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# Welcome Sunday!

**Sept. 10 • ONE Worship • 10:00 am**

## Ministry Fair

**Lunch • Games • Information Tables**



## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. OUR GIFTS.

Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

Since 2013, the ELCA has designated September as a time to lift up the work of God's people within and among their congregations. This is known as "God's Work. Our Hands."

On Sunday, September 10, 2023 we invite you to join us for Welcome Sunday as we begin our exploration of how God is working within and among us, encouraging and inspiring us to our shared work and ministry, and how our individual gifts are encouraged to be activated and given.

### JOIN US FOR WELCOME SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

On Welcome Sunday, September 10th we will join together in ONE Worship at 10:00 am. Worship will be followed by a simple lunch, as well as a Ministry Fair. Check out all of the ways you can become involved with the ministry of RLC!

Throughout the fall season we will be lifting up various ministry opportunities, exploring the ways these ministries impact the lives of people in our community, as well as inviting you to join in this great and wonderful work of being a people of God in our community.



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of this congregation.  
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We can do anything together!  
God is good, all the time!"*

– (Message from RLC President Val Velde on p. 2)

We are a people of God, called together to do God's work. Each and every one of us has been endowed with gifts to give!

I am excited and encouraged through your ministry. Join us! Not only for Welcome Sunday (at 10:00 am on Sept. 10) but in our shared work and ministry!

See you in church!

Lauren J. Wrightsman  
Senior Pastor

**WORSHIP AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN**

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



## DOING GOD’S WORK WITH OUR HANDS

Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” This is a phrase that has been used to unite the ELCA for the last 10 years as we join together in various missions and engagement activities across the country, each in our own context and community. While the work is different, the message is the same – no matter what we do, we do it in God’s name and it is indeed, God’s work. This is true on **September 10**, when I hope you’ll join us for **Welcome Sunday** and see what many of our teams and groups are up to at church, but this is also true every day in the coming in and going out of the “regular-ness” of any random day. Each and every action we take can be a reflection of God’s love for us and for all of creation if we are aware enough to let it be.



I think back to a song that was popular when I was in school from a band called Audio Adrenaline. The chorus went “I wanna be your hands, I wanna be your feet, I’ll go where you send me.” We often get the chance to show others who Jesus is by being kind, caring, and loving towards them. This is being the hands and feet of Christ – and it doesn’t even necessarily take any words! Letting others know they are loved, sharing our resources, doing justice, mercy, kindness, and humility – these are all ways in which we do God’s work with our hands on a daily basis.

There are so many opportunities to get connected at RLC, I hope you come on Welcome Sunday and engage in the ministry fair, get to know some new people, and take advantage of all the exciting things going on at RLC this fall! Together, let us explore our gifts and use them to do God’s work.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Marty*  
Pastor Marty

## INVITING ALL MEN

Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Men – join other guys for bagels and conversation from 8:30 - 10:00 am on the first and third Saturdays each month (except holiday weekends). About 15-20 men meet in the Upper Lobby near the offices for conversation and Bible study. We are working our way through the Gospel of Luke. Casual, light-hearted, meaningful. Need more information? Contact Mike Dolan [mdolan@umn.edu](mailto:mdolan@umn.edu) or Pastor Rolf Olson [rolson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:rolson@rosevillelutheran.org).



## RLC: COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Val Velde, RLC Council President

It’s cancer. That’s nothing we ever expect to hear and when it does your world stops spinning. Everything stopped for me as I tried to reconcile how this my impact my children, husband, and others that depend on me. Will I be around to see my kids grow up, graduate high school, get married, have babies of their own? Yes! I will. I’ll fight this and come out the other side. But during that fight you need help. I have been blessed by the love and support of my church family at RLC. This is a place of love and kindness!

Immediately following my diagnosis multiple members reached out and asked how they can help. You prayed for our family. I felt each prayer. Members delivered meals to our home during the hardest weeks of chemo. A member picked up and dropped off my youngest to vacation bible school each day during VBS. And the Lively Landscapers helped with our yard (it needed it!).

