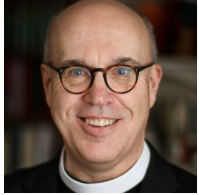
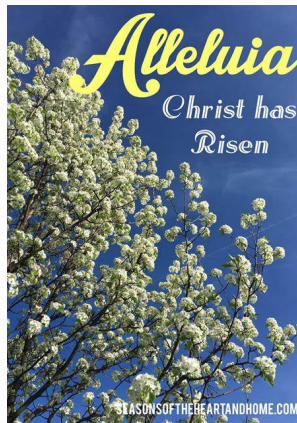


Richfield Lutheran Newsletter

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By Pastor Brian Mundt
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The other Sunday, it hit me. There's often too much in the gospel reading that needs addressing, let alone explaining, than we have time for in the sermon. The gospel was the "bodacious beachside BBQ brunch" on May 1. There's that odd detail about them catching 153 fish (John 21:11). Why 153 fish?! And why is that detail even included? The best explanation I've heard is it is the number of all known nations back then. So, 153 fish represents the disciples' mission field.

But I didn't have the time in the sermon to talk about that. In a sermon, the preacher has bigger fish to fry! The task of the preacher is to do to this audience what the text authorizes, to do to this audience what the text did to its original audience 2,000 years ago. It's much more than a head thing. It's a heart thing. It is God speaking to you.

Still, we have questions of the texts! What does this or that mean? We want to talk about God and what God is saying here. And that is the difference between teaching and preaching. Teaching is talking about God, and preaching is God talking to you. Granted, there's some talking about the text in the sermon, but we've got bigger fish to fry!

This where the weekly Bible study on Zoom comes in. Every Wednesday at 1:00, we spend an hour sitting with and exploring the gospel for the following Sunday. Even an hour isn't enough. But we do get a pretty good handle on all those odd details and contexts that help us make sense of the gospel. And folks who participate say

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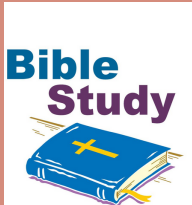
Upcoming Services and Events:

May 15:
Worship Service
w/Communion, 9:15 am,
Sanctuary

May 22:
Worship Service
w/Chancel Choir, 9:15 am,
Sanctuary



Join us for Coffee
Hour/Fellowship each
Sunday following the
worship service.



Weekly Bible Study
Online with Pastor Brian,
Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m.

To join, go to Zoom Mtg:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88368868971?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88368868971?wd=aU9FYXlvWUJzeVIXeGVoazUvTVU2Zz09)

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for the link.

they get so much more out of the sermon and out of Sunday morning worship because of the Bible study!

So, I invite you to join in, when you can. And if you cannot, well, a handy 2-page handout for Sunday's gospel is included in each week's newsletter emailing. Or, at the very least, please read the gospel before Sunday, and mull it over. Blessed mulling!

Jesus loves you, and so do I.
-- Pastor Brian



P.S. If it's been a while since you've been able to attend church, and you would welcome a home visit with communion, please let me know!



From the Business Office

By Meggy Wagner
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Sanctuary Projects:

I've heard from many of you that you are happy with our new Sanctuary lighting! And there is one more reason to celebrate: our contractor, Premier Lighting, found an additional grant for our project, and the final bill for the replacement of all the bulbs in the pendants, recessed and spot lights came out to only \$5,506! That is a lot less than we originally calculated!

Now three of our Sanctuary projects are complete: The new projection screens, LED light conversion, and Chapel window repair. The total cost of these three projects together was \$23,498, and we received \$4,159 in dedicated donations towards these costs, bringing the total cost down to \$19,339. That is really incredible, considering that our first proposals for the lights came in at \$40,000, and the TV screens at \$23,000! Thank you again for your support and generosity! Now we have three projects left of our original list that we approved last Fall: The potential removal of pews in the back to create space for tables and chairs, window panes in three of the wood panels of the Hallway wall, and new pew cushions. We approved a total budget of \$60,000 last Fall, so we obviously have plenty of funds left. However, given that inflation is starting to be felt in everything from kitchen supplies to office materials, and that our endowments are taking a bit of a beating with the current market volatility, Council will deliberate this month whether to hit the pause button on some or all of the projects.

