



## The R.L.C. Mid-Week News: 03/03/2021

*"Together we will BE the church by living out God's gifts  
in the community and the world"*

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### A New Website Design and Logo for RLC!



Thanks to the funding support from WELCA (the Women of the ELCA) organization, and a few months in the design process, the new church website and logo designs have launched as of March 01, 2021.

RLC's new logo was created to highlight the well-known signature "Christ Window" of RLC's sanctuary architecture. The design pulls bright colors into a stain-glass imagery that enhanced the welcome of Christ's outstretched hands. The color scheme also highlights RLC, the common name used for Richfield Lutheran Church. The ELCA and South Minneapolis add an instant recognition to our congregational affiliation and location (*which of course is no longer in Richfield – as it was at the beginning of the church incorporation in 1915.*)

The new website was also designed to incorporate the colors of our stain-glassed window that were designed in a colorful format. The ease of website layout should allow people to easily navigate our site with just a click or two. From who are we to how do I get involved to where do I donate – the layout makes it easy to navigate the many facets of the Richfield Lutheran Church Community of Faith. Much of the website is limited in detail at this time as most programs, events, worship and educational options are currently unavailable due to pandemic restrictions. Little by little we continue to refine and tweak the pages to reflect how RLC is committed to God's Mission and Ministry in the world!

For those of you connected digitally, check out the new Richfield Lutheran Church website at: [www.richfield-lutheran.org](http://www.richfield-lutheran.org)

*(the site design and format is new – but the domain name remains the same)*

Please direct any questions or comments to: [mbweibel@richfield-lutheran.org](mailto:mbweibel@richfield-lutheran.org)

#### Richfield Lutheran Church Online & Phone Resources

##### CHURCH OFFICE

PHONE #:

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##### WEBSITE & STAFF

E-MAILS:

<https://www.richfield-lutheran.org>

##### VIDEO WORSHIP

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCULV7ieJedcPUzrVjP120Mg>

##### AUDIO WORSHIP

612-474-4974

##### ONLINE RESOURCES & ZOOM LINKS

<https://richfield-lutheran.org/rlc-happenings/>

##### FACEBOOK/ INSTAGRAM

Richfield Lutheran Church, Common Grounds, CELC, Y-LIFE Youth, Richfield Lutheran Theater Company



God's work. Our hands.



### From Pastor Brian Mundt

*"Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem."*

That's how they put it in the Bible to say Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem and his crucifixion, and he wasn't going to be deterred. In the

wilderness (Mark 1, Feb 21), Satan tempted him to take the easy way out. Last Sunday, Peter also tested Jesus, arguing that being crucified was not part of the way of the Christ (Mark 8). All along, Jesus remains focused and disciplined, noting that God's ways are often at odds with human ways of doing things.

This is hard for us to discern. Largely because discernment is more an art than a science, and because it requires experience and discipline. And here we are, entering the third week of Lent, and already our attention span is wandering! Well, there's a reason Lent lasts 40 days—and comes around every year! Keep at it. Stay with Jesus. With Jesus, set your face toward Jerusalem.

~Pastor Brian

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### ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY TODAY!



Don't forget to order your Lily now for Easter Sunday today!

**Cost is \$8.00**

Place your orders through Wednesday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>** by calling Bonnie at 612-861-2265 or sending in your

order and payment to the RLC Office.

(Please indicate if you wish to order your lily in memory of a loved one.)

And remember, an Easter Lily planted in the garden this spring will often re-bloom in late fall and the following year, as it is a perennial flower.



### From Mary Beth Weibel

**Director of Outreach Ministries**

*"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, I say rejoice" Phillippians 4:4*

How do we rejoice when we think back to this past year? Some one year anniversary it has been! One year since many of us RLC'ers have seen one another or been together physically as a community of faith.

And now, here we are a year later, still wondering *"how long until the church opens back up?"* As hard as that is to not know, I think these anniversary dates allow us to look back and reflect on how blessed we are at RLC. Blessings we need to rejoice about!

We are blessed to have the technology, the staff, the place and the space to continue to do worship and provide worship options for literally everyone who wants to engage. After all, worship is the center-pin to our faith community and RLC has not stopped providing worship options throughout this past year. We actually developed online, on Zoom and on audio presentations of weekly worship, sermon, music and scripture. All great things to rejoice about!

And, our online weekly worship is reaching out to a wide variety of people beyond our membership via YouTube, Facebook and on our website most weeks. Our pledges are up – our online attendance is steady. More things to rejoice about!

