

Richfield Lutheran Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024

Welcome to Richfield Lutheran Church

**“Together we will Be the church
by living our God’s gifts in the community
and the world!”**



Welcome Pastor Charlie Ruud
We are happy you are here!



Charlie Ruud is a dedicated pastor with over 15 years of experience, holding a BA from St. Olaf College and Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary. Ordained in the ELCA in 2009, Charlie has formerly served Bethel Lutheran Church (Northfield, MN), Normandale Lutheran Church (Edina, MN) and Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Minneapolis and Victoria, MN). Charlie has a passion for teaching and preaching the good news of Jesus, digging into the biblical story, and continuing to present and discover how the gospel meets people in all the joys, struggles, and ordinariness of daily life.

Residing in South Minneapolis with his wife, Maggie, three daughters, Lucy, Harriet, Lena, and their beloved rescue dog, Diggs. Charlie leads a life grounded in both faith and adventure. When he’s not guiding his congregation, he can be found enjoying the great outdoors--fishing, camping, hiking and downhill skiing. He is co-organizer of a winter pastoral retreat, “Recreation and Revelation”, taking place annually in Winter Park, CO. An avid baseball player, Charlie formerly played professionally with the Saint Paul Saints and has been involved in MN amateur baseball for over twenty years, most notably with the Dundas Dukes. Charlie also makes a mean chili, loves all music, continues to chunk away on guitar, enjoys cycling, reading, supporting Minnesota United (Go Loons!) and Everton soccer (a practice in suffering), and spending time with friends while reflecting on life’s mysteries.



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Go to [Resources](#) on our website

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CELC FACEBOOK:
[Creative Early Learning Center @RLC](#)





Events:

- *Sunday, November 3: All Saints Sunday and Pastor Charlie's 1st Sunday!. 9:30 Worship w/communion.*
- *Sunday, November 3: Clocks 'fall back' an hour!*
- *Tuesday, November 5: Worship at The Pines, 2:00*
- *Tuesday, November 5: VOTE!*
- *Thursday, November 7: 'Thursday Musical' concert, 7:00*
- *Sunday, November 10: 9:30 Worship*
- *Monday, November 11: Veteran's Day*
- *Sunday, October 17: 9:30 Worship w/communion*
- *Sunday, November 24: Christ the King Sunday. 9:30am worship*
- *Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving (RLC & CELC Offices Closed)*



*Bible Study Online with
Pastor Charlie*

*WEDNESDAYS @ 1:00 p.m. using
Zoom Video Meeting.*

*Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89753063690>*

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Stewards of God's Grace. By God's grace, we are claimed as children of God through baptism. We belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. How does "belonging to God" shape the way that we live our lives? How might we be good stewards of God's grace? Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and Gelatins 3:23-29.



Stewardship Ministry 2025.

Our "usual" fall stewardship drive displaced by the call process. And that's just as well. Tying stewardship to fall harvest makes sense in congregations where the farm cycle drives their lives. I don't know about you, but I haven't harvested any corn or soybean crop lately, nor brought it to the grain elevator! Stewardship really is about how we respond to God's call. While money is certainly not the main thing in our lives, it is an important way we live our lives with God. And, as God promised Abraham in Genesis, "we are blessed to be a blessing!" So, stay tuned for Stewardship Ministry 2025! Until then, may I recommend you contemplate increasing your weekly offering by 2.5%, or more. That is Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment for 2025. What a great way to start Richfield's next step in our journey as a congregation!



By Pastor Brian Mundt
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Farewell and Godspeed from the Pastoral Pasture

As John the Baptist said of his relationship with Jesus, "He must increase, and I must decrease" (John 3:30). In our tradition, when a pastor leaves or retires, he or she actually leaves, and does not hang around. This way, the congregation comes to learn that they can depend on their new pastor. While this is a hard practice, there is much wisdom here. I will miss you all dearly. And so, I "fade away," as General Douglas MacArthur said. Rest assured, Richfield Lutheran remains in my prayers.

We did many great things these past six years. Our situation was highly problematic in 2018. Since then, we've moved towards financial sustainability. We "right sized" our staff. We refreshed our facilities. And we thrived through the pandemic! Most importantly, we came to remember that God is up to something here!

