



RLC WELCOMES AND CELEBRATES OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY STAFF

Over the past several months, RLC has been blessed to welcome three new faces in our CYF ministries and other areas!

WELCOME TO JENNA BACCAM!

Jenna began her work with us January 2023. She works part time at RLC and part time at Central Park Elementary. We are thrilled to have her join our staff, as well as join the staff of our ministry partner at Central Park Elementary. Jenna is responsible for RLC Kids and other family ministries for children ages birth through 6th grade. You can reach Jenna at jbaccam@rosevillelutheran.org. Council liaison for Children's Ministry is Judy Kaufmann: judy.kaufmann19@gmail.com.



PASTOR TORI REMER

Pastor Tori joined the RLC staff in September 2022. Pastor Tori is involved in the areas of confirmation, and youth and young adult ministries. Pastor Tori is engaging with the church of today and future in many ways. Connect with her at: tremmer@rosevillelutheran.org. Council liaison for this ministry area is Nancy Brown: rynabrown@msn.com.



PASTOR MARTY WYATT

Pastor Marty joined us in March 2022. His areas of ministry include: supervising Children's and Family Ministries and pastoral oversight and leadership of Mission and Outreach, O.N.A.M./Immigration/Justice, etc. Connect with him at: mwyatt@rosevillelutheran.org. Council liaison for Mission and Outreach is Kris Olsen: olsen_kao@msn.com.



A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE

WALKING WITH GOD

Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor



Do you remember when you learned how to walk? I certainly don't! I was too young to understand the importance of my actions. I was, of course, encouraged by those around me and I am sure there were claps of joy as I took my first steps. I remember my children's first steps and even have pictures and video that marked these times. But for my personal experience, I don't remember those moments.

I once had the opportunity to experience the joy of watching a young adult learn to walk again. This young adult had been in an accident and had to relearn, all over again, how to take steps. Like a toddler, they needed encouragement and support. Which is true for any of us as we learn (or re-learn) new skills.

In our walk of faith, we often find ourselves navigating difficult paths. Our progress, which at one time seemed so sure and certain, seems to falter. We stumble. We fall. We lose our way.

This can happen in a multitude of ways:

- A loved one dies, and we find ourselves stumbling over all of the questions of faith and life
- We lose our job, and we trip over new terrain and an uncertain map of the future
- We don't get into the college or university of our choosing and all of a sudden we don't know what our next steps will be
- A relationship ends and we find ourselves traveling the path of life alone, or with different company
- There is a health diagnosis that means learning new skills for navigating uncertain terrain
- A crisis happens and we lose a sense of faith, the importance of worship, or the support that engaging with a community of faith offers us in our daily lives

This Lenten Season, we will be looking at ways we can encourage and support one another in our individual and shared walks of faith.

During our Sunday morning worship we will be "Navigating Life Together". Through our exploration of the parables found in the Gospel of Matthew we will discover how Jesus exemplified the importance of walking with forgiveness, love, generosity and grace.

Lenten Wednesday Services will focus on "The Walk" – a book study by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Wednesday evening services (5:00 and 7:00 pm) will explore what it looks like to follow Christ intentionally, and what it means to step out in faith. We will be exploring this in small groups and the Pastor's Bible Study more closely on Wednesday's during Lent at either 9:30 am or 6:00 pm. (See p.9 of this TABLE for more information).

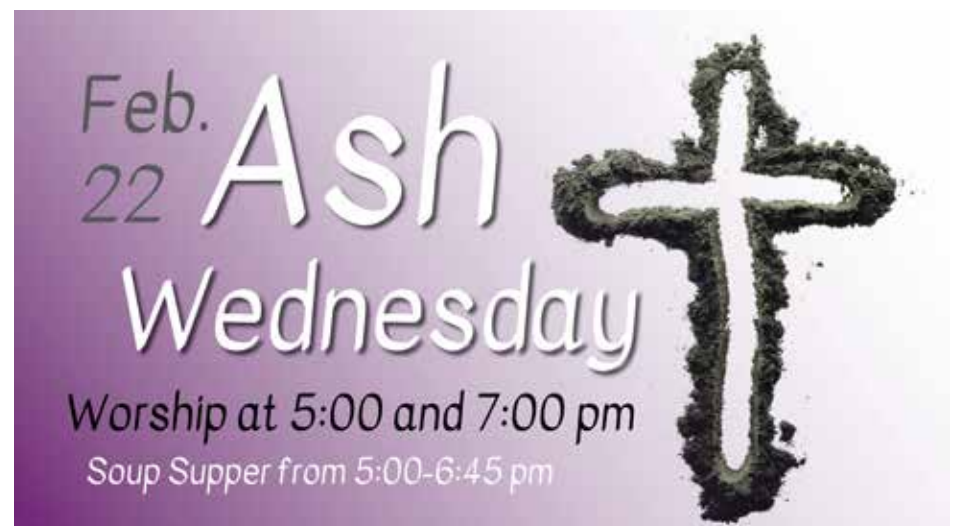
The psalmist declares, "Teach me your way, Lord, so that I can walk in your truth" (Psalm 86:11).

May we encourage, support and love one another as a community in our walk of faith together!

Lenten Blessings,

Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman



Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Our Soup and Salad Suppers are back on Lenten Wednesdays in the Social Hall. Meals include homemade soup, salad, bread, butter, and dessert. To Go: www.rosevillelutheran.org/soup

WORSHIP AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN

Regular Sunday Worship Times at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Lenten Wednesdays • 5:00 pm w/Communion • 7:00 pm
Lenten Soup Suppers from 5:00 - 6:45 pm

CONTEMPLATING HOW GOD WALKS WITH US

Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor

One of our dogs’ favorite activities is going for walks. Anytime they see their leashes come out of the closet, they get so excited – they whimper, wag their tails, and even start to bark with anticipation of their walk.



Last fall, as we were showing our house in preparation for selling it, I’d get them all set and we’d go to the park for long walks while we couldn’t be in the house. During these walks, the dogs would get to wander around the big park near our house and smell every single tree. A few hours later, when we had another showing, we would pack up and do the same thing all over again. Same park, same trees, same routine. The dogs never got tired of it. They would happily go from tree to tree, getting every single smell they could – learning about their environment through their senses. Usually, I would hurry them along, encourage the dogs to keep going, keep walking, so that we could finish our walk and get on to the next thing, but these walks were different. These were solely for the purpose of being out of the house and hurrying wasn’t really an option.

THE JOY OF SLOWING DOWN

These walks taught me again the beauty and the importance of slowing down and not hurrying to the next thing solely for the sake of getting things done. How often do we run through our days checking things off our lists and doing things because it is what we are “supposed” to do instead of doing things with intentionality?

UNEXPECTED WONDERS

Thich Nhat Hanh shared great wisdom with the idea that if one is going to do something, then we should do it with our whole mind and being. So, this Lent, as we contemplate our walk of faith and how God walks with us throughout our lives, I encourage you to do so intentionally. Take time to think about things in new ways, dwell on little unexpected wonders that you perhaps haven’t noticed before. Take time to wonder about where God is showing up in your life in unexpected ways and then take the time to share that wonder with others.

Show and tell other people – your family, friends, or people at church – how your walk with God is going – what you’re noticing and what you’re seeing, because that will increase both your joy and theirs.

Wishing you joy along the walk!

In Christ,

Pastor Marty
Pastor Marty

RLC: BEING WELCOMING TO OUR COMMUNITY

Rebecca Field, RLC Council President

Have you ever walked into a trendy coffee shop and felt silly because you asked for a vanilla pump? Or walked into a gym and felt out of place because you didn’t know what a kettlebell was? To get over those obstacles, you need a friendly barista who can explain to you why they don’t offer sweeteners and can suggest something similar. Or you need a welcoming trainer who can clue you in on the verbiage of gym equipment. When people go out of their way to make you feel comfortable and cared for in a new environment, you usually are much more likely to return to that place.



TRUSTING LEADS TO CONNECTING

The same is true for churches; feeling welcomed and cared for usually leads to a newcomer making a transaction of trust. If someone trusts, they will connect. As followers of Jesus who understand God’s love and acceptance to us, we should be the most welcoming and willing to make someone feel cared for. Someone shouldn’t feel more valued in the coffee shop or gym next door than they do when walking into our church building on a Sunday.

Within the article “Why Americans Go (and Don’t Go) to Religious Services” written by the Pew Research Center, they publish their findings* based on a recent survey, conducted during December 2017. This survey asked respondents (a nationally representative sample of 4,729 adults on Pew Research Center’s American Trends Panel) who attend religious services a few times a year, or less often, why they do not go to religious services more frequently. The research statistics include that 14% stated they do not attend more often because *they do not feel welcome* at religious services. This is very unfortunate to me as those congregations missed the boat by not extending more of a welcoming community to those individuals, who were already in the doors of their church building.

