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Summer Worship Schedule

Our worship services through the summer will be at 10 AM and 5 PM through the rest of the summer.

We look forward to seeing you in worship this summer and chatting with you at Coffee Hour following services or at our monthly picnic

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Fellowship Potluck Picnic Lunch

All are invited to stay after morning worship (11:15AM) on July 21. We will be having a Potluck Picnic. Please bring your favorite dish to share!

We hope to see you there!

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Congregation Council

Council Members

Rick Budzeck, President
Kristen Imhoff, Vice President
Brandon Wheeler, Secretary
Jeanne Dillner, Finance Officer
Jen Ranta, Member-At-Large
Glenn Edgemon, Member-At-Large
Vicki Glasford, Member-At-Large
Jim Lachut, Member-At-Large
Todd Maier, Member-At-Large

Ex Officio Member

Pastor Steve Ernst, Lead Pastor

Minutes of Council meetings are available on the website.

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Notices

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

Pastoral Acts for June 2024

Baptisms None

Weddings None

Memorials/Funerals

Pamela Zinnecker - 6/17/24 (Daniels) Douglas Berger - 6/14/24 (Daniels) Cely York - 6/20/24 (Daniels)

> <u>Deaths</u> Ula Kruse - 5/17/24

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Harvest Workers: The Most Important Question Pastor Steve Ernst

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and

sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:35-38

In a pinnacle moment of deep compassion and intimate care, Jesus saw God's people, his people, as sheep without a shepherd. As such, they lived lives of harassment and helplessness. Things have not changed all that much, have they? God's people still lack for workers. We know this lack for workers in God's Kingdom where the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few all too well! However, we are heeding Jesus' encouragement to "Ask the Lord of the harvest...to send out workers into his harvest field."

Our Associate Pastor Call Committee has been assembled and begun their work seeking God's wisdom and will for our next "harvest worker." I've heard from many in our congregation who are curious about what our next pastor will do. "Will they do the ministry Kelly Westlund was doing?" "Now that Amanda is gone, will they do youth and family ministry?" Will they focus on visitation, or education, or work with children, or lead Bible studies, or (fill in the blank).

Though these are natural and important questions, they focus on the pastor's "doings," which isn't the most important question. Rather, the most important question for our new harvest worker is "who are you?" not "what are you going to do?" Even our own job description for the Associate Pastor is written presuming 'doing' over 'being.' This is evidenced by the job descriptions order. We start with Primary Functions then list Responsibilities, Skills, Work Experience, Education, Working Relationships, Conditions, and finally at the end, Personal Attributes, almost an afterthought.

So, you ask, "Who is our next Associate Pastor going to be, which is the right question." I refer you to the bottom of page 2 of their job description which says our next harvest worker will be one who...

Has a mature Christian faith with verifiable commitment to the Jesus' mission of the Church (Matt. 28:19ff)

Is humble and teachable attitude (1 Peter 1:5)

Has the ability and willingness to work collaboratively with ministry teams (I Corinthians 1:10)

Is a self-starter with good judgment (Proverbs 3:21)

Has an ability to relate to a variety of personalities and willingness to appropriately address conflict for resolution and reconciliation (Romans 12:18)

Has a genuine love and concern for people (Phil. 2:4)

Has a natural aptitude for working sensitively, empathetically, and tactfully with people (Eph. 4:29)

Has a receptivity and willingness to respond to feedback (Romans 12:3)

Is a natural and thorough communicator of information to supervisor and coworkers (James 1:19)

Has flexibility and ability to adapt to changing situations (Phil. 4:12)

Prefers collaboration and working to consensus (Psalm 133:1)

Has a willingness to pitch in to help others (Matt. 5:42)

Our next harvest worker, the Associate Pastor, will be a man or woman who embodies and embraces these most important personal attributes. Please join us in prayer asking the lord of the harvest to send out this worker into our harvest.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve

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From the Council Rick Budzeck, Council President



Our June council meeting has taken place and it is my goal to keep the congregation informed of our activities I'll use this space to try and summarize the meeting.

