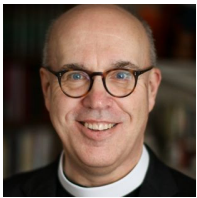


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"Together we will **BE** the church
by living out God's gifts in the
community and the world"



By **Pastor Brian Mundt**
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I thought I was invincible. Not really, but after 2.5 years of not getting COVID, getting both vaccinations and both boosters, and always following CDC guidance, I sure felt like I was safe from it. But, as it turns out, COVID can find a way. I hear this new variant BA.5, is like that. Let this be a reminder to us all.

And so, we had to cancel church on July 24. That's the bugaboo with a solo pastorate. I thought we were going to be okay. Sure, Mary had tested positive on Friday (after our week of family reunions), but she was isolating at home, and I tested negative on Friday and on Saturday. I did, just to be safe, see if our supply pastor was available. But, of course, he was already busy elsewhere. You must book supply pastors months in advance! But, hey, I tested negative on Saturday afternoon, we were good to go. Man, oh man, symptoms hit hard on Saturday evening. I suppose I could have not tested; it was just like a cold. But I was responsible and tested: positive.

I quickly texted with our key leadership. Yup, we had no choice. Maybe have coffee hour set up for those who wanted to? So, I put out the One-Call robocall at 8:00 a.m. to let everyone know in advance. (If you did not get the One-Call phone notification, please let Bonnie know, so she can add you back on.) And we had some

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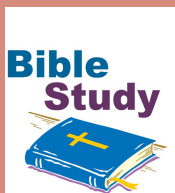
Upcoming Services and Events:

August 7,
Worship Service
w/communion & Special
Music provided by Leo
Schroeder
9:30am, Sanctuary

August 14,
Worship Service,
9:30 am, Sanctuary



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?>

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or email:

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council members on-site to let folks who did show up know.

We, both Mary and I had to quarantine at home for five days. We were able to get the Paxlovid prescription. So we pulled through. An unpleasant way to spend a week. Yet we are thankful for our health.

We have plans in place for blizzards. I suppose we should have anticipated this too. In hindsight, we could have shown the recorded video worship on the giant TVs in the sanctuary, and then shared coffee hour. While "not the same," it might have been better than being sent home. I hope you were able to watch the recorded video service or listen to the audio version on your phone?

Well, let this be a reminder to remain vigilant. COVID is still very much among us. With considerable potential to disrupt daily life. To say nothing of our continued health.

We have other ground-breaking news! The building renovation started this week. Enjoy seeing the transformation taking place before your eyes.

And, sadly, Meggy is moving on to St Andrews Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, later this year. We will wish her Godspeed. Until then, she will continue to manage the renovation and will help us with leadership changes.

Jesus loves you, and so do I.

-- Pr.Brian



From the Business Office

By Meggy Wagner

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I am very happy to let you know that we are starting construction this week! We have received our permit for the conversion of the Common Grounds into an infant / toddler wing, and will begin setting up the work site and temporary infant feeding station in the hallway on Wednesday / Thursday. We are so excited to get started!

I am also very happy to announce that we have received a grant for playground improvements through First Child's Finance in the amount of \$11,700. This grant is earmarked for the repair of the broken fence of our preschool playground, and includes a mulch refill, as well as an increase in the railroad tie barrier to prevent mulch from spilling. Now the trick will be to get on our contractor's packed schedule! Fall will be busy!

A big thank you to Lisa Borneman and Deb Smith for the sorting and organizing of the theater props in the basement, and working with College Hunks to get a full truck load of superfluous items out of our storage! In addition, Randy has already taken care of many items under the theater stage in the Fellowship Hall, and thanks to those combined efforts, we now have easy temporary storage space during construction, and an orderly and fire code compliant theater storage in the basement! Thank you, Lisa, Deb, and Randy!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

August Birthdays

8/3 Barb Thuras
8/7 JoAnn Olson
8/8 Sonya Decker
8/8 Robert Olson
8/12 Marion Balow
8/12 LeRoy Weibel
8/21 David Schwamm
8/21 Agnars Svalbe
8/22 Betty Hughes
8/27 Lyle Gerhardt
8/27 Lee Bachman

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 here
for you!**



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From the Council President

By Susan Anderson
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TRANSITIONS AT RLC

As you know, Meggy Wagner is transitioning from RLC to a position at St. Andrew's in Eden Prairie. We are grateful to have her on board for two days a week through August and then 1 ½ day a week for a while to oversee construction activities. At least for now, we will not replace her. Accounting and payroll activities have been outsourced.

Fortunately, we are blessed with council member Cathy Salin who is a whiz with the financial side of things and can provide knowledgeable advice. Council will take more responsibility in overseeing CELC and other tasks related to the Business Administration office.

Demolition on the Common Grounds begins August 3rd so construction work is finally getting off the ground. The permit for the larger reconstruction project has been submitted and will hopefully be approved soon.

You may recall that Pastor Brian's hours were reduced at the outset of the COVID pandemic to help alleviate financial concerns. At our last meeting, Council voted to return him from 60% time to 75% for which he was called. Despite reduced hours, he added the on-line service for those unable to attend in person. Thank you for your service, Pastor.

Susan Anderson, Council President

"We hope to see you in church and please remember that expenses do not lag in the summer even though donations typically fall."



By Mesa Sigrist
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**Creative Early
Learning Center**

Last week was certainly a fun-packed one for CELC. We were joined by many CELC grandma's and grandpas for our first ever Grandparent's day, which was a major success. The rooms enjoyed some cooler weather for water day, our Cool Cats and Rainbows held Bike Day, we had a special parent reader come into our Happy Face classroom, we had an ice cream party, and our oldest rooms got to take a walk to Augsburg Park for a day of play! The end of summer is quickly approaching, so we plan to make August one to remember. Before we know it, the kids will be back in school and the 2022-2023 school year will begin!

At CELC, we are also looking forward to finally breaking ground in the Commons and getting the first round of expansion started. We are excited to watch the renovation process, and to daydream about what this new chapter at CELC has in store for us. We look forward to



**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 your donations off to the RLC Office or the Food Can in the RLC hallway.

A Message from RLC...



All active members should be receiving Pastor Brian's One-Call announcements on Thursday afternoons unless they have opted out from receiving these calls. Please let me know if you are not receiving these calls and WANT to be included

Please note that if you are on RLC's One-Call list you will also receive any urgent or special notifications from RLC.

Thanks! Bonnie



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all the new families we will get to serve in our community, and all the new staff members that will be added to our team. It is a very exciting time for CELC!



Daily Bible Readings for the Next Two Weeks:

Wednesday, August 3

Luke 12:22-31

Thursday, August 4

Genesis 15:1-6

Friday, August 5

Psalm 33:12-22

Saturday, August 6

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Sunday, August 7

Luke 12:32-40

Monday, August 8

Psalm 89:1-18

Tuesday, August 9

2 Chronicles 34:22-33

Wednesday, August 10

Jeremiah 33:14-26

Thursday, August 11

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Friday, August 12

Psalm 82

Saturday, August 13

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sunday, August 14

Luke 12:49-56

Monday, August 15

Luke 1:46-55

Tuesday, August 16

Psalm 32

Wednesday, August 17

Luke 19:45-48