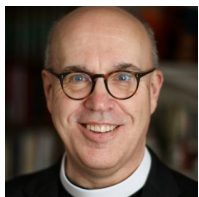


# Richfield Lutheran Newsletter

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



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## It's Either/Or! Or is it both/and?!

People have been noticing and bemoaning that America has become polarized. "If you are not with me, you are my enemy." So, everything becomes either/or.

Back when I began pastoring in southwestern Minnesota, it was whether you drove green John Deere tractors or red Case tractors. When I moved to northwestern Wisconsin, it was whether you were a Vikings fan or a Packers fan. It was either one or the other, the lines were clearly drawn.

Since then, this either/or attitude seems to have taken over everything, especially politics, theology, and even congregational life. "If you are not with me, you are my enemy."

Amid all this, Martin Luther said the Christian life is lived both/and. For example, we are simultaneously saints and sinners. That is, in Christ, we are 100% saint already! And, in this life, we are at the same time still 100% sinner. We don't increase the saintly percentage over our life, nor do we decrease the sinnerly percentage. We are 100% saint and 100% sinner!

Or, of course, there is our emphasis on Law and Gospel. In this life, we need both. We have not outgrown the Law. At the same time, the Gospel calls us forward into freedom to loving service. As Luther said, to be a Christian is to be "the most free lord of all, subject to none; and the most dutiful servant of all, subject to everyone." As Americans, we tend to insist on our freedoms, and yet, as Christians we are free, freed to serve our neighbor in love.

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## Upcoming Services and Events:

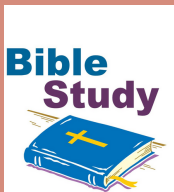
**June 26,  
Worship Service  
9:30am, Sanctuary**

**July 3,  
Worship Service  
w/Communion, 9:30 am,  
Sanctuary**

**July 4, Happy 4th of July  
RLC & CELC Offices closed**



**Join us for Coffee  
Hour/Fellowship each  
Sunday following the  
worship service.**



**Weekly Bible Study  
Online with Pastor Brian,  
Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m.**

**To join, go to Zoom Mtg:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88368868971?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88368868971?wd=aU9FYXlvWUJzeVIXeGVoazUvTVU2Zz09)**

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for the link.**

So, as Luther observed, we live in two kingdoms simultaneously. Fully in the Kingdom of God and fully in the Kingdom of this age. When we want to solve societal issues, we are prone to focus on increased regulation or we say the real, underlying issue is Sin and that is repaired only by the Gospel, and so we poo-poo the folly of regulation. Of course, our response to societal ills is both/and, both Law and Gospel.

So, while this world most decidedly is either/or, we the church are freed and called to live in this world as a both/and culture! Yes, this is hard, as our human way is bound to be either/or, yet God's way is both/and.

Years ago, I took an improvisation workshop at the famed Dudley Riggs' Brave New Workshop. The number one rule of improv is always saying/doing "yes, and!" That is, when our acting partner offers up a theme or dialog, our gut reaction is we want to do what we want to do, and so we will respond, "no, but." If, however, we can collaborate with our acting partners and say, "yes and..." if we can take what they offer, and add to it, oh the places you'll go! It's like how the psalms are written: the first half of each verse (what the lector says) makes a statement, the second half (what the congregation says), takes what the first half says and adds to it, amplifies it.

Try it! Next time your immediate reaction in some polarized discussion is to say, "no, but," try saying, "yes, and." See where the Spirit takes you. Jesus loves you, and so do I.

-- Pastor Brian

*From the  
Pastor*



## From the Business Office

**By Meggy Wagner**  
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It's clean-out time! While we wait for our construction permits, many hands have started to go through our storage spaces to help declutter, reuse, recycle, and discard our 'stuff' around the building! Randy is doing miracles going through all the janitor closets, the items stored under the stage in the Fellowship Hall, the table / chair storage, the coatrooms, and lots of other nooks and crannies. Busy Beavers has already done several declutter sessions in the former Sunday School Office, the closet in the Common Grounds, and the closets in the East Hallway. A big thank you to Cherill and Kathy Lindquist for moving and re-organizing the flower and Operation-Christmas-Child storage. And a big thank you to Susan Anderson, for tackling the Library. The shelves on the North side of the Library are already empty, and lots of progress has been made on the other shelves. And with Lisa Borneman's help, we will go through our Theater inventory in the basement, and decide what will be kept for a possible future community theater program, and what can be given away. Thank you for everyone who is helping with this effort!

If you, too, feel inspired to channel your 'Konmari' organizing talents and are not afraid of the occasional dust-bunny, please let me know, there is still plenty of opportunity to help!

Peace, Meggy





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## June/July Birthdays

6/25 Earl Evenstad  
 6/25 JoAnn Peterson  
 6/25 Leo Schroeder  
 6/27 Mahriella Hinze-Francis  
 6/27 Molly Weibel  
  
 7/2 Marcia Lumbar  
 7/7 Allesandra Hinze-Francis  
 7/8 Brandi Simpson  
 7/8 Gary Strom  
 7/10 Marion Baker  
 7/13 Meggy Wagner  
 7/17 Harry Hinze-Francis  
 7/18 Paul Curtiss  
 7/18 Elisabethette Hinze-Francis  
 7/23 Claire Aris  
 7/25 Even Decker  
 7/29 Ruth Copeland  
 7/30 Tony Garcia



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**Creative Early Learning Center**

Join the children and families of CELC at our Family PicNc to kick off summer! We will be gathering at **Veteran's Park on Tuesday, June 28, from 6pm to 7:30pm**. We will have hot dogs and water melon, and will also be sharing potluck dishes! Join us for our first full center gathering in 2 years! We are looking forward to seeing you!



## Stay Connected!

Keep the RLC Office informed of:

- Address/phone# changes
- E-mail addresses
- Hospitalizations or illnesses
- Requests for 'in home visits/communion'
- Emergency contact info

**We want to be there for you!**



**RICHFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Trust Inc.

Join us June 26, July 24 & August 28 at 5:00pm for Sunday Suppers – a Sunday Meal option for all ages. The meal is free – but any donation will help support this opportunity. Located at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, 5760 Portland Ave So. Call the TRUST Offices for a ride, to volunteer for meal prep, volunteer driving or serving: 612.827.6159

Go to Trust Inc for more opportunities and events!



Have a Safe & Happy  
4th of July



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### Remember - Hunger knows No Season!

Summer months are especially important to families who use the products given to VEAP. At RLC, we encourage you to 'buy 2' whenever possible for non-perishable items and canned goods for the summer food shelf use. Your donations can make the difference! Drop you donations off to the RLC Office or the Food Can in the RLC hallway.



## 2021-22 RLC Chancel Choir



**Thank you!**



### Daily Bible Readings for the Next Two Weeks:

**Wednesday, June 22**

**1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

**Thursday, June 23**

**Psalms 16**

**Friday, June 24**

**Luke 1:57-80**

**Saturday, June 25**

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

**Sunday, June 26**

**Luke 9:51-62**

**Monday, June 27**

**Psalms 140**

**Tuesday, June 28**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

**Wednesday, June 29**

**John 21:15-19**

**Thursday, June 30**

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

**Friday, July 1**

**Psalms 66:1-9**

**Saturday, July 2**

**Galatians 6:1-16**

**Sunday, July 3**

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

**Monday, July 4**

**John 14:1-7**

**Tuesday, July 5**

**Psalms 119:73-80**

**Wednesday, July 6**

**James 2:14-26**