The future of the F-house was among the first things we discussed. It is the council's goal to come up with a plan for presentation to the congregation to obtain your approval at the next annual meeting. One thought was to make the needed upgrades and use the house as a parsonage for an Associate Pastor, but Pastor Ernst shared this is not done much these days. Another thought was that the upgrades might be prohibitive. Next steps are to contact a realtor, get some idea as to the house's value and then use that information to formalize a recommendation for the congregation.

At the May council meeting we reviewed the by laws, but they were not approved. After discussion and having pastor's input, the changes to the by-laws were approved. The changes were mostly just wording changes.

We discussed the food pantry situation and how it is not part of the church's budget. In the past, donations of food and money have supported the food pantry, but over the last few years more and more people have been using the food pantry; therefore, depleting the food pantry's funds. Council action is to look for ways we can provide support for the food pantry. A suggestion was that we could possibly use some memorial funds to help cover the shortfall until giving picks up. For now, making the congregation aware of the need is a start.

The council strives to do God's will in service to Him. Remember, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact anyone of your council members.

Yours in Christ,

Rick

Jim Lachut Member At Large

Serving God in all Seasons of Life

As of May 30th I retired after 45 years of work. I believe that it shouldn't mean that we kick back, relax, and forget about everything. Naturally, there is time for relaxation and enjoyment, but God has given each one of us talents and strengths that should be utilized for everyone's and RLC's benefits.

I pondered a biblical verse regarding retirement and was led to Colossians 3:23-24: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving".

I also like what Charles Stanley had to say about it as well. He stated "Aging is inevitable, but it doesn't have to make us unfruitful and useless. A productive life is found in heeding

what the Lord says. None of us know how long we'll live, but while we're alive, we should desire to be useful and fruitful for God. He is the one who determines the number of our days, but we have the responsibility of doing what we can to live long and productive lives".

Ministry News

Craft/Sewing Opportunity

When RLC decided to have a TV ministry, (Good News Media Ministry), it was determined that there would never be a request for donations during the program. Funding for this local ministry was and still is based primarily on two fundraising events – a yard sale in the spring and an arts and crafts sale in the fall.

The Sewing Bee hosts the Arts and Crafts Fair with most items for sale being homemade. We have been blessed with having new material donated to our group and want to offer it to anyone attending RLC who would like to make an item for donation to the upcoming Arts & Crafts Fair. Items like table runners, placemats, purses/tote bags, aprons, doll clothes, etc. Some of the material has even been precut and color coded! If interested, please come to RLC on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:00

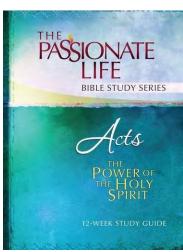


AM, or when the Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays 1-4 PM or Saturdays 9-12 PM. Lavonne Scully has offered to help you look at the material as the storage room is next to the food pantry area.

As in the past anyone who attends RLC and wants to donate homemade items for sale will be welcome to do so. This year we are also going to offer some higher quality Christmas items that did not sell at the yard sale.

The Arts and Craft Fair is scheduled for Nov 2, 2024. Please contact Merri Buck or Betty Quinn if you have any questions.

NEW Women's Bible Study



A new Women's Bible study will begin on July 15. We invite all RLC women to join us! Please be our guests as we host a potluck lunch at 12 PM, Monday, July 8, in the Prince of Peace. We will enjoy some great food and get to know one another, both current and future attendees are welcome to attend.

On Monday, July 15, at 12:00 PM in the Friendship Room, we will begin the new study, *Acts: The Power of the Holy Spirit* by Jeremy Bouma. The book of Acts picks up where Jesus' story left off in the Gospel of Luke by exploring the continuing presence of Christ on earth: the church. This inspired account of church history will awaken your soul with transforming power and give you courage to be a witness for Christ wherever He sends you! This is a 12-week study. Please join us as we study His Word, and fellowship together in Christian sisterhood. Study guides will be available through RLC. For more information, please contact Vicki Glasford or Donna Brown.