EXTEND A WARM WELCOME

As Christians who know God’s love, we should take action to make those connections in our congregation and local community. The Holy Spirit empowers us to show and share that love. We at Roseville Lutheran continually should be and are called to make those welcoming efforts to our congregational community, and our local community. There are many ways to extend a warm welcome – consider inviting neighbors to our worship services or musical concerts that we host. Perhaps you have a friend at RLC who would be a great addition to a committee or group that you could ask to join?

The more connected and welcome we can make our neighbors feel, the more we are building our community united by grace!

Rebecca Field

Rebecca Field, RLC Council President

*www.pewresearch.org/religion/2018/08/01/why-americans-go-to-religious-services

SABBATICAL FOR PASTOR LAUREN

Starting in July 2023

Every 6th year of ministry, pastors are provided a 3-month sabbatical. Pastor Lauren began her ministry with us in December 2015. Due to the pandemic, staffing and pastoral changes, she has not yet taken her sabbatical.

In consultation with the Church Council, Pastor Lauren has chosen to take her sabbatical for 1 month periods over the course of the next 3 years. Her first month of sabbatical will be July 2023.

Pastor Lauren’s sabbatical will be a time of travel, reunion with family and friends, as well as exploration as she travels to Denmark, Germany and France. She will spend time with family and friends, visit our Lutheran partners in both Copenhagen, Denmark and Berlin, Germany, as well as explore “farm-to-table” events during her travels.

Pastor Lauren is scheduled to take her remaining sabbatical time in the spring/summers of 2024 and 2025.

Small Group Study begins Feb. 22

“THE WALK”

Sign up online:
www.rosevillelutheran.org/small-groups

NAVIGATION

Tori Remer, Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Engagement

In the summer between high school and college, I began learning to fly. There is a lot that goes into obtaining a pilot’s license. You not only need flight time, but you also need some sort of ground school training to learn basic aerodynamics, weather, cross country planning and of course, navigation.

NOT ONLY FROM A TO B

When I began learning how to plan trips, navigation was an important component. Navigation not only included how to get from point A to point B, but also how wind, altitude, weather, and speeds factored into it. I learned how to do it with math equations and a flight computer (which is just a metal disc and chart) to figure out which direction



I truly needed to fly in. I had to log air speed and ground speed, and figure out an estimated time of arrival based upon all of these other factors. For every three to four hours of flight planning, equaled maybe an hour or two of actual flight time.

LIFE LESSONS

Now the airplane I learned to fly in was a little Cessna-150. It was a small, two seat, single prop plane. It needed more TLC than it was worth, but it was still a plane that got me from one point to another and taught me a lot of life lessons. The airplane had a radio with VOR, meaning it used radio waves as a part of the navigation aid inside the plane. Besides my paper charts and maps, my flight “computer,” and my heading indicator, this VOR was a last check to make sure I was headed on the right path to the right place.

I find that life and faith can be a lot like flying. You can spend all of this time planning and preparing hoping to get to an intended place, and you do not know if all of your preparation is correct until you are up in the air.

Jesus did this with his disciples. He spent a lot of time planning, teaching, and preparing them for what was to come. His disciples still did not entirely know what to do when their faith was “up in the air.” Instead they checked in with themselves, their “VOR,” and knew deep down that they were still moving in their intended direction.

PREPARE, PLAN, NAVIGATE

Lent is not a time that just gets us to Easter. Lent is a time of preparation, planning, and navigation. Maybe instead of placing the emphasis on the destination or the end results, we can find joy and realize that our learning and curiosity are found within this time of planning and preparation – in the navigation.

Tori Remer
Pastor Tori Remer

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) PROCESS

Trupti Storlie, RLC Inclusion Task Force

Throughout this discernment process, our congregation has reiterated that the RIC designation and process is important to communicate an authentic welcome to LGBTQ people. Last August 2022, as part of the Reconciling in Christ discernment process, the Church Council adopted a welcome statement that explicitly states a welcome to people of “all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.” On January 29th and February 2nd, the Inclusion Task Force and the Church Council held discussions in the Social Hall and on Zoom about the welcome statement. Including the participants in the welcome sessions, the Inclusion task force has connected with over 200 people in small groups, education events, and one on one conversations to understand if our people want Roseville Lutheran Church to be a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ faith seekers.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE PLANNED FOR AUGUST

While people have asked clarifying questions, the discussions show that we are a congregation that wants LBGTQ+ siblings to authentically participate in the life of the church. The discussions support the findings in a 2021 congregational survey where over 95% of respondents (more than 200) shared that they support LGBTQ+ inclusion. Because of this overwhelmingly positive feedback, the Church Council will be holding a vote at the annual congregational meeting in August 2023 to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation. The delay is due to logistics: it is difficult to establish a quorum as required by our church constitution. While we cannot use the RIC logo or designation until that time, you will begin to see markers like rainbow/pride graphics on our website and around our building to indicate our explicit welcome of LGBTQ+ people in our church.

Our congregation has shared that the welcome statement does raise important tensions about how we as a congregation live into the statement, but those questions drive discussion and create opportunities for us to better understand how God is calling us to act. The designation is not “reconciled” – past tense – but “reconciling” – ongoing: the world will continue to change and, as a people of God, we must actively listen for how the Holy Spirit asks us to authentically live Christ’s message of love in our community.

The original rainbow “Pride” flag was created in 1978 by Gilbert Baker, an activist and gay military veteran as a symbol for the gay community. In 2018, Daniel Quasar, a non-binary, queer* graphic designer in Oregon, created the “Progress” Pride Flag to better include people with non-binary gender identities as well as people of color as part of the gay community. The arrow shape acknowledges that progress towards equity has been made, but more work is needed. Displaying this symbol is an important way for the LGBTQ+ Community to know that our church is a safe place for them to worship.

As we move forward, you’ll see the word “queer” used interchangeably with the acronym “LGBTQ+.” For older generations, queer was used as a slur, however in the last two decades this word has been reclaimed by the younger generation to describe diversity within the LGBTQ+ community and is now an accepted term.



ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH RIC WELCOME STATEMENT

Welcome!

Called by Jesus, Roseville Lutheran Church welcomes you with open arms, minds, and hearts. We are all beloved children of God, and we celebrate each other completely: all ages, abilities, races and ethnicities; all sexualities, gender identities and expressions; all family circumstances, and experiences.

RLC pledges our authentic welcome and hospitality. We commit to learn, to grow, and to undo oppressive norms that divide us, while we humbly strive to dismantle barriers to racial, social, and economic justice.

Following Christ’s example, let us love God and our neighbor together.

Below are some annotations of the RIC Welcome Statement for Roseville Lutheran Church:

Welcome! We invite everyone as our friends to join us, Christians and non-Christians alike.

Called by Jesus, Roseville Lutheran Church welcomes you with open arms, minds, and hearts. Grounded in our faith, we are inviting folks to our church with the open arms, minds, and hearts of a loving family. Because we are speaking to faith seekers new to our church, we use “you” to speak directly to all people.

We are all beloved children of God, and we celebrate each other completely.. We want faith seekers to know they are already a part of our congregation because of God’s grace and because Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves; “celebrate” echoes this intention.

...all ages, abilities, races and ethnicities; all sexualities, gender identities and expressions; all family circumstances, and experiences. We explicitly list the many ways people are different so that faith seekers understand that we have spent time discerning that “all” means all people in all their diversity.

RLC pledges our authentic welcome and hospitality. We are committing ourselves to follow Christ’s example of non-judgmental welcome.

We commit to learn, to grow, and to undo oppressive norms that divide us, while we humbly strive to dismantle barriers to racial, social, and economic justice. We understand our everyday social norms can be used to discriminate: before the 2013 Marriage Equality Act, defining marriage as only between a man and a woman resulted in denying same-gender couples rights and protections. Before 2009, the ELCA, to which we belong, denied pastors who were in same gender marriages jobs as rostered clergy. The word “oppressive” reflects how marginalized people experience barriers created because of social norms. How we are individually called to act will be different given our individual, spiritual gifts.

Following Christ’s example, let us love God and our neighbor together. These final words reinforce that we are on a faith and life journey together in Christ.

RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

Pastors Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor Tori Remer, Pastor of Youth/Young Adult Engagement Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor	Child Care House Sher Noot, Director Laurie Miller-Hedeen, Childcare Teacher Krystina Eliason, Childcare Teacher Angie Koeck, Childcare Teacher Liv Bakken, Childcare Assistant	Facilities Ministry Bob Zismer, Campus Lead Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer Shelton Ingram, Custodian
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RLC Preschool Sher Noot, Director Lori Kristiansen, Preschool Teacher Rachel Lawson, Preschool Asst. Teacher Juli Farnworth, Preschool Teacher Katie Gerhz, Preschool Asst. Teacher Karen Sundeen, Preschool Asst. Teacher		

MY THIRD YEAR AT RLC!

