



## The R.L.C. Mid-Week News: 04/28/2021

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

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### Help Our Property Team Prepare for Return to Worship



It's time for some RLC TLC as we return to in-person worship on May 02, 2021 with a "Saturday Church Work Day!"

**DATE: Saturday, May 01, 2021**

**TIME: 9 am – noon**

*(come as you can – even for just an hour or two)*

**OUTDOOR WORK INCLUDES:** The gardens, lawn, shrubs, courtyard, bushes and entrance planters. The all need attention, weeding, clean up and some planting as they were largely neglected during our pandemic closure.

Any and all help is needed to beautify our spaces.

All ages and abilities welcome.

**BRING:** Garden tools, trimmers, lawn edger, rakes, weed-whips and work gloves.

*"Many hands make for light work!"*

**LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE JOINING US:**

Call the church office 612.861.2265 or Property Chair LeRoy Weibel @ 612.801.1916

### Limited Return to In-Person Worship This Sunday!



**May 02, 2021 @ 9:15 a.m. – Main Sanctuary**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays only thru June. Social distance seating and masks required. Contact tracing sign-in required. At this time, No Communion, Congregational Singing or Fellowship Coffee

Hour until further notice. Online and audio worship will continue. Links below:

#### VIDEO WORSHIP

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

#### AUDIO WORSHIP

612-474-4974

#### The 10:45 WORSHIP VIA ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89878480770>



#### RLC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER MOVES TO TWICE A MONTH ISSUES

Effective May 2021, *The RLC Mid-Week News* will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month for publication.

**Upcoming e-distribution/mailling dates:**

**May 12 & 26 – June 9 & 23**

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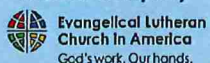
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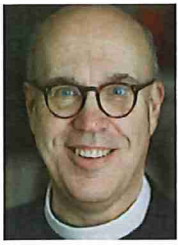
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Y-LIFE Youth,  
Richfield Lutheran  
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### **From Pastor Brian Mundt**

Last Sunday's gospel was about the Good Shepherd. Next Sunday's is the Vine and the Branches. Both are beloved images, trying to capture the relationship we have with Jesus. In

both, the sheep and the branches have life when with the shepherd and the vine. Without connection to the shepherd and the vine, life is perilous for the sheep and the branches.

And yet, we seem bound to try to go it on our own. It is our human condition. And the image of the rugged, lone individual is pervasive in our culture. But, Jesus says, try as you may, you are bound for failure. We need to stay connected, "abide" with Jesus. Here is true life.

So, we're all in this together. We need to be attentive to Jesus, our shepherd and our vine. With him, there is life and there is growth.

As we gather for in-person worship on Sunday, May 2, we want this to be a **safe welcome**. We are inviting you back. If you're not quite ready yet, that's okay. Come when you're comfortable. And we want this to be as safe for everyone as we can be. So, the obvious masking and social distancing are just part of our "new normal," for now. And singing and coffee hour are not options either, just yet. And we do ask that everyone attending has been fully vaccinated. We can do this!

Dr Michael Osterholm was a speaker at the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly last weekend. He is deeply concerned about the variants and the surge in new cases going on around the world. So, we too remain vigilant and will "dial back" if and when necessary. Because we are one flock, and we are all in this together, as Jesus leads us, to true life.

~Pastor Brian Mundt

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*For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.*

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*



### **From Mary Beth Weibel**

**Director of Outreach Ministries**

This past week, as part of RLC's continued efforts to BE in community with the community, I was approved by RLC church council to be on the Board of Directors for TRUST Inc, representing the Richfield Lutheran Community of Faith. As this partnership in ministry starts to evolve, I wanted to take time this issue and next to tell you a bit more about TRUST.

TRUST Inc. is a nonprofit coalition of Minneapolis congregations that has served the needs of seniors, families and youth of Minneapolis since 1970. Initially consisting of eight congregations, TRUST now has a membership of 20 churches, representing nine different denominations.

The original mission of TRUST was for the congregations to join in a common effort of service to others, with that service being open to all and transcending historical denominational differences. They created a consortium of congregations to provide human services in the community, doing together what no individual congregation could do alone and providing these services across racial and economic lines and physical barriers.

The partner congregations of TRUST have a proven record of working together to meet the needs of the community. Volunteer recruitment comes from the coalition's members and the community with partnership and disbursement of those volunteers/resources to meet community needs.

As communities of faith continue to see decreases in active members and abilities, we come to a realization "*We can't always do it alone.*" As RLC continues to navigate the future in our community, we will continue to explore how we partner together to meet the current community needs and explore new ways in which we can best do outreach ministry with the most impact for vibrancy and growth together.

