



Summer Sermon Series

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.” This summer we will be studying one of the most powerful books of the New Testament. Its pages contain some of the deepest truths of Jesus Christ and some of the strongest encouragements to live life in Him. Written by Paul, the apostle, to a church founded not by him but by another man, Epaphras, the apostle paints them a word picture that establishes the divinity of Jesus and also reminds them of what this Messiah accomplished. Paul will also speak to what it means to follow Jesus, and how to live out the faith given to us. Though it is short in length, it is mighty in its message. This is the book of Colossians.

Beginning June 7, Pastor Steve and Pastor Corey will take us through a careful study of this fascinating letter to a church in a town that had seen better days. Filled with a deep understanding of Jesus and the heart of a pastor, we will unfold the exciting truths, challenges, and encouragements from this great apostle and theologian, Paul. So, please make sure to join us in worship this summer! “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

Mark your calendar:

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Our **summer worship schedule** begins on **Sunday, May 24**, with worship services at 8:30 and **10:15 AM**. Saturday evening service will remain the same at 5:00 PM. HeBrews Café will be open from 9:45-10:15 AM.

The Preview

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

April 12	Isaac Michael Destito
April 12	Rose Elizabeth Moran
April 15	Charles Hellier
April 19	Claire Noelle Fehrenbacher

Weddings

None

Memorial/Funeral

April 25 Neil Todd

The Preview

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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? It's true, especially in and around the sanctuary. Does the icon here look familiar? Do you know where you can find this in the sanctuary? Do you know what it means? Let me help you. This is a Christogram or Christ monogram. These are the first three letters of the Koine (New Testament) Greek word for Jesus (IHCOYΣ). This is one of the Christogram's on the chancel (communion) rail in the sanctuary. Next time you're there, you'll know what you're gazing upon.



DID YOU KNOW...Joseph Farrar, Director of Music and Worship, celebrates his one-year anniversary at Richland Lutheran May 1, 2015? Can you believe it? Already a whole year in ministry and mission here in Richland. We thank God for his partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and look forward to many more years together. Please take a moment to find Joseph and express your gratitude for his ministry here. Just so you know, he loves hugs!



DID YOU KNOW...The sewing ladies give baby quilts to moms and dads of little ones who are baptized at Richland Lutheran? Absolutely true and what a gift! This "beary" beautiful quilt was given to Brenna and Justin Destito on the baptism of baby Isaac last week. If you have a chance to thank a quilter please do!

DID YOU KNOW...Jesus never promised his followers an easy life? To the contrary, He promised them a very difficult life, a life of pain, anguish and sorrow, a life of immeasurable suffering for the sake of the Gospel. What else does he mean when he says, "*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me,*" except that His disciples will suffer? So when suffering comes, instead of being surprised or discontent, why not have the perspective of nineteenth century author J.R. Miller, "There are trials which we cannot change into pleasures, burdens which we cannot lay down, crosses which we must continue to carry, thorns in the flesh which must remain with their rankling pain. When we have such trials, why should we not sweetly accept them as part of God's best way with us?" Why not indeed?



Financial Update - March 2015

As reflected in the financial summary below, our financial results for the 1st quarter of the calendar year is on plan and slightly ahead of last year for the same period. Our offerings are up \$4,115 higher than last year for the first three months of the year. Our expenses are down (\$6,041) compared to the same time last year. Through March, our offerings are below expenses by (\$9,080) compared to (\$19,237) in 2014, a change from last year of \$10,157. These results are reflected in the columns titled "Prior Year Comparison".

	YTD - March			Prior Year Comparison		
	Budget	Actuals	Var (O)/U	2015	2014	Var O/(U)
Offerings / Income	\$194,880	\$173,497	\$ 21,383	\$173,497	\$169,382	\$ 4,115
Expenses	\$206,408	\$182,577	\$ 23,831	\$182,577	\$188,618	\$(6,041)
Net Cash Flow	(\$11,528)	(\$9,080)	\$ (2,448)	(\$9,080)	(\$19,237)	\$ 10,157

Through March, our offerings were below budget by \$21,383, and the expenses were below budget by \$23,831. To date, our offerings are below expenses by (\$9,080). Compared to our budget (\$11,528), we are slightly ahead of plan by \$2,448.

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

In His service,

Rich Olsen

The information is only a snapshot of the church's financial status on the day the report was generated and is not audited information. Please direct all inquiries for additional information to Debbie Stankovich, Church Administrator at 943-3164 or debbie.stankovich@richlandlutheran.org.

