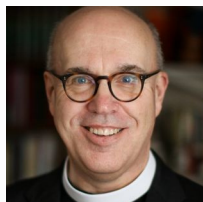


Richfield Lutheran Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024

Welcome to Richfield Lutheran
Church

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



By Pastor Brian Mundt
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Ruminations from the Pastoral Pasture

Things are getting real! The Call Committee is—at the time of writing this—busy interviewing six candidate for Richfield Lutheran’s next pastor!

Things are getting real! I’ve worked through all my paperwork for transferring to the “retired roster” of pastors within the ELCA, for Medicare and supplements, for my pension annuity, and for Social Security. Phew! A lot of paperwork. But, more importantly, now it truly feels REAL!

Now comes a hard step: finding another home congregation. As you hopefully know, when a pastor leaves from serving a congregation, he or she leaves. Freeing you to get to know your next pastor as someone who loves and cares for you. So, he or she can fully be your shepherd. Without a former pastor waiting in the wings, or, worse yet, sitting in the pews, unwittingly detracting. Which means, no, I cannot come back to preside over a baptism, wedding, or funeral—that’s what your next pastor is for! At the same time, that means Mary and I need to find another congregation for our home congregation. Gosh, for decades now, “church shopping” was not something I had to do! How does one do it? What are we looking for? Profound sermons, powerful music, mutual fellowship? Tell me, what keeps you coming to Richfield Lutheran?

As someone whose vocation was to “face the other way” during worship (!), this will be a huge transition! But I tell you what, leading worship is the best! I strongly encourage you to find a way to regularly lead worship, be it assisting minister, cantor, musician, reader, usher, communion server, altar guild, or fellowship hospitality—it is essential, and it truly makes worship a lot more fun and meaningful! Jesus loves you, and so do I, -- Pastor Brian



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Upcoming Services and Events:

- Sunday, September 1: 9:30 Worship w/communion
- Monday, September 2: **Labor Day** - RLC/CELC Offices Closed
- Sunday, September 8: 9:30 Worship
- Sept 13-15: Pr Brian on Retreat
- Sunday, September 15: 9:30 Worship w/communion
- Tuesday, September 17: WELCA Meeting @ 1:00
- Saturday, September 21: Installation of Bishop Jen Nagel, at Central Lutheran
- Sunday, September 22: 9:30 Worship
- Tuesday, September 24: Worship at the Pines at 2:00
- Sunday, September 29: 9:30 Worship
- Sept 29 - Oct 1: PB out at Bishop's Theological Conference

Bible Study



Bible Study Online with Pastor Brian

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

Link:

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Stewards of Congregational Community. God has come down to us in love, entrusting an abundance of resources to our care. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to give generously as a grateful response to God's abundance. How might we use the many resources that God has entrusted to us to live out God's mission through Richfield Lutheran Church? Read 2 Corinthians 8-9, Deuteronomy 14:22-29, and Exodus 35:4-36:7.



Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA

The Minneapolis Area Synod invites you to the Installation of *The Reverend Jen Nagel* as Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

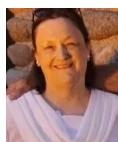
Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th St. Mpls, Mn 55404

The synod office invites you to celebrate with us as the ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton installs Bishop Jen Nagel as Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod. A light reception will follow the installation service,



Call Committee Update

The Synod presented the committee with six pastoral candidates. We are excited to meet them all. Three are women and three are men. We did one interview of a candidate on August 23rd. Three more will be interviewed the last week in August, one the first week in September and the last one the second week in September. We continue to ask for your prayers as we discern who will be the best fit for RLC.



From the Parish Nurse By Robbi Moore Nursing Notes



First I want to do a brief review of the last few months of Dementia and Alzheimers. Remember that these are very complex diagnoses that take experienced care professionals to sort out and even then some diagnoses are elusive and may take years to solve if at all. One easy to misdiagnose is the family's report on what seems to be a clear cut dementia case. Because patients have no signs of reference, the family does not seem to think an appointment is in order. Mom is just getting super forgetful...but is she? No, there has been no bladder symptoms either, what else can it be? An alarming number of UTI s have a late diagnosis because family assumed it was dementia.

If anything is different, don't second guess yourself - get an appt. Sometimes it can be a change in routine, a move from a familiar locale, or a death (and it does not have to be a close family member). Grief can easily be mistaken for a mental health change. Families need to be detectives as you know your loved one best. Take time to do your own grieving. I still recall my very dear second mom announcing that now in her 80s and several joint replacements later she was mourning her beloved roller skating. Her doctor questioned her daughter convinced she had lost reality. They did not know her.

This is why we need to be good reporters. Hopefully I have helped a little in separating all these various, but from a distance, seeming diagnoses.



This is as close to a PSA announcement as I can do. As a Girl Scout Leader as well as a nurse I am acutely aware that school is back or soon will be. Several school districts are asking for help from folks

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

9/03 LaVile Nelson
 9/04 Julie Curtiss
 9/06 Lois Fjelde
 9/17 Marilyn Haas
 9/18 Robbi Moore
 9/25 Mark Flom
 9/29 Randy O'Brien

Monday,
 September 2,
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home in early to early evening to put a sign in a prominent window saying this is a safe place. Some school districts already have the signs, parent information sheets. etc. What many are asking is just for you to make a call to the school saying child seems lost, scared or seems suddenly alone. If you live in this kind of situation (own your home, live in duplex or recognize a child you have seen before but is suddenly alone), it does not take long to make a call. If you had a National Nite Out neighborhood directory just dig it out and place by phone and get the school main number and write it on it. Or call police if you can not rouse anyone at school. You do not need to engage child but can make a big difference in their safety.

