



## Facilities Building Committee Update

### Becoming *Engaged* in RLC's August 30 Decision

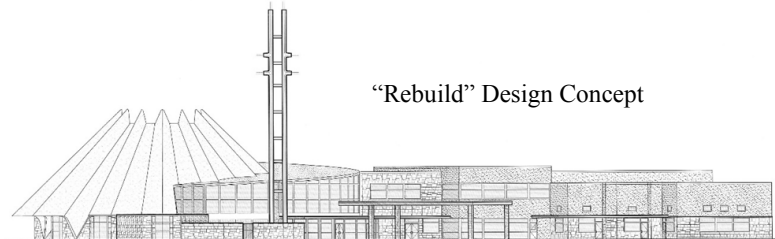
On August 30, our congregation will determine whether Meier Architecture and Engineering will base our Facilities Strategic Plan on a "Remodel" design concept or a "Rebuild" design concept. We have already paid Meier to develop the Facilities Strategic Plan using one of these concepts. We just need to tell Meier which concept makes the most sense for our existing and future ministries.

The "Remodel" concept includes reconfigured existing interior space, additions, and a new façade for our fellowship building; as well as repurposed sanctuary office space. The "Rebuild" concept would see our current fellowship building removed and replaced with an efficient new building. In both a "Remodel" and a "Rebuild," our rentals would be replaced by a new parking lot.

In October 2013, our congregation approved an RLC Long Range Plan, which includes a Facilities Strategic Plan. As stated in the Long Range Plan, the purpose of the Facilities Strategic Plan is to ensure that our facilities support our ministries and keep them viable. Our Council approved Meier to develop the Facilities Strategic Plan in May 2014.

There are several ways you can prepare yourself for the upcoming August 30 decision. Most importantly, pray that God leads us. You can also attend a four-session workshop series to gain information. The first series will be held Sundays after the second service July 12, 19, 26, and August 2. A repeat series will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. August 5, 12, 19, and 26. You can study enlargements of the "Remodel" and "Rebuild" design concepts displayed in the Prince of Peace starting July 12, or take home 11"x17" prints to study. You can find RLC's Needs Assessment, Programming Report, Ministry Plan, and Long Range Plan – as well as Facilities Building Committee information products – online or in the Prince of Peace. You can talk to a Committee member.

Find a way to become *engaged* in the facility upgrade process. Don't miss out on this tremendous and exciting opportunity! We are a mission church, builders of benevolent ministries and the facilities that support them, and fishers of men making the Gospel of Jesus Christ known to others.



We **can** BUILD for HIM ministries and supporting facilities that positively impact the lives of those we serve! In Christ's love, the Facilities Building Committee – Russ Warren, Dave Larkin, Jon Erlandson, Steve Moritz, Eric Schmieman, Tom Pitkin, and Karin Nickola.

## Congregation Council

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Minutes of Council meetings are available on the website and in the church library.

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## Member Directory Changes

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## Pastoral Acts

**Baptisms**  
None

**Weddings**  
None

**Memorial/Funeral**  
None

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## From Pastor Steve

DID YOU  
KNOW



**DID YOU KNOW...**Richland Lutheran Church is full of Christian icons and symbols throughout the facilities? Can you find this one? It's not exactly "in the sanctuary" but is very close. It might take a little looking to find. Obviously this is one of our stained glass windows at RLC. We have many and each has special significance and meaning. This is my favorite one. Every morning I sit in front of this picturesque window and think of



our Heavenly Father welcoming me home in spite of my sin against him. The next time you're in worship, try to find it.



**DID YOU KNOW...**Richland Lutheran Church is a "Lutheran Church in Mission for Christ?" LCMC is the church body to which we belong. It is an international affiliation of Lutheran congregations purposed toward being in mission for Christ. This means our main focus is to make the name of Jesus known to all people, c.f. Matthew 28:18ff. And that is exactly what we are doing! As I made the announcements on Sunday there was little doubt we are a missional church involved in missions at all levels...

