

Richfield Lutheran Newsletter

JUNE 2025



*"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*

-Psalm 32:8

Some days, weeks, and seasons of life do not go as planned. Case in point, when I began planning for this month's pastor's article, I did not anticipate we'd be recovering from a bus accident and a demolished playground on our property. And yet, here we are. (If you are not yet aware, see below for a link to learn more about what happened on May 19.)

Immense gratitude continues as we realize how much worse the event might have been. Thankfully, all have been able to walk away, and yet it still leaves a few nursing physical wounds, many more dealing with the mental weight of a scary event, and a new logistical challenge for where our kids will play this summer and when and how we'll look to rebuild.

Sometimes people speak of "God's plan" as if there is one specific sequence of events laid out in life. I suppose it could be true, but I am more and more convinced God's creation is wilder and more unpredictable than we could ever imagine, and thus perhaps God's "plan" is simply and powerfully for God to find and join us in whatever shows up.

I believe that for Richfield Lutheran and the Creative Early Learning Center in this event. God did show up, is showing up, and will continue to show up on this path as we heal, pray, discern, and, well...plan.

And then in that, we go forth in faith, binding up wounds and bearing one another's burdens of heart, while at the same time trusting in a vision of new life and dreaming of what might be rising out of the ruin.

This month keep the staff of our Creative Early Learning Center in prayer. Their response to the event was valiant and heroic. So, too, pray for our children and households to rest secure in each day at the Center. Additionally, pray for church leadership as we already begin addressing many items in the clean-up and open your hearts and minds as together we listen for God's vision and dream for what's to come. No matter what, the love of God will be there to meet us and lift us up!

Peace and hope,
Pastor Charlie Ruud

<https://kstp.com/kstp-news/top-news/it-just-could-have-been-so-much-worse-pastor-speaks-after-bus-crashes-into-playground-at-day-care-next-door/>



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Upcoming Services and Events:

- *Sunday, June 1: 9:30
Worship w/communion*
- *Tuesday, June 3: 2:00
Worship at the Pines*
- *Sunday, June 8: 9:30
Worship*
- *Sunday, June 8: 3:00
Remembrance Service for
Gun Violence*
- *Sunday, June 15: 9:30
Worship w/communion*
- *Sunday, June 15 Father's
Day*
- *Sunday, June 22: 9:30
Worship*
- *Sunday, June 29: 9:30
Worship*



A Memorial service and Internment will be held for Ken & Helen Ask on Tuesday, June 3rd at Fort Snelling. Helen passed away on May 18, 2017 and Ken passed away on November 29, 2024.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family of Joe & Wendy Capetz on the death of her sister, Valerie Herold. Funeral services will be held on June 20th at RLC.

Blessed be their memories.



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Summer 2025 Worship and Preaching Series! Fruitful Fields: God's Greatest Hits, Volume 1

A summer preaching series of Richfield Lutheran Church in conjunction with All Saints and Ostmark Lutheran Churches of Darwin and Watkins, MN. From the "Rich" fields of Minneapolis to the rich fields of the fertile plains, Pastors Charlie Ruud of Richfield and Joe Midthun of All Saints and Ostmark alongside varied congregations collaborate to examine and proclaim fruit found in the old old stories. Richfield's worship will also feature guest preachers such as seminarian Sam Maier, Augsburg University campus pastor Rev. Babette Chatman, and public theologian of Nakomis Heights Lutheran Church, Marc Olson.

Join in each week throughout the summer to hear a classic hit of Scripture enlivened anew.

Summer Playlist:

- Sun, June 15 | Genesis 1:1-1:19 | **God's Poetic Creation: Six Days and the Sabbath**
- Sun, June 22 | Genesis 3:1-3:24 | **The Second Creation Story: Adam, Eve & Sin**
- Sun, June 29 | Genesis 4:1-4:16 | **Cain & Abel: "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"**
- Sun, July 6 | Genesis 11:1-11:9 | **Tower of Babel: Diversified and Scattered**
- Sun, July 13 | Genesis 19:12-19:38 | **Sodom & Gomorrah: Communities of Savage Unwelcome**
- Sun, July 20 | Exodus 3:1-3:15 | **Moses: The Reluctant Liberator**
- Sun, July 27 | Exodus 7:14-7:25 | **The First Plague**
- Sun, Aug 3 | Judges 14:1-14:20 | **Samson & Delilah**
- Sun, Aug 10 | **Collaborative Outdoor Worship at Veteran's Park Pavilion**
- Sun, Aug 17 | Job 1:13-1:22, 2:1-2:10 | **Job: Out of the Whirlwind**
- Sun, Aug 24 | Ezekiel 37:1-37:14 | **Dry Bones Raised**



