

Richfield Lutheran Newsletter

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From the Pastor



How should Christians vote?



I know, asking this can feel like wading into volatile waters! I can already hear the response: *"Don't preach politics, Pastor."*

I get it. It's an emotionally charged topic. But faith isn't isolated from daily life. It shapes every part of who we are, and not least of which as citizens in diverse community. The Biblical story suggests that God's love has no boundaries, and so it includes calling us to bring grace and wisdom into our shared political reality.

So, as you encounter the political deluge this month and prepare to cast your ballot, I offer three guiding principles:

- Christians should vote. Citizenship is one way God uses us in the world. Where we have the privilege to vote, civic engagement becomes a meaningful act of service. One could argue it is a holy act!
- Vote out of love for neighbor. Jesus summarized the law in two commands: love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39). When we vote, we ought to seek the good of our neighbors, especially those who are most different and vulnerable, by supporting leaders who reflect wisdom and care.
- Vote with humility. No leader or platform is perfect. There will be tough decisions, and all will fall short of God's standards. Vote courageously, knowing we all depend on God's mercy. (And remember: vote, and then come to church the following Sunday to receive grace and forgiveness!)

Above all, pray for peace, integrity, and truth in our communities this season.

If you need help registering or making a voting plan, visit the [MN Secretary of State website](#) or check our church updates throughout the month.

Thank you for your citizenship as a part of this Richfield Lutheran Church community! May we all be a part of God's blessing in the world.

Pastor Charlie Ruud



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Upcoming Services and Events:

- ♦ **Sunday, October 4: 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion**
- ♦ **Saturday, October 10: Trunk'n Treat Event.**
- ♦ *Sunday, October 11: 9:30 Worship*
- ♦ *Sunday, October 18: 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion*
- ♦ *Tuesday, October 20: Operation Christmas Child Pack*
- ♦ *Sunday, October 25 Reformation Sunday: 9:30 Worship*
- ♦ *Tuesday, October 29: 2:00pm Worship at the Pines*

Sunday, November 1st



Bible Study Online with Pastor Charlie
- Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. using Zoom
Video Meeting.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84825721788>



By Mark Flom Council President

We are looking for people that would like to come on to council next year. As some of you know that most of the council members have reached their maximum time that they can be on. With that being said I hope that we will have some people come forward to help me out in the coming years. If you are one of these people please let me or the pastor know.

Thanks.

Mark Flom



Music Notes by Carolyn Diamond Director of Music Ministries

God Gives us a song!!!!.... but what if it's interrupted?

At the end of my first week as Director of Music Ministries, the organ stopped working!!! (and at this writing, it still is not fixed to satisfaction.) I came to practice on my given day (Paul and I share the bench in many ways!), and when the "on" switch produced NOTHING..... no sound at all, I panicked! What do we DO???? Racing in to tell Pastor Charlie, he calmly said "what will be, will be". Well, wise words, yes, but still.....!!!! Of course our lovely Steinway is always reliable, but it's the ORGAN!!! Currently, the power to the blower (the part that brings wind into the pipes to be played is compromised. We can turn it on manually downstairs, but the switch doesn't function, and in addition to being a bit inconvenient, it is not a permanent fix.)

But this moment of concern brought me to considering just what music is to our worship experience; what is its purpose? The reasons are vast and varied, but basically, the primary role music plays is to help guide people to have communion with God. It gives us an emotional vocabulary to participate in God's Song, and to connect to each other. What is more unifying than congregational singing? And what can speak to our hearts more than a beautiful hymn, a lovely Prelude, a rousing Postlude?

We are so blessed at RLC to have a wonderful organ, a beautiful piano, and the variety of guitar, ukelee, and percussion with Praise Jam, and we likely take them for granted.... maybe a little? Even though God's Song is all of our voices, individual and collective, we still benefit and are drawn in by the instruments. So the next time you hear them, think of what worship would be without them. And thank God for them and their players.



October Birthdays

10/04 Pastor Charlie
10/13 Maureen McGinty
10/18 Carol Gnerer
10/26 Carolyn Diamond
10/28 Barbara Bachman



Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Earl Evenstad who passed away on September 3rd. Earl's funeral service was held at RLC on Saturday, September 12th. Blessed be his memory



October brings more variety to God's Song:

October 4: Paul will be at the organ, and Praise Jam will lead the closing hymn in their energetic way!

