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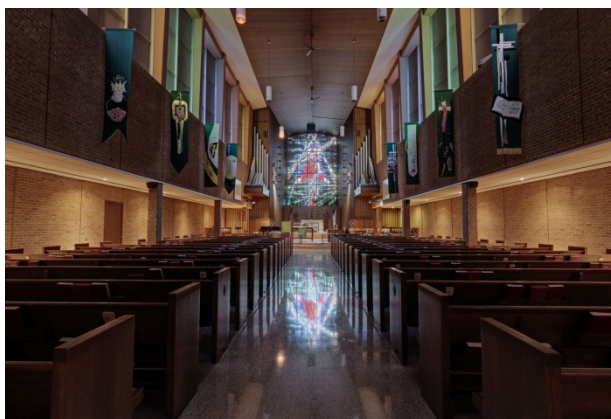
The R.L.C. Mid-Week News: 05/26/2021

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

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In-Person Worship Resumes Weekly Option in June!



Welcome back! Last week, the church council approved moving to weekly worship for **the 9:15 a.m. service effective June 06, 2021.** The world is still in a recovering pandemic mode so we will continue with social distance seating, mask requirement and sign-in for

contact tracing by all attendees. At this time, Sunday mornings will **not** include; Communion, Congregational Singing or Fellowship Coffee Hour until further notice. If you are ready, join us! Or continue one of our online or audio worship options listed below. Links listed below:

VIDEO WORSHIP

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

AUDIO WORSHIP

612-474-4974

The 10:45 WORSHIP VIA ZOOM *Summer worship the 2nd and 4th Sundays only*

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

The 10:45 Online Worship Via Zoom Moves into "Summer Mode"



June kicks off summer and RLC's casual worship service "The 10:45" will move to summer mode with online bi-weekly worship and perhaps an occasional in-person option as the summer progresses. Join us **June 13** and **June 27** for worship next month! Via Zoom!

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

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ONLINE RESOURCES & ZOOM LINKS

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

FACEBOOK/ INSTAGRAM

Richfield Lutheran Church, Common Grounds, CELC, Y-LIFE Youth, Richfield Lutheran Theater Company





From Pastor Brian Mundt

As we slowly but surely return to our “new normal,” what new “holy habits” did you develop during the pandemic?

We had plenty of time to try out patterns of devotion. I tried out some

practices I always wondered about, but “never had the time” before. While there were several I experienced, many I left behind. But a couple new practices are now part of my daily quiet time.

We, of course, have plenty of wisdom to pass on to you once you get your feet on firm spiritual ground, but it's not popular wisdom, the fashionable wisdom of high-priced experts that will be out-of-date in a year or so. God's wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of his purposes. You don't find it lying around on the surface. It's not the latest message, but more like the oldest—what God determined as the way to bring out his best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene.

1 Corinthians 2:6-7 (The Message)

During the pandemic, we included a bulletin for home worship. It was based on the Morning Prayer (Vespers) service in the hymnal and followed Sunday's readings. Perhaps you used it? Lately, people have been asking for other devotional resources. Here are some “gold-standards” for daily time with God in Word:

- The *Christ in Our Home* quarterly devotional booklets, free at church!
- On the Internet:
 - Sacred Space, www.sacredspace.ie Also available as a free app for your smart phone or tablet.
 - Pray as You Go, www.pray-as-you-go.org Also available as a free app or podcast for your smartphone or tablet.
 - God Pause, from Luther Seminary, www.luthersem.edu/godpause Sign-up for a free email subscription.

Try one of these each day for a month. Let me know what your experience is. Outside of Sunday worship, this is one of the essential “holy habits” for your faith journey. Jesus loves you, and so do I.

~Pastor Brian Mundt

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From Mary Beth Weibel

Director of Outreach Ministries

In this issue, I conclude with the other three programs within TRUST, Inc. the group RLC is starting a partnership with this year. Here are three more important community

programs of TRUST that support community:

Parish Nursing For those without an in-house Parish Nurse (like RLC has in Robbi Moore), this program provides a place to partner with individuals to bring together spiritual, emotional, and physical health to achieve wellness and manage illness through holistic care. Robbi is interested in learning more to build our current in-house program at RLC.

The South Minneapolis Coalition for Grief

Support provides education and support for those who are grieving. Support groups are designed for adults experiencing grief as a result of the death of a loved one. In the Spring of 2018, RLC was a host site of this group weekly in the Mary Martha Room.

