

Richfield Lutheran Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2025

From the Pastor

*But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day. – Proverbs 4:18*

Last month we had the privilege of hosting a funeral for a beloved member of the Mundo de Paz congregation. “Chana,” as she was known, was regarded as the matriarch and grandmother of the community. I was surprised to learn from Pastor Tito that it was the

first funeral he has officiated in these many years leading the congregation. He also shared the verse above as his grounding scripture in remembering and honoring Chana and God’s grace in her life and death. “The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.” He told me how the light of Christ in Chana had indeed grown and shown brighter and brighter and spread to so many others. What a testament to her faith and God’s love. May her memory be a blessing.

It comes to mind as we encounter a bit more darkness these days. I note that on average, November is the cloudiest month in Minnesota, and by the end we will encounter some of the earliest sunsets of the entire year. Times remain somewhat dark, too, as we are mindful of much hatred, abuse, corruption, injustice, violence, and cruelty carried in many hearts, not least of which by some of the most powerful in leadership. Like many of you have shared, I find it daunting, worrisome, and a bit overwhelming at times.

But the verse above continues to ground me in who we are and to what we are called as followers of Jesus. **We are about light!** And light has great power to spread! We are about love, peace, hope, and joy. We are about care and compassion and mercy and protection for those in need. **We are about shining light in dark places and dark times.**

While it may be a dark month, there’s a lot of light to anticipate!

*We’ll light masses of candles in worship on **All Saints Sunday Nov 2 @ 9:30am** as we remember, honor, and give thanks for so many people who have shown light in our lives.

*We’ll provide de-lightful **donuts at drop-off** to adults of our childcare on **Thu, Nov 6.**

*We’ll host a luminous **lefse making party Sat, Nov 15.**

*We’ll gather and welcome 4 other congregations to our space for **Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Nov 26 @ 7pm** followed by the brilliance of a pumpkin pie social.

*We’ll brighten the entire church with an **Advent/Christmas decorating event on Sat, Nov 29.**

(See the rest of the newsletter for more details on all these things and more!)

All the while and in-between, we’ll keep learning, loving, and living with each other



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Upcoming Services and Events:

- *Sunday, November 2 All Saint's Sunday: 9:30am Worship w/communion*
- *Sunday, November 2: Daylight Savings Time Begins*
- *Tuesday, November 4: VOTE!*
- *Sunday, November 9: 9:30am Worship*
- *Tuesday, November 11: Veteran's Day*
- *Saturday, November 15: 9:00am Lefsa Bake*
- *Sunday, November 16: 9:30am Worship w/communion*
- *Tuesday, November 18: Worship at the Pines 2:00*
- *Sunday, November 23 Christ the King: 9:30am Worship*
- *Wednesday, November 26 Thanksgiving Worship with 4 Community Churches & Pie!: 7:00 pm*
- *Saturday, November 29: 9:00am Advent/Christmas Decorating*
- *Sunday, November 30: 9:30 am Worship*

**Sunday, November 2nd:
Daylight Savings Time**



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as we hear Jesus' words of promise and follow where the Spirit leads us in daily life. Thank you for the light you shine; thank you for how your light shines brighter as it revives each other's and my own; and thanks be to God for the light which is not overcome.

Pastor Charlie

**Bible Study Online with Pastor Charlie
- Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. using Zoom Video
Meeting.
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89753063690>**



What do Bison, Calzones, Cinnamon, Deep Fried Clams, and Vinegar have in common? How about Authors, Lawyers, Saints/Souls and Vegans? What about Day of the Dead, Toothbrushes and Pastor Charlie?

They all have celebration days on November 1st along with Pastor Charlie's one year anniversary here at Richfield Lutheran Church!

Please greet and thank Pastor Charlie for his pastoral care, wonderful sermons and new ideas at church. We are so happy you are here!

So Pastor Charlie, Happy 1 year anniversary at RLC from all of us. May you have a great National Bison, Calzone, Cinnamon, Deep Fried Clams, Vinegar and Authors' day, Love Your Lawyer day, All Saints' and World Vegan day, Dia De Los Muertos and don't forget to brush your teeth after eating Halloween candy in honor of National Brush day!