Oh sure, things will be different and our community will be difference when we do get back together. Some parts of our community will continue to worship online and others will fade away with program cuts. Through it all we continue to discern and re-imagining what RLC will BE in a post pandemic world. And here's the thing - we may not know **when** RLC will reopen – but we do know RLC **will** reopen. That my friends, is celebration of how we continue God's mission and ministry in the world. Rejoice! Peace,

~Mary Beth

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There are no articles this week from Lynn Hoskins, Randy O'Brien, Robbi Moore, Bonnie Nichols or Meggy Wagner

#### Annual Congregational Meeting 2021 Summary

## ANNUAL MEETING

We held the Annual Congregational Meeting twice this year, to make sure we got as many

people involved as we could. 34 voting members attended on Sunday afternoon, February 21; and 22 additional voting members attended on Sunday afternoon, February 28.

We "met" simultaneously three ways:

- 37 people connected remotely by digital Zoom
- a limited capacity of 9 socially distanced folks, in the sanctuary, via digital Zoom on the big screen
- 10 people phoned-in through "party-line" Zoom.

We voted on five motions:

1. 88% approved modifying Robert's Rules for digital voting for the 2021 Annual Meeting
2. 79% approved the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes
3. 82% ratified changing paragraph C10.04 of the Congregational Constitution, changing quorum from a fixed number of 40 active members to 10% of active membership.
4. 80% approved the 2021 budget. The main goal of the 2021 budget is the reduction of RLC's funding gap through cost decreases and revenue increases.
5. 88% elected the 2021 Council. Bridget Gorsche and Emily Schultz continued from 2020. Susan Anderson, Patty Evans, Shirley Evenstad, Jim Pemberton, Cathy Salin, and LeRoy Weibel were elected.

Thank you everyone who made the effort to attend RLC's 2021 Annual Meeting. Over the last two weekends we were able to conduct the business of the church online, by phone and in-person!

**No Computer? No Problem!**  
**Try "Dial-A-Worship"**  
**Call: 612-474-4974**



**Instructions for accessing current Sunday and archived Wednesday audio worship option detailed below:**

1. Dial 612-474-4974 – *you will hear a welcome message from Richfield Lutheran Church.*
2. To hear the current Wednesday Lenten Reflection Worship; *after the welcome message press #2 and then press #1 to be connected to the current week's Lenten worship.*
3. To hear the current Sunday Morning Online Worship stay on the line – do not press any numbers. There will be a short "*we are not live right now so one second while we get you connected to the playback stream*" message and then the current Sunday audio worship will begin.

**New Wednesday Lenten Worship will be available each Monday morning in Lent.**  
**New Sunday worship audios posted every Friday! QUESTIONS?**  
**Call the church office for help!**

#### Happy Birthday To You!

3/1	Merle Benson	Judy Dykes
3/5	Sharon Lundgren	
3/8	Allen Carlson	
3/13	Helga Wittig	
3/18	Patricia Schwamm	
3/20	Orlen Hovila	Paul Johnson
3/23	Patty Evans	



**May your special day be filled with God's richest blessings!**



# HOME TOUCH® Activity Page

*Week of March 7, 2021*



## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Leviticus 20-23

**Monday:** Leviticus 24-27

**Tuesday: Mark 1-3**

**Wednesday: Mark 4-6**

**Thursday:** Mark 7-10

**Friday: Mark 11-13**

**Saturday:** Psalms 25-28

## VOW TO FIND A VOWEL!

**Directions:** We'll not only give you a vowel, but we'll give you a lot of them. The words in this brain-cruncher have vowels in unusual arrangements. See if you can guess the words from the clues provided. Find the secret message by transferring the circled letters to the appropriate spaces. Remember that the circled letter may be a vowel.

## March 2021

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1. Brave: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ E O U \_\_\_\_\_

2. A dark profile: \_\_\_\_\_ ○ OUE \_\_\_\_\_

3. Circular:   O   ou          

4. Running away: \_\_\_\_\_ E E  \_\_\_\_\_

5. Savage, fierce: \_\_\_\_\_ I O U ☐

6. Strange, odd:      U A I               

7. A person from the 50<sup>th</sup> state: \_\_\_\_\_ A ☒ I A \_\_\_\_\_

8. Compress, push together:      U E E     

9. A large tree in California: ☐ U ☐ IA

10. Paddling in a small, narrow boat: 0 O E I     

11. Upright, moral and righteous: ○                U O U     

12. Lining up in a row:      U E U ○          

13. Gorgeous:        E A U        E ○ U       

14. Precipitation: 0 A I     

**Secret Message:**  
Write here in the  
space provided.

**ANSWERS:** 1. courageous; 2. silhouette; 3. round; 4. fleeing; 5. vicious; 6. quaint; 7. Hawaiian; 8. squeeze; 9. sequoia; 10. canoeing; 11. virtuous; 12. queuing; 13. beauteous; 14. rain. **Secret Message:** CHRIST IS SAVIOR. **Riddle:** Because the little kid cannot reach buttons higher than 5.

## RIDDLE

A family lives in a large tower apartment building, 10 floors high. Every day their son takes the elevator from the family's apartment on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor to the ground floor and goes to school. When he returns in the afternoon, he uses the elevator to get to the fifth floor, and then uses the stairs for the remaining five floors. Why?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14