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RLC Youth Activities!

MERGE High School Youth Group

Sundays - 8PM to 9:30PM

Meeting @ West Side Church for the Summer

High school students, you're invited to enjoy some outdoor fun and games with West Side this summer! Enjoy smores around a fire, pickleball, corn hole and time together!

July 14 - July 21 - Aug 11 - Aug 18





RLC Families Facebook Page

Families, are you on our **RLC Families** Facebook Page?



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!

Join us on Sunday mornings for

Coffee Hour

AFTER worship service in the Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a cup of coffee, treats, and conversation after the morning services each week!

Also, if you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour contact the office.



Super Kids!

Super Kids! is on summer break! Join us in September for another exciting year!

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





Weekend School Lunch Program

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the weekend school lunches this past school year. Whether you helped once, 10 times or 100 times, you are appreciated! What a good feeling it is to be able to help children by having food available for them. Just so you know, the Richland School District will be providing breakfast and lunch for the students all summer.

Thank you for doing God's work, you are a blessing!

<u>Jefferson Tutoring Program</u>

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped tutor through Jefferson Elementary. Your dedication to the program was outstanding. The children definitely benefited by having you there each week, as well as their teachers. Thank you for taking on that commitment!

Grief Share Facilitators

Thank you for your dedication to the GriefShare program at RLC. It takes a special person to listen and empathize with the grieving community and for that we are VERY thankful for you!

Vacation Bible School

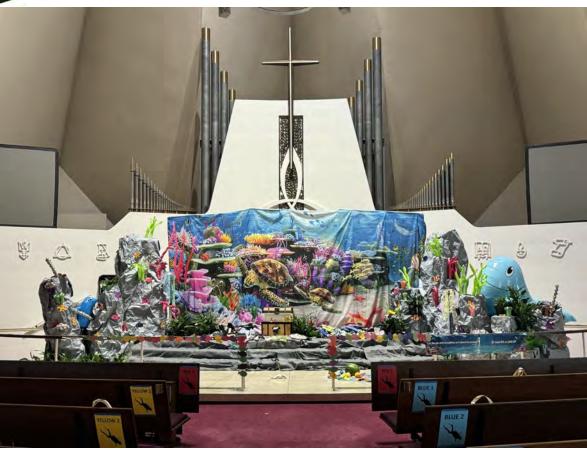
Thanks for your support of this ministry! From crew leaders, to station leaders, to kitchen helpers, to supplying donations, and everything inbetween...you all played a part in making this a fin-tastic week of diving into a deeper relationship with Jesus!



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What a great job decorating Jenny and her team did with VBS decorations!









Some of our amazing kitchen team members!

We had 33 kids participate, 33 helpers, crew/station leaders, behind scenes helpers, 17 kitchen crew members and served 300 meals!





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July Operation Christmas Child request: Items for 9-13 yr. olds

This month, we are collecting **NEW**:

- Playdough® (consider including small plastic cookies cutters)
- Dolls/small stuffed animals
- Picture books/coloring books/playing cards
- Make-it-yourself craft kit/small puzzles/travel sized games
- Plastic dinosaurs/animals; action figures (not war related)
- Hacky sack/soccer ball (deflated, include small hand pump/needles)
- Fishing kit (hooks, sinker, line, collapsible pole)
- Small kite/Etch A Sketch®
- Sewing Kit (needle, thread, small scissors, 1 yard cotton fabric)

Items may be placed in the Christmas Box near the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Operation Christmas Child - 239 Boxes sent in 2023!



Are You Missing RLC Emails?

If you are an RLC member and you aren't receiving emails from RLC, please be sure to check your spam folder and mark our email address as a safe sender. Most often if you are not receiving emails it is due to your email provider deciding we are spam. You may need to mark our emails "not spam" a couple of times for your email to "learn" that it is a safe email to receive.

We typically send emails titled "Grapevine" or "Prayer Requests." All members/regular attenders are automatically subscribed to the Grapevine distribution.