### A PLACE OF COMMUNITY

The blessings RLC has shown our family is heartwarming. During this journey I’ve heard stories from other members on how RLC showed up for them in their time of need. RLC is a place of community. RLC is generous. RLC is showing God’s love.

Another example of generosity is how our RLC Exec Team has shown up for me. They’ve supported me during this time. I love being on RLC Council and with their flexibility and kindness I can remain on Council in a supported capacity. Rebecca Field has graciously volunteered to help support me as I step into Council President by staying closely engaged and helping on day to day needs when I don’t have the capacity to do it myself.

I’m proud to be a member of this congregation. We show up for each other. Thank you so much for your continued prayers as I fight this battle over the next year. We can do anything together! God is Good, all the time!

*Val Velde*  
Val Velde, Incoming RLC President



## RIVERSIDE INNOVATION HUB

RLC Joins a 2 -Year Learning Cohort Program Through Augsburg University

The Riverside Innovation Hub Team will be starting its work with Augsburg University this fall. This is a two year program where we will partner with folks at Augsburg in order to learn how to be and become a public church. To quote the folks at Augsburg, “A public church is a local congregation active in mutual relationships with its neighborhood and neighbors in ways that promote the well-being and thriving of the larger community. This looks like neighbors experiencing “good news” - Christ’s love, resurrection, hope, reconciliation - in ways that truly matter to their daily lives. A public church does this together in its location so its people can also learn to do this in their locations of family, neighborhood, work, etc.”

Being a part of this program will help us here at RLC by helping us to focus on what we want to do in our community. It will help us to learn about and from our neighbors and our neighborhood so that we can love our neighbors better-just as we are called to do by Christ. We will learn what the bad news is for our neighbors and what we can do to displace that bad with good. This will also help in our strategic planning goals as we will learn what our community really needs and wants. Stay tuned for updates from this team!

A COMMUNITY  
UNITED BY GRACE

## GOD’S WORK

Tori Kraus, Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Engagement

I think of the proverb “many hands, make light work” when I hear our fall theme “God’s Work, Our Hands.” While that might be the case for helping with a move or taking care of certain tasks, it is also true for us here at Roseville Lutheran Church. Many hands can make God’s “work” in our lives lighter.



There are times where it is impossible to discern God’s presence and difficult to see where God is calling or guiding us. Or maybe God’s work is demanding that we make changes or becomes too grueling and burdensome to want to continue on.

### WE ARE A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE

These moments are when it is important for us to rely on our community. To lean into each other and know when we are not quite there or are struggling that there is someone there to help us carry the load, and that God is still with us through it all.

### “BE” AS WELL AS “DO”

Doing God’s Work with our hands, does not necessarily mean adding more to our lives. Instead of “doing,” we can just “be.” In prayer and faith practices, those are opportunities for us to listen to where God is guiding us. Coming to worship, and making one connection is doing God’s work.

### JOIN US THIS FALL

There are so many events and opportunities at Roseville Lutheran Church this fall for you all to be a part of those many hands, and there are many opportunities for you to just “be.” As we look at fall, take chances to evaluate where you are and where God is inviting you into this community united by grace.

*Vittoria*  
Pastor Tori







RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

- Spark Story Bible - Help your child find today's story in the Bible, follow along and enjoy the colorful images. Grab one from the cart in the Commons.
- Busy Bags - these are available for your children as you enter worship. Activities, coloring sheets and small toys are found here to keep little hands busy.
- Family Room - You'll find this quiet space at the back of the worship center where you can participate in worship and your child can play and listen.
- Kids Play and Pray Area - On the north side of the Worship Center kid sized tables and chairs are available for children.

TIME TO MOVE

We know that sometimes children just need an opportunity to stretch their legs! Watch for these times in worship where they can do just that:

- Storytime - this is during the first part of worship, before the sermon. Young people can come forward and hear the story for the day told in an interactive and engaging way. (Resumes in Sept.)
- Offering - this happens later in the service, after the sermon. During the offering time, young people are welcome to bring their offering up to the altar. An opportunity to both stretch their legs and participate in the act of giving.