Patty Jodell



**By Susan Anderson
Council President**

**Council Update
Thank you, Pastor Charlie**

November 1st marked the first anniversary of Pastor Charlie's call to RLC. Despite a number of unexpected issues thrown at him, especially the bus accident last spring, it has been a good year for RLC. When issuing the call, we had a list of goals for Pastor Charlie's first year:

1. Get to know the RLC community - visits, one-on-one meetings, attending meetings and events. Thank you Pastor for effectively reaching out to our congregation in many ways. We have appreciated your caring ministry.
2. Follow through with Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices (FPNP) goals. Again, thank you for keeping the hopes related to FPNP alive and staying aware and involved with our larger community – individuals, businesses and other faith communities like Annunciation.
3. While we (RLC) plan to be as supportive as possible, we hope our new pastor takes the time to find and engage in available clergy groups for support, growth, and sharing of ideas. Here is another check mark. I know that Pastor Charlie has engaged with south Minneapolis clergy as well as Richfield ELCA clergy resulting in a terrific joint worship service last summer. We will have another on Thanksgiving eve at RLC.



November Birthdays

11/07 Lonnie Nichols
 11/17 Wanita Gerhardt
 11/20 Ulrica Sherry

What are YOU Thankful For?



NOVEMBER BLESSINGS

HELLO NOVEMBER,
 Thanks for the
 reminder
 that change
 can be beautiful!

God is in control.
 Angels have been
 assigned to our case.
 His miracle is coming.
 Do not worry and Do
 not give up!



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4. Meet with CELC, Mundo de Paz, and The Toy Library and find ways to interact with and support these partners. Charlie has a positive impact on all these partners. The worship service and lunch with Mundo was a great day. I particularly love that the CLEC children know and freely interact with him. He has spearheaded several gatherings (the summer ice cream social and fall corn feed) which brought together CELC and RLC folks. There were lots of positive and supportive comments from CELC families at those events and when served donuts and coffee to parents dropping off their children.

5. Explore collaboration with other congregations. Given the shrinking membership, it is critical to seek ways to collaborate. See #3.

I trust that we as a congregation have followed through on our promises as well including:

1. We will support our new pastor in prayer.
2. To the extent desired by the pastor, accompany and introduce them to our internal/external communities.
3. Invite the new pastor to be open and honest and provide whatever support we can.
4. Be open to new ways of doing things and new ideas.
5. Not triangulate.

I think the Holy Spirit has been working with Pastor Charlie this past year to stir up increased energy and engagement. Those baptisms were just plain joyful for all who were there. Let's see what is in store for us in the next year and let us continue to pray and support.

Susan Anderson

From the Mpls Toy Library

Recently the MN Toy Library asked if the congregation might allow them to expand their space in the basement wing to include once was the financial secretary office, which was currently being used as storage.

The church council was happy to hear of their growing subscribership and unanimously approved the use. See below for a message of thanks from their Executive Director, Rebecca Nutter!

Dear members of Richfield Lutheran Church,

Thank you for allowing the toy library to use the extra space in the basement. The addition of the extra room allows us to have dedicated space to work, which is such a blessing. We were all so excited - even the members commented how nice it was.

The added bonus of having this extra space for our work is that the other room becomes a welcoming community room of sorts. We have always had a shelf where families can swap kid clothes, shoes, dishes, etc. and it was a cramped area and underutilized. Now there are so many families seeing and using the space for the first time! They can browse these items at a relaxed pace. Also, there is a large shelf where children can look through kids books and take some home. I'm so happy to give this to our members - a welcomed surprise of the new space! We love giving this extra waste reduction option for our toy library members.

Thank you to everyone that made this possible. We are so grateful!!

**Rebecca Nutter, Executive Director
 Minnesota Toy Library**



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Richfield Lutheran Church
Creative Early Learning Center

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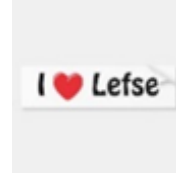
Women of the ELCA

The November meeting of
WELCA is scheduled for
Tuesday, November 19th at
2:00. Also, remember to join us
for the Christmas Potluck on
Tuesday, November 16th - more
details to follow!



