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Pastor Bill's Page



A pastor friend from the Gulf Coast Synod once shared that a family visiting from out of town came to his church one Sunday morning. They were dressed very casually, a little sunburned, and they carried beach bags into worship. “We’re on vacation,” the dad explained, “but my grandmother always said, ‘God goes with you on vacation... and you should still show up when God invites you to church!’”

That grandmother may have been onto something.

Summer has a way of changing our routines. School is out, calendars fill with camps, trips, cookouts, lake days, and family vacations. It’s hard to leave the house (and the air conditioning) when the dial of the thermometer is already past 90 and heading toward 100 at 8:00 am. It’s easy for church attendance to drift into the background somewhere between sunscreen, suitcase packing and fanning ourselves.

But the truth is: the Church doesn’t close for the summer.

Our need for worship, encouragement, prayer, and Christian community doesn’t disappear just because the temperature rises or we find ourselves in a strange town. In fact, summer can be one of the best times to reconnect with God in fresh ways. There’s something powerful about worshipping in a different place while traveling and realizing that believers everywhere are part of the same family of faith.

One of the great blessings of vacation is the opportunity to visit another church. Whether you’re at the beach, in the mountains, or visiting relatives, there is likely a congregation nearby gathering to sing, pray, and open up God’s Word. You may hear a different style of music or meet people from another part of the country, but you’ll be reminded that God’s people are everywhere, all striving to be blessed and to be a blessing to others.

And when you’re home, your church family still gathers every Sunday, too. Summer worship matters. The stories we share during the long season of Pentecost helps us to understand the mind of Christ as we hear his teaching and watch his action. The stories may all be familiar, but there is always something new to learn.

What’s more, your presence matters. Someone may need your smile, your encouragement, or simply the example of your faithfulness. Gathering as God’s people isn’t just about what you receive. It’s called a “Worship Service,” because in our worship, we give grace, glory and service to God and others. Without you, a vital part of the community and that service would be missing.

So enjoy the vacations. Take the trips. Eat the ice cream. Watch the sunsets. But don’t take a vacation from worship.

After all, God never takes a vacation from loving us, guiding us, and caring for us.

I look forward to worshipping with you all summer long.

Pastor Bill

Church Council



Here at RLC, we are incredibly blessed by the time, talents, and hearts you bring to our community every week. Your dedication is what makes our ministries so vibrant. If you've been watching the screens before worship on Sundays and seen our current financial standing, it's completely natural to look at the numbers and feel a bit concerned, especially since we are entering the "summer slump" months. Like many households, our church has recently experienced the reality of operating with a temporary financial deficit. However, we are a family and just like in any family, when we face a gap, we simply look at how we can bridge it together. We ask that you prayerfully consider your current giving. Can you increase your offering this month, or perhaps set up a recurring gift for the first time? Every contribution – no matter the size – directly supports our ministries. Look around on any given Sunday. The true measure of our success is all the ministries we support in our community and the fellowship we share in times of joy and grief.

Thank you for your faithful support, your prayers, and your ongoing love for this congregation. Together, we can ensure that our church continues to be a place of hope, grace, and light in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Frum

RLC Treasurer

School Supply Project

What is our Mission?

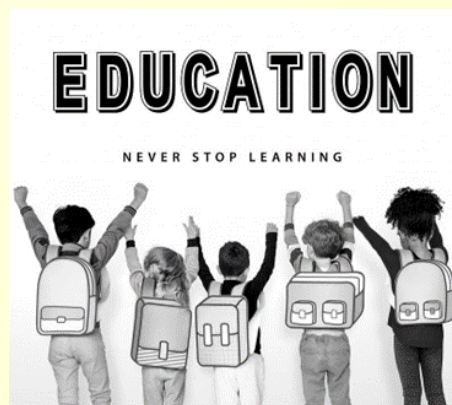
This summer will be our 39th year ordering, packing, and supplying filled backpacks to the lower income members of our community. Most are used for students beginning a new year in PISD, but some have been given to unhoused and low income adults. Last year we packed around 900 backpacks. This is a Ministry that continues to evolve each year, and we are so thankful for your support as we continue to support those in need!