BINDING THE COMMUNITY

David Booms, RLC Church Administrator

One of the best ways to make an impact, to meet people, to develop relationships, and to grow is to serve at the church. I personally wish to encourage you and your family to consider taking part in one or more of the ministry areas mentioned below. Most positions require very little time outside the regular worship experience and in most cases, you would be part of a team, from whom you would receive support and training. And, as you'll see in the following descriptions, the time commitment may be as little as a 1-2 times a year. Lay persons such as you can make new Christian friends, provide much-needed assistance, serve your church and your God, and get to know RLC on a more personal level.



- Help in the Office. We're looking to add more people to the group that has office experience to help with taking calls, print production, data input, and various other office tasks. Particularly on Fridays.
- Extend a hand in greeting people as they arrive before each worship time. A friendly smile can make a world of difference to those coming through the doors, especially those who are visiting. Families and couples can greet together.
- Usher before and during worship, handing out worship folders and helping with communion and offering. Ushers are needed for both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship.
- Scripture Reader an integral and important part of any worship service.
- Serve communion on Sunday at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship. Perhaps one of the most meaningful ways to connect the followers of Christ in sharing the sacrament.

*“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”*

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: OCT. 12 - NOV. 16

THURSDAYS AT 9:30 am - ROOM 40

EXPLORING OUR MISSION & VISION



INVITE A FRIEND TO AN RLC EVENT!

Events of Interest to Neighbors

Below are some of the many events and opportunities at Roseville Lutheran that might be of interest to your neighbors and friends. Sharing these is an easy way for you to tell them about RLC and invite them to find out more!

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GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

RLC READS

BOOK CLUB





4:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 4

BLESSING of the Animals

Loss and Party match!

Oktoberfest

Friday, October 6

from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Trunk or Treat



North Parking Lot at RLC

9:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday, Oct. 28

RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

- Congregation Council**

Val Velde, President

Erik Storlie, President Elect

Jim Stark, Vice President\*

Nancy Brown

Linda Werner

Pam McCulloch

Andrew Olson\*

Sarah Richter\*

Karen Rodgers\*
- Project Team Chairs**

Sharon Swiglo, Adult Ed

Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach
- Endowment Committee**

Mike Dolan, Chair

Bill Metzger

Audra Engebretson

Dave Risinger

Carrie Hefte-Hanton

Judy Ekern

Lou Tschudy

Greg Johnson\*

Kevin Peterson\*

Linda Nelson\*

- Nominating Committee**

Dave Werner

Jan Abell

Beth Jacobson\*

Kevin Miller\*
- Finance Committee**

Nick Velde

Steve Mumm

Merle Gaedy\*
- \* Indicates nominees being voted upon at August 27, 2023 Annual Meeting.
- Pastors**

Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor

Tori Kraus, Pastor of Youth/Young Adult Engagement

Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor
- Music Ministry**

John Helgen, Director

Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs

Lucas Byl, Worship Leader
- Hospitality Ministry**

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

- Children's Ministry**

Jenna Baccam, Dir. of Children's and Family Ministry
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

Tori Kraus, Pastor of Youth/Young Adult Engagement
- RLC Preschool and Child Care Ministry**

Sher Noot, Director

Karen Sundeen, Preschool Assistant Teacher

Rachel Nentwig, Prescool Assistant Teacher

Laurie Miller-Hedeen, Childcare Teacher

Krystina Eliason, Childcare Teacher

Angie Koeck, Childcare Teacher

Carsyn Noot, Childcare Teacher
- Ministry Support Staff**

Dave Booms, Church Administrator

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance

Rebecca Bedner, Director of Development

Daniel Pederson, Communications Manager

Mary Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Tammy Swanson, Financial Assistant
- Facilities Ministry**

Bob Zismer, Campus Lead

Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer

Shelton Ingram, Custodian





## GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Help Support Our Trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024

We all want to get the most out of the money we spend and make sure our dollars have the largest impact when we donate. Our Youth Gift Card Fundraiser does both! The money raised will go toward our high school trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering and help our other youth with the cost of camp.

