



GOOD NEWS

EIGHT WEST SIXTIETH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55419
WEB SITE: RICHFIELD-LUTHERAN.ORG
JUNE 24 - JULY 14 , 2010
WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

Mission Statement of Richfield Evangelical Lutheran Church
RELC - *Reaching out to Everyone with the Love of Christ*

Nursing Notes...



....Robbi Moore Parish Nurse

Do you find all of the nutritional articles in the paper and on the news confusing and hard to put into your lifestyle? Your doctor recommends a healthy diet but doesn't give you a plan or place to start? Many feel "healthy food doesn't taste good".

One way to start a healthy diet is to look at your own health. Do you have high cholesterol? Then you should look at a diet that lowers your intake of high fat foods and condiments. Do you have high blood pressure? Then look at a diet low in salt and commercially processed (canned or frozen) foods. No real problems? GOOD but we can ALL benefit from a diet that is low in salt and fats and high in fresh, unprocessed foods. Organic foods may offer better nutritional values than non-organic. Make sure to include foods from all of the food groups. Check out the food pyramid.

The only successful way to change an eating lifestyle is gradually. Add one or two healthy food options every week or two and drop one or two bad options. It takes a month to change a habit and our food choices are a habit. Habits can be broken and those who have successfully made the change report that they didn't realize food tasted this good without the table salt, sauces and gravies added. Give healthy changes a try and you will be surprised how good food can taste!

TANZANIA GIFTS

Reminder: There is still time to bring back packs, soaps and shampoos for distribution in Tanzania when our nine 'missionaries' make this upcoming trip. Find them, put them in a bag and bring them to church. The suitcase is still up front by the altar so you can put your items right into the suitcase. Thank you for your support of this mission effort!

IT PAYS TO BE GENEROUS

There are at least 4 ways to give to RELC:

1. Checks and cash via pledges and offerings to our current operating fund.
2. Checks and stock gifts to our "Growing in Faith" capital fund, which raised \$405,000 in the last 3 years for needed building improvements and other benevolences.
3. Checks, stock, annuities, and other bequests to the RLC Endowment Fund.
4. Ongoing gifts and bequests to our designated and undesignated memorial funds in honor and memory of loved ones.

Some recent examples of "generosity giving" at RELC:

- * \$26,000 raised through our Extra Mile appeal last January to help fund our 2010 budget.
- * \$40,000 or 10% proceeds raised in our Capital Fund campaign paid out in special benevolences for community outreach, mission congregations, and the larger church.
- * \$12,000 bequests received in 2008 from the estates of John McGinty, Millie Corson and Sally Root.
- * \$36,000 gifts and bequests received in 2009 from Gary Strom and Thelma Nelson's estate to fund office and sanctuary improvements.
- * \$75,000 bequests received in 2009/2010 from the estates of Ruth Johnson and Marvin Formo to help fund the Endowment Fund, upcoming street assessments, and current operations.

With nearly all charitable organizations reporting declining revenues, we can all be grateful to present and past members for their ongoing support of RELC. (For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.)

Lee Bachman, Stewardship/ Endowment Committees Chair



FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES

Y-LIFE SUMMER MISSION

This summer our Y-LIFE Mission Team is going to experience a different sort of mission adventure. *Our theme – “reaching out in our own community”* will provide youth a variety of day trips and overnights within the seven county metro area that will highlight a variety of mission trip opportunities. To date, our plans include working at a food distribution center, engaging in the “Paint-a-thon” for Greater Council of Churches, work at a soup kitchen, assist at a homeless shelter, and of course provide leadership in July for RLC’s many youth programs and activities. With the busy lives of our teenagers and the requirement that many of them also work in the summer, these shorter mission engagements will allow youth to juggle the full plates of young adult life and still do mission. Look for more details throughout the summer of the many adventures in mission we will be supporting this summer.



Feed My Starving Children Packing Trip Calendar through December 2010

Summer Service Packers – all ages. Please note, due to summer programming schedules days and times may be different. See list below:

SUMMER SERVICE - Intergenerational

Wednesday, July 21 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. (lunch b4)
Wednesday, August 04 2:00 – 5:00 (VBS week)*
Wednesday, August 18, 11:30 – 3:30 (lunch follows)

*Adult mentors are needed to work with our younger VBS children. Bus provided.

