

# The Richland Word

MAY  
2023



## Youth News

For kids going to summer camp, make sure your reservations are turned in. \$50 deposit is need for each one attending summer camp and the Mission trip as well.

The balance of these opportunities will be paid from church accounts with support from individual donations and from the Women's Guild.

The Kansas City Mission trip will take place June 18 -24.

Camp Eagle Summer Camp will take place July 17-22.

John Patrone and David Schuchmann are planning on being the sponsors for the Mission Trip, Alex Gebert will be the sponsor for Summer Camp.



## Mother's Day



### Happy Mother's Day !

Therefore my heart is glad!

Psalm 16:9

Your life's journey may take you across town, over obstacles, around the world, or beyond your wildest expectations!

Your Lord is your gracious God, your loyal Savior and your faithful Friend!

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## May Fete

The Richland Community Club invites you to the 74th annual Richland May Fete!

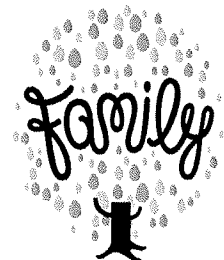
The date is Saturday, May 6th at 5pm at the Richland Hall.

Festivities will include: crowning of the 2023 King: Elliott Weiss, crowning of the Tiny Tot King: Hunter Scott, introduction of the Court of Royalty, music and dancing at 11pm. Food and beverages are available.

Admission is free, bring your lawn chair and visit with family and friends.

The Richland Hall is located at 18312 Cameron Road, Manor 78653.

We look forward to seeing you. It is a lot of fun to watch these young people be apart of this event every year.



Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Easter greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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This month, we continue our review of the *Small Catechism* with a brief look at Creeds in general, and specifically at the Apostles' Creed.

As Christians we confess as true the entire revelation of God in the Bible because *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work, (II Timothy 3.16-17) and no prophecy of was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (II Peter 1.21)*. Every word of the Bible is true because every word of the Bible is the Word of God.

To help us learn God's word, throughout her history the Church has composed *Creeds*, statements of belief that summarize the teaching of the Bible. The word *creed* comes from Latin, the historic language of the Western Church word. In Latin, the first line of the Apostles' Creed reads: *Credo in Deum Patrem omnipotentem*, that is, *I believe in God the Father Almighty*.

Most Western Christians who emphasize our historic connections to all the faithful who have gone before us confess two creeds—the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Among these groups are Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and Anglicans/Episcopalians. Among all Christians, though, we Lutherans are unique in that we continue to confess a third creed, as well—the Athanasian Creed. Because of its length, the Athanasian Creed is usually only confessed on Trinity Sunday, but it stands alongside the other two as a true and valuable summary of the Christian faith revealed by God in the Bible. (You can find the Athanasian Creed on page 54 of *Lutheran Book of Worship*.)

In the *Small Catechism*, Luther included only the Apostles' Creed, as many had done in catechisms before his. Of the three "ecumenical creeds," as they are called, the Apostles' Creed is the shortest, and easiest to put to memory. Short as it is though, it is not simple. It contains a summary of everything a Christian needs to know from Scripture about God and his work of our salvation.

The Apostles' Creed as we know it today took its final form in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> century AD. It grew out of a Baptismal Confession dating back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Century which new Christians in Rome would learn and confess before they were baptized and admitted into the Church. Since its use so long ago, the Apostles' Creed has always been associated with Holy Baptism. It is called the *Apostles' Creed*, not because each of Christ's apostles wrote a section—a legend common in the Middle Ages—but because, it contains the Biblical *teaching* of the apostles, which they received from Christ and by revelation from the Holy Spirit.

One great blessing of learning the Creed by heart and mining its depths for everything it teaches is this: Once you know the Apostles' Creed very well—everything else you learn about God can be organized according to the Creed. Everything about the Father goes with the first section, or article. Everything about the Son goes with the second article. And everything about the Holy Spirit and the Church goes with the third article. Having such a system for organizing your Biblical knowledge is a great advantage for all Christians as we *honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. (I Peter 3.15)*

We hope in God because he made us, provides for us, and takes care of us. We hope in God because he sent his only Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins for holiness and eternal blessing. We hope in God because he gives us his Holy Spirit to keep us safe in his Church here and now, and to bring us safely to the New Heavens and the New Earth at The End Of The Age. The more Scripture you know, the more detail you can add to your confession of the Christian faith and to your defense of your hope in Christ.

I encourage you regularly to review the Creed in your *Small Catechism*. Meditate on how beautifully it summarizes the eternal truths of Christianity and builds us up in the most holy faith. In Christ, Pastor Weise

## Women's Guild News

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Blessings to our sister's in Christ!  
At this time of reading the news-  
letter, we will have provided Herit-  
age Lake Home with 105 May Day  
Candy Baskets. What a won-  
derful outreach.

The Executive Committee is at  
work making plans for the next  
3 months. On May 20th, we  
will be hosting Tea At High  
Noon. Bring your women  
friends, daughters and sisters,  
plus a china tea cup for each to  
drink their tea from. If you  
have any wedding memorabilia,  
you would like to share with us  
that day, please bring it too.

On June 3rd, the Women's  
Guild will host a "Down by  
the Fishing Hole", a fish fry for  
the men.

The Executive Committee is  
working on more ideas for the  
year. Our thanks goes out to  
them. If you have concerns or  
comments, contact Shannon  
Patrone or Becky Muehlbrad.



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### Bible Study

Join us in the Parish hall  
on Thursday evenings at 7pm  
for Bible Study. Pastor Weise  
will lead the study, and all are  
encouraged to attend.

**Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here  
below.  
Praise Him above,  
ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.**

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### Thank You

Thank you to Betty Melber !  
Betty has retired from singing in  
the choir after over 40 years.  
We thank you Betty for your ded-  
ication to the music of St. John  
Betty also helped in the office  
where needed for over 20 years.

We know that in all things God  
works for the good of those who  
love him, who have been called  
according to his purpose.  
Romans 8:28

### Interested in Putting flowers on the church altar?

Sign up please on the chart on  
the bulletin board in  
the back of the  
church. You can  
mention if you wish  
to put them in honor  
or in memory of a loved one.  
Contact Mary Martinka with  
questions.



### St. John Internet

Did you know that we record  
the worship services here at  
St. John? They are uploaded  
to Vimeo  
([https://vimeo.com/stjohn  
richland](https://vimeo.com/stjohnrichland)) by Sunday evening.



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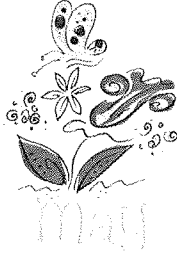
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# LCMC

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church is associated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). For more information about LCMC, visit their website at [www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net)

*Mother's Day*



## Senior Luncheon

St. John's monthly "Senior Luncheon" is open to all those who consider themselves a "senior," and meets at different restaurants in the surrounding communities.

St. John's next "Senior Luncheon" will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 11:30am. Please contact Mary Martinka with questions or if you would like a ride. Watch for announcements for the location for this month.