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Lefsa Bake



RLC Lefse Bake is happening Saturday Morning, November 15th from 9 to 12. You are welcome to attend. All are welcome. If you don't know how, we will teach you, and if you are an 'expert' all the better.

There will be a sign up sheet at church Sunday mornings to order: 3 rounds for \$5; same as last year...limit two packages.

Sign up or call Shirley Evenstad at 612-861-4793 if you have questions.

WELCA's Operation Christmas Child Packing Event on October 21, 2025



The annual event to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child was held in the South Community Room on October 21, 2025. There were sixteen people who participated in it. Cherill and Kathy Lindquist hosted the event and Mary Katuza, the OCC rep was there to assist. The filled boxes are sent all over the world to spread the word of God and give joy to children.

Many people donated items to fill the boxes; toys, balls, jump ropes, yoyos, small flashlights, school supplies, art and craft kits, plush animals, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, hair supplies. Thank you to those who donated items and/or gave money for postage for the boxes. Thank you also for the treats and drinks folks donated for the volunteers who filled boxes.

A total of 100 boxes were filled this year. This is a new record!!!!

A big thank you to Cherill and Kathy who organized the whole event; from collecting and sorting donations, setting up the items on tables and packing up what was left for next year! They accept donations all year round so please contact them. There is a special closet at church where items can be stored.

Mary brings the filled boxes to a central location in the metro area where they will be processed and moved on their way to their destinations. Once they reach their destination, missions and churches hand them out along with a twelve week Bible study workbook. When the child completes the study, they receive a Bible in their home language. If you would like more information, please check out Operation Christmas Child on the Samaritan's Purse website.



It has been such a blessing for many years having the connection with Richfield Lutheran with their packing party for Operation Christmas Child. On October 21st many people worked together and packed 100 boxes. So many gospel opportunities! Kathy and Cherill spent many hours to accumulate so many wonderful items. God Bless You All!

Mary Katuza, OCC Representative

On-Line Worship



Sermons on the go!

Want to listen to sermons from Richfield Lutheran Church on the go? WE ARE ON SOUNDCLOUD! Download the SoundCloud app to your mobile device and subscribe to "Richfield Lutheran Church" or follow the weblink on your computer:
soundcloud.com/richfield-lutheran
Listen in the car, on a walk, out in the garden, etc. Check it out! Full video recordings of our entire worship services are still available on our website and YouTube channel.



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 Readings for October 2025

Saturday, November 1

[Luke 6:20-31](#)

Sunday, November 2

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

Monday, November 3

[Psalm 50](#)

Tuesday, November 4

[Jude 5-21](#)

Wednesday, November 5

[Amos 5:12-24](#)

Thursday, November 6

[Psalm 17:1-9](#)

Friday, November 7

[Acts 24:10-23](#)

Saturday, November 8

[Exodus 3:13-20](#)

Sunday, November 9

[Luke 10:27-38](#)

Monday, November 10

[Psalm 123](#)

Tuesday, November 11

[2 John 1-13](#)

Wednesday, November 12

[John 5:19-29](#)

Thursday, November 13

[Psalm 98](#)

Friday, November 14

[2 Thessalonians 1:3-12](#)

Saturday, November 15

[Luke 17:20-37](#)

Sunday, November 16

[Luke 21:5-19](#)

Monday, November 17

[Psalm 141](#)

Tuesday, November 18

[1 Corinthians 10:23--11:1](#)

Wednesday, November 19

[Ezekiel 43:1-12](#)

Thursday, November 20

[Psalm 46](#)

Friday, November 21

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Saturday, November 22

[Luke 18:15-17](#)

Sunday, November 23

[Luke 23:33-43](#)

Monday, November 24

[Psalm 24](#)

Tuesday, November 25

[Revelation 22:8-21](#)

Wednesday, November 26

[Isaiah 60:1-16](#)

Thursday, November 27

[Psalm 122](#)

Friday, November 28

[Hebrews 11:1-7](#)

Saturday, November 29

[Genesis 6:11-22](#)

Sunday, November 30

[Matthew 14:36-44](#)



What's happening at RLC/CELC

The EAR-RESISTIBLE Playground Party Blessing & Sweet Corn Feed!



Baptism



Trunk or Treat



Staff Appreciation Luncheon



Operation Christmas Child Pack