In His Service,
 your Parish Nurse
 Robbi



RLC Chancel Choir

Welcome back! Please join us beginning September 8 when we will begin singing at the 9:30 worship service. We will sing on the second and fourth Sundays this year and rehearsing the morning of our scheduled services. We will be singing familiar hymns that are easy to practice and prepare.

Led by the members themselves, the Chancel Choir invites all ages of members who love to sing. Looking forward to meeting the morning of September 8 for rehearsal at 10 minutes to 9 a.m. where Paul, our organist, will accompany us. Shirley Evenstad will communicate the anthems to you ahead of time and will have copies of music for you to place in your black three-ring binder each time.

Invite others to come with you and become a part of our Chancel Choir -- no age limit and no requirements except for an infinity for meaningful music to share with others.



Six Years at RLC!

Pastor Brian Mundt will celebrate his sixth year anniversary at RLC on September 24th. These past years have been like shifting sand and he skillfully maneuvered the operations of the church as changes occurred. He guided the congregation and staff through the pandemic years, created the weekly online recorded church service, led the popular Wednesday afternoon Bible study, enhanced group meetings with an ear toward active listening and direction when needed, and lent advisory support during the two + years of the major renovation of the childcare areas.

His sermons are wonderfully insightful and we will miss Pastor Brian when he retires at the end of the year. (Also, who will faithfully get the coffee makers started on Sunday mornings? ?)

Thank you Pastor Brian for everything!



Robbi Moore, celebrates her 23rd year of officially being our Parish Nurse at RLC on September 1st. Robbi writes the monthly Nursing News article for the church newsletter and assists in educating us in all things health wise. We are grateful for the medical knowledge she shares.

She is also a volunteer reader on Sundays and helps lead WELCA meetings occasionally.

Thank you Robbi and Happy Anniversary!



'The Musical "Nine to Five" was performed at RLC August 16-18. We thank the Hoi Polloi Players for their excellent performances.! We look forward to many more performances!



September's WELCA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th at 1:00 in the Mary Martha Room. We will be budget and calendar planning. Robbi Moore will provide refreshments as she invites us to celebrate her birthday with her.



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Happy 2nd Anniversary on September 6th to our CELC Child Care Director, Denise Hagen!

Denise started right around the time as the childcare renovations began. As with all remodeling projects, there were quite a few delays with construction and almost daily interruptions. She has been the backbone of CELC. She kept the balls rolling as rooms were remodeled, the new Infant/ Toddler wing in the old Commons area was added, and a new 'official' breakroom in the lower level was created. She helped teachers stay flexible as they moved out of their rooms that were worked on, helped with the setup of the rooms after they were completed, adjusted everyone to the new location of the childcare office down to the old Faith Development/ Sunday School office. All the while she kept staff trained and motivated so they could care for their most important clients, the loved children under their care.

Now that the dust has settled, stop by on a weekday to greet Denise and thank her. RLC is grateful to have her as Director of Childcare!



SAVE THE DATE for an ORGAN EVENT!!!

On Friday evening, October 25 at 7:30, RLC is going to host the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for a Members' Recital. It will feature several local organists playing an interesting and creative program, and the concert is FREE!

Details will be coming, so watch for them and save the date!!!!

Carolyn Diamond



Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child again. Last year, RLC packed 68 boxes and hope to do more this year. **Save the date:** Tuesday, October 15th at noon in the Mary Martha Room at RLC. Kathy & Cherill Lindquist will once again be hosting this event to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Make a child happy this Christmas! You can help by donating items or money (to purchase items or shipping costs) to fill shoe boxes and participating in the packing event. Contact Kathy Lindquist at 952-846-9641 if you have any questions. It would be appreciated if donations could be dropped off at the RLC office between now and October 11th.

However, donations will be accepted anytime.

A fun outreach activity for all! We hope you can join us!

Family & friends welcome!

Suggested donations:

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| Flashlights (extra batteries) | Small Tools | Dolls |
| Solar Calculators | Pencil Sharpeners | Scissors |
| Sunglasses | Wash cloths | Puzzles |
| Child size socks | Child tee shirts | Jump Ropes |
| Toys (Yo-Yo's, Toy Cars, etc) | Small Sewing Kits | Colored Pencils |
| Sidewalk Chalk | Pencils/ top erasers | Markers |
| Glue Sticks | Balls | pens |

Larger 'Wow' gifts that would fit in a shoebox

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 September:

Sunday, September 1

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday, September 2

Psalms 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48

Tuesday, September 3

Deuteronomy 4:15-20

Wednesday, September 4

Mark 7:9-23

Thursday, September 5

Psalms 146

Friday, September 6

Romans 2:12-16

Saturday, September 7

Isaiah 33:1-9

Sunday, September 8

Mark 7:24-37

Monday, September 9

Isaiah 38:10-20

Tuesday, September 10

Hebrews 12:3-13

Wednesday, September 11

Matthew 17:14-21

Thursday, September 12

Psalms 116:1-9

Friday, September 13

James 2:17-26

Saturday, September 14

John 3:13-17

Sunday, September 15

Mark 8:27-38

Monday, September 16

Psalms 119:169-176

Tuesday, September 17

Colossians 3:1-11

Wednesday, September 18

John 7:25-36

Thursday, September 19

Psalms 54

Friday, September 20

Romans 11:25-32

Saturday, September 21

Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday, September 22

Mark 9:30-37

Monday, September 23

Psalms 139:1-18

Tuesday, September 24

John 5:1-6

Wednesday, September 25

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Thursday, September 26

Psalms 19:7-14

Friday, September 27

Acts 12:20-25

Saturday, September 28

Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, September 29

Luke 10:17-20

Monday, September 30

Psalms 5