Pr Charlie's call to Richfield feels right, like the "next step" in Richfield's journey. I wish you Godspeed!

Jesus loves you, and so do I, -- Pastor Brian



November Birthdays

- 11/07 Lonnie Nichols
- 11/17 Wanita Gerhardt
- 11/20 Ulrica Sherry
- 11/22 Pastor Brian Mundt



RLC lefse bake is happening Saturday morning, November 16, from 9 to 12. Sign up or call Shirley Evenstad at 612-861-4793 if you have questions. We will have some for sale on Sunday, November 17. You are invited to come help us and bring your best rolling and baking skills. Sign up with Shirley Evenstad, at church or call and leave a message at 612-861-4793,



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**From the Parish Nurse
by Robbi Moore
Nursing Notes**



By now you probably have read in the paper or saw on TV news that loneliness has risen to a crisis level in the US. Loneliness has been a concern for seniors but now youth and young adults have risen to the top of the numbers aside of seniors.

Researchers have outlined some possible causes including the strong online presence of the young. Connecting with friends and family is now primarily via texting. Even email has fallen off. Many people are holed up in their homes and apartments all day and night as post Covid telecommuting work continues. Psychiatrists and Phycologists are concerned what role this isolation will play long term and if loneliness may not be the only effect. Research will show that people seek out others for fuller and more fulfilling lives.

So we may recognize the need for change but what can we do for next steps? This is a hard question. People need to be open to change and to be open to try several things which might be hard and takes a conscientious effort.

Simple starting points might include

1. Set one day or evening every other week to go out into people populated places.
2. Make a plan to meet with someone to talk, have a meal, see an event...the Holidays have dozen of choices.
3. Call someone you have not called, seen or missed.

These are just a few simple starts but you have to make the effort, don't put off a planned effort.

A couple of the articles suggested writing right on your calendar your planned actions so you can't easily overlook or forget to do them.

I myself have been trying to be timely rather than letting it get to late to call friend or family. I try to remember a quote I heard, "You cannot complain of being lonely if you haven't reached out to someone else who may also to be lonely".

Be positive and take chance.

In His Service
Your Parish Nurse,
Robbi



Happy '15th' Year Anniversary to our ministry partners, **Mundo de Pas.**



**TRUST INC
INVITES YOU TO
TEACH &
TRAIN
TUESDAY**



**NOVEMBER 19, 2024
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
RICHFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH
8 W 60TH STREET MINNEAPOLIS MN**

Our workshop will be led by JJ Kline, an expert trained in the Biology of Longevity Aging. During our session, we will explore the complex aspects of the aging process and emphasize the significance of adopting a holistic approach to care for healthy aging. This workshop will include technique and training for all ability levels.

WORKSHOP FEATURES

- HEALTH & WELLNESS SUPPORT TEAM
- COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH
- TECHNIQUES AND TRAINING TO BE YOUR BEST AT ANY AGE!

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**WELCA's Operation Christmas Child
Packing Event on October 15, 2024**

The annual event to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child was held in the South Community Room on October 15, 2024. There were sixteen people who participated in it. Cherill and Kathy Lindquist hosted the event and Mary Katuza, the OCC rep was there to assist. The filled boxes are sent all over the world to spread the word of God and give joy to children.

Many people donated items to fill the boxes; toys, balls, jump ropes, yoyos, small flashlights, school supplies, art and craft kits, plush animals, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, hair supplies. Thank you to those who donated items and/or gave money for postage for the boxes. Thank you also for the treats and drinks folks donated for the volunteers who filled boxes.

A total of 83 boxes were filled this year. This is a new record!!!!

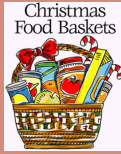
A big thank you to Cherill and Kathy who organized the whole event; from collecting and sorting donations, setting up the items on tables and packing up what was left for next year! They accept donations all year round so please contact them. There is a special closet at church where items can be stored.

Mary brings the filled boxes to a central location in the metro area where they will be processed and moved on their way to their destinations. Once they reach their destination, missions and churches hand them out along with a twelve week Bible study workbook. When the child completes the study, they receive a Bible in their home language.

If you would like more information, please check out Operation Christmas Child on the Samaritan's Purse website.