FALL 2010 WEDNESDAY SENIOR SERVICE

September 15, 11:30 – 3:30 (lunch follows)
October 20, 11:30 – 3:30 (lunch follows)
November 17, 11:30 – 3:30 (lunch follows)
December 15, 11:30 – 3:30 (lunch follows)

Sign up available in the church office.
Drivers needed.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

BUS FUND

Gift from Betty Solensten
Gift from WELCA

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of **Robert Marten** given by Marion Baker

YOUTH OUTREACH

Gift from WELCA

KITCHEN FUND

Gift from WELCA

UNDESIGNATED MEMORIALS

In memory of **Robert Marten** given by Larry Bachman, Veta Fernlund Evelyn Goplin, Jerry and Mary Jackson, Marilyn Long, Andy and Ulrica Sherry

In memory of **Donald Opsahl** given by Luverne Swanson, Ellen Olson

LIGHTS ON SIDE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL

Gift from Andy and Ulrica Sherry

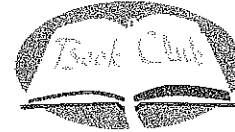
POWER POINT PROJECTOR LIGHT

Gift from Sharon Hotchkiss

FELLOWSHIP HALL TABLE and CHAIRS

In memory of **Harriet Davidson** given by Marion Baker.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB MEETS MONTHLY IN SUMMER



A book a month is our plan! Come and share in the discussion! 10:00 -11:30 a.m. in the library

June 16 – “Take One – Above the Line”
-Kingsbury

July 21 – “Every Storm” Wick

August 18 – “The Priest” Rivers

SUMMER CALENDAR FOR KIDS

June 20 – 25 – Camp Week Luther Park

July 12 – 16 Summer Drama Camp

July 20 – Book Club for Kids

July 26 – 30 Show Choir Camp

August 02 – 06 Virtues & Values

Vacation Bible School Camp

August 16 – Book Club for Kids

Blood Pressure Clinic after services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

HAVE YOU INCLUDED RLC IN YOUR WILL?



Dear Friends,

We continue to gear up for mission - locally and globally. When I talk with my colleagues about life in their parishes, and I hear about the many struggles they are experiencing, I am so proud of Richfield Lutheran for continuing to focus on Christ's priorities: mission into the world, serving in his name and telling his story of grace and hope.

Our Sunday morning worship service and congregational information session typified this emphasis. We commissioned our nine missionaries to Tanzania and highlighted what will happen on this trip (July 1-16). We blessed the gifts we'll bring and prayed for deeper partnership with the Mbigili parish. Our meeting afterward was quite quiet, actually (after the meeting one member said that when a congregation gathers and there is not heat, ministry must be going very well. I agree - although heat can be a helpful component to deciding important issues. It was wonderful to hear that our finances are so healthy. Praise the Lord!)

I talked of our vital mission into the neighborhood. It is the only neighborhood we have. It is the neighborhood where our predecessors planted this congregation. Yes, it has changed significantly and most of our members live some distance away, but that doesn't change our call to serve it. We've used the metaphor of putting our footprint in the neighborhood. In July, your church council will fan out into the neighborhood for an hour of individual prayer, saying: "Lord, help me to see this neighborhood as you see it. Help me to see what you see." It is a spiritually-grounded way of surveying our neighborhood. Out of it we hope will come clearer directions for our future.

On Saturday, about twenty five of our worship leaders gathered to discuss all aspects of our Sunday morning efforts with the goal of making our time together the most meaningful and welcoming possible. No major changes emerged but it was a high energy time of evaluating what we do and why we do it. At its root was an understanding of worship as surrender - as giving our bodies and spirits into the care and access of God. How we do it is highly variable. But what it is and why we do it is clear. You have wonderful servants committed to accomplishing this purpose and to helping others enter into this experience with us. I appreciate their dedication - and I know you do, too.

I'll miss the next edition of the Good News since I'll be on the other side of the earth. Please pray for us (remember to wear your prayer dots). We'll report in on July 18 - barring delays by volcanoes and such.

Yours for good ministry,
Pastor Rolf Olson.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of May 31, 2010

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
REVENUE			
Pledges	\$118,879	\$124,510	(\$5,631)
Other	<u>71,847</u>	<u>65,303</u>	<u>6,544</u>
TOTAL	\$190,726	\$189,813	\$ 913
EXPENSES	\$168,636	\$174,304	(\$5,667)
EXCESS	\$22,090	\$15,509	\$ 6,581