How can you help?

- ⇒ **Donate money to purchase the backpacks and supplies.** It takes about \$15.00 for each filled backpack. Our church members are the main supporters of this project, and we appreciate every donation!
- ⇒ Checks made out to RLC (with a School Supply Project notation at the bottom) or cash in a labeled envelope can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.
- ⇒ Payment can be made on the church website with a designation for the School Supply Project.
- ⇒ Cash can also be placed in the canister provided in the Narthex each Sunday.
- ⇒ **Help with the preparation of readying the backpacks for delivery.** Please sign up in the Narthex on the sheet provided.
- ⇒ Come and help us unload supplies from the church garage and from Walmart. We will also set up the room for packing. **Date TBD**
- ⇒ Come and help us fill the backpacks on **July 27-July 30 from 9:30 am-11:30 am.** Adults and children over 7 years old are welcome to attend.
- ⇒ Come and help us pass out the backpacks on **August 1st from 8:00 am-11:00 am.** We have a drive thru pickup, and we need helpers to make the process run smoothly.
- ⇒

This is truly a God's Work, Our Hands project that our church has been proud to support each year. Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved this year. The children of Plano are depending on us!



Second Sunday Potluck

Second Sunday Potlucks are back!!!

Mark your calendars for **June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th**. Lunch will begin promptly after the Sunday service (around 11:20 am -11:30 am).


Your only admission fee is a delectable salad, main dish, side dish or dessert to share. All food will be served Buffet style and no one will go home hungry!

This is a great time to fellowship with friends old and new! No extra activities are planned, but games, puzzles, and Legos will be provided for the younger members to enjoy after their meals are finished.


Set-up and clean-up will be provided by your Church Council.

Hope to see you there!






Give it up for good



Sunday, June 7, is National Cancer Survivor’s Day, a day that highlights the resilience, strength, and courage of those who have fought and continue to fight cancer. About 25% of the blood supply in the United States is used to provide lifesaving treatments for people diagnosed with cancer. Honor the survivors in your life by donating blood so that others can celebrate this day in the future. The Carter BloodCare bus will be in our parking lot from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – sign up in advance or just jump on. Receive a fun, tropical beach towel in exchange for a pint of blood!



Cover Girls



“THE SEWING MACHINES CONTINUE TO SEW, THE SQUARES ARE LAID OUT AND THE PINS ARE FLYING!! ALL WE NEED NOW, IS YOU!!”

The RLC Cover Girls Sewing Group has been busy sewing Lutheran World Relief Quilts – both at home and in the sewing room, #16. I will estimate approximately 150 quilts finished and/or in process, stored in room #19, where they will have to rest until November 7, 2026 when the LWR truck will arrive at Messiah Lutheran-Plano. We have been very blessed this year with RLC members (outside of the regular Cover Girls) who have stepped up to the plate to help tie our LWR quilts, because a quilt is not finished until it has been tied!

In June we will be in full force working on our **Summer Project/ Kid Quilts!** Once again there will be kits laid out and ready to sew, you may pick them up in the Cover Girls drop off at the top of the stairs. We meet on Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Lots of fun, kid fabrics to sew! Please join us or take kits home to sew. These quilts go to kids within our community.



ATTENTION: WE WILL HAVE PATRIOTIC QUILTS, TABLE RUNNERS & PLACE MATS FOR SALE THROUGH JULY 4TH TO HELP CELEBRATE THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!



PLEASE SEE ITEMS AT TOP OF STAIRS.

We always have baby/kid quilts for sale throughout the year – keep the Cover Girls in mind if you need a gift. We also try to keep “Prayer Quilts” on hand, if you know of someone who could use a Prayer Quilt (within RLC, or not) please let us know. We have had responses of how much they have been appreciated by the receivers.

Other business – we can always use gently used sheets for backs or if you have crochet thread to donate, we use that to tie donated quilts. If by chance you have fabric taking up space in your closet and you don’t think you will be using it – we can put it to good use!!!

