



## The R.L.C. Mid-Week News: **04/07/2021**

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

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### RLC Needs Two Voting Members for Synod Assembly April 23-24



*So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. (Romans 12:5)*

**WHAT IS THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY?** The Minneapolis Area Synod gathers annually to conduct business in the Synod Assembly, which is the synod's highest legislative authority. More than 400 participants attend the Synod Assembly each year, including representatives from each congregation and all active rostered leaders. The gathering is filled with worship, inspiration, presentations, and necessary business.

**THIS YEAR'S THEME:** Under the theme "Jubilee Reclaimed: Opening the Way," synod assembly participants will explore Biblical insights into the general welfare of the community. We remember the Hebrew Scripture injunction to return possessions to their original owner after 50 years as a means to ensure that

wealth disparity didn't arise within the community. And, we imagine the early church in Acts, where the people shared from a common purse.

**ASSEMBLY CONVERSATIONS ON:** What does this mean for the Church today? How do we enter into discussions of confession and absolution? Can we imagine together ways to explore opportunities for the Church to be the leading edge of caring for the vulnerable in our world?

**WHAT DOES RLC NEED?** We need two voting members, one male and one female, to represent the congregation at this gathering to be the voice and vote of the congregation.

**REQUIREMENTS:** This year's assembly is entirely online. Voting Members need access to internet and will be given links to attend this year's group and breakout sessions presented via Zoom or a similar online meeting application.

**WHEN IS THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY?**

Completely online!

**Friday, April 23, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 24, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**YES! I WANT TO BE A VOTING MEMBER! WHO DO I CONTACT?**

Pastor Brian Mundt [bmundt@richfield-lutheran.org](mailto:bmundt@richfield-lutheran.org)

Susan Anderson, Council President, [anderwood3@hotmail.com](mailto:anderwood3@hotmail.com)

Bonnie Nichols, Church Administrator, [bnichols@richfield-lutheran.org](mailto:bnichols@richfield-lutheran.org)

**BY WHEN?** Please let us know by **TUESDAY, APRIL 20** for planning purposes. Thank you!

#### Richfield Lutheran Church Online & Phone Resources

##### CHURCH OFFICE

##### PHONE #:

612.861.2265

##### FAX #:

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##### WEBSITE & STAFF

##### E-MAILS:

<https://www.richfield-lutheran.org>

##### VIDEO WORSHIP

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

##### AUDIO WORSHIP

612-474-4974

##### ONLINE RESOURCES & ZOOM LINKS

<https://richfield-lutheran.org/ne>

##### WS-

[events/online-sermons.html](https://richfield-lutheran.org/ne-events/online-sermons.html)

##### FACEBOOK/ INSTAGRAM

Richfield Lutheran  
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Grounds, CELC,  
Y-LIFE Youth,  
Richfield Lutheran



### ***From Pastor Brian Mundt***

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! On Easter morn, we celebrate the most miraculous thing ever: that Jesus rose from the dead. This is not something

we see every day, let alone ever. We even have a saying about death most certainly coming to all: “Nothing in life is certain, except for death and taxes”! So that this happened is truly something that should change our perspective on things.

Indeed, Easter is something we celebrate in church for seven weeks. We should have not just one, but 49 days in a row of ham dinners with all the family, lilies, brightly colored Easter eggs, and chocolate bunnies!

In Jesus, God says death does not have the last word. But God does. And his word is “yes!” to love and grace and life! Truly, God is for you.

~Pastor Brian

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### ***From Mary Beth Weibel***

*Director of Outreach Ministries*

As Easter Season begins, it is time for renewal. Part of that renewed thinking is how RLC will move into the summer months – a time for youth and

family educational enhancement learning camps – in a safe way as pandemic restrictions unfold. I’m not sure what that will mean right now. Will we meet? If we did, would it be inside or outside or a combo of? How many children per session? Dates, times etc. It’s a lot of planning and of course, with SO MANY camps re-opening this summer, we don’t know how many youth will choose this option over something else.

Here’s what I do know. **FIRST, I WILL NEED A TEAM OF ADULT VOLUNTEERS FROM RLC TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.** *Where are the youth who usually led these programs, you ask?* Sadly, most have grown up, moved out of the area or moved on from RLC during the pandemic. Without their draw to theater ministry and the arts, they have sought other places to use their gifts and talents and associated volunteer efforts. Most of our active youth leadership from summer 2019, are now in upper high school or graduating, with college, jobs and careers in place. All good things, but hard when you need that energetic, volunteer leadership for energetic kids.

