergarten thru 5th grade. We meet in person on Wednesdays from **6:00-7:15 PM, in room 4!** 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!

This year, we will be experiencing the whole story of the New Testament! It’s more than just the “greatest hits” or “most popular stories,” it’s “What’s In the Bible!” This curriculum is designed to engage children in the whole narrative of God’s Word. The Bible is not just a book of rules, but a book of rescue — the beautiful story of the Father who longs to be in relationship with every one of us, and who went to extraordinary measures to bring us into His Kingdom! We want children to be on a lifelong journey of relationship with the Living God!

Oct. 4 - Jesus the Messiah
 Oct. 11—Jesus: Death & Resurrection
 Oct. 18—Revelation, Testimony & the Holy Spirit
 Oct. 25—Pentecost & Spreading the Good News

Questions? Contact Jenny Page (jenny.page@richlandlutheranchurch.com)

If you are interested in joining the Super Kids leadership team, please contact Jenny.

Activities for Youth

Confirmation Hour Sundays - 9:45 AM Confirmation Classroom

All middle school students are invited to join us for Confirmation instruction and lessons with Kristen Imhoff each Sunday morning!

If you have any questions contact Amanda Daniels.

2nd Sunday Parent/Family Coffee Hour October 8th - 9:45 AM Friendship Room

Parents/families of RLC, come join Amanda on the 2nd Sunday of each month! There will be some teaching content, and we'll have some space to connect, and talk about raising kids together. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Amanda Daniels

Middle School and High School Students: Come join us for these fun youth activities!

MERGE High School Youth Group

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS - 4 - 6 PM
At West Side Church (for the fall)

High school students, join us for our combined High School Youth Group with West Side Church!

- Oct 1 - MERGE @ West Side
- Oct 8 - MERGE @ West Side
- Oct 15 - 1 PM - 4PM @ Middleton's Fall Fest
- Oct. 22 - MERGE @ West Side
- Oct 29 - Small Group Sunday (Special activity with your MERGE small group)

Contact Amanda Daniels for more info.

Wednesday Night Youth Group 6 - 7:15 PM Middle School Room (upstairs)

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a youth group gathering in the middle school room upstairs. We will have some teaching or activity each week, and grow together!

If you have any questions contact Amanda Daniels.

Council Nominees for 2024

Rick Budzeck - Nominated for Council President



I was born in Portland, Oregon, and was raised most of my school-aged life there, except for a few years when our family lived in Connecticut. After high school, I briefly attended college, but decided that wasn't for me so I enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where I spent six years. While in the Navy, I met and married my wife, Janet. When my enlistment was up, we moved to Columbia City, Oregon where I worked at a nuclear power plant for over 20 years until it was decommissioned and I was laid off. I was fortunate to find work at Hanford, so we moved here in 1994.

Our two daughters were born while in Oregon. Our oldest daughter, Gretchen, lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon with our ten year old grandson, Grant. Our youngest daughter, Alyce, lives in Richland with our two other grandsons, Conner and Harrison.

When we lived in Oregon, I was very involved with our church, First Lutheran, and served on many committees, as well as serving as council president. Shortly after moving here, we attended a church service at Richland Lutheran and felt welcome from the beginning so we joined the congregation and have been members ever since. At RLC I have been pleased to serve on a number of committees, the longest being as head of Good News Media Ministry for over 20 years until it was turned over to RLC.

Church has always been an important part of our lives. If my nomination is approved, I look forward to the challenge of serving on the RLC council.

Please keep our
Council Nominees
in prayer!