### Local Missions

- The Sewing Ladies distributed; lap robes, quilts and baby quilts to local mission agencies like; Red Cross, Cancer Center, Richland Life Care, Veterans, Gospel Mission, Safe Harbor, World Relief, a total of 85 items bringing the love and comfort of Jesus to our local community
- RLC is preparing for the Convoy of Hope community outreach event in August and our annual Block Party in September
- RLC served 144 individuals with our food pantry in May
- RLC leads the worship service at the Union Gospel Mission at the end of the month on the 28<sup>th</sup> and the last Sunday of every month
- Facilities Building Committee continues its work to assure our facilities will adequately meet our ministry and mission into the future
- VBS outreach starts this week

### Regional Missions

- Last night the High School Group returned from Lodge Grass, Montana
- Last week we prayed for Dan and Lora Gorton as we sent them to Illinois to do pastoral ministry
- GNMM Antiques and Collectibles Sale on July 11th to support our TV and internet ministries

### Global Missions

- I returned late Friday from Jordan having visited our missionaries there
- We send Mot and Pam Hedges to Eastern Europe including Holy Jacob in Estonia on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July
- We're in the midst of 30 days of prayer for the Muslim world during Ramadan
- We have ongoing collections for Operation Christmas Child

**DID YOU KNOW...**Richland Lutheran Church live streams its 8:30 traditional worship service every week? It's been a few months now we've had this capability and have been regularly streaming services on the internet. A week ago Sunday, when I was in Jordan visiting missionaries from RLC we were able to worship live from afar. It was 6:30 p.m. there when we tuned into worship with our church family by live streaming. I was surprised by how intimate and relational it felt even though we were thousands of miles away. What a gift this new technology is! Thanks to the GNMM Board, those who produce our service; Bob Thompson, Brian Killand, Mike Schwartz, Jim Moran, Andy Clark, and the many who serve as camera operators every week to assure this wonderful ministry reaches all parts of the globe with the Good News of Jesus Christ! (To live stream simply go to our website at [www.richlandlutheran.org](http://www.richlandlutheran.org) and click the "live streaming events" link on the front page).

## Financial Update - May 2015

As reflected in the financial summary below, our financial results through May is on plan and slightly behind last year for the same period. Our offerings are down (\$16,225) compared to the same time last year. Our expenses are down (\$11,671) compared to the same time last year. Through May, our offerings are below expenses by (\$30,828) compared to (\$26,274) in 2014, a change from last year of \$4,554. These results are reflected in the columns titled "Prior Year Comparison".

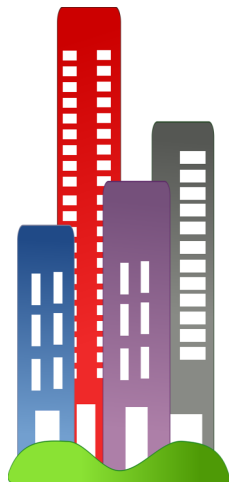
	YTD - April			Prior Year Comparison		
	Budget	Actuals	Var (O)/U	2015	2014	Var O/(U)
Offerings / Income	\$329,280	\$293,422	\$ 35,858	\$293,422	\$309,647	\$(16,225)
Expenses	\$358,899	\$324,250	\$ 34,649	\$324,250	\$335,920	\$(11,671)
Net Cash Flow	\$(29,619)	(\$30,828)	\$ 1,209	(\$30,828)	(\$26,274)	\$ (4,554)

Through May, our offerings were below budget by \$35,828, and our expenses were below budget by \$34,649. To date, our offerings are below expenses by (\$30,828). Compared to our budget (\$29,619), we are slightly below plan by \$1,209. Note: We are now heading into the summer months, where historically our average giving is less than the other times of the year.

If you have any questions regarding this financial summary, please contact Lisa Wiegand or me.

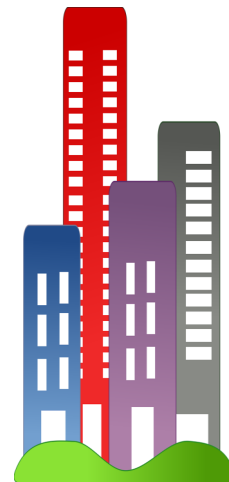
In his Service,

Rich Olsen



Save the Date!

**BLOCK  
PARTY**



You are invited for dinner and some games. Join us for a casual evening of carnival games, inflatables, cotton candy and a BBQ.