October 11: Lisa Borneman will offer a vocal solo, the Chancel singers will be singing a joyful anthem, and Paul will be at the organ.

October 18: A Clarinet double trio (aka sextet) will be special music bringing a new kind of sound to worship, and I will be at the organ.

October 25: We acknowledge Reformation, Chancel Choir will sing, and I will be organist for the day. It will be a festive service!

November 1: It is All Saints Sunday, and Leo Schroeder and I will play a lovely Elegy by Fauré as a piano and organ duet.

So be present, be together... to bond our love to each other, our community, and to God! Soli Deo Gloria!

Carolyn Diamond

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Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We rehearse in the Sanctuary on the Sundays we sing. Rehearsal begins at 8:40 am.

The Chancel Choir invites all ages of members who love to sing. Invite others to come with you and become a part of the Choir -- no age limit and no requirements except for an affinity for meaningful music to share with others.

Praise Jam

Praise Jam plays and sings at various times during the year. We are always happy to include new folks who want to play and sing with us. If you are interested in Praise Jam please contact Lisa Borneman at bornabunny@gmail.com. Share the song in your heart with others.

**Looking for a place to share your musical gift?
Consider joining one or both of our musical groups!**



Volunteer/Donation Opportunities

With Fall/Winter coming, VEAP and Meals and Wheels are in need of donations, be it volunteering your time to drive for Meals on Wheels or give donations to VEAP. For opportunities for either program, call or stop by the RLC Office and we can share information with you or put you in contact with MOW or VEAP.



Meals and Wheels are still looking for drivers. Contact the RLC Office for more information.



Donations are beng accepted for Express Packs, Hygiene Kits, birthday Bags, Children's books (new or gently used; also in Spanish) and much more. List is available in the Narthex.



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	



Nursing Notes by Robbi Moore

Parish Nurse



Measles

Ever ask yourself – What does measles have to do with me? That is a childhood disease - isn't it?

A new case of measles was recently reported (September 2026) in Minnesota since April. Wisconsin has seen several more cases than Minnesota. Don't let that give you a false sense of security.

The World Health Organization (WHO) - the clearing house of infectious diseases amongst other health concerns define measles as: a disease spread in droplets in the air and spread by coughing, sneezing, even talking. The best action to prevent the spread is through immunization of the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. WHO reports that measles is very contagious.

Measles patients have high fevers, runny noses, coughs and reddened eyes. Tiny white spots are often visible in the mouth (Koplik Spots) & flat reddened spots over the body. Two shots in childhood from infants for the first shot and around age 12 for the second shot have no known issues (Autism has been ruled out by several sources - all reliable).

Now to why you should take a moment to follow your own health history: many of us were in the generation where measles, mumps, and rubella parties were held when one kid in the neighborhood was diagnosed and then moms exposed their child/children to the infected child to 'get it over with'. Healthcare has been working in a very specific criteria: if born before 1957 - no vaccine was available, if your health record - most moms had them - or your doctor had record of the illness - then you were considered immune. After 1959 a shot was given in childhood as it is now if no record of childhood vaccine or illness discussed having a blood filter (simple blood test drawn). Because of the airborne nature of this disease and the sudden resurgence after 25 years of considering measles cured, vaccinations are the best choice.

No one needs to fight this disease - get tested if you need to and follow your doctors recommendations on how to proceed based on these results. Be Well!

In his Service, your Parish Nurse
Robbie



Note - Thank you for all the concern told to Bonnie and Pastor Charlie. I am healing. Turned out a little rougher than I hoped for but I am on the mend! I am very grateful for all the prayers and our wonderful God watching over me. I'm still healing at my cousin's home, but doing more each day. Robbi



2nd Annual “ Sweet Corn Party”

Thank you to all who attended the 2nd Annual Sweet Corn Party at RLC on September 10th.

Over 100 attended this event and 148 ears of corn were consumed (donated by our friendly neighbors at Cub Foods). Thanks to the Church staff and council volunteers, CELC staff, Denise and Juana for their help, and DJ Jim Pemberton. A welcoming to the Southside Family Charter School for joining the party. Bubble machines, bounce houses, music and boundless joy - entertained all.



October 10th

3:00-6:00pm

CELC participates in this Event!

Trunk or Treat

Open to the public

6527 Portland Avenue south

Morris Nilsen Funeral Chapel hosts



You, your family & friends are Invited!