If you choose to participate in the Sharing Tree this year or are getting ahead with your Christmas shopping, please consider purchasing a gift card through our youth program. We provide gift cards to hundreds of large retailers nationwide, and we receive a rebate on all the gift cards. The rebate from each purchase goes directly into our scholarship fund to send more youth to camp each summer. The face value of the gift card stays the same, which means you pay exactly for what you're getting. It's as simple as that! Contact Pastor Tori (tkraus@rosevillelutheran.org) to learn more and purchase your gift cards. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



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## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS, OUR GIFTS

Rebecca Bedner, Director of Development

I am excited about our upcoming Fall Season at RLC! We will have some great opportunities to come together as a Community United by Grace. I hope you will join us Sunday, September 10th for Welcome Sunday with one worship at 10:00 and for a meal afterwards. Speaking of food, Save the Date for Oktoberfest on Friday, October 6 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm! And, I am working on a fundraising ticketed event with dinner and entertainment that will take place on Saturday, November 18th. Save the Dates! There are also many other things happening this Fall that you will read more about throughout this edition of the Table. I hope to see you at church for ALL of our upcoming events!



### ANNUAL APPEAL IS OCTOBER 1-15

This year, the theme for our Annual Appeal (Sunday, Oct. 1- Sunday Oct. 15, 2023) is "God's Work. Our Hands. Our Gifts. Our Annual Appeal is a time dedicated to thanking members and friends for their gifts, while highlighting our shared ministries over the last year. This is also a time for you to prayerfully consider your gifts and continued support over the next year, and to complete an intent to give form online or in church so that we can plan for the coming year. There will also be a fun opportunity for children and families to participate as well. For those of you that want a deeper dive, Pastor Lauren and I will be speaking in the Adult Education 10:10 hour on October 1st. Bring your questions; snacks will be provided!

Later this Fall, we will hold our Endowment Fund fundraiser that takes place each Winter at RLC. You can expect to see lights, luminaries, and stars in mid to late November. You may also notice more information in our Table Newsletter and in our bulletin about planned giving. If you have RLC or our Endowment Fund named in your estate plan, please let me know. And if not, please consider adding RLC or the Endowment Fund to your estate plans. If you are interested in learning about how you can leave a lasting legacy at RLC, join Pastor Lauren and me on October 8th in the Adult Education 10:10 hour as we will be sharing more information and answering questions about planned giving and our legacy society.



## GRIEF SHARE

13-WEEK SUPPORT GROUP

6:00 - 8:00 PM, MONDAYS, SEPT. 11 - DEC. 11

There will be a Grief Share support group starting this fall on September 11. This group meets on Monday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for 13 weeks and is for anyone who is grieving the loss of someone special to them. Register online or contact Mary Johnson in the church office for more information: mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752.

More information about GriefShare is online at  
[www.rosevillelutheran.org/griefshare](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/griefshare)

## LEGACY GIVING AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

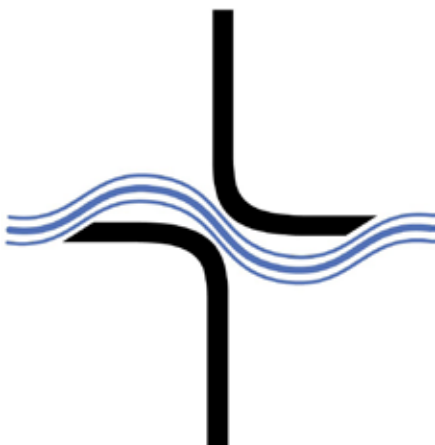
Did you know you can leave a Legacy Gift to the RLC Endowment Fund in your estate plan? Including your church home in your estate plan can extend your ministry passion for future generations.

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.

Please Contact Rebecca

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](mailto:rbedner@rosevillelutheran.org).



RLC  
Mission:  
Love God  
Love Your  
Neighbor





2024 Guatemala Service Learning Trip Interest Meeting  
Zoom: Monday September 18 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
In Person: Sunday, October 1 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

GUATEMALA SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

Interest Meetings Sept. 18 (Zoom) and Oct. 1

In March, Pastor Lauren and Pastor Marty went to Guatemala in order to explore prospective partnerships. We met many wonderful people and the potential for teaming up with people in Guatemala is great, so we are excited to announce that we are putting together a congregational trip in February 2024! This trip will provide opportunities to work alongside folks on a school classroom building project, meet students and teachers at a Christian school, and sightsee in beautiful Guatemala.