For members and neighbors  
of

**Richland Lutheran Church**

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 12, 4pm-7pm

**Location:** Stevens Park

(corner of Stevens and Van Giesen)



## From the Council

The start of summer is always an exciting time. The last month and a half of school is full of countdowns, field trips, end of the year activities, and a few tears here and there. As summer approaches, grand plans are made for what fun will happen during the summer. Swimming lessons, camping trips, vacations, and days spent at the park where kids run around without a care in the world are just a few in our family of five.

In between all of this excitement I had one thing I needed to still get done: my council *Preview* article. Leading up to the June 15 due date I had several ideas but none that really stuck. That was until I began to think about what I was grateful for and excited about what is happening at Richland Lutheran Church. In the 14 years that I have attended RLC, this is the most excitement I have felt for the work that we as a church body are doing. Although what excites me is probably different than what would excite others in different stages of life, I am going to share what excites me and ask that you consider three questions:

1. Does the work that we are doing both now and in the near future excite you?
2. If so, what excites you?
3. How can you use that excitement to further God's kingdom?

So without further ado, here is a list of some of the things that I am excited about at Richland Lutheran Church:

1. I am excited about the Wednesday night parents' group that began at the beginning of the last school year with the purpose of focusing on becoming better (godly) parents and couples, that there is childcare provided so that parents of little ones can still attend, and that this group has decided to meet throughout the summer.
2. I am excited about the monthly couple's night that began a few months ago, that childcare is provided so that we as parents can build relationships with other couples in the church even though many of us have young children, and for the leadership that has emerged and stepped up to help with the planning.
3. I am excited about the work we do through Vacation Bible School and our midweek programs, SuperKids! and Wild Wednesdays, and the kids we reach who otherwise would not be attending church.
4. I am excited about the opportunity for families to go through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University in the fall and for the blessing the class has been for those who have already been through it.
5. I am excited about the potential for better meeting the needs of families in our neighborhood if we chose to rebuild or remodel our facilities. To me the choice to remodel/rebuild our facilities is less about the comfort of our members and the ability to have nicer things. For me, it is about being able to have things like a bigger food pantry and a clothing room so that we can help meet the basic needs of those around us so that they can see the love of Jesus through us.
6. I am excited about the direction our church staff and leadership are going and the fact that my three kiddos get to grow up in our church family.

Those are the first six things that come to mind. So, what excites you?

Sarah Hagensen, Member at Large

## President's Perspectives - Summer Reading

**Life-Changing Books** - Summer is here and vacations have started. Are you looking for something a bit more substantial than a mystery to read in the car, on the beach, or up in the woods? (And I do love a good mystery!) The Bible, of course, is number one when it comes to developing our relationship with God or instructing us in how to live our lives. But often God uses other books to bring us closer to Him or to inspire us to change our lives.

In my twenties and thirties books by C.S. Lewis, Francis Schaeffer, Elton Trueblood, Frank Laubach, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer were especially helpful to me. More recently I have been finding the most depth in books by Dallas Willard, John Stott, N. T. Wright, James Bryan Smith, and Timothy Keller.

**Our Love for God** - Jesus told us that loving God is the primary and most important commandment so developing our relationship with God should always come first. Some of my all time favorite books in this category include:

- ***Mere Christianity*** by C.S. Lewis – an extremely easy read that can help us see why Christianity makes sense and that Jesus must be either the Son of God as he said he was, a devil or a deluded person. He can't be just a good moral teacher to be admired.
- ***Practicing His Presence*** by Brother Lawrence and Frank Laubach – This book had the most profound impact on my ideal of our relationship with God and I wish everyone would read it. An easy, short book with entries from Laubach's journal, it documents his attempts to bring Christ into his thoughts at least once every minute.
- ***Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*** by Timothy Keller – not much explanation needed. Help with conversing with God.
- ***The Divine Conspiracy*** by Dallas Willard – covers both loving God and love of your neighbor.

**Our Love for Neighbors** - The second command is to love your neighbor as yourself, which can only be truly done if you have obeyed the first commandment. Helpful books at defining what love of our neighbors really means, include the following:

- ***The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*** by John Stott.
- ***The Good and Beautiful Community*** by James Bryan Smith, part of a three volume set on Christian life.
- ***Generous Justice*** by Timothy Keller.
- ***Involvement*** by John Stott, a two volume set on being a responsible Christian in a non-Christian world. These are the books I recommend today for inspiration and challenges that could change your life. I'm a reader. What books have you found especially helpful in your life?