Jeanne Dillner - Nominated for Finance Officer

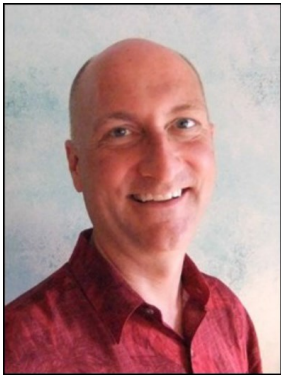


I have attended RLC since 2015 and feel welcomed and at home here. I have believed in God since I was a very little girl. Mindful Christianity came to my life in my mid-twenties. I began taking courses at Fuller Seminary in 2021 with a focus on Chaplaincy. God is now leading me to George Fox University where I will work towards a master's in psychology.

My day job is CEO of SIGN Fracture Care. Our organization designs, manufactures and donates orthopaedic implants to hospitals in lower income countries. Prior to COVID, I traveled to visit SIGN programs in various countries. We recently started traveling again and visited two programs in Tanzania in June. It was fun to see our friends in person. My other job is to take care of my two dogs, Arty and Jilly. I also volunteer at RLC as a choir participant, a member of the RLC Compensation committee, have served on the audit committee and have served on council since 2020. Volunteering in these various capacities has helped me to make more friends at RLC and given me a great deal of respect and appreciation for the wonderful staff we have at RLC, including our pastor.

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Todd Maier - Nominated for Member at Large



I was born and raised in Oregon in a family with deep Lutheran roots....generations deep. My wife (Lori) and I were active in the Trinity Lutheran Church (Bend, Oregon) youth group. We were married there (38 years ago) after I graduated from college at Oregon State University. From there we lived in San Diego, CA, Colorado Springs, CO, and Eugene, OR...growing our family along the way. Lori and I moved, with our five children, to the Tri-Cities in 1997. I am a software quality program lead at Bechtel. We are currently looking forward to the arrival of our fourth grandchild.

We worshiped at Lord of Life in Kennewick originally, but in 2005 moved our membership to Richland Lutheran. I have been a member of the chancel choir for over 10 years. It has been my honor to serve on the church council once before, and now returning beginning in 2024. The Lord has navigated us through some challenging times in recent years, but I see a bright future before us.

Jen Ranta - Nominated for Member at Large



I was raised in a small Montana town (Belt) with all of the pros and cons of small-town life. Lifelong friends and a treasure of memories are definitely among the pros. There were two churches in town, Methodist and Catholic. I attended the Methodist church until leaving for college, but as most of my friends were Catholic, I made a few appearances in that church as well.

I left Belt to attend college at Montana State University (Go Bobcats!) where I did my undergraduate work, then on to WSU to attend veterinary school (Go Cougs!). After graduating from WSU I moved to Richland, got married, and joined a veterinary practice, eventually becoming co-owner and director. I retired from that adventure in 2016 and began the new blessing of taking care of grandchildren. My hobbies are enjoying grandchildren, yardwork, pets, and reading everything I can find time for.

My Christian faith has been an important part of my life since I was a child. God has blessed me with the opportunity to worship with many denominations and I have learned from each of them. My family joined RLC in 2001. I have served as a communion assistant, helped with Wednesday night children's activities, and have been active in several Bible study groups.

As for church council, "never in my wildest dreams!" comes to mind, but as the plaque in my entryway says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". I look forward to this opportunity to continue to learn, and to serve this church and congregation.

Thank you to all
who have served on
the Council in 2023.
We are so grateful
for each of you!

Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Packing



On Tuesday, October 17 at 9:00 AM, we will begin packing the School Kits, Health Kits, Baby Care Kits and our quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

The quilts that don't meet the LWR size requirements will be donated locally. That list seems to grow longer each year!

This year, Felix and Betty Quinn will be transporting the many boxes to Spokane for us. Then, our boxes will be off to Baltimore and on to where they are needed.

If you'd like to help pack, please join us on October 17.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to send Benevolence gifts each quarter to various organizations.