From the Council President By Susan Anderson

About 15 of us gathered on Saturday, May 17th to perform spring cleaning tasks both outside and inside RLC. I picked up trash starting at the daycare playground and worked my way around to the front of the church where I was so distracted by the weeds crawling up the brick that I focused on that (those weeds are probably already back). Meanwhile others were trimming trees, working on the CELC playground, washing windows, and doing lots of indoor cleaning. Thank you all.

The CELC playground looked like new after cleaning up, weeding and lots of raking to level the surface. Two days later it was a mangled mess but, praise God, the bus that careened into the playground missed the children and adults. One of the teachers was close enough to pull three children out of harm's way including two that had been on the swings that ended up wrapped around a bus tire. That's how close it was. 14 other children and their teachers were toward the back of the playground, which was a also miracle because normally there would have been many more kids in the front where the bus ended up. Those three with minor injuries are mending, there will be support for those traumatized (including staff) and we are more than grateful for the miracle of physical damage without loss of life. Nevertheless, prayers of gratitude, healing, calming are appreciated. And please include the bus driver as she recovers from her injuries.

Susan Anderson



June Birthdays

06/08 Cherill Lindquist
 06/09 Juanita
 06/20 Barb Lois
 06/20 Harry Maki
 06/25 Earl Evenstad
 06/25 Joann Peterson
 06/25 Leo Schroeder



The Family of Marilyn Long would like to thank Pastor Charlie and all the past and present members of RLC for all of the support and love and friendship you warmly shared with her thru the decades. She very much appreciated the notes, letters, emails, phone calls, voice messages (especially the birthday song!!) throughout her winter illness, birthday and holidays. These gestures brought her so much joy that many were replayed and re-read multiple times! What FUN it was to listen to her very contagious laughter. She was and WE Will remain forever VERY Deeply Grateful. Thanking God for all of you!



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Bible Study Online with Pastor Charlie

Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. using Zoom Video Meeting.
 Zoom link to Bible Study can be accessed on the RLC website under "Get Involved".



By Robbi Moore Parish Nurse



Nursing Notes Bees, Wasps and all the Buzz

Bees are the flying insect we think about the most and for many fear. Bees bring thoughts of allergic reactions to possible death. Bees instead prefer to stay away and go about their business. They sting only when they or their nests are challenged.

Let's talk about Bees. They feel fuzzy, body is rounder than wasps. They are more docile despite reputation about injury. Bees eat nectar, usually from flowers and pollen. Their job is to make honey and pollinating plant matter. Despite their docile reputation they are the more dangerous of the flying stinger insects. That said, ER reports list very manageable numbers of life loss and serious sting reports. One of the shocking statistics is the number deaths from bee stings that the victim despite having a prescription for a epi pen but did not have it on their person or along at the location where the bees were there.

Wasps are slimmer with narrow waists. Wasps are more aggressive. They reside in a paperlike nest. They prefer but also eat insects. Hornets are a type of Wasp rather than a completely different insect. Hornets are larger, more robust and thicker bodies. They are aggressive with powerful stings. They are protective of their nests. Hornets mostly eat insects but will eat fruit when insects are low numbered. Wasps tend to eat a variety of fruit and insects and other diverse substances.

Bees have barbed stingers while Wasps have smooth stingers with a venom sac attached to lubricate the stinger causing a localized reaction. Bee stings also have a venom but reaction is allergic to the components of the venom. It is reported that bee venom does react second and future stings. The problem there is no way to predict if you have had that first exposure so always assume you have been exposed.

Wasps most often are the actual offenders of human stings.

Wear bug repellent, long pants and sleeves when in bug infested areas and if you have known allergy take your antihistamine and epi pen along don't leave them sitting at home as time is of the essence.

There is a lot one can learn about these creatures in God's world. I got my research from The University of MN Dept of Entomology insect division. They reminded me to always remember that these flying stinging creatures provide valuable services to our world and while they sting they are protecting their place in our world.

A good way to think about them....