Concert at RLC

Sunday, November 8th at 4 pm

Son de Cuerdas Concert



Son de Cuerdas

English: Established in 2023, the Latin American ensemble Son de Cuerdas engages multicultural communities through performances, workshops, and collaborations in Minnesota. They partner with organizations such as the Great Twin Cities Youth Symphony, Laurel School of Music, and Classical MPR's Class Notes, bringing bilingual programming to schools and community centers across the state.

Spanish: Establecido en 2023, el ensamble latinoamericano Son de Cuerdas presenta conciertos, talleres y colaboraciones llegando a diferentes comunidades multiculturales de Minnesota. Ha colaborado con organizaciones como Great Twin Cities Youth Symphony, Laurel School of Music y el programa Class Notes de Classical MPR, llevando programas bilingües a escuelas y centros comunitarios en todo el estado. El repertorio de Son de Cuerdas abarca obras de compositores latinoamericanos, tanto de la tradición clásica como popular. Su público incluye a estudiantes, educadores y familias, con un particular énfasis en comunidades que ven su identidad cultural reflejada en las obras presentadas.



**Operation Christmas Child
Save the date!**



Kathy & Cherill Lindquist will host the event.

The packing date is Tuesday, October 20th. We could use your help - men and women both welcome! We have been collecting items all year long and are still accepting items as well as monetary donations to help cover shipping costs and the Bible Study that is included in each child's box.

Some of the items still needed are: Jump Ropes, Pens/Pencils, Scissors, Toothbrushes, Small Balls, Flashlights, Batteries, Colored Pencils, Boy's Socks, Medium Sized Toys, small Hammers, Yo-Yo's, Items for sewing kids (needles, tape measures, pins, etc).

You can help by donating items and joining us to fill shoe boxes and participating in the packing event.

Contact Kathy or Cherill at 952-846-9641 if you have any questions.

A fun outreach activity for all! We hope you can join us! Family & friends welcome!



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

MAKE A DONATION!

Richfield Lutheran Church
Creative Early Learning Center

Text "give" to
612-688-2798

or scan the QR code below:



<https://tinyurl.com/tvevscn>

Please use the above QR code to donate to RLC or Creative Early Learning Center to help us grow.



Daily Bible Reading

Daily Bible Readings for October:

Thursday, October 1

Psalm 80:7-15

Friday, October 2

Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday, October 3

Jeremiah 6:1-10

Sunday, October 4

Matthew 21:33-46

Monday, October 5

Psalm 144

Tuesday, October 6

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Wednesday, October 7

John 11:45-57

Thursday, October 8

Psalm 23

Friday, October 9

James 4:4-10

Saturday, October 10

Isaiah 24:17-23

Sunday, October 11

Matthew 22:1-14

Monday, October 12

Psalm 34

Tuesday, October 13

Amos 9:5-15

Wednesday, October 14

John 6:25-35

Thursday, October 15

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Friday, October 16

1 Peter 5:1-5

Saturday, October 17

Isaiah 14:3-11

Sunday, October 18

Matthew 22:15-22

Monday, October 19

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

Tuesday, October 20

Psalm 98

Wednesday, October 21

Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday, October 22

Psalm 1

Friday, October 23

Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Saturday, October 24

John 5:39-47

Sunday, October 25

Matthew 22:34-46

Monday, October 26

Psalm 119:41-48

Tuesday, October 27

James 2:14-26

Wednesday, October 28

John 14:21-27

Thursday, October 29

Psalm 43

Friday, October 30

2 Peter 2:1-3

Saturday, October 31

John 8:31-36



Dear October,

I am open to
small miracles,
much-needed peace,
unexpected celebrations,
spiritual signs & guidance,
courage to overcome challenges,
strength to let go of what's not mine,
clarity & wisdom to choose the right path,
the ability to change my perspective or direction,
healed wounds & more love, kindness & compassion,
reciprocated energy, healthier relationships,
soul alignment & divine abundance.

Please feel free to surprise me.
But mostly, please bless & surprise
the ones who need it most.

- Alex Myles -

Happenings at RLC & CELC Summer/Fall!

Ice Cream Social June 25th



2nd Annual Corn Feed September 10th



Annual Community Worship in the Park

Veteran Park Pavillion-August 9th

RLC, Oak Grove, House of Prayer and Woodlake

Lutheran Church Communities



Staff Appreciation Lunch

September 15th

