



The R.L.C. Mid-Week News: 09/15/2021

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

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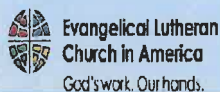
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Fall Activities Return to RLC

As September continues its journey into fall, so does the rhythm of church life at the Richfield Lutheran community of faith. Slowly we continue to evolve into new ways of doing church and BE-ing church in our congregation and community. Here is our worship schedule and a few of the activities that are resuming in new ways this month:



WORSHIP OPTIONS

RLC offers in-person worship at:

The 9:15 worship every Sunday

The 10:45 pet-friendly worship on Oct 10

Weekly online worship at:

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



CHOIR – The Chancel Choir had a meeting last Sunday with many people in attendance eager to start singing again during The 9:15 worship. They have decided to:

-Sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month with choir practice on the same Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

-No robes required

-Choir members will sit in the congregation during worship when not singing

The Chancel Choir will start their fall schedule on September 26 with rehearsal at 8:45 a.m. We are excited to see choir resume at RLC this fall!



WOMEN OF FAITH is the new large group model formerly known as WELCA Women. Due to the decrease in circle membership, they are trying a monthly gathering for all women of faith in the congregation and community for the foreseeable future. They will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. for faith, fun, service and fellowship. The first gathering will be a planning meeting on **SEP 21 @ 2:00 p.m.** in the Mary Martha Room. All women are welcome to join. The group will be working this fall to develop programs and projects that connect congregations to communities throughout the year.



From Pastor Brian Mundt

Folks who participate in our Zoom Bible Study often comment how much more they get out of worship and the sermon. Having spent some time dwelling in Sunday's gospel

before Sunday is time well spent! *You* are invited to join us on Zoom on Wednesdays at 1:00 in the afternoon. *No experience is necessary!* Having questions of the gospel is what we're all about.

Now I know that not everyone is available then. Nor can everyone Zoom. For you, here's what I recommend:

1. Read the gospel the week before. It's listed at the end of every bulletin. As you read the gospel, pay attention to what words or phrases grab your attention. Ponder that. And think of what questions you'd ask.
2. Read *Christ in Our Home*, the quarterly devotional booklet that is free at church. It goes through the Scripture we'll read on Sundays, and other texts that inform Sunday's gospel.
3. Do both!

~Pastor Brian

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From Mary Beth Weibel

Director of Outreach Ministries

Laughter is the best medicine – and yet lately if you watch the news – there seems to be little to laugh about. I'm just going to encourage all of us to take more time this fall to "be aware" of the news but also "take a break and find time for a bit of laughter each day." I polled several people this past week and asked "when did you last remember having a really good giggle or hearty laugh-a-loud?" Sadly, most people couldn't remember.

I know there are physical benefits to why we should laugh. I also know that sometimes laughter can be contagious – so share it! I know when one of us in the Weibel clan "gets the giggles" – others often seem to "catch the giggles." We love finding, sharing and often creating "puns" that make others laugh (*and/or groan*) but certainly make us smile.

So, my message for each of you is "take time each day – and laugh." Take some time reading a daily joke and then – share your laughter with someone else. Here are a few 'fall puns' to make you smile – you know you will!

- Favorite Fall movie - Gourd of the Rings.
- I'm feeling grate*fall* for these autumn days.
- My favorite fall outfit is a har-vest.
- A Jedi's Greeting: "May the forest be with you.
- Favorite Spice Girl – Pumpkin Spice, of course.
- The Squirrel says: "I'm acorn-y person."
- Fall is Spice-tacular!
- What happened to the couple at the orchard?
They lived *apple-y* ever after.

And just for the church crowd....

- Fall for Jesus! He is truly un-be-*leaf*-able!
- Autumn leaves, Jesus doesn't.

Ha Ha Ha! I bet you laughed – or at least smiled - (*before you rolled your eyes.*) Now share the laughter and make someone's day! Stay safe – stay kind – love one another! Peace,

~Mary Beth mbweibel@richfield-lutheran.org

We Have Something To Smile About!

