



GOOD NEWS

EIGHT WEST SIXTIETH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55419
WEB SITE: RICHFIELD-LUTHERAN.ORG

May 13 - May 26, 2010

WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

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

Come, join us and experience a once-in-a-lifetime journey through the spiritual, cultural and scientific significance of authentic 2,000-year-old manuscripts, including the earliest biblical writings.

There are still a few spaces available for the May 16 trip to the Science Museum of Minnesota to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. If you are interested, please contact Doug Bergeson at 612.869.8533. If you need additional information call Sharon Miller at 612.869.4997.

We have received a special group rate of \$18 for those over age 60 and \$22 for those under age 60, plus \$5 per person, to cover the cost of transportation. We have already placed our deposit, but can still add a few to our numbers.

The tour also includes a gallery devoted to *The Saint John's Bible*. The volumes of "Prophets and Wisdom Books" will be on display.

Plans are to leave RLC about 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, May 16. The exhibit takes most people about one and a half hours to complete. There are no tour guides. Instead, each visitor will receive an audio guided tour handset to listen to so that you may go through the exhibition at your own pace. The exhibit is fully handicapped-accessible and there are areas where you can sit and rest. Wheelchairs are available.

Summer Musical -

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*

Come one, come all for Auditions for the Summer Musical. Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11 from 7 PM to 9 PM each night. Come to Richfield Lutheran and sign in at the desk in the Narthex. Please be prepared to sing and read from the script. You can prepare a song ahead, but bring the music for our accompanist.

The performances will be August 13 - 15. All are welcome to audition including adults, teens, and children aged 8 and up. (We have to limit the number of children aged 8 - 11 years old for the cast.) This is a fun show with great music and characters so join us this summer with *Beauty and the Beast*.

Bev and Lisa Borneman

RED RED RED RED RED RED

On Sunday, May 23rd wear RED to church to signify PENTECOST SUNDAY. That means you and you and you and me!

Nursing Notes...

....Robbi Moore Parish Nurse

"To sleep, perchance to dream..." No, I am not going to talk about Shakespeare but I am going to talk about sleep. For years we have heard that the older we get the less sleep we need - to quote Daffy Duck - Phooey!

Mayo clinic researchers repeatedly publish that regardless of age, all adults need 7-9 hours of sleep. Less than that can lead to more infections, stress based illnesses and a weakened immune system. Too much or too little sleep has also been linked to weight gain...

Adults sleeping more than 10 hours a night have had increased amounts of heart disease, strokes, sleep disorders, depression and other long term illnesses.

School aged children and adolescents need 9 or more hours. Turn those TV's, DVD's, and other electronic devices off at least 1 1/2 hours before bed time in order for children to settle enough to get sleep.

Have a good night's sleep but not too little or too much.

- Robbi ZZZZZZZ

Young Adults Group

Young adults are invited to get together for a potluck on Sunday, June 6th after church at the house of Beth and Aaron Featherstone at

6125 Dupont Ave S., Minneapolis

We'll discuss upcoming monthly get-togethers which will combine service events and visits to local neighborhood restaurants!

Bring a dish to pass and your ideas on making this a fun monthly get together. Kids are welcome to come to the potluck also.

RSVP to Beth at 612-822-2290 or deyoungbeth@hotmail.com



FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES

DRAMA MINISTRY – MORE THAN JUST THEATER...

Well...the set is cleared, the lights are down and the costumes and props are almost put away...I guess that means the house is dark...for awhile anyway! This past weekend, a cast and crew of over 100 adults and children worked together to bring a double bill production to the RLC Theater that included "Bye Bye Birdie and Rock and Roll is Here to Stay!" And I hope many of you got to see the show because the talent of our young people and supporting adults in the Richfield Lutheran Youth Theater Company is amazing!

Our younger troupe Drama Delights, learned how to have stage presence, project their voices, memorize dialogue, work together as a team of 20 and sing and dance their way into your hearts with a pre-show that told the history of Rock & Roll. Then, the Main Stage Players brought together 4th grade through 23 year olds in a full length Broadway musical (no junior versions here) of Bye Bye Birdie. But our drama ministry program is MORE THAN JUST A GREAT SHOW! And I feel a need to share that story with all of you...