Operation Christmas Child



May's Items of the Month:

Gifts for toddler girls (ages 2-4)

Suggestions include: age-appropriate toys, small stuffed animals, picture board books, socks, t-shirts, pants/leggings/shorts, chunky crayons, shoes, etc.

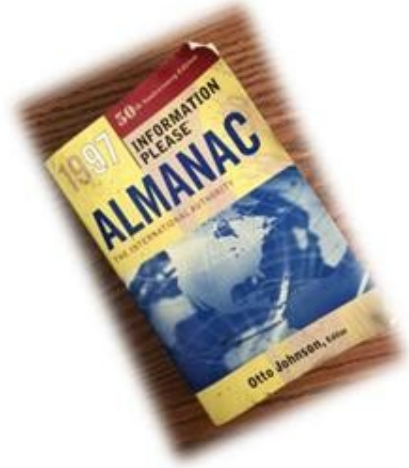
Goal for 2015: 425 boxes

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.)

Extravagant Generosity



“I have something for you. It’s a book. It has a lot of good information in it and a lot of history.” Joanne said, “Thank you for thinking of me. I’ll be sure to give it back to you when I’m done with it.” “No, I want you to keep it. It’s for you.” And then, the regular recipient of food from the RLC pantry handed Joanne this: *50th Anniversary Edition of the 1997 Almanac*

This paperback of tattered edges and yellowed pages was the prized possession of this man of little means. He gave it to Joanne as an expression of gratitude for the church’s generosity. After hearing this story, how can one not be provoked to wonder – who was more generous in their giving – the church, or the recipient?

The story of the widow’s mite is recorded first in Mark 12:41-44 (NIV).

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

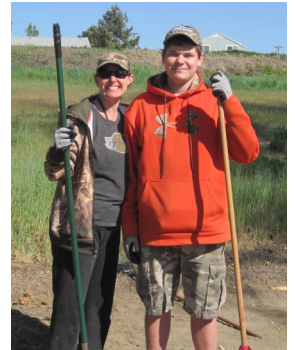
⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Joanne has been an avid reader all her life. But this book is different. She treasured what it represents from the moment it was presented to her – extravagant generosity.

Community Workday 2015



About 34 of our members got together at Leslie Groves Park to help clean up branches, dead trees and leaves on April 18, 2015



Piles of chipped wood at the end of our day’s work.

President's Perspectives - Deafening Silence

In March, Carol and I enjoyed a week in Washington, DC with our son and daughter-in-law. We visited the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the White House, Ford's Theater, an Evensong Service at the National Cathedral, and had three hours on segways touring the national monuments.

Lessons From The Holocaust - The visit that impacted us the most was the Holocaust Museum which documents the attempt by the Nazis to exterminate the Jews. The temporary exhibition "Some were Neighbors: Collaboration & Complicity in the Holocaust" asks why many neighbors, classmates, co-workers, and friends either helped in the Holocaust or did not object to it. Around 6-million Jews were exterminated during the Holocaust; too many for people not to have been aware of what was happening. The suggested motives for collaboration or complicity were fear, greed, opportunism, or simply toleration since they were not directly affected. The majority of the German churches and their pastors, both Catholic and Lutheran, were silent on the issue.

This exhibit left me facing the question of what would I have done and how much would I be willing to risk to object? I wish I knew confidently the answer would be anything required, including giving up my life. It would be easy to say, well that was Germany under Hitler and we never had those kind of situations. But, of course, that isn't really true.

Lessons From Our Past - One of the other museums we visited was The National Museum of the American Indian. When you read how our European immigrant ancestors broke treaty agreements repeatedly because we wanted the land or gold on the land we promised to Indian tribes it is a shameful story. Did you know that it is estimated there were over 5-million native Americans living in the current US borders when Columbus arrived? By 1900 that population had decreased to 237,000 due to diseases we introduced, wars with the tribes to take their lands, deaths due to forced relocations, and starvation due to the wholesale slaughter of the buffalo for our entertainment. Christians did little to object to the mistreatment of the native Americans. And, as we all know, America in the past enslaved primarily black people kidnapped from their homes in Africa. For over 100 years we forced them to do the hard work in hot fields that we did not want to do. Even after the slaves were freed, discrimination continued.