Questions: Contact Marilyn Neer- neermarilyn@yahoo.com or text–214-557-2886

Stephen Ministry



Did you know that:

- ◆ Stephen Ministry began in 1975 in St. Louis, MO
- ◆ Stephen Ministry is now in more than 14,000 congregations from more than 190 Christian denominations, in all 50 states in the US, 10 Canadian provinces, and 30 other countries.
- ◆ More than 80,000 pastors, church staff, and laypeople have trained as Stephen Leaders (those who oversee and direct Stephen Ministry in the congregation).
- ◆ More than 600,000 people have trained as Stephen Ministers (laypeople who provide care to those who are hurting) in their congregations.
- ◆ More than one-and-a-half million people have received care from a Stephen Minister in a formal one-to-one Stephen Ministry caring relationship, and millions more have been touched by Stephen Ministry in informal ways.

Our RLC Stephen Ministers will be celebrating 40 years of service at RLC on Sunday, August 16th. We have the honor of being one of the longest sustained Stephen Minister groups in the history of Stephen Ministry and have trained over 160 members during this time. We want to recognize all those who have helped us to achieve this landmark record. If you have ever been a Stephen Minister, please plan to attend our celebration which will be during the worship service on Sunday, August 16th. If you have contact with any former members who have moved, please let us know so that we can reach out to them, as well. Cake will follow!

Contact Kathy Barrett, Judy Severance or Kim Trigg

Book Discussion

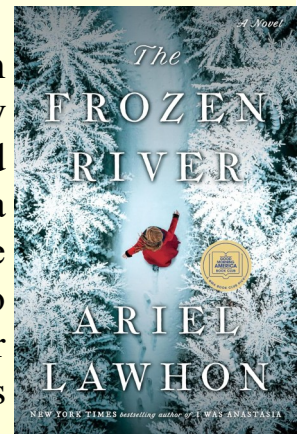
Women's Book Discussion

Saturday, June 27

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

Notice the date change! Since the 1st Saturday of July is the 4th, we are pulling our book discussion up a week. As always, all women are welcome! Reading not required, but how could you resist! Fellowship begins at 9:00 am with coffee and treats, followed by discussion at 9:30 am. Here's a synopsis to get you going!

Maine, 1789: The Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice. Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As the local midwife and healer, Martha is good at keeping secrets. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, every murder and debacle that unfolds in the town of Hallowell. In that diary she also documented the details of an alleged rape that occurred four months earlier. Now, one of the men accused of that heinous attack has been found dead in the ice.



While Martha is certain she knows what happened the night of the assault, she suspects that the two crimes are linked, and that there is more to both cases than meets the eye. Over the course of one long, hard winter, as the trial nears, and whispers and prejudices mount, Martha's diary lands at the center of the scandal and threatens to tear both her family and her community apart.

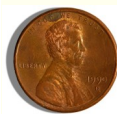
In her newest offering, Ariel Lawhon brings to life a brave and compassionate unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice on behalf of those no one else would protect. *The Frozen River* is a thrilling, tense, and tender story of a remarkable woman who had the courage to take a stand, and in the process wrote herself into American history.

Christian Education

Every year, our VBS and Jr./Sr. High Camp come together to learn how the Lutheran Church helps people around the world. We learn about ending poverty and building communities in areas affected by disasters and food shortages. We engage in outreach, helping our brothers and sisters locally and globally.

This year, we are partnering with Lutheran World Relief to focus on the challenges many girls face in getting an education in different countries as well as in the United States.

We will learn about Malala, Nasreen, Amiya, Ruby, and children in the USA, focusing on the barriers that keep them from school.



On June 7th, we will collect a Noisy Offering. Our goal is to raise our biggest donation yet to help Lutheran World Relief keep girls in school and give more girls the chance to learn.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world,"
said Nelson Mandela

Do you have a fishing pole that you are not particularly attached to? We need fishing poles for our Jr. and Sr. High camp that will be used by beginners and may end up in the pond. We will try to return each pole we were lent, but be aware that crazy things can happen, like a pole getting stuck in a tree or flying into a lake. Please bring a fishing pole and leave it in Betsy's Office.