You see, the finished product that the audience sees is but icing on a cake that is filled with many layers. The basis of all productions is grounded in the RLC mission statement. How? Let me tell you.

It invites all children – all talent levels – a place to do quality theater without the fear of rejection or inability to be involved because of cost. Theater is expensive and many of our production companies around town charge \$100-\$500 fees to be in shows. At RLC, the fees are minimal (\$50 a show or less) and no child is turned away because they cannot pay the fee. That is covered by the Faith Development Ministry scholarship budget. While in production, youth learn to sing, dance and act along the way. For our high school plus cast, they are given opportunity to learn life skill tools like being accomplished actors, student directors, lighting designers, choreographers, stage managers and costumers – all skills that can turn into careers.

It is more than just putting on a show. You see, the acting and performances are the end result of living out the RLC Mission Statement. Theater involves ways to "love one another" with care and compassion, reach out to all people in our community and not just congregational members, inviting and involving everyone - all of this through the stage door! During the four plus months of rehearsals, the families involved in the show share their joys and struggles together and for many reach out to tap our ministry base beyond drama. Some, even have decided to make RLC their church home for other ministry options. Together our "theater family" form a small group ministry that laughs and cries with each other as we experience life on a daily basis. Many have become close-knit beyond the show.

The wonder of being a part of a production help young people and families achieve confidence, mentoring, fellowship and intergenerational opportunities through being on stage, part of the production crew and being part of a show family. In addition to long rehearsals, the youth come to support other church functions as part of their "give back" to the church that provides them with a theater and place to hone their talents. They do service projects around the church and in the community and do creative fundraising (like Cabaret Night) to help support the theater program, too.

The wonder of being a part of a production help young people and families achieve confidence, mentoring, fellowship and intergenerational opportunities through being on stage, part of the production crew and being part of a show family. In addition to long rehearsals, the youth come to support other church functions as part of their "give back" to the church that provides them with a theater and place to hone their talents. They do service projects around the church and in the community and do creative fundraising (like Cabaret Night) to help support the theater program, too.

Youth Drama gives a portion of each ticket sale to help in the upgrade and upkeep of the theater that includes equipment like wireless mics, lighting, cabling and sound enhancements that make our theater better and more appealing – as well as enhancing all the other functions that happen in the Fellowship Hall. And...we even have "patrons of the arts" who given financial gifts to support the needs of the youth theater.

But the RLC Youth Theatre Company is more than just good theater - each production is grounded in both scripture and virtue/value base living examples – like understanding and talking together about the "Bye Bye Birdie" themes that promote acceptance of cultural and intergenerational conflicts that are not just a thing of the past – but a part of everyday life for all of us. Virtues and values are stressed as an intergenerational group of actors and adults come together with respect for each other. It is the "body of Christ" in motion – as without all elements working together – the show could not go on!

As you can see – the layers of this cake are many! Together our goals for drama ministry are to find ways to work things out, share in our variety of religious and cultural backgrounds, live in a theater world that allows actors to perform in all roles, share in a community outreach without the bottom line \$ being the basis for ministry support, provide a place for adults and youth to work together and embrace a ministry that is to always further God's kingdom and not just make every actor part of the RLC congregational base. And I think our youth theater company is doing a great job at accomplishing those goals!

And... if we also make others happy by watching the show, make people forget about their troubles for a few hours, make congregational members feel a part of the production through their donations of props and costumes, bring 500 community people through the theater who learn about the many facets of RLC through displays and playbills, -(and make enough revenue to pay the costs of a show and still have seed money to bring future productions to the stage) well, then we have iced a truly wonderful cake called outreach ministry!

And finally, I need you to know that before each performance, the entire company gets together for prayer. We thank God for the day, for each other, for the talents we have received, the abilities and facilities we have to perform and bring joy to the hearts of our audience. This weekend, I heard many prayers but these three petitions need to be shared with you:

"Thank you God for Richfield Lutheran for being my theater home."