Rebecca Bedner,
Direcctor of Development

As I am writing this table article, I am just finishing up my second year at RLC. The years went by quickly, and I have been enjoying my role and being a part of the community here! As I enter my third year, I have a few things in the works over the coming months that I want to highlight.



THANK YOU!

But first, I want to thank everyone who has made a financial donation to our general fund. As you may know, we are experiencing a budget deficit and made a very specific ask for new gifts, year-end gifts and increases in sustaining gifts. At the time of writing this, our budget deficit has been reduced through your generous gifts. Thank you for your support of our shared ministries!

pRAISE RLC IS MAY 7-11

I am planning for our upcoming **pRAISE** campaign which will take place on May 7-11. Please Save the Dates! We will be celebrating our ministries throughout the campaign and will offer opportunities to come together as a community. Stay tuned for a **pRAISE** mailing with more specific details that will be coming in late April.

ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1

I continue to work with the Endowment Committee to help increase planned or legacy giving at RLC and to support them through their grant distribution process. Laurel Hofelt and I presented on the topic of Planned Giving in an Adult Education session last fall. If you would like to see the materials, or have any questions, please reach out to me. You can also visit www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/endowment for more information. In addition to receiving gifts, our Endowment Fund also distributes gifts twice yearly as grants for RLC or projects in our community. We are always accepting applications and the next grant cycle is due on May 1.

Finally, I have been supporting the Organ Task Force as they explore options for our failing organ. You can learn more about the Organ Task Force and their work here: www.rosevillelutheran.org/organ

I am looking forward to helping out with the Soup Suppers throughout March. And I will be working with Diane Sell to recognize volunteers in the month of April. I hope you will be able to join us!

If you have questions about any of these upcoming projects, or would like to connect with me in-person or on Zoom, please contact me at rbedner@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752 ext. 226.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data

Thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministries of Roseville Lutheran Church!

Did you know that over 95% of our financial funding comes from your individual donations? Less than 5% comes from room rentals, catering for outside groups, interest income, fees for ministries like Confirmation, etc.

RHYTHMS OF OUR FISCAL YEAR

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. For the 2022-2023 year, the congregation approved a balanced ministry budget. This means that at the end of 12 months, total receipts equal total expenses. The reality, however, is reasonably predictable expenses from month to month combined with large and unpredictable swings in receipts (offering). (If you hear asks to sign up for sustained automatic giving, this is a big part of the reason. But that's a topic for another month!) In a typical year we see a deficit in 10 months and a surplus in December and the month of Easter.

Let me explain a bit further using the information shown on the 2022-2023 RLC Operations as of 12/31/22 (below). Note my narrative rounds to the nearest thousand dollars.



2022-2023 RLC Operations as of December 31, 2022							Annual Budget
	Dec Actual	Dec Budget	Dec Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
Offering	181,404	144,607	36,797	569,649	687,584	-117,935	1,483,750
Other receipts	7,741	8,638	-897	48,639	57,425	-8,786	209,250
Total Receipts	189,144	153,244	35,900	618,289	745,009	-126,720	1,693,000
Compensation & Staff	88,927	95,452	-6,525	528,973	573,960	-44,987	1,158,167
Program Ministries	12,611	16,400	-3,789	77,028	97,059	-20,031	198,893
Business Management	8,087	12,124	-4,037	60,032	76,043	-16,011	148,510
Property & Building	17,370	17,811	-441	94,171	95,397	-1,226	187,430
Total Expenses	126,996	141,787	-14,791	760,204	842,459	-82,255	1,693,000
Net	62,149	11,457	50,691	-141,915	-97,450	-44,465	0

- In December 2022, receipts totaled \$189,000 and expenses totaled \$127,000. This means we had a \$62,000 surplus for the month of December.
- The December 2022 budget included receipts of \$153,000 and expenses of \$142,000. This means we expected (budgeted) an \$11,000 surplus in the month of December.
- We expected to see a surplus in December, and we actually had a \$51,000 larger surplus than expected. That is good news! Thank you for your generous gifts and response to our request for year-end gifts. Now on to the same information for the fiscal year-to-date (7/1/2022-12/31/2022). Year-to-date receipts totaled \$618,000 and expenses totaled \$760,000. This means we had a year-to-date deficit of \$142,000.
- The year-to-date budget included receipts of \$745,000 and expenses of \$842,000. This means we expected (budgeted) a year-to-date deficit of \$97,000.
- We expected to see a year-to-date deficit, and we actually had a \$44,000 larger deficit than expected. Our challenge for the next 6 months is to meet our expected offering and pRAISE RLC budget and raise an additional \$44,000!

Whew! That is an awful lot of numbers to digest. If you're not a numbers person, take heart! As we move toward an updated organizational structure RLC leadership will develop a narrative budget to supplement the numbers and tell the story of how our ministries will use the gifts you entrust to us to live into our vision and mission in the coming year.

As always, please email me at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org, look for me in the Commons on Sunday morning, or call the church office if I can answer any questions for you.

LEGACY GIVING AT RLC

Did you know you can leave a Legacy Gift to the RLC Endowment Fund in your estate plan? Including your church home in your estate plan can extend your ministry passion for future generations.

In the 1970s, members and friends of Roseville Lutheran Church began an endowment fund to help enhance and extend the ministries and outreach of the congregation. Over time the fund has grown primarily through individual donations and planned estate gifts, memorials and proceeds from the Love Light sales each year. While the principal of gifts remain in the Fund in perpetuity, the earnings are distributed as grants twice annually.

Since 2005, the Fund has distributed over \$230,000 in grants. Grants are awarded for seed money, education, capital projects, missions, benevolence, worship and music. With each contribution, donors have left a legacy and entrusted their dollars to help meet the future needs of RLC and our community.

If you have included RLC in your estate plan or are considering including Roseville Lutheran in your estate plan, please contact Rebecca Bedner, Development Director at 651-487-7752 ext. 226 or rbedner@rosevillelutheran.org.

RLC
Mission:
Love God
Love Your
Neighbor

RLC PRESENTED WITH COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

RLC Recognized for "Festival for Change" Event in Summer 2022



Roseville Lutheran Church was presented with the Community Impact Award by Memorialize the Movement for our work with the Festival for Change. This award was given to an organization who is dedicated to impacting their community for the greater good. Leesa Kelly, Executive Director of Memorialize the Movement, said she was impressed with the people who showed up to the festival and the way they engaged in conversation and questions with each other. **Thank you to all the leaders and participants who shared what a Community United by Grace looks like!**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

5:00 - 6:45 pm Wednesdays
Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
"To Go" Option Available

Soup and Salad Suppers are back on Lenten Wednesdays in the Social Hall. All meals include bread and butter, and dessert. There will be a self-service beverage station.

- Adults: \$10.00,
- Children 6-10 years old: \$8.00
- Children 5 and under: Free
- Family/Household Max with Children: \$40.00 (Dine-in only)

For your convenience we will be accepting credit/debit cards as a form of payment as well as cash or checks. These suppers will also be available "To Go."

FEBRUARY 22 (order by Feb. 17)
Blue Moon Chili garnished with sour cream and grated cheese, hot dogs (if you would like to make a chili dog), coleslaw, garden salad with a variety of dressings.

MARCH 1 (order by Feb. 24)
Sweet Cream Squash Soup, spring mix salad with berries and raspberry dressing, garden salad with variety of dressings.

MARCH 8 (order by March 3)
Loaded Baked Potato Soup adorned with bacon, cheese, and sour cream, Caesar salad, garden salad with a variety of dressings.

MARCH 15 (order by March 10)
Tomato Basil Soup, Caprese salad, garden salad with a variety of dressings.

MARCH 22 (order by March 17)
Chunk Chicken Veggie Ramen Soup, grilled cheese triangles, garden salad with a variety of dressings.

MARCH 29 (order by March 24)
Creamy Chicken Wild Rice Soup, fruit salad, garden salad with a variety of dressings. This is the last one for the season so the famous candy dessert bar will be available for your pleasure.

TO GO Orders

If you'd like to order any soup supper(s) to go, you may do so by 12:00 noon on the Friday before. Please place your order online at www.rosevillelutheran.org/soup.

WHY ARE VOLUNTEERS SO IMPORTANT?