**Holiday
Baskets**



It's time to start thinking of the holidays and how we can help. Monetary donations will be accepted for the Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets this year. Gift cards will be given out to families to purchase food. Donations can be mailed to RLC or dropped off at the RLC Office.



RLC Mitten Tree

Its almost that time of year again! Colder weather is getting close. Any donations of caps, mittens and scarves for the 'little ones' at RLC/CELC would be appreciated. Please drop off in the RLC Office. We will be putting up the mitten tree later in November.



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It is hard to express how much your support and words of sympathy meant to our family. We thank you! Jeffrey passed away on October 11th. He was 37 years old. A graveside funeral service was held on October 25th. When you look back at the memories you have of Jeff, we hope that something he said or did makes you remember him with a smile!

Jeff, we miss you and you will be forever in our hearts.

Lonnie, Bonnie Nichols,
Andy, Becky Nichols,
& Adrianna & Eloise.



Wishing you and your family a happy Thanksgiving



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Save the date!

Thursday Musical Artist Series



November 7, 2024

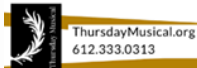
Richfield Lutheran Church

7 PM

8 W 60th St.

Featuring Thursday Musical Members Patricia Kent, mezzo soprano; Salam Murtada, piano; Megan Monahan Wallace, piano; and Incidental Trio: Karen Hansen, clarinet, and guest artists Steve Staruch, viola, and Sue Ruby, piano

Suggested donation \$15



TCAGO Concert at Richfield Lutheran Church on Oct. 25th.



On Friday, October 25th, the **Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (TCAGO)** hosted a spectacular Fall Members Recital, themed “The Many Moods of Dance.” The event was graced by an enthusiastic



audience of over 120 attendees, who were treated to an evening of exceptional musical performances. The 1977 Schantz organ, with its three-manuals and 36-ranks, offered a rich variety of sounds and masterfully captured the diverse sonorities of dance. Major appreciation to Brian Sullivan and Obermeyer Organ company for their excellent maintenance and preparation of the organ for this event.

Newsletter

About our Newsletter

We try to make the RLC Newsletter available and easily accessible to all our members and friends. Here is a reminder of the way we distribute the newsletter:

- Physical copies are mailed to members with no e-mail addresses. (or if they simply wish to receive a hard copy in the mail).
 - Members with e-mails are sent a pdf of the newsletter
 - Printed copies are available in the office.
 - Available on our website.
- Contact the RLC Office if you have any questions.



Volunteers are still needed for a variety of ministries at RLC Let us know if you can help!

Readers Ushers
AV Operators Funerals
Hosts for Coffee Hour
Meals on Wheels Drivers
Communion Assistants



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Daily Bible Readings for November:

Friday, November 1

John 11:32-44

Saturday, November 2

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, November 3

Mark 12:28-34

Monday, November 4

Psalm 51

Tuesday, November 5

Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1

Wednesday, November 6

Micha 6:1-8

Thursday, November 7

Psalm 146

Friday, November 8

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Saturday, November 9

Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Sunday, November 10

Mark 12:38-44

Monday, November 11

Psalm 94

Tuesday, November 12

1 Timothy 5:9-16

Wednesday, November 13

Luke 4:16-30

Thursday, November 14

Psalm 16

Friday, November 15

Daniel 4:19-27

Saturday, November 16

Mark 12:1-12

Sunday, November 17

Mark 13:1-8

Monday, November 18

Psalm 13

Tuesday, November 19

Hebrews 10:32-39

Wednesday, November 20

Zechariah 12:1-13:1

Thursday, November 21

Psalm 93

Friday, November 22

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Saturday, November 23

John 3:31-36

Sunday, November 24

John 18:33-37

Monday, November 25

Psalm 76

Tuesday, November 26

Revelation 11:15-19

Wednesday, November 27

Ezekiel 30:20-26

Thursday, November 28

Psalm 25:1-10

Friday, November 29

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Saturday, November 30

John 1:35-42



NOVEMBER BLESSINGS

#IlovePsalms

HELLO NOVEMBER,
Thanks for the
reminder
that change
can be beautiful!

God is in control.
Angels have been
assigned to our case.
His miracle is coming.
Do not worry and Do
not give up!