Dave Larkin – Congregation President

Call me (509-628-0420) or Email me ([dllarkin@charter.net](mailto:dllarkin@charter.net)) if you have thoughts, suggestions, complaints, or

## Job Opportunity - Facilities Coordinator

We are actively looking for someone to fill the position of Facilities Coordinator. Please encourage qualified individuals to apply. The job description and application for employment are available on the church website or in the Resource Center in the Prince of Peace fellowship area.

## Save the Date - Men's Fall Retreat



### **2015 Men's Fall Retreat**

*September 25-27*

*"Discipleship Stories"*

*Presented by*

*Rev. Dr. Paul Spaulding*

*Stonewater Ranch, Plain, WA*

*Richland Lutheran Church presents our annual fall retreat in the cool and quiet mountain setting leaving behind pressures of daily life to enjoy a peaceful and spiritual weekend in fellowship with God, Christian men and Scripture, to reflect on "Where God's Story, Your Story and Your Neighbor's Story Intersect."*

**Reserve your accommodations by calling RLC [509-943-3164](tel:509-943-3164) or email [office@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:office@richlandlutheran.org) or call Norm Gillette 509-378-5898**

## Benevolence Thanks

Dear Pastor Ernst,

We are grateful for your generosity throughout the past year. Together, we accomplished a great deal in 2014.

- We dedicated four homes through the Affordable Home Ownership Program, giving families keys not only to their new homes but also to a new world of opportunity.
- Three families paid off their mortgages and now own their homes free and clear.
- Through the Home Preservation Program, we completed 35 repair projects ranging from exterior painting to critical home repair to disability access.

Your giving fueled all this and helped propel us into this new year.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you.

Sincerely, Rick Jansons, Executive Director - **Tri-County Partners Habitat for Humanity**

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Dear Friends of Richland Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your contribution to **Fields of Grace** in 2014. Your gift allowed us to provide over 1.3 million servings of fresh produce to area food banks and the families they serve. Together, we've greatly expanded these nutritious and delicious options for those who are in need within our community.

As we are reminded in Scripture, "If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight." (Isaiah 58:10)

With thanks and blessings, John Neill, Executive Director

## July 2015

Sun

Mon

Tue

### The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!

Please call the church office, 943-3164, or check the website, [www.richlandlutheran.org](http://www.richlandlutheran.org), for the most current information. Please note that not all activities, especially Growth Group meetings and Circles, are actually held at the church.

**5**  
 8:30 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV  
 9:45 AM HeBrews Café  
 10:15 AM Worship  
 5:30 PM Discipleship  
 6:30 PM Coffeehouse

**6**  
 9:00 AM Playdate  
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study  
 4:30 PM Executive Committee

**7**  
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
 7:00 PM Facilities Building Committee  
 7:00 PM Outreach Team  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**12**  
 8:00 AM Beach Trip Departs  
 8:30 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV  
 9:45 AM HeBrews Café  
 10:15 AM Worship  
 11:30 AM Facilities Building Workshop

**13**  
 9:00 AM Playdate  
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study

**14**  
 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast - Denny's  
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
 7:00 PM Congregation Council  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**19**  
 8:30 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV  
 9:45 AM HeBrews Café  
 10:15 AM Worship  
 11:30 AM Facilities Building Workshop  
 6:00 PM Beach Trip Returns

**20**  
 9:00 AM Playdate  
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study

**21**  
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
 7:00 PM Facilities Building Committee  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**26**  
 8:30 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV  
 9:45 AM HeBrews Café  
 10:15 AM Worship  
 11:30 AM Facilities Building Workshop  
 7:30 PM Union Gospel Mission Service

**27**  
 9:00 AM Playdate  
 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study

**28**  
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
 7:00 PM Facilities Building Committee  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts



## July 2015

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Bee            1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study            2:30 PM Knitting Group            6:00 PM Financial Peace University            6:30 PM Wed. Night Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study            9:00 AM Library Work</p>	<p><b>3 Office Closed for Independence Day</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly            9:00 AM Craft Group            5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal            6:00 PM AA</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>2:00 PM Wedding            5:00 PM Worship</p>
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## Activities for Kids



Super Kids! is on summer break! Admiral Awesome and Professor Peabody hope you have a fun summer, and they look forward to seeing all their friends again in September!