Application Today - Today, we see many examples of discrimination against both legal and illegal Mexican immigrants. They now perform that manual labor in the hot sun we want to avoid like lawn care, landscaping, and farm labor. Many experience very low wages, lack of health care, sexual slavery, and work slavery. It would be wrong to compare the unofficial and illegal discrimination against any minorities we see today with the government-led extermination of the Jews by the Nazis. But though the evil is radically less it should still make us ask what we will do to object and seek justice for our neighbors. Do I stand by silently because I benefit from cheap labor to harvest my food and care for my yard? Do I remain silent because the wrong does not affect me or my family directly? I hope we can learn from the results of complicity with evil we saw during the Holocaust and apply that lesson to how we should act toward the injustice we encounter in our world today.

A century from now let us hope that Christians are not asking, "Where was the church in 2015?"

Dave Larkin – Congregation President

Call me (509-628-0420) or Email me (dllarkin@charter.net) if you have thoughts, suggestions, complaints, or want to become more involved in our church's ministries.

Just Another Day at the Plant

This month's headline evokes a time-worn verbal response from a worker arriving home from the day's employment (oftentimes an industrial or manufacturing plant) to a spousal inquiry as to how their workday has gone. This phrase of response usually was a way of saying: "I don't want to talk about it!" It also meant the inquirer should be advised that the day's work had amounted to "same old, same old" routine regarding positive or negative (usually the latter - since it would be almost un-American not to complain about our work) interactions with management, fellow workers, equipment, government or the public. Normally, this line is delivered with a verbal - or deeply implied - sigh. Even though the United States has become less industrialized: this responsive phrase has carried over into inquiry concerning just about any kind of employment workday: white or blue collar, technological or manual, etc. So, is occupational ministry any different?

Recently, they invited me out of irresponsibility to preach at a couple of Lenten services: Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday. I was happy to do this for the Lord - although some of the hearers may have reached a different opinion at the conclusion. After all, you can't please everybody. That's why it's important for preachers of God's Word to keep in mind the most humbling fact that the idea is not to please - or displease - the listeners. The question for the preacher is: was God pleased with the message? If you, as His messenger, were faithful to the message He gave you to deliver (therefore it will of necessity be derived from, and expounded on - and not be deviant from - the Word of God): that's the important thing. Of course, the Lord uses messengers of different styles of delivery, etc. He doesn't send out carbon copies of Moses. He also sends out a Jonah, a Jeremiah, or an Amos. But, when all is said and done, the core of the message is the same. Sadly, as illustrated by the church of Corinth, hearers get caught up in their preferred style of preaching delivery. It results in various cults of the personality among those in the congregation (**1 Corinthians 1:12**). If you go on and read the context flowing out of that passage, you'll discover it caused the church to *miss* hearing the core of the message, creating a near disaster.

At one of those services, ministry involved more than delivering God's Word. I also officiated. This meant I had to ascend the chancel steps to get the offering plates from within that small enclosure under a plant topping it. Due to peripheral neuropathy in my feet arising from diabetes: I don't *boldly descend* those steps owing to the slickness of the beautiful polished stone flooring, combined with lack of feeling in my feet - exacerbated by trying to match up visual placement in my bifocals. A recipe for disaster anytime! However, on this occasion I grabbed the plates to discover someone had *really* watered the plant. I don't know if the plant is real and even needs watering. All I know is: the *plates* were full of water; and when I plucked them out of the slot under the plant, water spilled all over the floor *from the plates*. Now, what to do? The floor was in a state of enhanced slickness with puddles of water all over around the communion table. The ushers are down at the front awaiting my giving them the plates; and the plates themselves *still* had a substantial amount of water in them. I'm not sure what the offering was - perhaps not much since I'd already preached. But, upon further reflection, I think *that* Lenten offering lent itself to a new meaning for laundering money!!

When I got home that evening, the Mrs. asked how the service went. I dutifully replied, with a sigh: "*It was just another day at the PLANT!*" (**2 Corinthians 3:6-9**) "***I planted the seed, Apollos watered it (so HE's the culprit!), but God made it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have but one purpose...For we are God's co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.***" Lord, we could use a little "miracle grow" from You at the Plant.