Diane Sell, Director of Fellowship and Care

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

*"You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give."*

– Winston Churchill

Volunteers reflect compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

In my work with the Care Team, and Mission and Outreach I see volunteers like yourself almost every week giving of your time to tutor, fill a child's backpack, help in the kitchen, drive someone to an appointment, serve on a project team or committee after a long day at work. I see mentors reaching out to confirmation students during Lent and those who teach and share of themselves on Sunday and Wednesday nights throughout the year. There are those who keep the building and grounds looking great. I see library workers spending time sorting through books and making sure that RLC has what people need and want to read. Sunday Worship Volunteers, I could go on and on and on.

First, let me say, I see you. We see you. We see your passion and love for RLC – and more importantly – for God.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

– Colossians 3:23-24

Volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. RLC is no different. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people.

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

April is Volunteer Appreciation month! So many of you are probably too busy volunteering that you didn't even know that! Rebecca Bedner and I are working on a project that will bless our volunteers. Look for news to come on this in the coming months.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED

For those that have yet to take a step in to volunteering at RLC know that **we need you**. If you are interested in a specific area please contact me at 651-487-7752, ext. 222, see me on Sunday, or email dsell@rosevillelutheran.org and I would be happy to connect you.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

You are helping people, and changing lives! Here are three health benefits of volunteering:

- Improves physical and mental health. Volunteer activities keep people moving and thinking at the same time.
- Provides a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills.
- Nurture new and existing relationships.

You may order all meals at once, or week by week. Pick up your supper on each Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:45 pm in the Social Hall.

NEW this year: each week our kitchen servers will be from each of the different ministry areas during the 6 weeks of Lent. Thanks to all who help make this a community united by grace!

Order the Friday before: www.rosevillelutheran.org/soup.

HELLO, RLC!

Connie Marchio,
Hospitality Manager

Thank you to all that ordered the Charcuterie trays (which were very popular and will be coming back next year during the holiday season). If you had a chance to come to the Christmas concert, it was fun to see all the new and friendly faces.

We are so excited to be offering our Lenten Soup Suppers, and being able to make them available TO GO, too. We welcome you to the Social Hall on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:45 pm for a lovely meal and fellowship. That is the same time for pick-up of your To Go orders. Read all about it on the left side of this page.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that have been helping me. Without them I could not put on the events that I so love to do for the church. If you are interested in joining us in the kitchen, I would love to have you. Please contact Mary Johnson in the church office at 651-487-7752 or mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.

Sempre Famiglia!

Connie Marchio



Service of Hope and Joy

11:00 am
Wednesdays
March 8, April 12, May 10

All are welcome to this midweek dementia-friendly worship service

SERVICE OF HOPE AND JOY

Monthly Mid-Week Worship Continues
11:00 am, Wednesdays March 8, April 12, May 10

Join us for a mid-week Worship service once a month featuring: 30 minute worship service • Familiar and traditional hymns • Scripture readings • Short story or meditation • Communion.

This worship is open to all, and will be dementia-friendly, geared toward those with short attention spans, and those unable to sit for a long time. The sights, sounds, and experience of worship are vital to us all. This gives us another opportunity to worship together and give thanks to our God.

Contact Diane (dsell@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752), Pastor Rolf (rolson@rosevillelutheran.org) or Ken Groth for more information.

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers

Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

5:00 - 6:45 pm
Wednesdays
in the Social Hall.

TO GO orders also available!
Order online by
previous Friday.

WELCOME, JENNA!

Jenna Baccam, Director of
Children and Family Ministries

We are so excited to welcome Jenna Baccam to the Roseville Lutheran team as our Director of Children and Family Ministries! She blew us away with her energy and enthusiasm and is already proving to be a wonderful addition to RLC. Here's what she has to say to introduce herself...

HI, EVERYONE!

Hello! My name is Jenna Baccam, and I was recently hired as the new Children and Family Ministries director here at RLC. I have a passion for working with children of all ages and in many different areas of my life! I was recently working in a school in their special education department, but I have also done work at countless summer camps, after school programs, and volunteer work.

I am originally from Andover, Minnesota and I attended Bethel University where I graduated last spring with a degree in psychology and reconciliation studies. Outside of all of this, I am an avid runner and skier, I like to read, and I am a big lover of the outdoors. Please come say hi to me and introduce yourself! I am so excited to be a part of the Roseville Lutheran community!



RLC KIDS CHOIR

“Pop Up” Opportunities
April 2 (Palm Sunday), May 7

RLC Kids Choir is returning this spring for a pop-up engagement! If your child likes to sing, now is the time! Kids will start rehearsals on **March 5** from 10:00-10:30 am in Room 40 and will be singing in worship for Palm Sunday (April 2) and on May 7. If you have any questions, contact Jenna Baccam jbaccam@rosevillelutheran.org, or Joseph Husby, director.



COMMUNION INSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

9:00 am, Saturday, April 1

Is your child curious about Holy Communion? Come to the Communion Instruction Workshop on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Students will learn more about what Communion means to us as Lutherans as they prepare to take their first communion on Maundy Thursday. Online registration will be available in March for this workshop.

NAVIGATING LIFE APART

Sher Noot, Director of RLC Preschool and Child Care House

As many of you know, I was a director for another preschool before I began my work here at Roseville Lutheran. I bring this up because although the preschool program was in a church, and the program was a mission of the church it really wasn't part of the church. We didn't include God in our teachings. We didn't share in the church community. We didn't really join in any church events.

The preschool definitely wasn't navigating life together with the church.



NAVIGATING LIFE TOGETHER WITH ONE ANOTHER AND GOD

Imagine my surprise and delight when I began my work at Roseville Lutheran Church Preschool and Childcare. What a different approach to a preschool and childcare program in a church. RLC Preschool and Childcare is not just IN a church we are PART of the church. Since I began, the partnership and support with the Children, Youth and Family team has been amazing. In addition, coordination with all church staff to make sure that we are able to keep the Preschool and Childcare House families in the loop of what's happening has been outstanding.

Some of the events that our Preschool/Childcare House families have been in partnership with the RLC Church Community:

- The Spring pRaise Worship Block Party
- The Fall Welcome Service – including a Blessing of the Back Packs and Educators
- Our first annual Trunk or Treat Event that welcomed 250+ trick or treaters!
- Christmas program with music from John Helgen and a Blessing from Pastor Tori
- Candy Cane Breakfast
- Chapel time with Pastors Marty and Tori held in the Worship Center

I am excited to see what the future holds. I look forward to many more partnerships in this community of Preschool, Childcare and Church. Walking TOGETHER in community is so much better.

I am so grateful for navigating life together with one another and with God at Roseville Lutheran Church!



THE NEXT RLC SERVE SUNDAY IS MARCH 26

Mark your calendars now for the last Serve Sunday of the school year: March 26! Stay tuned for more information to come!



GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE

10:00 am, Friday, April 7

Please join us for our kid-friendly Family Good Friday service on April 7 at 10:00 am. This is a special service that will engage children of all ages in understanding Holy Week and the journey to Easter Sunday. We'll end our time together with a craft and activity to take home.



PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE HOUSE EVENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 YEAR BEGINS

Preschool/PreK registration began February 6 for current RLC Preschool families, Child Care House families, alumni families, and RLC members. Online registration for the general public opens on **Monday, March 6**.

Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1 to enroll in the Preschool (3's) class. Students must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 to enroll in the PreK (4/5's) class.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the Preschool or Child Care House, please email, Sher Noot, Director at snoot@rosevillelutheran.org.

GERTENS PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER STARTS MARCH 5. ORDER BY APRIL 6

Gertens Online Plant Sale to benefit RLC Preschool begins on Sunday, March 5, and plants will be available for pick up on May 8. Please place your orders by April 6 at: www.rosevillelutheran.org/plant-sale.

We are also looking for volunteers who are available to help unload and sort plants when they arrive. If you are able to help us out, please email Sher at snoot@rosevillelutheran.org. Many thanks!



DRESSER BUILD SUCCESS!

50 Dressers Assembled for Bridging

Thank you to all of those that helped assemble a dresser – either at home or at Roseville Lutheran – this past January. We were able to complete 50 dressers this year for the clients of Bridging, one of our community partners.

Dressers are a huge need for the people Bridging serves. Funding for these dresser kits came through the Mission and Outreach committee, which is supported in part by a percentage of your generous offering gifts.



Thank you to all those who participated!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

10:00 am, Sunday, May 7
ONE Worship

On Sunday, May 7, we will be recognizing all of our graduating high school seniors at the **One Worship** that day at **10:00 am**. Many have been Cornerstone Shepherds over the years, participated in youth events and activities, and volunteered countless hours here, and on service trips through RLC. We invite all of you to join us at this service to celebrate these students!