Next week, I will share some of the many programs currently a part of TRUST that we may partner with in the future. I look forward to seeing some of you this coming Sunday!

Be kind – stay safe - and love one another.

Peace,

~Mary Beth Weibel

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### **From Bonnie Nichols**

#### **Office Administrator**

Greetings from the RLC Office!  
One of my favorites – thought I would share.

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and saw that she had only three hairs on her head. "Great," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today."

So she did and had a wonderful day. The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "Hmm," she said, "I guess I'll part my hair down the middle." So she did and had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only one hair left on her head. "Wow," she said, "today I get to wear my hair in a ponytail." So she did and had a wonderful, wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "Thank God!" she exclaimed. "I was running out of things to do with my hair!" (Worthy Christian Devotional)  
**ATTITUDE is everything! Let's be grateful for the things God has given us, press through for the Kingdom, and of course -- have a wonderful day!**

Looking forward to worshipping together soon!

~Bonnie Nichols

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### **From Meggy Wagner**

#### **Director of Business Administration**

**Please join us on May 23<sup>rd</sup> on Zoom!**

**What:** Presentation by Anne Gerriets, former building consultant

of the ELCA

**When:** May 23<sup>rd</sup> Zoom meeting of the Advisory Committee, at 1:30pm

**Why:** Anne is working with us as part of our Building Study

This is the official kick-off of our 2021 Building Study. Anne visited and toured RLC recently. She has a lot of exciting ideas for us!

#### **Background on our Building Study:**

**Purpose:** We started our Building Study back in 2019, to find the best way to consolidate childcare in the

education wing, and bring the Nursery over to that side of the building.

This required us to look at building code issues:

- Fire prevention
- Accessibility
- Having an elevator

The study produced a great location for an elevator, but moving the Nursery proved to be very expensive, and also thorny: either the church would have to give up/move the library, or childcare would have to go without a Nursery.

**This drove home the most important finding of this part of the Building Study: the need to look at both the church and childcare spaces together, not in isolation.**

While we were still considering these findings, the pandemic happened, and everything was placed on hold. Therefore, this first part of the Building Study was never presented to the congregation. Nothing happened with the building or the Study during the pandemic.

With the 2021 budget, we identified the need to produce an additional \$100,000 of income from improved building use, in addition to the average annual income from childcare. The 2021 budget approved a second Building Study for this purpose. This second Study comprises all our spaces, church and childcare.

#### **Beginning the Second Building Study**

The ELCA building consultant's input is the first step to start our visioning: How can we make our church spaces more open, welcoming, and flexible for all our varied programming needs.

Another part of the study will look at the creation of a toddler wing in the area of the current Nursery and the Common Grounds. A project like that could generate additional revenue. If it is capable of building revenue toward our long-term financial sustainability, it would become part of an overall building plan.

That building plan will ultimately be voted on by the congregation at a special congregational meeting later this year.



This is why we want a robust Advisory Committee with as many members of the congregation as possible. We want input from many different viewpoints. For those who cannot participate in Zoom meetings, we will distribute meeting summary notes via email and through the newsletter. As we start re-opening, we will also hold in-person informational meetings again. We are looking forward to shaping RLC's future together! Please join us on May 23<sup>rd</sup>!

~Meggy Wagner  
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There are no articles this week by Mesa Sigrist, Robbi Moore or Randy O'Brien

#### From the RLC Church Council

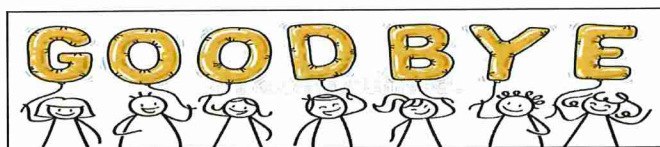


Recently word has gotten back to us of a "conspiracy theory" about the building study and that a select few have already determined space use in the future.

We all have our hopes and dreams but nothing, *we repeat nothing*, has been decided. Those of us on Council and on Staff want to hear your thoughts. It is when we listen to one another and make informed decisions that we can move ahead.

Let us join together on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and at ensuing decision-making meetings, with open minds and hearts.