P.A.W. Worship

Pets Are Welcome at The 10:45 Service

RICHFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH
8 WEST 60TH STREET - MINNEAPOLIS
WWW.RICHFIELD-LUTHERAN.ORG

October 10 - outdoor South Lawn
November 14 - indoor Common Grounds

Please use leashes and carriers as appropriate

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

9/2	Bridget Gorshe
9/02	Kelley Hinze-Francis
9/3	LaVile Nelson
9/4	Julie Curtiss
9/6	Lois Fjelde
9/11	Irene Meyer
9/14	Mary Jakala
9/17	Evelyn Goplin
9/17	Marilyn Haas
9/18	Robbi Moore
9/22	Tom Thompson
9/29	Randy O'Brien



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



FAITH EDUCATION

Youth Faith Education Update

At RLC, we are in the rebuilding mode of our youth and family programs. During the last eighteen months, our pre-

pandemic younger families, community friends and teens have outgrown programming or faded from involvement at RLC. For our older congregation, there is limited ability to volunteer during evening hours and a worry about engaging with younger ages not yet vaccinated. For many families, there is hesitance in expanding youth activities beyond the school day. Conversations with many families and adult volunteers has resulted in *"maybe later in the school year, after a vaccine is available for children, I want to give it more time, or I'm not comfortable with volunteering with children at this time."* I listen and hear people clearly. In conversations with others on staff – we realize that "things are coming back slowly" and the key is slowly. At this time, without a solid base of attendees or a handful of adult volunteers, I believe it is in our best interest as a church community to pause on resuming in-person youth education for a few more months. Maybe Spring semester – maybe next summer will be more hopeful. In the meantime, we will provide materials online and during Sunday morning worship for youth and families. We continue to plan for the future. If the dials change – and things level off – we will try single engagement options closer to Christmas. Alas, we move slowly onward – with joy!
Mary Beth Weibel, Director of Outreach Ministries

T.R.U.S.T. Inc. UPDATES



Below is information from our ministry partners
at T.R.U.S.T.

Fall Clean-up Volunteers Wanted

While enjoying the warm days of summer we know the next season is near. TRUST Chore Program is recruiting workers for Fall clean-up. Contact Program Coordinator
Ama Asantawaa 612.827.6150

TRUST GROCERY TRANSPORTATION – We Have Drivers Now We Need Riders!

We have our fleet of drivers, now we need the riders. Do you know someone who is able to shop independently but can't get to the store? The Grocery Transportation Program provides rides to and from the grocery store for Riders age 60+ or living with a disability. Assistance carrying groceries is offered. **Contact Grocery Transportation Coordinator Sandy 612.721.5786**

FLU SHOT CLINICS OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE TWIN CITIES



It is that time of year when we are all aware that flu shot season is upon us. Richfield Lutheran Church will offer a clinic at RLC later in the fall – date TBD.

In addition to your doctor's offices and pharmacies attached to this newsletter are several church locations in the South Minneapolis area where flu shot clinics are being held throughout the fall. Regardless of the site you choose, remember "Fight the Flu – it starts with you!"

The "RLC Mid-Week News" is published 2 times per month on the first and third weeks. In September there are five weeks. The next issue of RLC Mid-Week News will be published **Oct 06**. Please submit articles to the church office or to mbweibel@richfield-lutheran.org by **September 30**. Thank you!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 31 following The 9:15
worship – in the Sanctuary!

Nov 13 Fall Craft & Vendor Fair
Fellowship Hall & Hallways



ONLINE CHURCH RESOURCES

VIDEO WORSHIP

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WEBSITE RESOURCES & ONLINE BULLETINS

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612-474-4974

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA RETURNS

It's baaaaack!
TRIVIA NIGHT LIVE-ONLINE!
RETURNS OCTOBER 13 @ 7 P.M.
 ALWAYS "FREE" FUN - RIGHT AT HOME
 SPONSORED BY THE COMMON GROUNDS @ RLC
ZOOM ID:
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YOGA UPDATE

Yoga classes at RLC will be postponed a while longer with the COVID numbers are on a rise again in our community. If you are interested in taking classes when it begins again, please let Michelle know by calling her at 612-839-3042.

Operation Christmas Child Update

It's time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child again. Two years ago, RLC packed 75 boxes and this year we are back and hope to do more. It's more than just giving kids "a box of toys." Giving kids boxes is way more than just getting toys; they are learning about God's love, many for the first time through a bible study and classes that come with each box received.



After finishing a bible study, each child receives a bible in their own language. Please help if you can as we prepare to create boxes again this year by donating items for shoeboxes and/or cash donations to pay for the shipping of the boxes and to help pay for the bibles and bible study resource materials. The cost is about \$9/shoebox.

We will be having a "packing party" in October – with date and details to follow and we hope you can join us. In the meantime, please donate the following items for Operation Christmas Child this year. There is a donation box in the church office. Or you can fully pack your own box and bring it filled to the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATION LIST

Flashlights (extra batteries)	Small Tools
Solar Calculators	Scissors
Wash cloths & Bar Soap	Puzzles
Yo-Yo's	Toy Cars
Dolls	Pencil Sharpeners
Child size socks	Child tee shirts
Chalk	Colored Pencils
Markers	Pencil top erasers

**For more information about OCC contact
 Kathy Lindquist @ 952.846.9641**

TRUST FLU SHOT CLINICS

Masks are required

Don't wait until gets is cold to start thinking about the flu. Register today for a TRUST sponsored Flu Clinics!