### July's Operation Christmas Child Items of the Month:



**Gifts for Older Boys (ages 10-14):** socks, deflated soccer balls with a hand pump and needles, t-shirts, small handtools (hammer, screwdriver, wrench), small spools of paracord, duct tape, baseball-style hats, nerf-type footballs, harmonicas, watches, sunglasses, bandanas, etc..

Your gifts may be placed in the Christmas-y box in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall.

**Please do not include:**

- Used items
- War-related items (toy guns, plastic army men, etc.)
- Liquid anything (soap, perfume, paint, bubbles, snow globes, etc.)
- Breakable items (glass, ceramic, etc.)

Thank you for your support of Everest Vacation Bible School. We had a great time learning about our mighty and powerful God, and how God has the power to provide, heal, comfort, forgive, and love us forever!

Many thanks especially to all who helped in the kitchen for dinner each night, to those who helped decorate and clean-up, to those who led stations and activities, to those who served as crew leaders, assistant crew leaders, and to those who hosted the Friday night ice cream party!



## Youth Activities

### Middle School!

Grades 6-8



**WILD! for middle schoolers is on summer break!**

Info regarding the annual August water park trip / lock-in will be announced soon!

### High School!

Grades 9-12



(6:30 PM in the High School Room) This is our weekly meeting for high school students. We spend time worshipping, playing, laughing, discussing, learning, praying...among other things! Friends are always welcome!

July 5 - Surprise!

July 12 - No Coffeehouse - we're in Seaside!

July 19 - No Coffeehouse - we're in Seaside!

July 26 - No Coffeehouse



RLC Beach Trip 2015

**HIGH SCHOOL BEACH TRIP 2015**

**"Show Me Your Glory"**

**Exodus 33:18**

**July 12-19**

**Seaside, OR**

**Cost: \$360 (\$150 deposit due immediately; balance due by July 11).**

Info packets will be mailed the first week of July. We will be attending worship on Saturday, July 11, as a group and will be collecting participation agreements and final payments at that time.

**Sign up sheet is now posted on Corey's office door**

**Registration deadline is July 1st!**

Questions? Contact Corey ([pastor.corey@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:pastor.corey@richlandlutheran.org)) or Jenny Page ([jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org](mailto:jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org))

## The Mouths of Babes and the Motions of Grandfathers

The few who mentioned my column was absent in last month's *Preview* are perhaps gladdened to see its return. The rest either don't care, didn't notice, or assumed I failed to slip Ms. Kelly enough candy/gum in order to influence an inclusion. In fact, there wouldn't have been enough confectionary influence to accomplish that because I simply didn't submit an article! Whatever inclinations I have toward procrastination or laziness: the root cause of my failure is with May through September being a sequence of months which, in our family, include a number of our birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays - occasions to gather for fellowship and celebration of those and that with which God has blessed our clan. For 45 years I've, too often, allowed church obligations to preclude participation in those events. In my newfound ministry of "irresponsibility" (I'm discovering the truth of the old adage that ministers are never allowed to retire until serious health deterioration or death), I'm at least/last allowed the privilege of sorts of picking and choosing my own ministry involvements. Given that all of our children - and most of our grandchildren - reside on the west side of the state; and the aforementioned months mean you're not the victim of pass reports, we find ourselves in a stretch to make up for years of lost time and attend most of these events. So, the absence of this column wasn't an example of absent-mindedness, instead an example of just plain being absent to be present with our family.

Only with family does one become privy to conversations such as my son, Kyle, had with 7-year old daughter, Lydia, wherein he asked her, "How come you're so cute?", with her immediate response, "when I grow up to be an adult what happens to the cuteness? It fades away!" It'd be a shame to miss out on wisdom from a little girl. Or perhaps I'd miss out on the wise observations of her 9-year old sister, Linnea, who opined after watching a group of 9th grade girls fawning over her 12-year old brother, Micah: that one of them would make a good wife for him, because she talked so much that Micah could barely get one-word answers out. The context is that owing to his giftedness, he always injects himself in the midst of adult conversations - holding his own; but betraying his youth, by proceeding to dominate the conversation. A recent example of this was Micah off in the corner with a family friend who has his doctorate in history and is the head of that department at one of the local universities: fully engaged in conversation about history. I'm gaining insight into Joseph and Mary's alarm to discover Jesus baffling the theologians in the Temple at Micah's age. Seem like grandparental bragging? No, I think it's typical grandparental marvel over one's grandchildren, wherein we ask God with wonder: "What shall this one grow up to be? (as in Luke 1:66). Any grandparents among us who haven't had similar thoughts about each of our own grandchildren? I thought so.