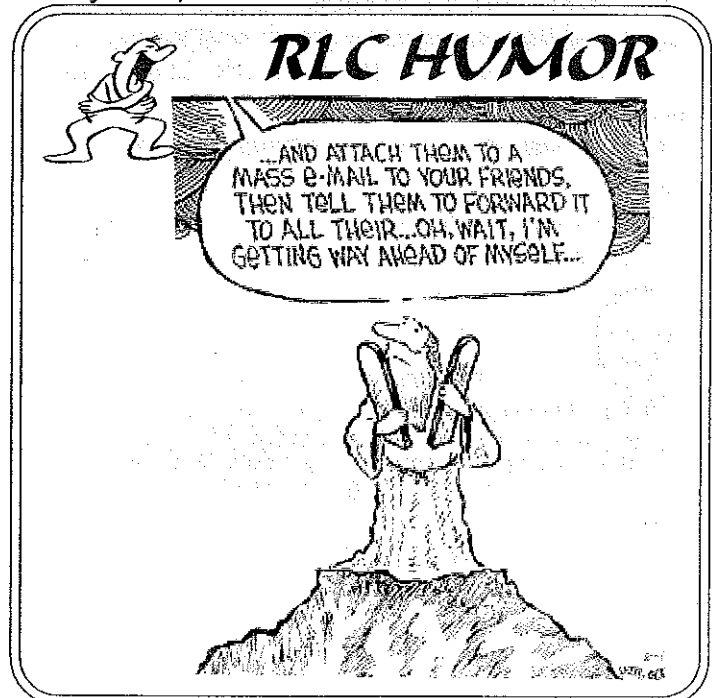
The June 20th congregational information session included the above financial news. Revenue is \$900 over budget with pledges short by \$5600 and other income over by \$6500. Spending is below budget by \$5600, giving a bottom line excess of \$22,000. Last year at this point, there was a \$25,000 deficit.

A major reason for these results is your response to the Extra Mile appeal, with \$22,000 given to date. We have also received a bequest from the Ruth Johnson estate. This has enabled us to repay last year's \$14,000 loan from the endowment fund, reducing the balance to \$54,000. Another portion of the gift is included above, and the remainder will be used to assist with upcoming street assessments.

Requests continue to be important gifts. We are thankful for those who have chosen to include RELC in their estate plans, and we remember them and miss their presence among us.

Thank God for his many blessings and thank you for supporting RELC.

Cathy Salin, Treasurer





WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 27, 2010

Head Usher	Mark Flom (A)
Lay Reader	Sara Barnaby
Offering	David Schwamm (7)
Coffee Servers	Martha Circle
Greeters	Corrine Young & Lorraine Luchsinger
	Bea Hawkinson & Bernice Lindberg

JULY 4, 2010

Head Usher	Earl Evenstad (B)
Lay Reader	Ben Tracy
Offering	Paul Johnson (8)
Coffee Servers	Naomi Circle
Greeters	Betty Solensten and Betty Glaser
	Julie Page and June King

BULLETIN BOARD

-"GREEN TEAM" MEMBERS: RELC is looking for people interested in working on the concept of "Stewardship of God's Creation" and invites those interested in how RELC can reduce, reuse and recycle.

-"MARKETING & PR GROUP" -RELC is looking for people interested in working on the concept of "Evangelism in an Electronic World"

~ BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES SALES HAVE STARTED!! Do you remember the list that was published a few weeks ago? Some stores are already having sales on the school supplies so you can start your buying now to help get our VEAP quotas started.

~ THE NEW FRONT DOORS ARE IN! Have you noticed how bright the south entry way is? The doors are new, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John will soon be back up on the outsides of each door and they aren't as heavy as the old ones. Many thanks to the Property Committee and Hank and Randy especially for facilitating this task!



PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Contact: Myrt Marlow at 952-884-7351. If you are unable to reach Myrt, call Bea Hawkinson at 952-948-2473 or the church office. If the call is before or after office hours leave a message.



The next issue of the Good News will be published July 14th, 2010. The deadline for the articles is Friday, July 9th Articles and information received after this date will be included on space availability only.

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A Tribute to Dads Everywhere

GOD MADE DADS

God made dads with gentle hearts
But we never take the time to say
The messages that wish to convey
"Thank you, dear Dad."

God made dads to take care of me.
(Childhood illnesses and to bandage a scraped knee)
God made dads to share in my laughter, to dry a tear,
And, of course, he always had a listening ear.

God made dads to help me grow
If I should ever falter.
He would never say, "Well, I told you so."
God made dads to show how to give and how to care.

To all dads this is my prayer
May God bless always, may the love that you have shared
Be returned to you today.
May it warm your heart and touch you in a very special way.

-Joyce Malaske, 2000

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