3rd Quarter Benevolence Gifts from RLC

Gifts were given to Regional/National Organizations:

Lutherhaven \$1,814.40
 Jews for Jesus \$1,650.00
 LCMC – Seminary Debt Relief \$2,500.00
 LCMC – Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund \$4,200.00
 Institute of Lutheran Theology \$2,000.00
 The Masters Institute \$2,000.00
 Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries \$2,200.00
 LAMP – Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots, Inc. \$944.80

Benevolences from undesignated funds:

Operation Blessing (Disaster Relief Fund for Maui) \$1,000
 Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington (Eastern Washington Wildfire Support Fund) \$1,000.



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!



165 boxes sent in 2022!

October Operation Christmas Child Request: Monetary Donations for Shipping Boxes

This month, our request is for monetary donations to cover the \$10 per box shipping cost.

This is also a great time to start writing notes to be included in the boxes! A simple handwritten note, even on just plain stationary or notebook paper, letting the recipient know that Jesus loves them, will go a long way in making the box more personal.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Please take some time this month to encourage our pastoral team with a note or email letting them know how much you appreciate them!

Pastor Steve Ernst, Retired Pastors Dave Hogan, Paul Berthelot, Dave Clark, and Youth and Family Minister, Amanda Daniels.

We thank God for
our Pastoral team
here at RLC!



Volunteer Opportunities at RLC

The Women's Ministry Team is looking for six to eight ladies to help organize a fall/early winter mini-event and/or a spring mini-event. A "mini-event" is a short, couple of hours event with a guest speaker, simple menu, fellowship type gathering for the women of RLC. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact Jenny Page (jenny.page@richlandlutheranchurch.com).

We are in need of ushers and communion assistants for the 11:00 worship service. Please contact Jenny Page if you would be interested in serving as an usher or communion assistant once a month.

The Jefferson Tutoring Team is also looking for a couple more people who would enjoy tutoring students at Jefferson Elementary School. Volunteers need to pass a background check at both RLC and the school district. Contact Betty Quinn for info.



Worship Support for October - Last Updated 9/21/23

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday Oct. 1</i>	<i>Sunday Oct. 8</i>	<i>Sunday Oct. 15</i>	<i>Sunday Oct. 22</i>	<i>Sunday Oct. 29 10 AM only</i>
Acolytes	8:30	Carter Maier Paige Maier	David Nauts Theo Nauts	Soren Miles Trell Miles	Theo Nauts ****	Lillian Spinato Trell Miles Carter Miles
	11:00	Braedy Ingram Paige Ingram	Olivia Benjamson	Lillian Spinato Summer Spinato	****	Braedy Ingram Shay Daniels
<i>Children's Church Leader/Helper</i>	11:00	Liz Christensen Karen Clark	Julie Bishop Teresa Pleyo	Tim Daniels Patti Miller	**** Teresa Pleyo	n/a
<i>Recycling</i>		Karen Clark	Todd Maier	LaVonne Scully	Valerie Bettinson	Fred Kremmer
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	8:30	Amanda Daniels	Sandi Edgemon	Paul Berthelot	Amanda Daniels	Amanda Daniels
	11:00	****	****	****	Valerie Bettinson	
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Charles Davis Kathy Killand ****	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Lois Harrold Norm Gillette Sara Gillette	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Sandi Edgemon Erlan Leitz Jan Leitz	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Sandi Edgemon Charles Davis Kathy Killand	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Karen Clark Sandi Edgemon Kathy Killand
	11:00	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Karen Clark	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Vicki Glasford	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Karen Clark	Pastor Steve Ernst Amanda Daniels Valerie Bettinson	
<i>Communion Prep / Clean Up</i>	Before 8:30	Joanne Woehle	Vicki Jordheim	Jan Leitz	Lisa Wiegand	Jenny Page (before 10AM)
	Between 8:30 & 11:00	Kathy Killand	Vicki Jordheim	Jan Leitz	Jon & Norene Erland- son	
	After 11:00 & Before 5:00	Linda Totten	Amanda Kissire	Betty Quinn	Nancy Ballard	Jenny Page (after 10AM)
	After 5:00	Linda Totten Diane Bonin	Kristen Imhoff	Betty Quinn	Nancy Ballard	
<i>Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00	Diane Bonin Linda Totten	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Vogel	Betty Quinn Jennifer Benoit	Betty Quinn Felix Quinn	n/a
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30	Kathy Killand	Norm Gillette	Marilyn Ball	Kathy Killand	Bentley Daniels
	11:00	Karen Clark	Vicki Glasford	Patti Miller	Valerie Bettinson	
<i>Projection Technician</i>	8:30	Adam Pilger	Lori Maier	Heather Colburn	Diane Bonin	Jenny Page
	11:00	Valerie Silva	Kris Mitchell	Adam Pilger	Kris Mitchell	
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 Lead	Gary Weible Matthew Sterkel	Jim Peterson Kyia Miles	Matthew Sterkel Kyia Miles	Fred Ball Marilyn Ball	Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder
	8:30 Asst.	Kyia Miles Trell Miles	Sandi Edgemon Destry Henderson	David Curran Jem Curran	Kyia Miles Trell Miles	Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck
	11:00	Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder	Alyce Budzeck Harrison Budzeck	Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	n/a
<i>GNMM Production Team</i>	8:30 & 11:00	Drew Snyder Ed Cox	Brian Killand Adam Pilger	Mike Bettinson Mark Underwood	Scott Carswell Adam Pilger	Mike Bettinson Drew Snyder
<i>Cashiers</i>	Monday 9:00	Judy Riggers Debbie Honeyman	Nancy Ballard Joanne Woehle	Kristen Imhoff Jon Erlandson	Judy Riggers ****	Kathy Snyder Norene Eggers- Erlandson
<i>Flowers</i>		RLC	****	Frislie	Parr	RLC