So, as I plan (*and we need to have plans in place by early May to compete with other school and community activities*) I ask you this? Will you volunteer to be a summer program leader for a week? I’m looking for 5-6 energetic adults willing to teach, lead, chaperone, play, do music and nurture inquisitive kids as they explore Creation Keepers Camp. If interested please contact me at 612.861.2265 or by e-mail. I’d appreciate your help. Thank you! ~Mary Beth

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## From Bonnie Nichols

Office Administrator

What a beautiful weekend we had to celebrate Easter!

A special thanks for the beautiful worship services and music we enjoyed from our ministry, music and worship leaders who shared their time and talents with us during this Easter season: Pastor Brian, Mary Beth, Paul, Mary, Eric and Kristina.

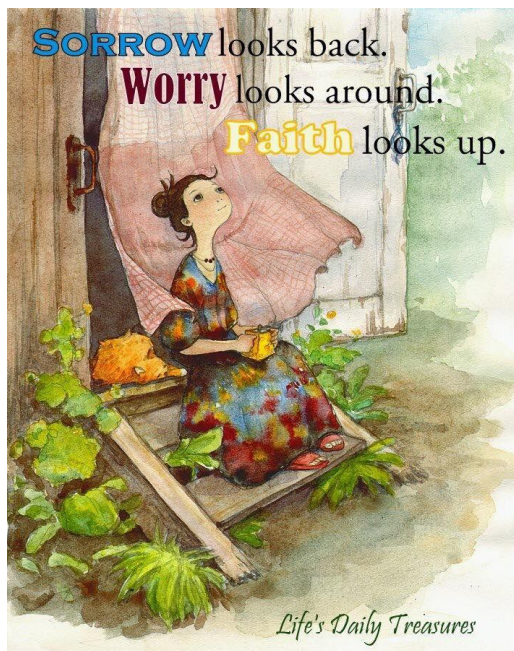


We are pleased that all the lilies used to decorate the sanctuary were picked up and/or delivered to RLC members so that they were able to enjoy them in their homes for Easter. A special shout out to Doug Bergeson who made two trips delivering lilies. Thanks to Randy for setting up the Easter lilies and to all of you who purchased flowers and donated funds.

Looking forward to worshipping together soon!

~Bonnie Nichols

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There are no articles this week from:  
Meggy Wagner, Robbi Moore, Randy O'Brien  
or Lynn Hoskins



We continue to  
Offer online and  
audio worship  
through the links  
listed below:

### VIDEO WORSHIP

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

### AUDIO WORSHIP

612-474-4974

The 10:45 WORSHIP VIA ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89878480770>

### ONLINE RESOURCES & ZOOM LINKS

<https://richfield-lutheran.org/news-events/online-sermons.html>



Limited Return to

In-Person Worship Planned for:

May 02, 2021 @ 9:15 a.m.

Social distance seating and masks required.

Worship only at this time. No Communion,  
Congregational Singing or Fellowship Coffee Hour  
until further notice.



No Computer? No Problem!

Try "Dial-A-Worship"

Call: 612-474-4974

New Sunday worship audios posted every Friday!

## Happy Birthday To You!

April 1	Arlene Stoneburg
April 4	Kathy Lindquist
April 4	Jeff Nichols
April 6	Daniel Sherry
April 8	Dorothy Rude
April 12	Debra Larson
April 14	Lorraine Larson
April 15	Linda Seel
April 16	Kenneth Lundgren
April 18	Jane Meland
April 27	Frank Caughey
April 28	Joy Graves
April 29	Gary Mrachek



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



## LECTIONARY READINGS

### Easter Sunday, April 4: Mark 16:1-8

April 5:	Matthew 28:9-15
April 6:	1 Corinthians 15:35-39
April 7:	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
April 8:	Acts 2:42-47
April 9:	Acts 4:23-31
April 10:	Psalms 133

### Sunday, April 11: John 20:19-31

April 12:	1 John 2:3-11
April 13:	Psalms 135
April 14:	Isaiah 26:1-15
April 15:	Psalms 4
April 16:	1 John 2:26-28
April 17:	Luke 22:24-30