Pastor Dave

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>3</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Hebrews Café/Education Hour 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Boy Scout Classes 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler /Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 4:30 PM Executive Committee 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248 7:00 PM Outreach Team</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks 9:45 AM Hebrews Café/Education Hour 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Boy Scout Classes 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler /Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast - Denny's 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248 7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Hebrews Café/Education Hour 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Boy Scout Classes 1:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Return 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler /Worgull Growth Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Date 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Hanford High School Baccalaureate 6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Good News Today 9:45 AM Hebrews Café/Education Hour 10:15 AM Worship 1:00 PM Boy Scout Classes 5:30 PM High School Discipleship Team 6:30 PM Coffeehouse 7:00 PM Haler /Worgull Growth Group 7:00 PM Union Gospel Mission Service</p>	<p>25 - Memorial Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Facilities Building Committee 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248</p>
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May 2015

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 5:00 PM New Members Team 6:00 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM Boundaries with Kids 6:30 PM Super Kids!, WILD 6:45 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Library Work 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 6:00 PM Financial Peace University 6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>1 8:00 AM GNMM Yard Sale 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting</p> <p>8 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 5:00 PM Couples Night Out 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>2 8:00 AM GNMM Yard Sale 4:30 PM Mafraq Prayer Team 5:00 PM Worship</p> <p>9 4:30 PM Mafraq Prayer Team 5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p>13 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM Boundaries with Kids 6:30 PM Super Kids!, WILD 6:30 PM RLC Foundation 6:45 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM Library Work 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 6:00 PM Financial Peace University 6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 5:30 PM Confirmation Retreat 6:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>16 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:30 PM Mafraq Prayer Team 5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p>20 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 6:00 PM Family Dinner 6:30 PM Boundaries with Kids 6:30 PM Super Kids!, WILD 6:45 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM GNMM Board</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Library Work 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 1:00 PM Piece-Makers 6:00 PM Financial Peace University 6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 5:00 PM Confirmation Retreat 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>23 4:30 PM Mafraq Prayer Team 5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p>27 9:00 AM Sewing Bee 1:00 PM Pastor Corey's Bible Study 2:30 PM Knitting Group 6:45 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM Library Work 9:00 AM Pastor Dave's Bible Study 6:00 PM Financial Peace University 6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM Bulletin Assembly 9:00 AM Preview Assembly 6:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM Men's Mini-Retreat 4:30 PM Mafraq Prayer Team 5:00 PM Worship</p>

The Richland Lutheran Church calendar changes daily!

Please call the church office, 943-3164, or check the website, 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.

Activities for Kids



SUPER KIDS MAY 2015

May 6 - Special Event - Ugandan Children's Choir

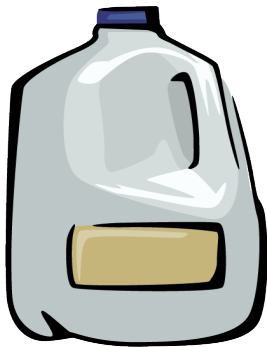
May 13 - It's cool to tell others about God!

May 20 - Grand Finale!

Admiral Awesome and Professor Peabody will be exploring the biblical truth about the Holy Spirit and the early church! They also are super excited about Vacation Bible School in June! Be sure to register early!

Super Kids! is a Wednesday night ministry for children in 1st through 5th grade. Friends are always welcome to join us, and newcomers can jump in at any time! We meet from 6:30 to 7:45, immediately following the family dinner at 6:00 PM, in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. Worship and prayer, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, games, crafts, and lots of fun happen each week!

For more information, contact Jenny Page at 943-3164
jenny.page@richlandlutheran.org



VBS needs your gallon-sized, plastic milk jugs & clear packing tape!

Please bring your empty, **well-washed**, gallon-sized plastic milk jugs for use with a decorating project for Vacation Bible School. We also need a LOT of CLEAR PACKING TAPE. There's a box in the Prince of Peace fellowship area near the mailboxes to receive the jugs and tape, or you can drop them off to the Sunday School office. Lids can be included with the jugs, and the label does not have to be removed...but please use soap and warm water to wash out the jug extremely well! Half-gallon jugs will work too, we'll just need a lot more of those!

Registration for Everest Vacation Bible School is now open! Visit the church website and click on the snowy mountain or complete the paper form in the information center in the Prince of Peace fellowship hall. VBS is open to children ages three years old (and potty trained) through 5th grade.

There are many varied opportunities to volunteer, too. Please visit the VBS website or call Jenny Page (943-3164) or Amanda Kissire to find just the perfect place for you on the team!