YOUTH BOWLING EVENT

12:30 pm, Saturday, March 25



Join other RLC Youth (7th-12th grade) for an afternoon of bowling at Flaherty’s in Arden Hills on Saturday, March 25 from 1:00-3:00 pm. We will meet at Roseville Lutheran at 12:30 pm for carpooling. We will be back to the church at 3:30 PM. Cost is \$10 per bowler (\$5 for a lane and \$5 for shoes). Registration for this event is available on our website. Please contact Pastor Tori, tremmer@rosevillelutheran.org with questions, or let her know if you can carpool and be an adult leader for this event.

PASSION WALK

6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 5

Passion walks are a guided reenactment of the last hours of Jesus’ life through local streets. We are invited to “walk” Jesus’ final hours, from the last supper to questions before the council and Herod and Pilate, and finally to Jesus’ crucifixion and death.

Pastor Tori will be leading us in a Passion Walk around the Roseville Lutheran Church area. We will meet at the Roselawn entrance of Roseville Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 pm to begin our walk. All ages are welcome! It will be roughly 2.5 miles and will take about an hour, so just be sure you can walk that far and stand for that long.



INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

Thank you for your response to the Red Envelope Fundraiser!

Every year we ask you, the RLC congregation, to “Invest in our Youth” by participating in our Red Envelope fundraiser. Whether you gave online or filled one of our envelopes, you committed to offering ALL of our youth life-changing opportunities for spiritual growth and development through all of our youth programming: from service and accompaniment, to confirmation, to retreats, to summer camps, and wilderness adventures.

THANK YOU for your generous support of our youth! We couldn’t do it without YOU!

SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCES

Camps for 1st-3rd Grade, 4th-8th Grade, 9th-12th Grade

SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP WAPO!

Sign up soon! Make plans to have your student join other RLC kids at summer camp in June and July for fun, faith and friends!

Seeds Summer Camp - June 23-25

This is an example of what summer camp is all about for kids completing 1st-3rd grade. Cost is \$260 (\$150 deposit due at the time of registration).

Wapo Youth Camp - July 23-28

This week is for kids completing 4th-8th grade. Cost is \$510 (\$150 deposit due at the time of registration).

Go to our church website for more information and the link to register online for these camps. RLC children are encouraged to attend on the dates mentioned above, but can attend any dates available. Go to www.lakewapo.org for more information about Camp Wapogasset near Amery, WI.



HIGH SCHOOL AT WILDERNESS CANOE BASE

Wilderness Canoe Base July 30-August 5

High school students (completed 9th-12th grade) will have the opportunity for a week of canoeing and spiritual growth through the Wilderness Canoe Base this summer! The canoe groups will have a chance alongside a leader guide to plan, coordinate, canoe, and camp their way through the boundary waters off the Gunflint Trail. Each day brings adventure, challenge, discovery, and fun as they learn and practice their paddling skills and overcome obstacles with the help of the whole group. Cost is \$660 (\$100 deposit is due at the time of registration).

Please **register by March 14**, or let Pastor Tori know if you are interested in going on the trip by then: <https://rlcweb.mysheby.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceId=22023&profileId=1956>

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Don’t let the cost prevent you from this experience! We have funds available to offset this cost for all families registered for camp! PLEASE do NOT let money be the reason your child cannot attend! The RLC website has a link to apply for scholarships. Click the tab Ages & Stages and click on Children’s Ministry, then Summer Opportunities, or contact Pastor Tori, tremmer@rosevillelutheran.org.

YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS

ST. PAUL AREA SYNOD SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The summer internship program will fund up to 10 paid internships for older high schoolers and college-age students for four years. Internship settings will be encouraged in faith-based agencies and non-profits, as well as congregations, within the St. Paul Area Synod. This initiative is part of the Synod’s goal of raising up the next generation(s) of leaders by providing opportunities for vocational exploration. This opportunity is a part of the Planting Hope Campaign, which has allowed the synod to launch this initiative in 2023. Watch for details on this program, or email Pastor Tori at tremmer@rosevillelutheran.org if you would like to receive the information once it becomes available.

GATHER TWIN CITIES

Gather Twin Cities is an ELCA ministry for young adults in the Twin Cities inviting people into community for meals and for worship. They meet every other month at various churches and locations around the Twin Cities. The next one is **Sunday, March 26 at 5:30 pm**, and it will be held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul. It will be a Lenten contemplative service and dinner provided by Shobi’s Table, a local food truck ministry.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CAMP WAPO

Camp Wapo is looking for full summer and short term positions at its Camp Wapo and Wilderness Canoe Base sites. This is a great way to give back if you have been a camper previously! It would be from May 29 to August 18. Questions? Please contact Suzio@campwapo.org (Wapo) or Nathanb@campwapo.org (Wilderness) or call 715-268-8434. You can also explore the summer staff job descriptions here: <https://lakewapo.org/employment>.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10:30 am, Sunday, April 23

This Service Will Be

Livestreamed at 10:30 am

On Sunday, April 23 at the 10:30 am worship service, we will witness 23 ninth graders publicly affirm their faith and we want to support them in that affirmation. We invite you to attend this worship service and celebrate these ninth graders on this huge faith milestone!

On this Sunday, April 23, our worship livestream will be of this 10:30 am service instead of our usual 9:00 am livestream.

SHARE A LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT!

For those who have journeyed with any of these youth, we invite you to write letters of encouragement and congratulations. All your letters must be submitted by April 13 to the RLC office, clearly labeled with the confirmand’s name, and they will be included with each confirmand’s certificate packet.

Thank you for uplifting and surrounding these students with your support and prayers!

LAST SUNDAY OF RLC KIDS PROGRAMMING

Sunday, April 30

The last Sunday of RLC Kids for this school year will be April 30.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for a great year of learning, and engaging with Bible stories through activities, play, crafts, games, and much more! We are looking forward to a summer of fun activities and pop-up events, so stay tuned – just because we are done with weekly programming for the year doesn’t mean there will be nothing for you to do!

VBS: JUNE 12-16

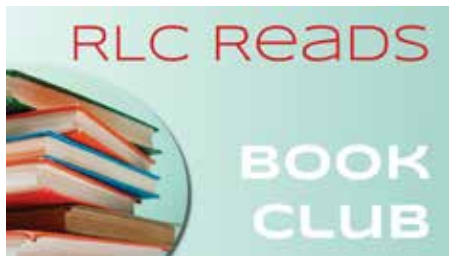
Mark your calendars and save the date for this year’s Vacation Bible School: June 12-16, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon! We will have programming for preschool through grade 6, and we’ll need LOTS of volunteers to help make this special week happen. More details will be sent to you this spring, including how to register.

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RLC READS

Monthly on Mondays...
All are Welcome!

RLC Reads continues with an exciting collection of books to read and discuss. **As usual, anyone and everyone is welcome to join us** in discussion and conversation. Choose to read only one of the books or all of them. If you don't finish, join us anyway...You probably won't be the only one who hasn't had time to read the whole thing! We'll meet in the "coffee shop" area near the church library at 7:00 PM on the dates listed, so it's easiest to use the north parking lot. Email Bob Bergstrom a week in advance of the discussion date so we know how many to expect. If you have any questions, contact Bob anytime at rcbergstrom@comcast.net.



MARCH 13

Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt by Arthur C. Brooks

The author is a noted social scientist who wants us to realize that abuse and outrage are not the right formula for lasting success. David Axelrod says that "Brooks reminds us that we can disagree without being disagreeable, and that everyday citizens have the power to bring our country back together." And Deepak Chopra describes this book as "a practical prescription that could lead to a more peaceful, just, sustainable, and healthier world." Sounds like we can all learn from it! (Recommended by Heidi Larson, 256 pages, 2019)

APRIL 17 (3rd Monday!)

Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People by Nadia Bolz Weber

The author is a tattooed Lutheran pastor who often uses the F-word. She's honest about her shortcomings as she brings Christ to the unloved and offers hope to sinners. Her brutally honest book is filled with deep thoughts, inspiration, humor, and a resounding message of grace and imperfection. (Recommended by Nancy Olson, 224 pages, 2016)

MAY 15 (3rd Monday!)

Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gorman

If you were moved by her poem, "The Hill We Climb" that she read at President Biden's inauguration, you'll enjoy the thoughtful collection of new poetry by this talented young woman. Using various styles and structures, the poet reflects on the pandemic and uses her activist spirit to help us all heal. She brings insight to every topic and uses her graceful facility with language to form a voice for the future. Even if you're not a poetry fan, you'll be impressed by this young lady's genius. (Recommended by Bob Bergstrom, 211 pages, 2021)

ADULT EDUCATION

10:00 am Sundays in the Social Hall

MARCH 5

Organ Task Force Update with Julie Henry

The Organ Task Force will provide an update on the progress to locate a high quality used pipe organ to replace our failing organ. We'll discuss the proposals we've received, the work required to refurbish and customize an instrument for our worship center, timelines and next steps.