In His Service
 Robbi
 Your Parish Nurse



Mark Your Calendars!!

Coming Summer 2025
Into the Woods!

August 15 at 7:30 pm, August 16 at 7:30 pm,
and August 17 at 4 pm.

We are having auditions May 19, 21, and 28. Email Lisa at
hoipolloiplayers@gmail.com if you have any questions.



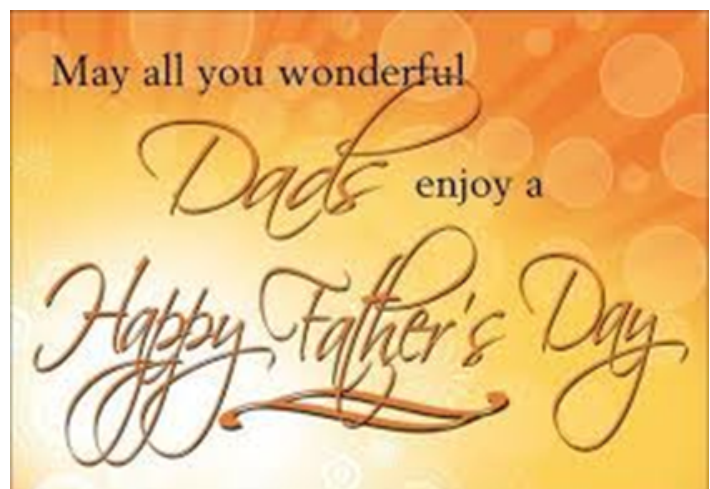
Thank you to the RLC Prayer Chain for their dedication and service to RLC. The prayers are so worthwhile. If you are interested in becoming a prayer chain member, please contact the RLC Office



The next meeting of WELCA will be Tuesday, June 17th at 1:00 in the Mary Martha Room.

The dinner/event for June 12th has been cancelled.

Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 15th



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On-Line Worship

WE ARE ON SOUNDCLOUD! You wanna listen to Pastor Charlie Ruud give his sermons on the go? NOW YOU CAN! You can download the SoundCloud App on your phone and listen to the sermon! You can listen while driving, walking, doing chores, etc! You can also just go on the SoundCloud website via the link below and on the RLC Website!

Check it out!

Link:

<https://on.soundcloud.com/dbrFySQTfQFbhj7R9>

Recorded services are still available on our website and YouTube Channel.



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.



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Daily Bible Reading

Daily Bible Readings for June:

Sunday, June 1

[John 17:2-26](#)

Monday, June 2

[Psalm 29](#)

Tuesday, June 3

[2 Chronicles 5:2-14](#)

Wednesday, June 4

[Ezekiel 3:12-21](#)

Thursday, June 5

[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#)

Friday, June 6

[Galatians 6:7-10](#)

Saturday, June 7

[John 7:37-39](#)

Sunday, June 8

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Monday, June 9

[Psalm 48](#)

Tuesday, June 10

[1 Corinthians 2:12-16](#)

Wednesday, June 11

[Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3](#)

Thursday, June 12

[Psalm 8](#)

Friday, June 13

[Ephesians 4:1-6](#)

Saturday, June 14

[Proverbs 4:1-9](#)

Sunday, June 15

[John 16:12-15](#)

Monday, June 16

[Psalm 124](#)

Tuesday, June 17

[Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

Wednesday, June 18

[Daniel 1:1-21](#)

Thursday, June 19

[Psalm 22:19-28](#)

Friday, June 20

[Galatians 3:15-22](#)

Saturday, June 21

[Isaiah 59:1-8](#)

Sunday, June 22

[Luke 8:26-39](#)

Monday, June 23

[Psalm 64](#)

Tuesday, June 24

[Luke 1:57-67 \[68-80\]](#)

Wednesday, June 25

[Luke 9:37-43a](#)

Thursday, June 26

[Psalm 16](#)

Friday, June 27

[Galatians 4:8-20](#)

Saturday, June 28

[Luke 9:21-27](#)

Sunday, June 29

[Luke 9:51-62](#)

Monday, June 30

[John 21:15-19](#)

God says you are ♡



Special Features

We invite you to submit any pictures, fun news, etc. to the RLC Office to include in our next newsletter.



RLC/Mundo de Paz
worshipping together -
April 27th



CELC - Teacher Appreciation Week! -
May 5 - 9



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