Whatever they'll be and achieve (underachieve?) in life - swelling our pride, or breaking our hearts - they'll likely grow up to be bumbling grandparents in their own right. Recently I was theatrically reading a book to 3-year old Benjamin on his parents' sofa: and his 2-year old brother, Gilbert, wanted in on the action. I'm instructed to move over to allow him to sit on my other side. Providing space for him, while holding the sharp-cornered book in the opposite hand, I'm unaware that Benjamin isn't paying attention. It ends with me poking Benjamin in the eye with the book's corner, his calamitous bawling, and consequent glares from his grandma, as I've injured the child. This grandfather comes with a warning label: hazardous to your health! "...The LORD's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children - those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts." (Psalm 103:17b-18) "From the lips of children and infants You, LORD, have called forth your praise." (Matthew 21:16)

Pastor Dave



## Recognizing our Volunteers

**It takes many hands to make things happen at RLC, and we appreciate our volunteers!**

Did you know Karin Nickola loves flowers? She was recently seen on her hands and knees in the northeast corner of the church property pulling weeds and trimming shrubs. When asked why she was out in the hot sun and wind, she replied, "I love flowers!" Karin went on to explain that she had planted new flowers this spring and that she had adopted this particular bed and is committed to keeping it weed-free. Karin is a long-time member of RLC who grew up in the church. In her spare time, she has managed to instigate and lead the painting crew for the Narthex, Prince of Peace, and main hallways of the church; sing in the choir; serve on the Facility Building Committee; serve a two-year term as a TLC; and many other things we probably don't know about. When you see Karin, extend a thank you for all she does and her loving attitude!

Submitted by Larry Harrold

# Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday July 5</i>	<i>Sunday July 12</i>	<i>Sunday July 19</i>	<i>Sunday July 26</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Dolores Jaech	Laura Stevens	Jim Salaba	Kathy Killand
	10:15 AM	Karen Clark	Valerie Bettinson	Susan Schmieman	Sue Meek
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Blake Vopalensky Colby Riensche	Cayden Tanasse Josh Mars	Kaleb Prigge Kyle Prigge	Mason Ciolli Robert Warren
	10:15 AM	Carlyle Keyes Jantz Levin	Nathan Mitchell Conner Budzeck	Andrew Miles Daniel Miles	Trond Tilton Madeline Haynie
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H-Jim Peterson Bruce Lander A-***** Larry Haler	H-Chuck McCargar Sue McCargar A-Dave Larkin Fred Kremmer	H-Gary Weible Eunice Weible A-Larry Corning Larry Haler	H-Jim Peterson Fred Kremmer A-Jon Erlandson *****
	10:15 AM	H-Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A-Jim Loss Jean Loss	H-Kathy Snyder Rick Snyder A-Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck	H-Janet Budzeck Rick Budzeck A-Mike Strasburg Charles Rogers	H-Jean Loss Jim Loss A-***** *****
<i>Communion Assis- tants</i>	8:30 AM	Elaine Davis Charles Davis Sue Meek	Carl Schroeder Judy Schroeder Clarine Watkins Charles Davis	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Jan Leitz Erlan Leitz	Larry Haler Jenifer Haler Clarine Watkins Kathy Killand
	10:15 AM	Heidi Dagle Jon Page Jenny Page	Valerie Bettinson Mike Bettinson Karen Clark Kelly Westlund	Karen Clark Kelly Westlund Ginnette Ernst *****	***** ***** ***** *****
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion</i>	Saturday 5:00 PM	Rick Nunamaker Susie Nunamaker	Nancy Ballard	Joanne Woehle Bernie Woehle	Jim Worgull Sue Worgull
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Sunday After 8:30 AM	Pam Warren Joy Stuenkel	Carl Schroeder Judy Schroeder	Dan Jordheim Vicki Jordheim	Carol Schmid
<i>Clean Up Communion</i>	After 10:15 AM	Jim Loss Jean Loss	Kelly Westlund	Jim Loss Jean Loss	Rick Nunamaker Susie Nunamaker
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Jim and Sue Worgull	Carol Schmid	Debbie Honeyman
	10:15 AM	Kelly Westlund	*****	LaVonne Scully	LaVonne Scully
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM	John Huebner	Desiree Hall	Jim Lachut Lori Lachut	Melissa Schmid
	10:15 AM	Pam Hedges	Julie Bishop	Jana Strasburg	Trina Miles Daniel Miles
<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Andrew Clark	Larry Haler	Andrew Clark	Bob Thompson (10:15)
<i>Tech Director/Live Stream Coordinator</i>	8:30 AM	Bob Thompson	Jim Moran	*****	Jim Moran (10:15)