MARCH 12, 19, 26, AND APRIL 2

Jesus, the Messiah, Savior – Why did Jesus have to die? with Jim Boyce

In Matthew's Christmas story, the angel tells Joseph, "You shall name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Savior? Yes! But the promises of God through the prophets did not seem to imagine God's Messiah would die. John the Baptist asks Jesus, "Are you the one who is coming, or do we wait for another?" So, not surprising that after Jesus' death on the cross, and his resurrection, Christians for centuries have pondered how to understand why Jesus had to die, and what difference that makes for our salvation and life today. During this Lenten season, as we journey once again toward the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus, we will consider some of these questions and answers from scripture and the traditions of Christian preaching and teaching.

March 12 (Session 1) Introduction and Overview: Questions & Issues

March 19 (Session 2) Jesus' Death as Satisfaction for Sin

March 26 (Session 3) Jesus Death as Substitute for Ours

April 2 (Session 4) Jesus as Victorious Champion

APRIL 9

NO Adult Ed - Easter Sunday

APRIL 16

Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Faith: How It has Changed and What's Next with Tori Remer

Pastor Tori will be having a conversation around youth and young adult ministry, how it has changed, and what that means for Roseville Lutheran Church. Pastor Tori has over six years of experience working with youth and young adults in ministry. Her experience has also been shaped with trainings and conversations from experts and lead researchers in this area at Augsburg University, the Fuller Youth Institute, and Luther Seminary. This is a conversation for ALL ages not just parents of youth and young adults. It truly is for all who are curious about youth and young adults in the "church," and what comes next.

APRIL 23

Having Difficult Discussions on Race and Justices with Seema Pothini

RLC's Our Neighbors and Me (ONAM) presents Seema Pothini who will provide attendees with fresh approaches to having difficult, honest and loving discussions about race and justice in their homes, extended families, and neighborhoods. Seema Pothini is Director of Ally Management at Humanize My Hoodie, an author and educator about racial equity and inclusiveness. Ms. Pothini has been a speaker for the Saint Paul Area Synod.

APRIL 30

Noah's Art with Kristin Anderson

From the catacombs to contemporary art, the fascinating Noah story has intrigued artists and viewers. In this richly illustrated presentation, we look at the ark, its animals, the deluge, and the dove to learn about Noah's faithful obedience to God's challenging commands.

MAY 7

NO Adult Ed - ONE Worship this Sunday at 10:00 am

MAY 14 AND 21

Receiving the Gifts of Transgender Christians with Marty Wyatt

Join Pastor Marty as we dig into Queer Theology and explore the unique gifts that transgender Christians bring to the church. These sessions will go beyond the question of welcoming LGBTQIA+ people to church and investigate the specific gifts and unique perspectives transgender folks bring to church.

MAY 28

NO Adult Ed - Memorial Day Weekend



RESTAURANT MONTH RECAP

The chilly month of January was warmed by the meals and conversations at local restaurants with RLC members. We had over 50 participate in this multi-day, multi venue experience. Keep an eye out for our next Restaurant month!



Here are some quotes from the groups:

"It was so great to spend time away from the church building getting to know each other. I had fun! Let's do it again!"

"We had such a good time that no picture could capture our delightful evening"



"It was awesome! We loved La Tapatia!"

"I'm calling my babysitter (Dad) to see if they can stay a bit longer, I'm not ready to go home yet!"



"The food was fantastic! We all had a great time! It was nice spending social and fellowship time together. There wasn't a lack of conversation with this group! We all learned more about each other. RLC Restaurant Month was a great way to connect with others from our church community."



"We had a great dinner and conversation last night. A few new connections were made. Our conversation ranged from when we joined RLC, organ options, how to attract/grow participation at Sunday services to winter vacation plans, where we live, grew up, and lots more. What is said at La Tapatia stays at La Tapatia!"

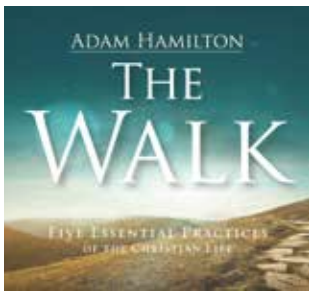
LEGACY GIVING AT RLC

Please prayerfully consider leaving a Legacy Gift to the RLC Endowment Fund in your Estate Plan. With each contribution, members and friends leave a legacy and entrust their dollars to help meet the future needs of RLC and our community. For more information about how our Endowment Fund works, visit www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/endowment or contact Rebecca Bedner at 651-487-7752 ext 226.

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY: THE WALK

9:30 am <or> 6:00 pm Lenten Wednesdays in Room 40
Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 22, 29

How do we walk with Christ — daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. Join us as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing our faith. No registration is necessary. Participants will be asked to purchase the book, “The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”, by Adam Hamilton. (Available on Amazon for \$11.29 - hardcover edition) Scholarships available. Please contact Pastor Lauren if you are interested in a scholarship: lwrightsman@rosevillelutheran.org. No need to sign up for this, all welcome any time!



SMALL GROUP STUDY: THE WALK

Starts Feb. 22 - Sign Up for Your Preferred Day/Time

During Lent we’ll be forming small groups to discuss “The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life” by Adam Hamilton (concurrent with Pastor Lauren’s Study). How do we walk with Christ, daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the walk, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament.

This six-week session includes: Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah • The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention • Here I Am Lord, Send Me • Where your Treasure Is • Going Fishing, Reflecting Light • The Five Practices from the Cross.

Please sign up at www.rosevillelutheran.org/small-groups. When you sign up for the day and time you prefer, you will meet with this group for six weeks on the day you selected. If you have questions, please contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752 ext 222.

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JUSTICE TEAMS READING LIST

Book Display to Spark Your Winter Reading

RLC’s justice teams within Mission and Outreach: Our Neighbors and Me (ONAM), Inclusion, and Immigration, with input from RLC Reads, have collaborated to develop a new reading list of recommended fiction and non-fiction titles to add to your Lenten reading hours. This effort, led by the RLC Immigration Team and funded through a grant submitted by Heather Awad, ONAM, to the RLC Endowment Fund, will be highlighted during book table displays near the Welcome Desk on Sunday, Feb 19 - March 5.

Thanks to the work of the RLC Librarian, Sharon Boyce, and other volunteers, the titles are available for check out in the church library as well as at the display table on March 5. Please stop by the display table and visit our church library on the upper level near the coffee area.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Night Watchman
by Louise Erdrich, 2021

Based on the life of the author’s grandfather, a night watchman who carried the fight with his community against the proposed displacement and elimination of several Native American tribes in the 1950’s.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness
by Michelle Alexander, 2020

Discusses race-related discrimination specific to African-American males in the U.S., mass incarceration, and other biases faced by minorities and socio-economically disadvantaged populations.

OUR NEIGHBORS AND ME

We Are Meant to Rise: Voices for Justice from Minneapolis to the World
ed. Carolyn Holbrook and David Mura, 2021

MN BIPOC writers reflect on 2020, Covid, murder of George Floyd, justice and speak truths about family, loss, food, culture, security and mental health. We are called to rise and be heard. One Book/One MN statewide Book club choice, 2022

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together
by Heather McGhee, 2021

“If everyone in America read this book, we’d be, not only a more just country, but a more powerful, successful, and loving one. A stirring, beautifully written book that offers a roadmap out of our present troubled moment.” – George Saunders

The Fire Next Time
by James Baldwin, 2021

First published in 1963, this slim volume contains two of Baldwin’s most famous essays. In the first, he spells out to his youthful nephew what it means to be Black in America and warns of the dire effects of racism. In the second, he recounts his journey from being a child pastor to his encounter with Islam and beyond.

Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota
edited by Sun Yung Shin, 2016.

Previously read by four RLC study groups,16 Minnesota BIPOC writers shares their perspectives as people of color, give insight to realities of living in the “Minnesota nice” state.

White Lies, The Double Life of Walter F. White and America’s Darkest Secret
by A. J. Baime, 2022.

Biography of Walter White, a Black civil rights leader who helped to strengthen the NAACP and lead the Harlem Renaissance, leading two lives and “passing” for white due to his light skin color and straight hair, while leveraging his ambiguity as a journalist to investigate and report on lynchings and other racist murders in the 20th century.

INCLUSION

Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen
by Jazz Jennings, 2017 (ages 12-17)

Jazz Jennings, is a young and prominent voice in the national discussion about gender identity. At the age 5, Jazz transitioned to life as a girl, with the support of her parents. She has faced many challenges, bullying, discrimination, and rejection, yet she perseveres as she educates others about her life as a transgender teen.” (Jazz was named one of Time Magazine’s “25 Most Influential Teens”)

Sweeter Voices Still: An LGBTQ Anthology from Middle America
edited by Ryan Schuessler and Kevin Whiteneir, Jr., 2021

“A groundbreaking nonfiction collection of poems and essays about queer life in the Midwest.”