Renovation 2022:

We have signed our loan with North American Banking Company, and our contractor Heritage Construction has already submitted the permit application for the first phase of our project, the conversion of the Common Grounds. The





May Birthdays:

5/5 Ida Mae Cornelius
5/5 Kenneth Huntington
5/10 Myra Strand
5/13 Rodger Thuras
5/15 Robert Yahr
5/16 Lisa Borneman
5/17 Paul Wittig
5/18 Fred Lumbar
5/20 Doug Bergeson
5/23 Mary Sage Mundt
5/24 Sheryl Schendel
5/26 Sharon Miller
5/28 Marilyn Yahr
5/28 Buck Hinze-Francis
5/31 Kenneth Ask

Birthday Blessings!

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are still needed for hosting coffee hour each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in the RLC Office or call Bonnie at 612-861-2265 if you can host.

You can be part of the worship service as:

Assisting Ministers, Readers,
Communion Servers, Ushers,
AV Team!

Let us know if you are interested or if you have another idea of how you can help RLC's ministry.

teachers are currently picking their favorite floor colors for their rooms - check out the fun color combinations that are displayed in the Hallway! The Infant and Toddler Room Teams picked the Royal Blue color variation for the two new rooms in the common Grounds area, and sunny yellow accent walls to go along with that. And the kitchen counters will pick up the blue and red accents in the carpet, and pull it all together in a fun and easy to maintain work area!

Once we get a little further into the planning of the main phase of the renovation, you will be asked for your carpet color preferences, too, for the South Hallway, the Mary Martha Room and the Library! We are getting excited about refreshing our spaces!

Please email me anytime with questions!
Meggy Wagner



By Mesa Sigrist
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Spring is finally here! The children are so happy to be outside, without jackets, hats and mittens! Lots of smiles all around, and we are busy planning our summer program for our campers, with petting zoos, reptile shows, local park visits and music!

I'm also happy to report that our enrollment is 89 this week, that's a pandemic record, (not counting the 2 weeks of Mpls teacher strikes)!



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Please note that RLC uses a 'One Call' System to make weekly or 'as needed' telephone announcements to our members. If you are not receiving our calls and would like to, please give Bonnie a call at 612-861-2265 or stop in the RLC Office with your information. Thanks!



Save the date! WELCA's next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21st at noon for a short meeting and a potluck lunch.

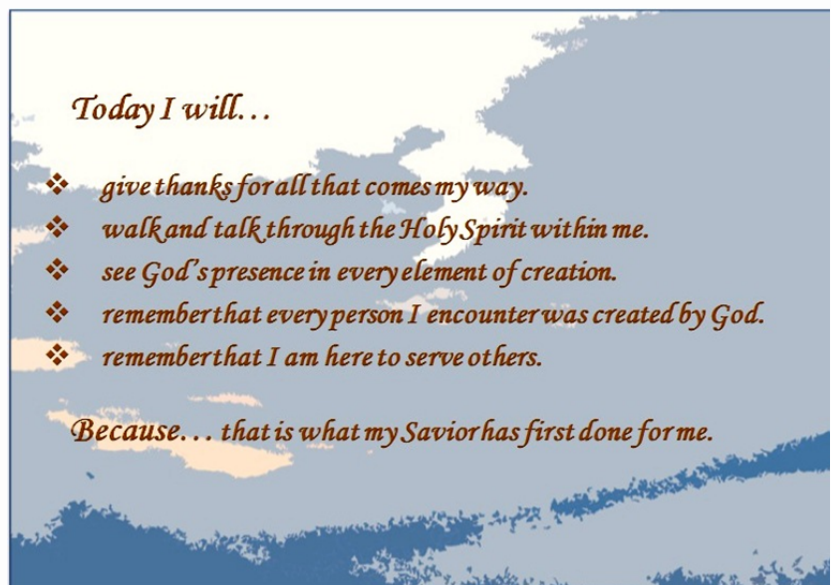


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Busy Beavers - Spring Clean Up Day



Please join us on Saturday, May 14th at 9:00am at RLC for an outdoor 'clean-up' day - planting flowers, raking, etc! Bring your rakes, clippers, trowels, etc. Weather Permitting



Daily Bible Readings for the Next Two Weeks:

Wednesday, May 11

Acts 11:1-18

Thursday, May 12

Psalms 148

Friday, May 13

Revelation 21:1-6

Saturday, May 14

Acts 1:15-26

Sunday, May 15

John 13:31-35

Monday, May 16

Psalms 133

Tuesday, May 17

Leviticus 19:9-18

Wednesday, May 18

Luke 10:25-28

Thursday, May 19

Acts 16:9-15

Friday, May 20

Psalms 67

Saturday, May 21

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Sunday, May 22

John 5:1-9

Monday, May 23

Acts 1:1-11

Tuesday, May 24

Psalms 47

Wednesday, May 25

Ephesians 1:15-23