The work we do is deeply personal to us, our volunteers, donors, food distribution partners, and meal recipients. And we mean it when we say it: "We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed." Because no one deserves to go hungry, *especially* when we can do something about it.

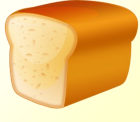
All are welcome to join VBS and Jr./Sr. High Campers at Feed My Starving Children on Thursday, June 11th 5:00-6:45 pm. Open to all abilities and even kids as young as 5. We have 75 spots reserved. Sign up on the FMSC volunteer page: enter "Resurrection" in the box labeled "Looking for a Specific Group?", click on Join button for our sessions, then log into your account or create an account.

Summer Adult Education Series entitled Christianity in America Brian Boyd and Bob Hackendorf will be teaching this class in Room 1.

Join us for a compelling three-week series exploring the story of Christianity in America—from the earliest missionaries and colonial churches to the challenges, revivals, and cultural movements that shaped the faith we know today. Together we will examine how believers responded to moments of crisis and renewal, how different traditions influenced the spiritual landscape of the nation, and what the history of the Church in America can teach us about faithfulness in our own time. Whether you love history, theology, or simply want a deeper understanding of the American religious experience, this series will offer engaging discussion, rich insight, and meaningful connections between the past and the present.

- Sunday June 7:** The Great Awakening and the American Frontier
- Sunday, July 5:** Uniquely American Movements (Mormonism, Adventism etc.)
- Sunday, August 2:** Reactions to Modern Challenges: Fundamentalism, Modernism, Pentecostalism.

Communion Bread



Bread Wanted



Are you willing to provide bread for Communion each Sunday. Oh, but you don't bake. No problem, your local bakery does and you can order one loaf of unsliced bread, soft crust and soft inside so it can be torn for serving, but not be crumbly. (Try the bread you choose yourself to see if it tears easily into smaller pieces and doesn't shed crumbs.) You can bring it to the Church preferably on Saturday or contact Pat Fisher to make other arrangements. Only one loaf of bread is needed for the 10:00 Worship Service each week. If you are willing to provide a loaf of bread, please let Pat Fisher know. You can email her at: pmifisher@gmail.com, sign up for one Sunday a month or only periodically.

June 7th	Bill & Gayle Lind
June 14th	Bruce & Pat Fisher
June 21st	Craig & Phyllis Hildebrand
June 28th	Rita Fischer



R & R Gathering

R&R Adult Social on Saturday, June 20th

Food, fun, fellowship for all adults! Bring a favorite food and beverage to share and join us at 5:30pm for a few hours. It's a time to get to know folks better in a low-key relaxed atmosphere, with time to move around and share stories. Anywhere from 12-30 folks gather at each R&R and we always enjoy our time together.



Diane & Mike Frank
7408 Scout Drive
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Aluminum Can Recycling



Please Can It



As you purchase your summer sips, remember to always choose aluminum over glass and plastic. And when that can is empty, give it new life by donating it to RLC on **June 6th and 7th**. Your can is then exchanged for money that is deposited into our AOF fund, and the can is resurrected as a new can and on the shelves within 60 days. In May, our collection of 136 pounds resulted in \$114 added to the fund. So your actions make good dollars and (environmental) sense!

The aluminum can collection culminating on Mother's Day, May 10th yielded some impressive results. RLC collected 136 lb. and the current price is \$.84 per pound, so that brought in \$114. And just like the previous amounts, it goes toward the HVAC systems. Every can counts!!

Mark Metalman



How do you want to do God's work?

God's work. Our hands.

September 13, 2026

The ELCA's national day of service – "God's work. Our hands." **Sunday** – is September 13th. Across the country, thousands of ELCA members will engage in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love.

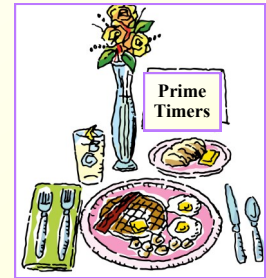
Our outreach ministry, Impact, will be planning this year's celebration but we value YOUR input to make this a purposeful day for our members of all ages and abilities. If you or your ministry has a project idea or are willing to lead a project, please contact anyone on the Impact planning team: Cathie Irons, Ellen Frost, Nancy Parker, Sharon Bosse, or Becky Schuerman Choi.