"Thank you God for Richfield Lutheran and it's people for giving us a nice place where I can be a star"

"Thank you God, for Richfield Lutheran being part of my family"

And that my friend, is why youth drama is part of the outreach ministries of RLC.! This is the "News From Faith Development Ministries" for this issue. Grab a copy of the new RLC brochure in the Narthex for more summer programming options happening at RLC and share it with others! Thank you for your support!

Mary Beth Weibel – Minister of Faith Development



Dear Friends,
 Last Saturday your church council gathered to spend some extended time planning for our future. Our agenda was varied, but we reviewed our core planning documents from the past few years to give us continuity as we move forward.

Our Vision: RELC—a community church with a worldwide influence
Our Mission: RELC—Reaching out to Everyone with the Love of Christ
Our Values: *Trusting God's care for our world
 Celebrating God's love through Christ-centered worship
 Showing God's love by welcoming all people
 Sharing God's love through service to others*

You've seen these before. You helped formulate them. (The vision statement is one from the 1960s.) Our specific task was to lay the ground work for marking RELC's centennial in 2015, and for moving into the healthiest possible future in Christ's service. We made good progress in doing that.

Our theme for 2009-2010 has been "Creating a Place Where All Are Welcome." Our special efforts have been directed toward hospitality and welcoming diverse groups into our fellowship (especially Mundo de Paz). For 2010-2011 we want to emphasize three priorities:

- telling our story through various media,
- emphasizing mission locally and globally,
- emphasizing evangelism in all components of our ministry (not necessarily recruiting members but connecting people with Jesus and Jesus' work all around us).

The ELCA motto is "God's Work. Our Hands." We like that and may use it more often with RELC ministry.

Your leaders will now return to committees and work to flesh out ways to make these priorities come to life in the months ahead. We are excited about the future of RELC—and about our second century of service in Christ's name! Lots has changed in the 96 years we have been around. But the Spirit is still blowing and people still need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for us, share ideas, and join us as we move into God's grand future.

Pastor Rolf Olson

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

BUS FUND

In memory of Everett Stephens given by LeRoy Sheller.

UNDESIGNATED MEMORIALS

In memory of Everett Stephens given by Randy and Murlaine Arntzen.

CARPET REPAIR

For repair of carpet in Chapel given by Sharon Hotchkiss

**OLE & LENA EVENT GUESTS SAY:
 THIS WAS THE BEST ONE EVER**

The Fourteenth Annual Ole & Lena Spaghetti Dinner Show and Silent Auction was the best ever according to many of the fun-loving guests who attended. As of this writing, a grand total of about \$8,200 gross (\$7,300 net) was raised, including supplemental funds of \$2,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Care Abounds in Communities through the Central Minneapolis Chapter and the Southwest Hennepin County Chapter.

Many thanks to Thrivent and to all of you who supported Luther Park through this unique FUNdraiser to send kids to Luther Park camp! About 185 people were served, including not only RLC members and volunteers but their families and friends and members from Luther Park corporate churches were served, and people from other churches and the community-at-large.

Half of all funds raised go directly to RLC for Luther Park Camp scholarships. The remaining funds go to the Luther Park scholarship fund to provide camperships for other children needing assistance to attend camp. If you know of someone at RLC in need of scholarship assistance to attend Luther Park, please contact Mary Beth Weibel at 612.861.2265.

The silent auction was again a wonderful success. In addition to many baskets put together by Betty Hughes—RLC's talented coordinator of the Silent Auction—and other volunteers from Faith Development Ministries, several individual RLCers, circles, and others also donated items.

Along with the lively Minnesota Scandinavian Ensemble, highlights of the evening included crowning of the first ever UFFDA Royalty Court, a skit by the RLC youth, music by the Strolling Scandinavian Musicians (Paul & Julie Curtis, Earl Evenstad and Bill Miller), and lots of audience participation via dancing and "yokes." The unexpected hit of the evening, though, was Pastor Rolf "Dancing With the Stars" of RLC. Watch for a photo display coming soon of this rare and special outpouring of Scandinavian frivolity.