### Sunday, April 18: Luke 24:36-48

April 19:	1 John 3:10-16
April 20:	2 John 1-6
April 21:	Mark 16:9-18
April 22:	Psalms 23
April 23:	Acts 4:1-4
April 24:	Mark 6:30-34

## The Joy Of Giving

The work of RLC continues to move forward in new ways to help spread God's mission and ministry in these times. We rely on your generous offering giving, pledges and special gifts to help make that happen. Here are the ways you can support RLC through your giving this year:

- Your offering check can be mailed to:  
**Richfield Lutheran Church**  
**8 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Minneapolis MN 55419**
- For those who prefer online giving – you can connect through the new, secure online giving link on the new RLC website at:

<https://richfield-lutheran.org/give/donate.html>

## Kum Singl Kum Dubl Club Summer Theater Event – You're Invited

Has learned of an opportunity to see a show at the Sidekick Theatre in West Bloomington. If we still have concerns with Covid 19 and it is not safe, it may be canceled. I have been told the ticket cost will be refunded and we will follow through. Diane and Mark

Flom has been to others shows there and they were well done. We wanted to see if members of KSKD would be interested to go?

SHOW: MAN IN BLACK: THE MUSIC OF JOHNNY CASH  
DATE: WEDNESDAY JULY 21



TIME: Show starts at 1PM, we will leave church at 12:30 so we find good parking.

COST: \$27.00 General Admission We need to have 10 people to go to get the discounted cost

**RSVP & PAYMENT: WE NEED YOUR RESERVATION AND PAYMENT OF \$27.00 BY APRIL, 30, 2021**

DIANE FLOM AND BETTY HUGHES WILL BE CALLING TO SEE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE!



## Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

*Be at peace, not in pieces.*

**A** week ago was Easter Sunday, and we celebrated the risen Lord. In today's reading, we often focus on the doubts of Thomas, the disciple. But I want you to notice something else. Three times in this passage, Jesus says to the disciples, "Peace be with you," (vv. 19, 21, 26).

The disciples were in hiding. "The doors of the house ... were locked for fear of the Jews" (v. 19). A week later, the doors were again shut, and Jesus suddenly shows up and says, "Peace be with you." Elsewhere in the gospels, we read that "they were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37).

The disciples were like little children. Have you ever watched children without their parents? They get nervous. Sometimes, if a babysitter arrives, some children begin fussing and crying. They do not want their parents to leave them. Sometimes, the children, when bereft of parents for a few hours or a few days, become homesick, lonesome, sad and depressed. They worry about what they will do without them, or if they will ever see them again.

The disciples were facing a bleak future. They were like children without their parents. And we, too, have faced adversity in our lifetime on many occasions, and especially in the past year.

But into our rooms, and into our hearts, sometimes locked up in fear and distress, the Lord suddenly appears and says, "Peace be with you."

This is a wonderful word of comfort. Jesus greets us with peace. He commands peace to be "with us." It's as though he thinks of peace as a friend who lives with us, has taken a room with us and goes with us wherever we go.

Is peace "with you"?

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, you broke the bonds of death. You are risen and alive! And now, you give us peace. Help me to enjoy the blessings of my new "friend," peace. Amen.*

Week of April 11, 2021

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Luke 4-6

**Monday:** Joshua 4-6

**Tuesday:** Joshua 7-9

**Wednesday:** Joshua 10-12

**Thursday:** Joshua 13-15

**Friday:** Joshua 16-18

**Saturday:** Psalms 34-36

## Verse to Remember

*"But it is for you, O LORD, that I wait; it is you,  
O LORD my God, who will answer."*

—Psalm 38:15

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## OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

Use the Table of Contents in the front of your Bible to find a list of the books in the Old Testament. Then, locate them in the box to the left by searching horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward or backward.

Numbered books, such as 1 KINGS, appear only once without their numbers.

**ANSWER:** What  
God promises  
God will provide.



**DECODE THIS MESSAGE!** Use the lowercase letters to decode the message. Answer is in the box above.  
**SHwhGaRtgDEWodCRpAroJOmiLYsesPRgQUAoSBdwODSiIKNIpXOLroNOvWiTYde.**