The service learning trip is planned for February 17-26, 2024 and is for adults only. For more information or if you are interested in joining, or just hearing more about this exciting ministry opportunity, please contact Pastor Marty or attend one of our Information Meetings:

- Via Zoom on Monday, Sept. 18 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- In person at church on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm.

HELLO, RLC!

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

As the fall ow 2023 is starting to approach, I am looking forward to entertaining everyone with our upcoming annual events and even some new events. I did have an opportunity to take upscale catering classes during my down time and I am very much looking forward to bring that experience back to Roseville Lutheran Church.



NEW Hot Cocoa Trays!

Like last year I will continue to offer the Charcuterie trays for Thanksgiving events and I am adding another dimension to this, **Hot Cocoa Trays**, for Christmas gatherings.

Both of the trays are labor intensive and require a lot of time so my orders will be limited. If you think you would like one of these trays please order early. (Watch for an online order form in November). Individual trays are \$65 each and well worth the cost.

Once again a huge THANK YOU to the volunteers that work side by side with me and support this ministry without them these events would not be possible.



*Sempre Famiglia!*



CANDY CANE BREAKFAST

RESERVATIONS OPEN IN NOVEMBER FOR 9:00 AM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 EVENT

Mark your calendars for the Candy Cane Breakfast: Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9:00 am! We are having a special breakfast for children ages 2-10 years old, and the amazing adults in their lives. If it is anything like previous years, this breakfast will be memorable! Extend the invitation to your friends and family. Wear your Christmas best and dine at our fancy tables. **There is limited seating, so reservations are required!** More information, including ticket prices and reservation link will be available in early November. This year all proceeds raised will go towards the Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



OKTOBERFEST 2023!

5:00 - 8:00 pm, Friday, October 6

Mark your calendars now and look for online registration coming in September to [www.rosevillelutheran.org/oktoberfest](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/oktoberfest)! German Cuisine including:

- Pretzels/cheese
- Variety of Brats
- Fried Sauerkraut
- Potato Salad
- Mac and cheese
- German Chocolate Cake
- Beer Garden "Libation station" (cash bar for beer and wine)
- Mark Stillman and his roaming accordion!
- Carnival games
- Prize give aways

Cost is \$5/person when you register ahead of time; \$10/person at the door. Cash bar! Questions? Or, do you want to volunteer? For more info, contact Rebecca Bedner at [rbedner@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:rbedner@rosevillelutheran.org)





## THE WORK OF OUR CHILDREN

Jenna Baccam, Director of Children and Family Ministries

“God’s work, our hands” is quite a powerful statement. Our hands can do many things in this world, and being a representative of the work God is doing is even more powerful. Upon hearing this, I think about the hands of the youngest members of our congregation. I think about how many times they are being told their hands cannot do as much as those who are older than them, that they need to ‘wait until they are older’.

While there are some things that are simply not safe ‘work’ for children, there are plenty of other things they are able to do, and we don’t give them enough credit for the things they do.



When I was working in the Roseville School District, I worked with a 5th grade student who constantly was trying to push my buttons. He knew the exact ways to do it too! I was about at the end of my rope when I noticed something he was doing when he thought no one was watching. He sat down next to a 1st grade student who was struggling with reading. He walked with him as he was reading a new story. He himself was still trying to fully grasp reading, but stopped to help this student.

This is the work our children are doing. This beautiful work shows kindness, inclusivity, and the love of Christ. I think it is something we all should strive to be not just at church but in our community as well. I love working with our children. The things they are constantly teaching me far outweigh the things I could teach them. We all have something to learn about the work the youngest members of our congregation are doing!