Chapter a Day Reading Plan 2024

In 2024, we began reading together through the poetic books of Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations, as well as the major and minor prophets. This reading series will follow a similar rhythm as our New Testament reading in 2023, with most readings being just a chapter per day, Monday through Friday. Weekends will be unscheduled times for rest and reflection, or catch up as needed. The Thursday morning discussion group will continue to meet with Pastor Steve, and all are welcome to come join in when you're available.

New reading schedule booklets will be available in the narthex and the fellowship hall by the end of December. A PDF with clickable links to each day's readings will also again be posted on the church website, and in the church app.

Our prayer for you in this ministry continues to be that God's Word will be hidden in your heart (Ps. 119:11), and that the Word will dwell in you richly (Col. 3:16). Happy Reading!

Financial Update Jeanne Dillner, Finance Officer

June 2024

Income

\$397,971

Budget

\$454,849

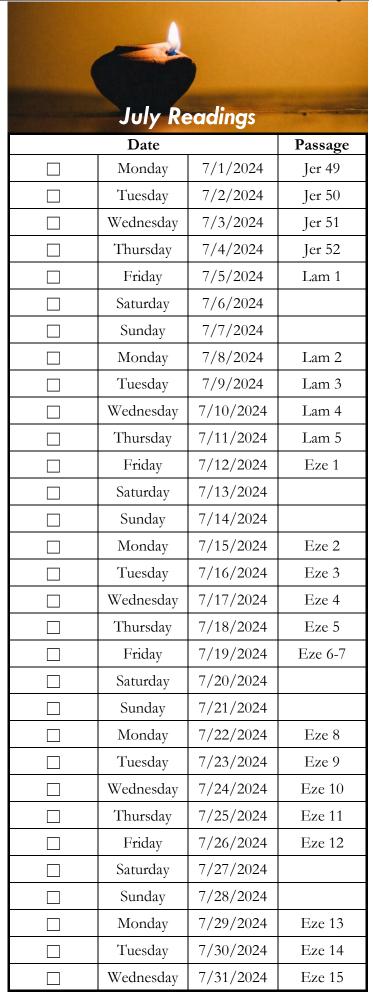
Expense

\$396,176

Gain/(Loss)

\$1,795

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



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July 2024					
Sun	Mon	Tue			
	1 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Grief Support Group 5:00 PM Executive Council Meeting	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 6:30 PM Kairos 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248			
7 9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV 9:00 AM Healing Book Study 10:00 AM Combined Worship 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 5:00 PM Evening Worship	8 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study Potluck 1:30 PM Grief Support Group 6:30 PM 4H Club	7:00 AM Men's Gathering at Denny's 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 6:00 PM Regular Council Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248			
9:00 AM Good News Today - KVEW TV 9:00 AM Healing Book Study 10:00 AM Combined Worship 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 5:00 PM Evening Worship 8:00 PM High School Youth Group - West Side	15 12:00 PM Mary Martha Bible Study 1:30 PM Grief Support Group 4:00 PM Deadline for Preview Articles	16 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 7:00 PM RLC Foundation Board Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248			
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July 2024						
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
3 9:30 AM Healing Prayer Advisory Team 10:00 AM Property Ministry Activities 2:00 PM Knitting Group	4 Independence Day office closed	5:00 PM Youth Recovery 6:00 PM AA Meeting	6 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution			
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Worship Support - July 2024 Last updated before printing 06/25/2024