The Trusty Salers Estate Sales Program is a

combination fundraiser and community service. Trained and experienced volunteers help people living in the metro area hold estate sales. Trusty Salers publicize, sort, price and conduct the sale for the client. TRUST receives a contribution from the sale that then goes back into the community by supporting TRUST's programs. Items not sold at the sale go back into the community via free stores and community organizations.

This spring, I continue to re-evaluate RLC's goals in exploration of how to best work in partnership to BE community in the community both with our neighbors and ourselves - as collaborative volunteers and/or recipients. Stay tuned - lots of things are rapidly unfolding in this area of outreach ministries! Be safe – stay healthy – be kind – and always love one another. Peace, ~Mary Beth Weibel

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From Bonnie Nichols

Office Administration

Greetings from the RLC Office! As we slowly open the church doors wide - we'll hear 'Welcome Back' and 'Good to see you again.' It will be great to worship together and see each other more often.

I am currently updating our membership and associate lists at RLC. I would love to hear from you. So much has changed this last year, we want to make sure that our records are up to date.

Let me know:

- if you wish to change the way you receive the newsletter (e-mail or hard copy)
- if you or your family are no longer active
- if any churches/pastors who receive our newsletters would rather not.
- if you have any changes in mailing or e-mail addresses , phone #'s, etc.

(Note: We are always happy to send out our newsletters to anyone who is interested in what is going on at RLC .)

Hope to see you soon.

Bonnie

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We are in tick season – I know COVID has occupied our minds for some time now but we are doing better on that front and it is time to turn back to our yearly concerns - deer ticks. ALL TICKS are projected to be in higher numbers in this area this year as it is projected to be warmer and wetter than past years. TICKS LOVE THIS. Don't fall into that group that thinks that ticks only are in the woods and if you walk on cement walkways or sit on the porch you will be fine. This unfortunately is not the case.

Deer ticks, which have proven to be the most prevalent carriers of Lymes Disease, are tiny (*adults are the size of a head of a pin.*) It is important to check yourself any time you have been outside. Ticks particularly like dark, warm, moist areas. The good news is they do not attach for the first 24 hours on your body as they seek out the very best site to attach. Several medical forecasters have projected this to be a rough Lymes disease year. Check yourself when you have been outdoors no matter where and remove any ticks. Look for dots of pepper on your skin that are new and flick them off with a credit card. Let's make this a healthy year, RLCers !!! As always I am happy to answer your questions , just call.

In HIS service and yours Your Parish nurse,

~Robbi Moore

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There are no articles this week by Mesa Sigrist, Meggy Wagner, or Randy O'Brien

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

MAY	26	Sharon Miller
	28	Buck Hinze-Francis
	28	Marilyn Yahr
	30	Megan Knieff
	31	Kenneth Ask
JUNE	8	Cherill Lindquist
	8	Lolita Nyberg
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	19	Abigail Garcia
	20	Harry Maki
	20	Barb Louis
	25	Earl Evenstad
	25	Joann Peterson
	25	Leo Schroeder
	27	Roger Haas
	27	Molly Weibel
	27	Mahriella Hinze-Francis
	30	Timothy Huttner



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

May 23rd Advisory Meeting Summary – Building Study



As the official kick-off to our Building Study, the Advisory Committee met on May 23rd on Zoom with Anne Gerriets, former building consultant of the

ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Anne shared her impressions and suggestions about our building, which are summarized below. A more detailed summary will be prepared for distribution in time for our next meeting, which will be held in person after the 9:15 am worship service on June 6. Main take-aways:

- Look at our building from the perspective of a first-time visitor: it is obvious where to park, which lot/s are RLC's, does our outside signage steer them to the right door, does our indoor signage make it easy to find the most important rooms (i.e., sanctuary, fellowship hall, offices, restrooms) without asking? Which door is "the Sunday door"? Orient everything around that.
- Sanctuary: When at less than 50% occupancy, spaces look empty and uncomfortable, especially for visitors. Consider taking out pews in the back of the Sanctuary, and spacing the remaining pews farther apart to allow for walkers and strollers. Create gathering space in the open back of the Sanctuary, either with activity tables for young children or bar-height tables for after-worship gathering. Consider inserting windowpanes in the hallway wall of the Sanctuary, to make it more visible from the hallway, bring in more light, and connect the spaces. Consider inserting some windowpanes in the blind high windows. Redesign the lighting to brighten the whole space.