Sept. 19 10:30am-12pm

Judson Memorial Baptist Church
4101 Harriet Ave S. (612)822-0649

Sept. 26 11:15am-1pm Lynnhurst UCC
4501 Colfax Ave S. (612)827-6157

Sept. 26 11:30am-12:30pm
Living Spirit UMC
4501 Bloomington Ave S. (612)721-5025

Oct. 3 11am-12:30pm
Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer
5440 Penn Ave S. (612)926-5414

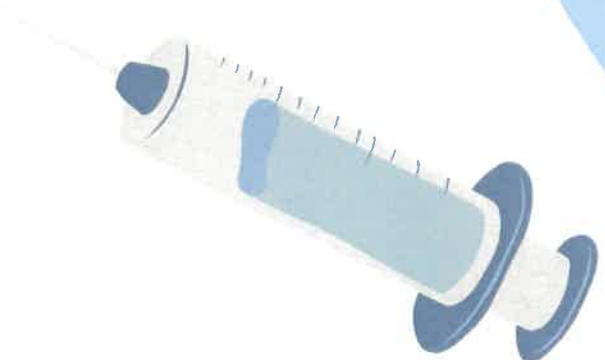
Oct. 3 9am-11:30am Richfield UMC
5835 Lyndale Ave S. (612)861-6086

Oct. 4 12pm-1:30pm Bethel Lutheran Church
co-sponsored by Nokomis Healthy Seniors & TRUST
4120 17th Ave S. (612)729-5499

Oct. 6 4:30pm-6:30pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
4100 Lyndale Ave S. (612)312-3375

Oct. 16 11am-1pm TRUST Main Office
9 West Rustic Lodge (612)827-6159

Oct. 24 11am-12pm St. John's Lutheran Church
4842 Nicollet Ave S. (612)827-4406



Bring your insurance card and photo ID

You can also pay by cash or check or see if you qualify for assistance through Minnesota Vaccines for Children or Uninsured and Underinsured Adult Vaccine



To register for a flu shot call the location above or Whitney @ TRUST 612-827-6159

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Acts 18:12–19:10
Monday: Ezekiel 4-7
Tuesday: Ezekiel 8-11
Wednesday: Ezekiel 12-14
Thursday: Ezekiel 15-18
Friday: Ezekiel 19-21
Saturday: Psalms 106-108

VERSE TO REMEMBER
*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
 for his steadfast love endures forever. —Psalm 107:1*

SUM RUN

DIRECTIONS: Below you see three boxes in which are 12 numbers. Each set of numbers is a different puzzle. The object is to look at the numbers and find the **THREE** numbers that add up to your **TARGET NUMBER**. There is only one right answer. **TIME YOURSELF** and record your time on the line provided. Then do the middle puzzle. Same rules apply. Time yourself again. Did your time improve? Finally, do the puzzle on the right and time yourself. Did you get any better?

Target #: 103

24	33	52	76
75	72	36	20
88	47	49	16

MY NUMBERS:

MY TIME: _____

Target #: 109

34	23	62	46
85	72	37	21
87	43	39	14

MY NUMBERS:

MY TIME: _____

Target #: 142

26	44	32	75
71	68	39	22
88	38	41	13

MY NUMBERS:

MY TIME: _____



S

Starting with the letter S (for September) name a:

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|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. girl's name | 5. body part | |
| 2. vegetable | 6. country | |
| 3. tree | 7. chemical element | |
| 4. animal | 8. occupation | |
| 9. make of car | 14. book | 19. spice |
| 10. tool | 15. fish | 20. color |
| 11. piece of furniture | 16. type of boat | 21. abbreviation |
| 12. planet | 17. sport | 22. movie title |
| 13. food | 18. footwear | 23. School subject |

ANSWERS TO SUM RUN:
 103: 20, 36, 47
 109: 14, 23, 72
 142: 22, 32, 88.
SUGGESTED RESPONSES TO "S" EXERCISE: 1. Sarah, 2. squash, 3. spruce, 4. snake, 5. scapula, 6. Syria, 7. sodium, 8. surgeon, 9. Saab, 10. saw, 11. sofa, 12. Saturn, 13. spaghetti, 14. Sense and Sensibility, 15. salmon, 16. sailboat, 17. soccer, 18. sandal, 19. sage, 20. sapphire, 21. St., 22. Saving Private Ryan, 23. social studies. Your answers may vary.