Pastor Brian Mundt  
 Susan Anderson, Council President  
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Harald Kaasa's last day as the Sunday custodian was April 25<sup>th</sup>. We thank him for almost six years of friendly and reliable work! We will enlist volunteers to do his job until the church fully reopens. If you know someone interested in volunteering or taking over his position, contact Patty Evans at [ladybug5305@netzero.net](mailto:ladybug5305@netzero.net)



The Personnel Committee would like to recognize the following staff anniversaries so far this year:

**January:** Bonnie Nichols 6 years  
*Administrative Assistant*  
 Paul Cornick 4 years  
*Organist*

**February:** Robbi Moore 13 years  
*Parish Nurse*  
 Bonnie Nichols 10 years  
*Book Keeper*  
 Diane Flom 5 years  
*Kitchen Cleaner*

**April:** Meggy Wagner 2 years  
*Director of Business Administration*

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April 28 Joy Graves  
 April 29 Gary Mrachek  
 May 5 Ida Mae Cornelius  
 Ken Huntington  
 May 13 Rodger Thuras  
 May 15 Robert Yahr  
 May 16 Lisa Borneman  
 May 17 Paul Wittig  
 May 18 Fred Lumbar  
 May 20 Douglas Bergeson  
 May 23 Mary Sage  
 May 24 Sheryl Schendel  
 May 26 Sharon Miller  
 May 28 Buck Hinze-Francis  
 Marilyn Yahr  
 May 30 Megan Knieff  
 May 31 Kenneth Ask

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



## SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE COVID-19 VACCINE

### FREE VACCINE CLINIC IN SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS

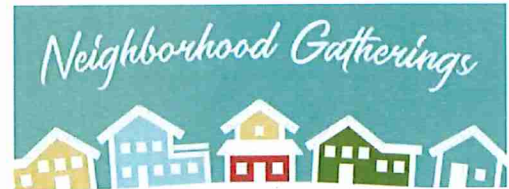
Sign Up for Your Free COVID-19 Vaccine through the Minnesota Community Vaccination Program  
Appointments available Sunday, May 2 (noon—4:00 p.m.)

Living Spirit Church

4501 Bloomington Ave., Minneapolis

Advance Sign Up Required: [livingspiritumc.org/vaccine](https://livingspiritumc.org/vaccine)  
or call: 612.698.3353

### The Call to Justice Neighborhood Gathering Friday, April 30, 2021 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM



Living Spirit United Methodist Church  
4501 Bloomington Ave Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(outdoors - in back of the church)

Join us for food, fellowship, music and action steps in the continued pursuit of racial justice

#### Speakers

**Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs**

Parish associate, Church of All Nations Presbyterian Church and Director of Racial Justice for the Minnesota Council of Churches

**Rev. Dr. Shawn Moore**

Associate pastor of Living Spirit UMC,

**Rev. Suzanne Mades**

Senior pastor of Living Spirit UMC

**Rev. Dana Neuhauser**

Racial Justice Organizer for the Minnesota Annual Conference and Minister of Public Witness for New City Church in Minneapolis

#### Music

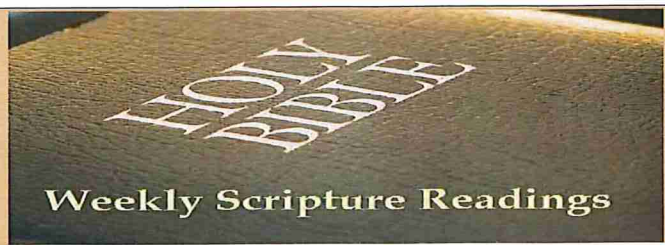
Just Wulf

Hip-Hop Emcee, Lyricist & Producer from St. Paul, MN

#### Food

Sammy's Avenue Eatery

<https://www.sammysavenueeatery.com>



**Sunday, April 25: John 10:11-18**

April 26: Mark 1:1-15

April 27: Revelation 7:13-17

April 28: Micah 7:8-20

April 29: Acts 8:1-8

April 30: Acts 8:9-25

May 1: John 14:8-14 May 1: John 14:8-14

**Sunday, May 2: John 15:1-8**

May 3: Galatians 5:16-26

May 4: Isaiah 32:16-20

May 5: Isaiah 65:17-23 May 6: Psalm 98

May 7: Acts 10:34-43

May 8: Mark 10:42-45



### Community Outreach Opportunities For You!

### JOB OPPORTUNITY AT MEALS-ON-WHEELS

#### **SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS MEALS-ON-WHEELS**

Position Opening:

#### **ASSISTANT COORDINATOR**

Kitchen, Nokomis Square

Cooperative

(5015 35th Ave. S.)

Days and Hours:

- Work one day per week (Wednesdays) on Program Coordinator's day off and during Coordinator's vacation: approximately 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., \$15 per hour
- Fill-in for Program Coordinator in event of illness or emergency

CONTACT: *If you are interested or want to know more, please contact:*

**Tom Overton (612-827-4237) or Mary Engen (612-716-6338)**







**Saturday: Psalms 43-45**

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**Answers  
to Double  
Trouble:**  
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BRAND  
ENJOY