Beginning May 10, the supplies donation bulletin board will be in the Prince of Peace fellowship area. There are many different items we need to make VBS a success. Please visit the bulletin board and see if there's something you can donate or loan. Check-out instructions will be posted.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Page or Amanda Kissire.



Youth Activities

Middle School!

Grades 6-8



May 6 - Special Event—Ugandan Children's Choir

May 13 - The struggle is real!

May 20 - One and the Same

May 27 - What?!

All middle school students are encouraged to attend this mid-week ministry. Each week, we spend time together having fun and learning God's Word. WILD! plays a vital role RLC's youth ministry by partnering with the middle school Sunday School class and confirmation retreats to help kids grow their relationships with each other and more importantly, with Jesus Christ.

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM
(immediately following the family dinner at 6:00)

Meet in the Gloria Dei room
Friends are always welcome to attend!

For more information, contact

Ben Barr (509) 948-0461

High School!

Grades 9-12



Sunday nights at 6:30 PM in the High School Room

This is our weekly meeting for high school students. We spend time worshiping, playing, laughing, discussing, learning, praying...among other things! Friends are always welcome!

May 3 - Purity Study, part 1

May 10 - Tea & Croquet with Mom!

May 17 - Purity Study, part 2

May 24 - Memorial Day (no Coffeehouse)

May 31 - Purity Study, part 3

High School Leadership Team. We meet at 5:30 pm on Sunday nights. If you are interested in learning more about being a Christian leader, and want opportunities to lead various activities, please join us!

Save the date!

16th Annual High School Beach Trip 2015
Seaside, OR

Sunday, July 12 thru Sunday, July 19

Sign-ups begin May 10

More info coming soon!



Benevolence Thanks

Dear Friends of Richland Lutheran,
Thank you so much for giving to the ministry of china**connect**. As we end the year and look back on what has transpired in the last twelve months, we give thanks to God because He has done wonderful things. He has used you, the donors and supporters, the volunteers and our friends in China to make important and possibly life-changing connections.

We are blessed to have your support, trust, encouragement and prayers. None of these things are done alone...After all, it is all God's work and our hands!

Sally Aalbue (for the Board of china**connect**)

Dear Richland Lutheran Church,
This year alone, **World Relief** resettled more than 5,600 refugees in the United States. Because you gave, the local church across the country was empowered to welcome these men and women into supportive and compassionate communities. We are so grateful for your partnership during this time of hope and peace which you have shared with refugees, trafficking survivors and immigrants this Christmas season.

Thank you for standing with the most vulnerable in the United States.

With sincerest thanks,

Stephan J Bauman, President/CEO

Thank you for your continued support of **New Hope Farms, Inc.**, a Christian non-profit community for developmentally disabled adults.

During 2014 we were blessed as new people learned about New Hope Farms and came alongside to help. We are looking forward to 2015 as we continue to reach out to welcome new residents, new staff, new partners in ministry, increased donations toward operations, and financial gifts toward a new modular home. A grant application that requires matching funds has been submitted.

Thank you! Your help makes the difference!

David C. Hauser

Through your generous support in 2014, we were able to administer 1,148 pregnancy tests, touch the lives of over 1,300 different individuals, and through ultrasounds, provide 276 women with the first picture of their baby. You are such a blessing to this ministry and our clients! May God continue to bless you and your family in 2015.

In His Almighty name,

Andrea Riggs, Executive Director of **Tri-Cities Pregnancy Network**



Recognizing our Volunteers

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

Our children are very important to all of us, and our Sunday school program is a great ministry here at RLC. This month we would like to recognize all of our Sunday school teachers and assistants. **We thank each and every one of you** for your weekly dedication to the youth of our congregation. In particular, Jim Perham is one of our Sunday school teachers who has been in the fourth grade classroom for many, many years. We appreciate his devoted service!