Announcements

PrimeTimers in June

We will meet on Wednesday, June 10th at 11:30 am at Norma's Cafe.

Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome for great fellowship.



Our get together in May was enjoyed by nineteen PrimeTimers.



Guy's Night Out in June

Guys Night Out will be celebrated at 6:00 pm, Thursday, June 25, 2026 at Two Rows in Allen!! Address 711 Central Expwy S, Allen, TX 75013.

Contact Craig Feronti (972) 989-3222 for further information.

June 2026 Flower Chart

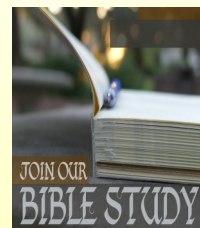


- June 7:** Ellen Frost—In memory of my parents, Charles & Kay Lethcoe on their anniversary.
- June 14:** Ron & Sylvia Meyer—50th Anniversary
- June 21:** Lee Grosshans—In honor of our Anniversary
- June 28:** OPEN

Bible Studies

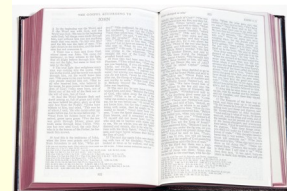
First Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday Bible Study is taking the summer off.
We will resume in September.



Mid-day Thursday Bible Study

The group meets on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the RLC Library.



Bring your lunch and your Bible.

We are studying the topic of:

Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times

Volunteers Needed

One vital part of Share the Care is the Transportation Team. These volunteers pick up members who need occasional rides to Church or to medical appointments. Often substitutes are needed to fill in for regular drivers who bring elderly members to Church but have to miss a Sunday or two. Currently there are only five volunteers for this important ministry. If this is something you could do on an occasional basis, call Barbara Klier at 214.476.8911.



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Thrivent Financial Member Updates

ACTION TEAM PROJECTS FOR 2026

Are you a benefit member of Thrivent? If so, we could use your help in applying to Thrivent for seed money for a number of service projects and fundraisers at Resurrection Lutheran. It is a quick and easy way to bring in additional funding to Resurrection's annual budget. There are currently about 75 Thrivent benefit members at Resurrection. Each benefit member can have up to **2 projects per year each funded by a \$250 pre-paid VISA card. Associate members can have up to 1 project per year.** That is **\$37,500** that does not have to be funded by Resurrection's annual budget!

We did about 13 Action Team grants in 2025 for a total of approximately **\$3,250!** Keep this Thrivent program in mind as you plan activities for 2026. Below are some possible 2026 projects:

Chili Cook-off and Bingo – Marilyn Neer

RYOT fundraiser for summer trip –

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project – Marilyn Neer

Vacation Bible School –

Vacation Bible School – Middle School and High School Camp – Lorraine Laut

School Supply Project – Richard Laut

Cover Girls Kid's Quilts – Sylvia Meyer

Fall God's Work – Our Hands –

Fall Festival –

Lovepac – Plano -

Cover Girl's Christmas Sale – Sylvia Meyer

Angel Tree –

Contact Lorraine Laut at 214-205-0886 or at lblaut@outlook.com if you can help or if you have an idea for an Action Team. She will guide you through the application process.

Be part of the Thrivent 2027 Calendar

We're seeking original photography or artwork that captures the theme for next year's calendar, **"God's Handiwork."**

God's handiwork surrounds us every day: in the glow of morning light, the strength of the mountains, the rhythm of the sea, the delicate details of a flower, and the quiet moments of kindness and peace that shape our world.



We invite you to **submit original photos or artwork** that capture these glimpses of God's creativity, images that inspire awe, gratitude, joy or peace. Your work can help tell the story of a world lovingly shaped by God's hand.

Photo submission deadline is June 30



June 2026 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10:00-3:30 Cover Girls	4 11:30 am—1:00 pm: Mid-day Bible Study 7:00 pm: Executive Meeting	5	6 Aluminum Can Recycling 
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