

Richfield Lutheran Newsletter

JUNE 2026

From the Pastor

Upcoming Summer Sermon Series! May 31 – July 7 Ruth, Esther, and the Hidden Hand of God

I believe one of the greatest gifts of faith is the way God's faithfulness, love, and presence can be seen, received, and shared in the stories of human life. Hearing, learning, and gathering people's stories is one of my favorite parts of being a pastor, and to be sure, it is stories of life which make the most difference in people's hearts and minds. Stories shape us and mold us and inform us about how we see the world, others, and ourselves.

This month, our Narrative Lectionary dives into two wonderful stories in the Hebrew Scriptures, Ruth and Esther. They are perhaps stories you haven't read very often, if at all. That's ok! You're not alone. In 17 years of preaching, I've never preached a single sermon focusing on them. Yet, they are stories highlighting radical loyalty to neighbors and dangerous courage in the face of oppression and violence, and they are preserved as testimony to God's work in and through us, even when God seems hidden from view. – Fun fact, they are also the only two books of the Bible to be named specifically after women! -I'm already beginning to see ties of how they speak to us – not least of which what we have born and witnessed as a community in Minneapolis recently – and how they could inspire us to faith, witness, and action in the present and days to come.

Beginning May 31 we'll spend four Sundays with Ruth, followed by two Sundays with Esther. They are both relatively short reads, so you might prepare by reading ahead of time. If you do, feel free to send your questions and/or insights to me! Either way, hope you plan to engage in some way and see how they reflect God's work with us, and even point to how Jesus calls us to faith in this world.

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Upcoming Services and Events:

- ◆ **June 2: Worship at the Pines**
- ◆ **Sunday, June 7: 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion**
- ◆ *Sunday, June 14: 9:30 Worship*
- ◆ *Sunday, June 21: 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion*
- ◆ **Sunday, June 21: Happy Father's Day**
- ◆ *Sunday, June 21: 1st Day of Summer*
- ◆ *Thursday, June 25: RLC/CELC Ice Cream Social*
- ◆ *Sunday, June 28: 9:30 Worship*

**Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 21st**



**1st Day of Summer
Sunday, June 21st**

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.



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

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

Prayers for Potential Charter School Tenant and Update

Organized as a school in 1973 and a mainstay in South Minneapolis for many years, Southside Family Charter School recently downsized and reached out to us looking for a new home in the community. As a potential opportunity for added prudent stewardship of the building, helping and further connecting with neighbors, expanding our community outreach, and contributing to the financials of the church, the church council has been in diligent conversation and action to pursue a potential agreement. No final decisions have yet been made, and logistics are still being discerned, but please keep this process and SFCS in prayer. Contact the church council with any questions or insights. We'll hope to update in the coming month.



New neighboring opportunity coming soon! –

The Richfield Lutheran "Lunch Bunch"

June 16, the ladies of WELCA are hosting and inviting any and all who are able to attend to a delightful summer pot-luck (see page 3 for further details). That pot-luck will also serve as a sort of promotion for a new neighboring opportunity, the Richfield Lutheran Lunch Bunch. The Lunch Bunch will be what it says, a bunch of us getting lunch together in the neighborhood. The added joy is as part of that, we'll connect and hear from some of the owners and employees of the eateries, enjoy each other's company, and support our local businesses. Beginning Tuesday, July 7th, @ noon, the Lunch Bunch will gather at one of the neighboring eateries by church. Look for more information in coming weeks, and plan to sign up to get lunch as a bunch!



**By Mark Flom
Council President**

To all my friends of God, I am ready to listen to what ever you want to talk about. What ever it is I will listen and if it is something you think that the church needs to do or change, I will bring it to the council and if we can, do something about it.

Thanks,
Mark Flom

Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

June Birthdays

- 6/8 Cherill Lindquist
- 6/9 Juana Martinez
- 6/20 Barb Louis
- 6/20 Harry Maki
- 6/25 Earl Evenstad
- 6/25 Joann Peterson
- 6/25 Leo Schroeder



SUMMERTIME

For a Fresh Start: May your summer be filled with endless sunshine, warm breezes, and the sweet freedom of long, lazy days.

For Peace: May the slower pace of the season bring rest to your mind, joy to your heart, and peace to your soul.

For Connection: May this summer bring you closer to those you love, and may your days be brightened by shared laughter and beautiful memories.



You are Invited!

Please join us in celebrating Lonnie and Bonnie Nichols 50th Wedding Anniversary. We invite you to join us on Sunday, June 21st, as we celebrate their anniversary. Join us also if you wish for worship at 9:30am at

Richfield Lutheran Church. A special marriage blessing for Lonnie and Bonnie will be given at the conclusion of the service prior to the anniversary celebration.

Following the service, coffee and cake will be served in the Fellowship hall until 1:30 pm.

We hope you will join us for this special day of celebration, fellowship, and blessings for Lonnie and Bonnie.

Hosted by Family!



Summer Potluck - Fellowship for All!

You are invited to a midday potluck and congregational get together hosted by members of WELCA on TUESDAY, June 16th at noon in the Mary Martha Room. Sign-up sheets are available in the RLC Office. Salads are the stars of the meal. Come and stay out of the heat and be cool .

This is a casual, church friends event . LADIES AND MEN!

Questions? CALL Robbi at 612.432-3660



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



Show dates: August 14 at 7:30 PM

August 15 at 7:30 PM

August 16 at 4:00 PM

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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:

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Daily Bible Readings for June:

Monday, June 1

Luke 1:39-57

Tuesday, June 2

Psalm 29

Wednesday, June 3

John 14:25-26

Thursday, June 4

Psalm 50:7-15

Friday, June 5

Acts 28:1-10

Saturday, June 6

Matthew 9:27-36

Sunday, June 7

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Monday, June 8

Psalm 40:1-8

Tuesday, June 9

Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2

Wednesday, June 10

Hosea 14:1-9

Thursday, June 11

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3

Friday, June 12

Psalm 100

Saturday, June 13

Mark 7:1-13

Sunday, June 14

Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

Monday, June 15

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45

Tuesday, June 16

2 Thessalonians 2:13--3:5

Wednesday, June 17

Proverbs 4:10-27

Thursday, June 18

Psalm 69:7-10[11-15] 16-18

Friday, June 19

Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, June 20

Jeremiah 20:1-6

Sunday, June 21

Matthew 10:24-39

Monday, June 22

Psalm 6

Tuesday, June 23

Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, June 24

Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]

Thursday, June 25

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Friday, June 26

Galatians 5:7-12

Saturday, June 27

Jeremiah 28:1-4

Sunday, June 28

Matthew 10:40-42

Monday, June 29

John 21:15-19

Tuesday, June 30

Psalm 119:161-168