### \*\*NEW\*\* CRASH COURSE

WED. NIGHTS FOR GRADES 2-4 (+) STARTS OCT.4

This fall we are starting a new opportunity for children called **Crash Course!** This will be an hour and a half long time for children to come with a parent to learn the ins and outs of a specific topic through teaching time and a fun activity. Then we’ll gather together with Confirmation students to have supper all together afterward. The first Crash Course is on **Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 5:00 pm** – so mark your calendars and be there – you won’t want to miss it! *Intended ages for the Crash Course will be 2nd - 4th grade, but other grades are welcome if they are interested.*

## GROWING OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE

Sher Noot, Director of RLC Preschool and Child Care House

The drive to work, biking through your neighborhood, walking into the office, how often do you really notice what’s around you. Often we are on autopilot. Did you see anything new today? What about the spaces around you, have you really stopped and taken a look lately. Does it look exciting and inviting? Or does it look old, worn and comfortable?

I recently had the opportunity to meet with two individuals in the preschool field. I had invited them into our classrooms. The women visited at two separate times and did not know each other. The meetings were both energetic and uplifting, but they both left me feeling perplexed, with lots to think about. They both asked me questions about our space. You see they were looking at it with new eyes, looking at it from a different or fresh perspective. They both made me aware of things that we could no longer see, because we had become too comfortable in our space.

After they left I walked through the classrooms trying to see what they were seeing. Looking with new eyes, trying to see it with a fresh perspective. I realized that while it worked, it seemed slightly tired and comfortable like an old pair of running shoes. Yes, they did the trick. They keep my feet warm and dry, but running the race in them just wasn’t going to give me my best effort, or time. Perhaps it was time to really take a look at what was in our spaces and how we were using it. Does it need to be refreshed? I continued walking through the space with new eyes, their questions in my thoughts. Yes the preschool is a mission of the church, God’s work but were we really using it to the best of our ability?

Are we being the best stewards of our resources? I have been working closely with CYF and really forming a partnership with Pastors Marty and Tori and working closely with Jenna. It truly feels like we are becoming the best ministry together for our kids. We decided that merging our supplies would benefit us all. By merging the supplies, it meant that the storage of preschool materials would not be in the classroom taking up valuable space. By merging our materials and supplies, we would better know what was available and reduce spending.

Then it was time to roll up our sleeves and really take a look at the space – was it inviting? Was it the best arrangement for the little humans that we will be helping to succeed?

We also took a hard look at the programs that we were offering our preschool/preK families. While it had worked wonderfully for a long time, much like those old worn out shoes, it was comfortable. The short day still worked for many but what about those who wanted a longer day in a Christian program. It was time to take a leap of faith and expand our program hours available to our families and the community. The response has been fabulous. We are still offering the half day, with slightly longer hours but now are also offering a full day option.

God’s hard at work guiding us in these changes. While we could have continued running in those worn out comfortable shoes, I believe that it is in the uncomfortable that we change and grow. It’s important to lean in and take a good hard look at what’s going on around you. It’s hard to give up those comfortable old shoes, they’re familiar, you know what to expect. If you get new shoes, they might feel tight, a little bit uncomfortable like growing pains, you might even get a blister or two from the change, but when you cross the finish line and your time is a little bit faster than before, you will be able to say it was all worth it.



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9:00 am, Sunday, Sept. 10

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## RLC KIDS STARTS

September 17 Kick Off

Starting Sunday, Sept. 17, RLC Kids will be back in action! RLC Kids is a time during Sunday morning worship that is just for the children at our church. We come together after Storytime for large group activities, learning about bible stories, and time to be silly together! Registration for RLC Kids is LIVE online!

Once they are registered, they are welcome to come any week of the school year. We are looking forward to welcoming back our kiddos and meeting new ones! Check the website for registration details.

RLC Kids can’t happen without the help of our wonderful volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at any point in the year, please also check out the website for registration details. I can then be in contact with you about more details pertaining to our program. Thank you in advance for supporting the youngest members of our congregation!

– Jenna Baccam



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Neighborhood Event  
9:00 am, Saturday, Oct. 28

**Trunk or Treat is Back!**  
Mark your calendars and join us for a fun morning of Trick-or-Treating in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 - 11:00 am! We will need volunteers to decorate trunks and hand out candy, so be on the lookout for a sign up in late September. Last year we had around 200 kids come to this fantastic and fun community event!