Outlove: A Queer Christian Survival Story
by Julie Rodgers, 2021

Julie’s personal story is a wake-up call for anyone who believes that the harmful practice of conversion therapy is a thing of the past. Brave, candid, and inspiring.

Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans-equality
by Sarah McBride, 2019

Brave and powerful memoir from the activist elected as the first openly transgender state senator in U. S. history (Delaware). Informative, heartbreaking, and empowering.

Quick and Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns
by Archie Bongiovanni and Tristan Jimerson, 2018 (ages13-17)

This comic-book style guide gives answers to questions about gender-neutral language in an affable and friendly comic-book style.

IMMIGRATION

Solito by Javier Zamora, 2022

A young poet tells the inspiring story of his migration from El Salvador to the United States at the age of nine in this story of bravery, hope, survival and finding family.

The Line Becomes a River by Francisco Cantu, 2019

Former border guard, Cantu of Mexican heritage, resigns his post because of what he sees as a dehumanizing process. This becomes personal when a friend and immigrant travels to Mexico to visit his dying mother but does not return.

We Will Be Free: The Life and Faith of Sojourner Truth
by Nancy Koester, 2023

Though born into slavery, Sojourner Truth would defy the limits placed upon her as a Black woman to become one of the 19th century’s most renowned female preachers and civil rights advocates. Koester chronicles Truth’s spiritual journey as an enslaved woman, a working mother, and an itinerant preacher and activist.

The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong
by Karen Gonzalez and Sandra van Opsal, 2019

A Guatemalan immigrant, the author, illuminates how central the stories of immigrants are to the story of God. This is true in the Scriptures and still today, as the author describes how God drew her close in her own personal immigrant story.

Somewhere in the Unknown World: A Collective Refugee Memoir
by Kao Kalia Yang, 2020

Powerful stories of local refugees who have found new lives in our Twin Cities, told by the award-winning St. Paul author of The Latecomer and The Song Poet.

Enrique’s Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite With His Mother by Sonia Nazario, 2014

A Honduran boy looks for his mother, eleven years after she is forced to leave and find work in the U.S. Clinging to freight trains, Enrique experiences thugs, bandits, and violence but presses on.

RLC LIVELY LANDSCAPERS

Come and Play in the Dirt!

Do you enjoy gardening and getting dirt under your fingernails? Does your soul get filled with joy when you put new plants in the soil and watch them flourish with colorful blossoms? Or maybe you just need an excuse to get out of the house!

The Lively Landscapers have been renovating the RLC landscaping since the summer of 2020. Julie and Rich Wendland, and KJ Bach are looking for 10-15 folks to join them for the 2023 season of caring for the RLC landscaping.

There is something for everyone to do from watering pots to weeding, renovating a particular area/garden to planting new trees or trimming trees. This is a ONE YEAR/SEASON commitment and you can come on your own schedule, come for the group events, or be a “water buddy.”

Keeping RLC’s gardens neat and blooming invites folks into our welcoming community. As the saying goes: “Many hands make light work” and the Lively Landscapers can use many hands!

Here are comments from a few 2022 team members.

“Being part of seeing what a bit of labor can create on the RLC grounds, and seeing that end result week after week all while enjoying the camaraderie of my fellow volunteers is what makes it an easy decision to be part of the RLC Lively Landscapers.”

– Dave Werner

“Easy Peasy! I can pick up sticks, pull weeds, or help create a new garden. There’s always something I can do. It’s been so much fun watching the seasonal gardens provide a welcoming impression for visitors and members alike. The added benefit is you’ll meet great people.”

– Kathy Pederson

“Before I joined the landscape team I sometimes noticed large weeds growing in the rock islands in the lower parking lot. Why was somebody not removing them? Then I joined the landscape group and now check those islands periodically and pull weeds there. I can volunteer on my own schedule and in a small way help beautify the grounds of RLC!”

– Linda Satrom

“Last summer I participated as a “watering buddy” to keep the plants healthy and also helped to keep the church grounds tidy and inviting. There is satisfaction in seeing the beautiful garden grow and camaraderie in working with other lively landscaper friends!”

– Marj Bergstrom

Come and help beautify our church home by contacting Julie Wendland at wendland8120@msn.com or KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com or look for us in the gardens around RLC this Spring/Summer. Come onboard!



WEDNESDAY WORKGROUP

Help Wanted: Handy People!

We are looking for a few handy people who are willing to do painting, plastering, small repairs to doors, rails, tables, chairs, etc.. and other facility needs under the direction of our Campus Lead Bob Zismer. Familiarity with tools is a must.

If you are interested, please contact Bob at bzismer@rosevillelutheran.org or call 651-487-7752, ext 210. Bob can answer questions and give more detail. Hope to see you on a future Wednesday.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

MobilePack Returns at Incarnation Lutheran

Save the Dates: April 26-30

Save the Dates of April 26-30 for a full-blown Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack with our partner Incarnation Lutheran Church on Hodgson Road in Shoreview. There will be more information and an online signup available in late March. For now, just pencil in a day to bring your friends and family to this FMSC MobilePack and help feed the hungry around the world. The need is so great...and your 2 hours MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Contact Kathy Miller at Kathy.a.Miller@comcast.net for more information.



LOVE GOD • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

IMMIGRATION TEAM

Bob Bergstrom

RLC’s mission statement is plain and simple: “Love God, love your neighbor.” Indeed, Martin Luther himself tells us, “God doesn’t need your works, but your neighbor does.” It was with that firm resolve that an Immigration team started in 2019, as a part of Mission and Outreach. Headed by Nancy Olson, the team began with lots of enthusiasm, and then Covid ground everything to an abrupt halt.

Early in 2021 we limped back together, but didn’t get fully-charged until later that year, when we added several new members and created a 5-year plan, with three main focal points:

1. Educate the congregation as to who community immigrants are, to dispel myths, to listen to immigrant

stories, and to seek ways to support them.

2. Advocate for public policy that will positively impact immigrant lives and their future in the U.S.

3. Provide emotional and spiritual support for migrants and their families to access local and institutional services as needed.

Here are some of our recent and upcoming projects:

- In the fall of 2021, we hosted three well-attended sessions during the Adult Education hour. We provided two more adult education forums in fall, 2022, with others planned for later in 2023.

- In January/February of 2022, with the leadership of Pam McCarthy, we held a successful donation drive for new Afghan refugees in conjunction with Lutheran Social Services. With the generous donations from the congregation, we delivered seven carloads (over

\$4000 worth) of much needed home cleaning supplies, personal hygiene kits, and school backpacks loaded with school supplies. Thank you!

- We’re planning another donation drive for immigrant supplies later this year, this time to help our newest neighbors in need, including recent Ukrainian, Afghan, and Central American refugees. Watch for future announcements about this exciting project.

- The team created flyers in the spring of 2022 to encourage any interested congregation members to contact their Congressional representatives in support of the proposed Afghan Adjustment Act to help support recent Afghan refugees, and this year we’re planning a similar opportunity to advocate for our State legislators to vote for the proposed Driver’s License for All bill so all non-citizens can drive legally in our state.

- Near the end of January, 2023, we organized a field trip for any interested RLC members and friends to attend a performance of a new play about the experiences of asylum seekers and helpers, entitled “I Was a Stranger Too”, with a discussion afterwards.

- The team continues to look for other ways to serve our immigrant neighbors in education, advocacy, and support. New voices and ideas are always welcome, and we would love to have more people from RLC join us on the team. Contact Nancy Olson (nsolson1955@gmail.com) or Pastor Marty Wyatt (mwyatt@rosevillelutheran.org) if you are interested.

- Our current members are Bob Bergstrom, Sharon Boyce, Karen Dudley, Audra Engebretson, Beth Jacobsen, Jill Lund, Alice Neve, Dana Ochocki, Nancy Olson, and Pastor Marty Wyatt.



RLC ORGAN TASK FORCE

The RLC Organ Task Force has researched various solutions to address RLC’s failing pipe organ and determined the best course of action is to replace our organ with a high quality used pipe organ that would be refurbished for our worship center. The Church Council approved that recommendation and the Task Force began the search for the “right” instrument – one that will be a much more dynamic, versatile pipe organ that is exciting to play, inspiring to listen to and complements our worship center musically, liturgically, artistically, and architecturally.

The primary characteristics of such an instrument would be:

- A high-quality organ from a reputable builder that is built to last
- Appropriate size of 40 to 50 ranks of pipes compared to our 22-rank instrument
- Three manuals (keyboards)
- A well-balanced tonal quality that is not too shrill or top heavy

POTENTIAL INSTRUMENT FOUND

After vetting several potential instruments, one used organ has risen to the top of the list. The Task Force is receiving bids from multiple organ builders to gather information about the cost to uninstall it from its current location, refurbish it, install and voice it in our worship center, and the timeline to do that work.