Please check over the schedule carefully.

If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please trade with someone (either call/email them, or use the "swap" option in the online scheduling portal). "*****" **indicates an available service opportunity.** If you can fill in, please log into the church website portal and check the "My Serving" opportunities on your profile, or call the church office (509-943-3164).

Anniversaries

October 1

Don & Melissa Schmid

October 7

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

October 12

Carl & Judy Schroeder

October 14

Henry & Lil Solbrack

October 18

Jeff & Kimberly Ziemer

October 21

Loren & Michelle Peterson

October 24

Andrew & Mary Lipton

October 25

Tom & Jerilyn Frislie

October 28

Fred & Marilyn Ball



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

Birthdays

October 1

Lynn Clarke

October 2

Myrtle Nesbitt

October 3

Kathy Baumgarten
Lyric Daniels
Braedy Ingram

October 4

Vivica Britton
Paige Ingram

October 5

Darrell Miles
Jenna Penley

October 6

Bruce Chaney
Soren Miles

October 8

Kaysha Benjamson
Eunice Weible

October 9

Judy Schroeder

October 10

Eleanor Henderson
Michael Schroeder

October 11

Bill Kaiser

October 12

Corrine Armstrong

October 13

Aiden Pardini
Cayden Tanasse

October 15

Shayla Carter

October 16

John Fulton

October 17

Terry Davis
Linda Totten

October 18

Anna Mae Squires

October 20

Hans Miles
Katherine Pardini

October 21

Rich Olenius

October 22

Hannah Beo
Isabelle Thorson

October 24

Blake Vopalensky
Joey Weissenfels

October 25

Clarine Watkins

October 26

Johnny Boynton
Ann Tolrud

October 28

Carmie Peterson

October 29

Judy Eller
Woody Page
Elaine Solbrack

October 30

Elijah Rodriguez





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for
Coffee Hour**

after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a cup of coffee, treats, and conversation
between services each week!

Also, if you are interested in **hosting** Coffee Hour
contact Amanda Daniels.

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Making Disciples who

Worship · Grow · Serve · Steward

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Sunday evenings at 5 PM

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