	Time	Sunday, July 7	Sunday, July 14	Sunday, July 21	Sunday, July 28
Acolytes	10:00	Olivia Benjamson Lilly Kissire	David Nauts Theo Nauts	Carter Maier Paige Maier	Lily Kissire Lillian Spinato
Assisting Minister	11:00	Sandi Edgemon	Brandon Wheeler	Sue Meek	Valerie Silva
Children's Church Lead- er/Helper	10:00	Julie Bishop Karen Clark	n/a	n/a	**** Teriesa Pleyo
Communion Assistants	10:00	Pastor Steve Ernst Karen Clark Charles Davis Kathy Killand Sue Meek	Vicki Glasford Patti Miller Brandon Wheeler Sandi Edgemon ****	Marcy Jones Kathy Umbarger Norm Gillette Sara Gillette ****	Pastor Steve Ernst Charles Davis Valerie Silva Elaine Davis Patti Miller
Communion Prep / Clean Up	Before 10:00	Amanda Kissire	Charles Davis	Joanne Woehle	Jon & Norene Erlandson
	After 11:00 & Before 5:00	Linda Totten	Amanda Kissire	Joanne Woehle	Jon & Norene Erlandson
	After 5:00	Linda Totten Diane Bonin	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Vogel	Jennifer Benoit	Kristen Imhoff
Evening Worship Support	5:00	Linda Totten Diane Bonin	Kelly Arnzen Marcia Vogel	Jennifer Benoit	Carl Imhoff Kristen Imhoff
Lectors	10:00	Karen Clark	Vicki Glasford	Pat Jones	Jim Peterson
Projection Technician	10:00	Valerie Silva	Adam Pilger	Cynthia Wheeler	Heather Colburn
Ushers -	10:00 Lead	Rick Budzeck Janet Budzeck	Jim Peterson Kyia Miles	Rick Snyder Kathy Snyder	Fred Kremmer Matthew Sterkel
Oshers	10:00 Asst.	Marilyn Ball	David Curran	Matthew Sterkel	Jim Lachut
Safety Hosts	9:30-11:30	Gary Weible	Karen Clark	Bob Parr	Destry Henderson
Recycling		LaVonne Scully	Kathy Snyder	Fred Kremmer	Valerie Silva
GNMM Production Team	10:00	Brian Killand Adam Pilger	Scott Carswell Mark Underwood	Brian Killand Mark Underwood	Drew Snyder Ed Cox
Cashiers Mondays, 9AM	Monday July 1 Kristen Imhoff Janet Budzeck	Nancy Ballard Debbie Honeyman	Joanne Woehle Norene Erlandson	Judy Riggers ****	Kathy Snyder Jon Erlandson
Flowers		****	Glasford	Erlandson	Gilbertson

Please check over the schedule carefully.

If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, <u>please trade with</u> 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)

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

2nd Quarter Benevolence Gifts from RLC

Gifts were given to the following International Ministries:

SONetwork	\$2000
Lutheran World Relief	\$1000
World Mission Prayer League (Gen. Fund)	\$1000
Voice of the Martyrs	\$1500
Annoor Sanatorium	\$6000
Wycliffe Bible Translators	\$ 750
Global Christian Belief (formerly Open Doors)	\$1000
Compassion International (where needed most)	\$1000
World Relief	\$ 750
Tartu Academy of Theology/Home of Hope (Estonia)	\$2000
Christmas Shoe Project	\$1000
Ethnos 360 - Arnold Family/Mexico	\$2000
International Justice Mission	\$1000
LAMP	\$ 636

If you would like to know more about these international ministries, please contact Merri in the office.

Outreach Ministry

Are you are looking for an opportunity to Just Do One, provide service to RLC, and work to fulfill Christ's great commission by reaching out to our community and beyond in the world? If so, please consider serving on the Outreach Ministry team. The Outreach Committee meets once monthly and we determine quarterly benevolences for recommendations to the Church Council and provide support for RLC's outreach activities such as the Annual Block Party, tutoring program, weekend lunches for kids, Luther Senior Center monthly luncheon, food pantry, and more. If you would like to join us, please contact Merri Buck. We would love to have you.

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Mailing Label



Join us Sunday mornings for Coffee Hour after worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Come enjoy a cup of coffee, treats, and conversation each week! Also, if you are interested in **hosting**Coffee Hour contact Amanda Daniels.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM Sunday evenings at 5 PM

The morning services
will be livestreamed at richlandlutheran.org or
https://www.youtube.com/@RichlandLutheran
Church/streams

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)

Richland Lutheran Church is a congregation of Christ Followers making disciples who worship, grow, serve and steward.