NEXT UPDATE IS MAY 5

This project is a commitment to RLC’s future as a congregation that loves God through our song and robust music ministry. The Task Force will provide a progress update and answer questions during the Adult Education session at 10:00 am on Sunday, March 5. (See p. 8 in this newsletter for more details on that upcoming event).



Further information, a video, and FAQs can be found on the Organ Task Force webpage at www.rosevillelutheran.org/organ.

Members of the task force are KJ Bach, John Helgen, Julie and Scott Henry, Martha Mutch, Craig and Heidi Sneltjes, and organ consultant Dr. Greg Peterson.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 - 11:00 am

A₂M

ATTENDER TO MEMBER ORIENTATION

www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m

On Sunday, **April 30 from 10:00 - 11:00 am**, those who are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Roseville Lutheran Church are invited to meet in upper level Lounge.

Attending RLC but not yet a member? This orientation is designed to welcome you as a member of the church, as well as orient you to the various mission and ministry opportunities available to you and your family. New members will be invited to join us in worship on Sunday, May 7 for a welcome at at our ONE WORSHIP at 10:00 am. You may register for the orientation by contacting the church office at 651-497-7752 or emailing Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org.

WHAT IS A LYNGBLOMSTEN?

Jan Abell and Kathy Pedersen, RLC Delegates to Lyngblomsten

If you’ve been around RLC for a while, or live in the midway area, you’ve probably heard of or seen the name LYNGBLOMSTEN. Lyngblomsten provides housing for seniors but LOTS more!

NORWEGIAN ROOTS

Its history is interesting. It was originally the dream of about a dozen Norwegian women transplanted in Minnesota in the early 1900s. They had a dream to do some sort of service project that would be formed with a Christian foundation, and would host people who had no families or friends to care for them as they aged. The group expanded and in 1906 they incorporated and began the task of raising funds, buying land and working with builders – something that was almost unheard of at that time! However, they persevered and in December of 1923 their dream became a reality! At first the women, their daughters and eventually granddaughters ran the facility with its patients helping with tasks as they were able (sounds like today’s co-ops). However, as women entered the workforce and government regulations were put into affect, the model was no longer feasible.

GIFTED TO THE CHURCH

In 1960 Lyngblomsten was re-incorporated, and its grounds and assets were gifted to what is now the ELCA and its partner congregations, including RLC. Today the original (but expanded and remodeled) facility continues to serve seniors of all faiths and nationalities and helps answer questions through all phases of the aging process – running, walking and rolling!

LYNGBLOMSTEN – WHAT’S HAPPENING!

Google “Lyngblomsten” and you will see Senior Healthcare, housing and services. But, that’s not all!!

Resources to Churches:

- Care Ministry Network, an online training for care ministry volunteers to better understand and serve older adults. Learn more at: www.careministrynetwork.net
- Parish Nurse Ministry Resource Group offers evidence-based wellness classes for older adults at churches in the east metro.
- Caregiver Services aka “2nd Half with Lyngblomsten” offers ideas and support to ministry leaders for family caregivers in their congregation.
- Becoming a dementia friendly congregation sounds familiar! RLC is doing this now. (See p. 5 of this newsletter about our dementia-friendly worship Service of Hope and Joy).
- Volunteer positions as a respite caregiver, wheelchair transporter, gift shop, café, group recreation assistant, social activity assistant AND more. Visit www.lyngblomsten.org.

In future Tables we will continue to highlight Lyngblomsten’s auxiliary services. In the meantime you can check out their website or contact Jan Abell or Kathy Pedersen (current RLC delegates to Lyngblomsten). The church office 651-487-7752 has our contact information.

pRAISE RLC SET FOR MAY 7-11

Plans are being made for our upcoming pRAISE campaign which will take place May 7-11. Please Save the Dates! We will be celebrating our ministries throughout the campaign and will offer opportunities to come together as a community.

Stay tuned for a pRAISE mailing with more specific details that will be coming in late April.

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 7

ONE WORSHIP

As part of the kick-off for our pRAISE campaign, we will gather in ONE WORSHIP service at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 7. We also plan to welcome new members that Sunday, as well as recognize our High School Graduates. So, you won’t want to miss this special occasion in the life of RLC!

MUSIC ON THE BLACKTOP

June, July and August at RLC



Plans are underway for another summer of monthly music on Thursday nights in RLC parking lot! If you have any ideas of local artists that might be a good fit for this fun community event, contact Diane Sell dsell@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752 ext. 222.

MUSIC AT RLC

If you would like to get involved in one of our vocal or instrumental ensembles, we welcome you! If you like to sing, but can’t commit to weekly rehearsals, consider the Festival Choir (which will sing during Holy Week and Easter). Contact John Helgen, Director of Music at 651-288-4236 or jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org.



WORSHIP AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN

Regular Sunday Worship Times at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Lenten Wednesdays • 5:00 pm w/Communion • 7:00 pm

RLC CALENDAR
HIGHLIGHTS

Find More Information at:
www.rosevillelutheran.org
(Or see listed pages in this TABLE)

Wednesday February 22
Pastor's Bible Study (p.9)
Small Groups Start (p.9)
Ash Wednesday Worship
5:00 and 7:00 pm Worship (p.1)
Soup Supper 5:00-6:45 pm (p.5)

Wednesday, March 1
Pastor's Bible Study (p.9)
Lenten Worship
5:00 pm w/Communion
7:00 pm - shorter service
Soup Supper 5:00-6:45 pm (p.5)

Sunday, March 5
RLC Kids Choir Meets (p.6)
RLC Preschool Plant Sale (p.6)
Adult Ed - Julie Henry (p.8)

Monday, March 6
Preschool Registration (p.6)

Wednesday, March 8
Pastor's Bible Study (p.9)
Service of Hope and Joy (p.5)
Lenten Worship
5:00 pm w/Communion
7:00 pm - shorter service
Soup Supper 5:00-6:45 pm (p.5)

Sunday, March 12
NO RLC Kids - Spring Break
Adult Ed - Jim Boyce (p.8)

Monday, March 13
RLC Reads (p.8)

Wednesday, March 15
Lenten Worship
5:00 pm w/Communion
7:00 pm - shorter service
Soup Supper 5:00-6:45 pm (p.5)

Sunday, March 19
Adult Ed - Jim Boyce (p.8)

Wednesday, March 22
Pastor's Bible Study (p.9)
Lenten Worship
5:00 pm w/Communion
7:00 pm - shorter service
Soup Supper 5:00-6:45 pm (p.5)

Saturday, March 25
Youth Bowling (p.7)

Sunday, March 26
Serve Sunday (p.6)
Young Adult Gathering (p.7)
Adult Ed - Jim Boyce (p.8)

Wednesday, March 29
Pastor's Bible Study (p.9)
Lenten Worship
5:00 pm w/Communion
7:00 pm - shorter service
Soup Supper 5:00-6:45 pm (p.5)

Saturday, April 1
Communion Instruction (p.6)

Sunday, April 2
Palm Sunday Worship
9:00 and 10:30 am Worship
Adult Ed - Jim Boyce (p.8)

Wednesday, April 5
Passion Walk (p.7)

Thursday, April 6
Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00 pm Worship

Friday, April 7
Good Friday Worship
10:00 am Family Worship (p.6)
7:00 pm Worship



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Sunday, April 9
Easter Sunday Worship
7:30 am Sunrise Worship
9:00 and 10:30 am - Festival

Monday, April 10
RLC Office Closed

Wednesday, April 12
Service of Hope and Joy (p.5)

Sunday, April 16
Adult Ed - Tori Remer (p.8)

Monday, April 17
RLC Reads (p.8)

Sunday, April 23
Confirmation Sunday (p.7)
Adult Ed - Seema Pothini (p.8)

April 26-30
FMSC Mobile Pack (p.11)

Sunday, April 30
Last Sunday of RLC Kids (p.6)
Attender to Member Class (p.11)
Adult Ed - Kristin Anderson (p.8)

May 1
Grant Applications Due (p.4)

Sunday, May 7
10:30 am ONE Worship (p.11)
Graduate Recognition (p.6)
Adult Ed - Marty Wyatt (p.8)

May 7 - May 11
pRAISE RLC Fundraiser (p.11)

Wednesday, May 10
Service of Hope and Joy (p.5)

Sunday, May 14
Adult Ed - Marty Wyatt (p.8)

Monday, May 15
RLC Reads (p.8)

Sunday, May 21
Adult Ed - Marty Wyatt (p.8)