- Hallways / Library / Courtyard: Studies show that a visitor will not move into a new room for social gathering after worship. Coffee hour must happen on the way between worship and the car!
 - Option 1: Have the social gathering in the Hallway. Redesign the hallway lights for a brighter and warmer atmosphere. Place bar-height tables in the middle for non-exclusive, easy gathering, and pews along the walls for those who need to sit.
 - Option 2: Consider eliminating the hallway walls of the Library, and integrating it into the East entrance space for easy gathering. This will also visually pull in the Courtyard, which can also be included in the gathering space. If the Library is not a thriving ministry as such, consider getting rid of the books, or dedicating just one wall to books.
- History: A church's history is important and needs to be honored, but should not take over the majority of wall space. Consider creating a history corner, for example in the Library gathering space, where a monitor can show slide shows of digitized historic photos, and albums can be displayed for browsing. Keep the majority of your wall space for current events, or other uses like art shows.
- Chapel: Chapels are mostly used today as multifunctional rooms. Since they are more formal spaces, they tend to be used for Council and committee meetings, Bible study, baptisms, smaller worship services, etc. Consider redesigning the light in the Chapel to brighten it up. Acoustics in the Chapel were mentioned as a concern, consider fabric banners / tapestries on the walls to help with echo.

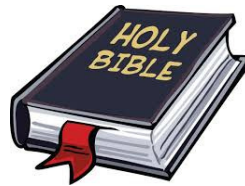
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- Fellowship Hall: Consider removing the theater stage, to open up the room, and unblock the second kitchen door. Most churches with theater ministries use the Sanctuary for productions, since they are larger and darker, coded for large audiences, and as in our case, have a large back altar area that is ideal as a stage.
- Kitchen: The fact that we have a commercial kitchen is a huge benefit, not just for the childcare, but also for ministries like continuing education, life-skill teaching for at-risk populations, hunger-relief ministries, etc.
- Mary & Martha Room: Excellent multipurpose room, only needs a facelift, with the furniture we want in there. Kitchenette is a big bonus. Should the Common Grounds be converted into a toddler wing, this could be considered as an alternative space for the contemporary worship. In most churches, the trend is to bring the contemporary worship service back into the Sanctuary. One member pointed out that our Sanctuary could not be set up to allow for some occasional activities (e.g., packing food kits) during the contemporary service, and an open space like the Common Grounds or M&M Room would be necessary.

Further details will be included in the hand-out / emailed summary for our **June 6** meeting. On June 6, we will focus on the Sanctuary / Hallway / Library spaces, since those are potential changes that would require architectural drawings to create visuals for further discussion, as well as assessing costs.

For any questions, please email advisory@richfield-lutheran.org.

Susan Anderson, Pastor Brian Mundt, and Meggy Wagner



Daily Bible Readings

May 26: John 20:19-23

May 27: Romans 8:1-8

May 28: Romans 8:9-11

May 29: Psalm 29

Trinity Sunday, May 30: John 3:1-17

May 31: Luke 1:39-45

Effective **June 01**, there will no longer be a scripture reading list in the newsletter. The *“Christ in The Home”* quarterly devotional is available at church for pick up on Sundays or it can be mailed to your home upon request to Bonnie in the church office. Thank you!



The Importance of Offering 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 to help make that happen. Your offering can be mailed to:

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Give securely online:

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



**The next issue of The RLC Mid-Week News will be
June 09. Information & articles due by noon
June 07 to: mbweibel@richfield-lutheran.org**

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: John 1-3
Monday: 1 Kings 1-4
Tuesday: 1 Kings 5-7
Wednesday: 1 Kings 8-10
Thursday: 1 Kings 11-13
Friday: 1 Kings 14-16
Saturday: Psalms 52-54

Verse to Remember

"Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.'"

—Psalm 53:1

"The heavens are telling the glory of God."

So declares the psalmist. Study the clues below and complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.

Clues:

1. Violent wind and snow storm.
2. Thick, obscuring mist at or near the Earth's surface.
3. Frozen rain that sometimes falls during rainstorms.
4. Normal weather conditions of a particular place.
5. A flash of light in the sky.
6. Violent tropical storm.
7. Shaking of the Earth's crust.
8. Bands of light appearing in the night sky; northern lights.
9. A partial or full blockage of the sun or moon.
10. A wearing away of the soil.
11. A large mass of snow and ice.
12. A mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain.
13. The degree of dampness or moisture in the air.
14. A spring from which boiling water and steam spews.
15. Condensed water vapor in the atmosphere.
16. Frozen water.
17. Deluge.
18. Time when the sun crosses the equator, making day and night of equal length.
19. Frozen dew or vapor.