## Worship Support, Continued

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday July 5</i>	<i>Sunday July 12</i>	<i>Sunday July 19</i>	<i>Sunday July 26</i>
<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	#1-Ryan Warren #2-Fred Kremmer	#1-Ken Meek #2-Don Schmid	#1-Robert Warren #2-Don Schmid	#1-Jack Page (10:15) #2-Woody Page
<i>Editor/ Post Production</i>	8:30 AM	Karen Rogers	Bob Thompson	Bob Thompson	Karen Rogers (10:15)
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Larry Corning	Paul Hedges	Larry Corning	Paul Hedges
	10:15 AM	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	*****	Tammy Carswell
<i>Coffee Preparation and Cleanup</i>	8:30 AM	Sandy Steele	Patti Miller	*****	*****
	10:15 AM	*****	Kelly Westlund	*****	*****
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	Sat. 5:00		Rob Barr		
	8:30 AM	Jim Peterson Weible	Larry Harrold Jim Peterson	Fred Kremmer Harold Hogue	Jon Erlandson Weible
	10:15 AM	Alan Hagensen	Rick Budzeck Bettinson	Jana Strasburg Rick Budzeck	Rick Snyder Rich Barchet
<i>Sat. Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00 PM	Steve Moritz Debbie Moritz	Rob Barr Kathy Barr	Jim Lachut Lori Lachut	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Arnzen
<i>Cashiers</i>		Nancy Ballard Janet Budzeck	Judy Riggers Debbie Honeyman	Kathy Snyder Doris Barchet	Judy Riggers Marge Hogue
<i>Recycle</i>		Carol Schmid	Fred Kremmer	LaVonne Scully	Jeff and Heidi Dagle
<i>Flowers</i>		Schwartz	Mraz		

Please check over the schedule carefully. If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please trade with someone or find a substitute for yourself and let the church office know.

\*\*\*\* indicates an available service opportunity. If you can fill in, please let the church office know. 943-3164

## GNMM Antiques and Collectibles Sale



**Saturday, July 11**

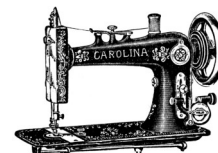
**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Donations can be brought to the church on Monday, July 6, and Tuesday, July 7.  
If you have donations that you would like to have picked up, please call  
Diane Fleener at 392-2111.

### Help is needed for:

- Set up on Thursday, July 9, and Friday, July 10, from 8 AM - Noon
- Sale on Saturday, July 11, from 7:45 -11:00 AM or 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Clean up on Saturday, July 11, from 2 - 4:00 PM
  - Pickup of donations

If you can help or have questions, contact: Diane Fleener at 375-6520,  
Debbie Honeyman at 627-5820 or Norene Erlandson at 375-5360



# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## ANNIVERSARIES

**July 1**  
Heidi & Jeff Dagle

**July 4**  
Karen & Mike Schwartz

**July 5**  
Darlene & Harold Kjarmo

**July 7**  
Brenna & Justin Destito  
Shaune & Charles Salter  
Jane & Dick Stephens

**July 9**  
Julie & Jim Gearheard

**July 14**  
Susan & Charles  
McCargar  
Corki & Tim Mraz

**July 15**  
Vicki & Darrel Glasford  
Bev & Ron Hollenbeck

**July 18**  
Karen & John Williams

**July 19**  
Walker & Tom Miller

**July 20**  
Jordan & Mitchell Davis  
Norene & Jon Erlandson

**July 23**  
Vickie & Greg Kelly  
Pat & Rich Olenius

**July 27**  
Liz & Russ Rodriguez

**July 28**  
Gail & Randy Gilbertson

**July 29**  
Patty & Peter Newton

**July 30**  
Christina & David Schulz

**July 31**  
Valerie & Mike Bettinson  
Stacy & Shane  
McCullough

## BIRTHDAYS

**July 1**  
Katherine Fulton  
Patricia Lamberson

**July 2**  
Vickie Tisdale  
Kyle Westlund

**July 3**  
Owen Bratvold

**July 5**  
Kurtis Leitz  
Heather Drake  
McClendon  
Pamela Warren

**July 6**  
Aaron Sundal

**July 7**  
Dick Arnst  
Mike Hoffner  
Susan McCargar  
Steven Petersen  
Tyler VanSant

**July 8**  
Lisa Bartholomew  
Charles Salter

**July 9**  
Pastor Dave Hogan  
Ashlee Tisdale

**July 10**  
Tiffany Vopalensky  
Rebecca Wedberg  
Emma Whitney

**July 11**  
Gloria Gibbons  
Randy Gilbertson  
Savannah Haynie

**July 12**  
Jerry Dagle  
Anna Underwood  
Spinato

**July 13**  
Elliot Gardner

**July 14**  
Rick Budzeck  
Carleen Lust  
Jackie Slonecker  
Ashlynn Sloughter  
Dave Wunschel

**July 15**  
Dianne Barry  
Charles Cable  
Sigrid Preston

**July 16**  
Megan Hardman  
Barbara Rau  
Russ Rodriguez  
David Stone

**July 17**  
Doris Barchet  
Tom Bratvold  
Bev Hollenbeck  
John Madden  
Gary Weible

**July 19**  
Courtney Meigs

**July 21**  
Tyler Conrad  
Daniel Imhoff  
Jason Schroeder

**July 22**  
Aaron Purtzer

**July 23**  
Norm Stout

**July 24**  
Kristen Imhoff  
Jerry Johnson  
Kathy Myers

**July 25**  
Wayne Campbell  
Shane McCullough  
Eileen McVea  
Loris Tellefson

**July 26**  
Lisa Rogers Bryson  
Pat Dalpiaz  
Brayden Femreite

**July 27**  
Andrea Crisp  
Natalie Hobbs  
Tracy Kissire  
Al Stolte  
Bob Thompson  
Shane Thorson  
Trond Tilton

**July 28**  
Grace Corning  
Abigayle Smith

**July 29**  
Harrison Budzeck  
Katie Maier  
Quinn Wright-Mockler

**July 30**  
Gregor Hanson  
Felix Quinn  
Sandy Steele  
Robert Warren

**July 31**  
Barbara Cunningham  
Connie Distefano  
Sonja Drake  
Mary Stone





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## **Worship Schedule**

**Traditional Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sundays at 8:30 AM

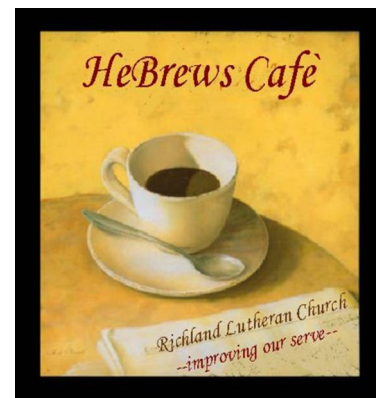
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sundays at 10:15 AM

**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Saturdays at 5:00 PM

*And when circumstances beyond your control prevent  
you from coming to church . . .*

**Good News Today**  
Aired Sunday mornings on  
KVEW 42 and KAPP 35 at 9:00 AM

***Audio files of sermons are available on the website:  
[www.richland-lutheran.org](http://www.richland-lutheran.org)***



***Come to HeBrews Café Sunday mornings,  
between 9:45 AM and 10:45 AM***

***It's where Richland Lutheran Church members are re-  
freshed, rejuvenated, and renewed for work in the  
Kingdom!***

***There are still some Sundays available for serving.  
Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.***

***Equipping. Empowering. Encouraging.***

***We are a congregation of Christ followers who are making Jesus Christ known to all people and advancing His Kingdom.***