Our Sunday School teachers are:

3 yr. olds – Alan Hagensen
PreK & K – Sarah Hagensen, Karen Clark
1st/2nd – Valerie Bettinson, Casey Vernon
3rd/4th – Jim Perham, Kari & Ryan Ciolli

5th - Amanda Kissire, Laura Stevens
Middle School - Ben Barr
High School - Jon Page

Worship Support

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday May 3</i>	<i>Sunday May 10</i>	<i>Sunday May 17</i>	<i>Sunday May 24 Summer Schedule 8:30/10:15 AM</i>	<i>Sunday May 31 Summer Schedule 8:30/10:15 AM</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	8:30 AM	Jim Salaba	Kathy Killand	Kristen Imhoff	Laura Stevens	Dolores Jaech
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark	Elaine Keyes	Len Ross	Susan Schmieman	Sue Meek
<i>Acolytes</i>	8:30 AM	Ella Sperline Kjerstyn Jordheim	Kaleb Prigge Kyle Prigge	Adam Pilger Madeline Pilger	Colby Riensche Garrett Streufert	
	11:00 AM	Andrew Miles Daniel Miles	Nathan Ernst Nathan Mitchell	Spencer Hoffner Carlyle Keyes	Trond Tilton Conner Budzeck	
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30 AM	H-Chuck and Sue McCargar A-Dave Larkin Harold Hogue	H-Fred Kremmer Jon Erlandson A-Mac Dixon Larry Haler	H-Jim Peterson Larry Corning A-Mike Schwartz Karen Schwartz	H-Gary Weible Eunice Weible A-Bruce Lander Larry Corning	H-Jim Peterson Fred Kremmer A-Jon Erlandson Mac Dixon
	11:00 AM	H-Carol Hexum Alan Hagensen A-Jean Loss Jim 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-Mike Bettinson Valerie Bettinson	H-***** ***** A-***** *****
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	8:30 AM	Jeff Pilger Sue Meek Jenifer Haler	Clarine Watkins Pam Hedges Kathy Killand	Jeff Pilger Marge Hogue Sara Gillette Norm Gillette	Clarine Watkins Pam Hedges Jenifer Haler	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette Warner Blyckert Elaine Davis
	11:00 AM	Karen Clark ***** *****	***** ***** *****	***** ***** ***** *****	***** ***** *****	***** ***** ***** *****
<i>Setup/Cleanup Communion</i>	Saturday 5:00 PM	Joanne Woehle	Ann and Dave Brandes	Jim and Sue Worgull	Joanne Woehle	Nancy Ballard
<i>Cleanup/ Setup Communion</i>	Sunday After 8:30 AM	Dan and Vicki Jordheim	Lois Harrold Karin Nickola	Joy Stuenkel	Rick and Susie Nunamaker	Lois Harrold Karin Nickola
<i>Clean Up Communion</i>	After 11:00 AM	Jim and Jean Loss	Kelly Westlund	Jim and Jean Loss	*****	Rick and Susie Nunamaker
<i>Church Friends</i>	8:30 AM	Lois Harrold	Jim Worgull Sue Worgull	Carol Schmid	Debbie Honeyman	Norm Gillette Sara Gillette
	11:00 AM	Ann Brandes Dave Brandes	Kelly Westlund	LaVonne Scully	*****	*****
<i>Children's Church Leaders</i>	8:30 AM	Lori Lachut Jim Lachut	Desiree Hall	John Huebner	Melissa Schmid	Michelle Clary Andy Clary
	11:00 AM	Pam Hedges Kira Westlund	Julie Bishop	Trina Miles Andrew Miles	Jana Strasburg	*****
<i>Producer/ Audio Mix</i>	8:30 AM	Andrew Clark	Larry Haler	Andrew Clark	Mike Schwartz	Bob Thompson (10:15)
<i>Tech Direc- tor/Live Stream Coor- dinator</i>	8:30 AM	Mike Schwartz	Brian Killand	Jim Moran	Brian Killand	Jim Moran (10:15)