Special thanks to RLC staff and many volunteers who contributed their many volunteers who contributed their time, talent and gifts in the days leading up to the event and the day of the event. All of these diligent workers really made the evening possible, and a super success!

Outdoor ministries have proved to be one of the biggest successes of the Church today. This wonderful outreach event—and all who are involved—makes it possible for many children to have a Christian camping experience they would otherwise never be able to afford. For many campers this is their first introduction to Jesus Christ.

God's richest blessings to each of you!

*Burt & Sharon Miller
 Co-chairs, Ole & Lena Dinner*

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



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 16, 2010


Head Usher	Curt Anderson (C)
Lay Reader	Mary Jackson
Offering	Cathy Salin (1)
Coffee Servers	Miriam Circle
Greeters	Myrt Korell and Lil Pedersen
	Renee MacDonald and Lee Schwartz

May 23, 2010

Head Usher	Stewart Wilde (D)
Lay Reader	Nathan Koelln
Offering	Earl Evenstad (2)
Coffee Servers	Martha Circle
Greeters	Lynn Stetz and Michael Stetz
	Sharon and Lester Loney

BULLETIN BOARD

~Miriam Circle is pleased to invite all women to a 1:00 p.m. meeting in the Mary Martha Room on May 17th to hear speaker, Bev Heise, Volunteer Director of Martin Luther Manor. She will tell us all about the news from Martin Luther Manor. They are always in need of more Auxiliary and Volunteer members.



RLC HUMOR

"Quit complaining about erosion. It's made you look 10 years younger."

THOMAS



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 May 12, 2010. The deadline for the articles is Friday, May 7th. Articles and information received after this date will be included on space availability only.

GOOD NEWS

(USPO 465-240) Vol. 69 No. 38 - April 28 - May 12, 2010

Published semi-monthly by Richfield Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8 West 60th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419. Periodicals postage paid at Mpls. MN. Church Office: 612-861-2265. Editor: Sharon Hotchkiss
POSTMASTER - Send address changes to Good News, 8 West 60th Street, Mpls. MN 55419. Time Sensitive Material - Postmaster: Please deliver May 13 and 14.



- + Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Robert (Bob) Marten who died last week. Service was held at RLC on Tuesday, May 11th.
- + Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Robert Larson who died last week. Service was held at RLC on Wednesday, May 12th. (Bob is the twin brother of Dick Larson.)
- + Christian sympathy is extended Betty, Chuck and Erik Hughes on the death of Betty's mother on May 10th. Service will be on Saturday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m.

A Tribute to Mothers

Thank you, dear mom, for wanting me and giving me life.
 Thank you, dear mom, for holding my hand in my times of strife
 Thank you, dear mom, for being patient during my "awesome" teen age years.
 Thank you, dear mom, for being near when I went through all my phases.
 Thank you, dear mom for always singing my praises.

God knew that I would need someone to listen to my cares
 Someone who would always remember me in their prayers.
 So in his boundless wisdom from above
 God gave me the best and most precious gift -
 That of a mother's unending love.

p.s. I love you dear mom
 - Joyce Malaske
 Published by the National Library of

RICHFIELD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 8 W. 60th St, Minneapolis Minnesota 612-861-2265
rlcmain@richfield-lutheran.org

 <p>Church Staff</p>	<p>Ministers: All the Members of RELC Pastor: Rolf Olson Visitation Pastor: Jim Martin (763-443-5548) Minister of Faith Development: Mary Beth Weibel Director, Choral Ministries/Choir: Darwin Missling Organist/Director of Music: Mark Hedman Congregational President: Earl Evenstad Director of Community Child Care: Lynn Heibel-Hoskins Office Manager: Carol Danielson Administrative Assistants: Jo Ann English/Sharon Hotchkiss Good News Editor: Sharon Hotchkiss Parish Nurse: Robbi Moore Custodian: Randy O'Brien</p>
--	---