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<i>Cameras</i>	8:30 AM	#1-Robert Warren #2-Fred Kremmer	#1-Paul Hedges #2-Ryan Warren	#1-Don Schmid #2-Ken Meek	#1-Paul Hedges #2-Larry Haler	#1-Jack Page 10:15 #2-Woody Page
<i>Editor/ Post Production</i>	8:30 AM	Karen Rogers	Bob Thompson	Karen Rogers	Bob Thompson	Karen Rogers 10:15
<i>Sound System Operators</i>	8:30 AM	Karen Schwartz	Larry Corning	Paul Hedges	Larry Corning	Paul Hedges
	11:00 AM	*****	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle	Tammy Carswell	Jeff Dagle
<i>Coffee Preparation and Cleanup</i>	8:30 AM	Sandy Steele	Patti Miller	*****	*****	*****
	11:00 AM	*****	Kelly Westlund	*****	*****	*****
<i>Offering Custodians</i>	Sat. 5:00	*****	Rob Barr	*****	*****	*****
	8:30 AM	Schwartz Weible	Larry Harrold Jim Peterson	Fred Kremmer Jim Peterson	Jon Erlandson Lois Harrold	Rich Barchet Fred Kremmer
	11:00 AM	Alicia Phaneuf Alan Hagensen	Rick Budzeck Bettinson	Jana Strasburg Mike Stankovich	Rick Snyder Rick Barchet	Bettinson Jana Strasburg
<i>Sat. Evening Worship Support</i>	5:00 PM	Bonins, Joe Soldat, Kathy Barr	Ann and Dave Brandes	Lori and Jim Lachut	Liz and Craig Swanson	Perhams, Rob Barr
<i>Cashiers</i>		Kathy Snyder Lori Hogan	Nancy Ballard Janet Budzeck	Kathy Snyder Debbie Honeyman	Judy Riggers Doris Barchet	Nancy Ballard Marge Hogue
<i>Recycle</i>		Mike Hoffner	Valerie Bettinson	Joan Perham	Laura Stevens	Jim & Jean Loss
<i>Flowers</i>		Kathy Higley	Warner Blyckert	*****	Jim & Lori Lachut	*****

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.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

May 9
Terri & Dean Oberlander

May 12
Mavis & Norm Lippert

May 15
Marilyn & Loris Schmidt

May 21
Liz & Craig Swanson

May 22
Susan & Roy Gunter
Lori and Jim Lachut

May 27
Ila & Tom Pitkin
Carol & Wally Romsos
Angela & Blake Scherer
Tobi & Carl Schroeder

May 28
Kristen & Carl Imhoff

BIRTHDAYS

May 1
Jann Leitz
Ken Meek
Ella Sperline

May 2
Rachel Richardson
Meganne Weissenfels
Verna Wisehart

May 3
Dave Johnson
Kaitlyn Prigge
Matthew Rutt

May 4
Joe Soldat
Sue Worgull

May 5
Dennis Mahlum
Josh Mars
Nathan Westlund

May 6
Margaret Coffman
Adam Donahue
Rebecca Weber

May 7
Madeline Haynie
Dick Stephens
John Wiegand

May 8
Connor Budzeck
Andrea Slonecker Guerra
Trygve Tilton

May 9
Brianna Blakely
Lora Gorton
Chris Smith
Ryan Warren

May 10
Kristen Bennett

May 11
Carol Larkin
Connor Rosscup
Karla Shelton

May 12
Niisa Dunlap
Steve Wisness

May 13
Karin Cagle
Charlene Kangas

May 15
Jim Gearheard
Joan Mattich
Stephen Rosscup
Jane Stephens

May 16
Liz Swanson

May 17
John (JD) Lesser

May 18
Caitlin Bishop
JD Carter
Rick Riensche

May 19
Bert Andor
Megan Deen
Robbie Richardson
Bob Schumacher
Lillian Spinato
Alyce Thompson

May 20
Matt Hardman
Mot Hedges
Cory Oberlander

May 21
Blake Goplen
B.J. Schroder
Dylan Wright-Mockler

May 23
Brittany Crisp
Steven Tilton

May 24
Cody Conrad
Jason Corning
Jason Drewrey
Bettye Samuel

May 25
Carrie Chaney
Alyson Sundal

May 26
Cecilia McCartney
Katrine Smith

May 27
Jene O'Dell

May 29
Max Bartholomew
Larry Harrold
Rich Olsen
Jana Strasburg

May 30
Kyle Prigge
Casey Sloughter

May 31
Kari Louk
Sarah Schmid



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Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 8:30 AM

Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 11:00 AM

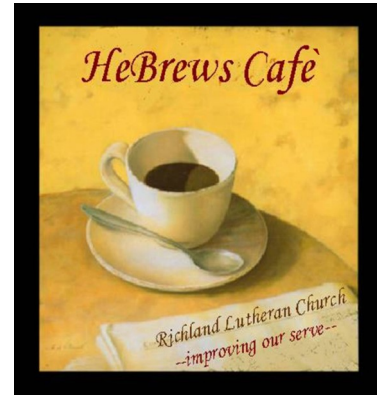
Summer worship schedule starts May 24.
See front page.

Worship with Holy Communion
Saturdays at 5:00 PM

*And when circumstances beyond your control prevent
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Good News Today
Aired Sunday mornings on
KVEW 42 and KAPP 35 at 9:00 AM

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***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.**

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