### Upcoming Preschool Events:

- Sept. 6-7: Orientation and Open Houses
- Sept. 10: Welcome Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sept. 11: Preschool/PreK Classes Begin
- Oct. 19-20: MEA Break - no classes
- Oct. 28: Trunk or Treat





## CAMP W/OUR KIDS

Our children and youth have been having a busy summer! By the beginning of August, we will have had our children in youth participate in over 3 weeks of camps! Starting in June, we had a week of VBS with our children in preschool-4th grade. The kids learned about the heroes in the bible, both names they have heard before and people who were brand new! They learned that even though they might be ordinary people, they have the extraordinary power of God's love and that makes them a superhero too. I loved watching them learn, grow, and make plenty of new friends throughout this week. The children at RLC are excited and eager to learn about the bible and its many stories!



Camp Wapo has been a busy place to be! In June, we had our first set of campers attend Seeds camp. Seeds is a camp for kids who are a little too young to go to the week long camp, and attend for only the weekend. I was able to join these 6 kids for the whole weekend and see what their first impressions of camp were. My thoughts: They loved it! They enjoyed learning new field games, meeting new friends, and being away from home for the first time. Upon retelling stories once they came home, one child said "You know I'm going to camp again next year there's nothing you can do to stop me!" I think they had a pretty great time.



We also had our older youth attend the week-long program at Wapo. This is similar to the weekend, but stretched out over a longer period of time and with a bit more freedom and free time. They have a ton of fun staying up late, playing games, and gaining a deeper understanding of stories from the bible. When we visited them for the day, they told us all about their "candy cabin" and the laughter they shared from this. Camp Wapo is a special place for these kids, and seeing them enjoy it is truly the best gift!

As the kids start to get older, they are able to go to more of camp and different kinds of camp, as you can see from the weekend to the week-long programs. Wapo also has another site called Wilderness Canoe Base. WCB is located in northern Minnesota, just off the Gunflint Trail. We have a group of high school students attending this along with Jenna and Pastor Tori. The youth are looking forward to learning new skills and spending some time out in the wilderness!

## CONFIRMATION BEGINS

Leader Training Sept. 13  
Parent/Student Orientation Sept. 20  
Small and Large Groups Start Sept. 27



Confirmation is for youth currently in 7th through 9th grades. Typically, youth join in the fall of their 7th grade year and continue until spring of their 9th grade year. However, all are welcome at any time – we would love to have you join us! There is a \$75 fee to help cover the cost of supplies. The fee can be paid online with a credit card or a check can be mailed to our church office with "Confirmation - (Child's Name)" in the memo line. We also offer scholarships to those who are in need of financial assistance.

### Important Confirmation Dates:

Sept. 13	Adult Leader Training at 7:00 pm
Sept. 20	Student & Parent Orientation at 7:00 pm
	CYF Ministry Fair at 8:00 pm (see article at right for info.)
Sept. 27	Confirmation Large & Small Group Begins
Nov. 10-12	7th-8th Grade Retreat

## HIGH SCHOOL GROUP IS BACK!

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Starts Sept. 27

For our 9th-12th graders, youth group is a time to practice service, ask questions, experience God's love and grace, and be in community with one another. We will meet in the youth room in the Great Hall the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 8:15-9:00 pm. Our first time together will be Sept. 27. The next dates are Oct. 11 & 25 and Nov. 8 & 22.

## HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

Oct. 19-22 MEA Weekend

MEA Getaway is our high school (9th-12th grades) fall retreat. We will be traveling to Camp Castaway in Detroit Lakes. This is a great time to get away, relax, enjoy the beautiful lakeside camp, spend time with friends, and reflect with God. MEA Getaway always has great music, delicious food, and an incredibly fun program. We will leave in the afternoon of Thurs. Oct. 19 and return in the evening of Sun. Oct 22. Cost is \$300/student (scholarships are available) and this includes registration, food, lodging, and transportation.



### ADULT LEADERS NEEDED!

To make this happen we will need 1-2 adult leaders and at least 10 students to register by Sept. 29.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Nov 11-13 at Camp Wapo

Our 7th & 8th grade retreat at Camp Wapo will be the weekend of Nov. 11-13. This will be a weekend of fun, team activities, bonding, and growing in faith together! It is FREE for families registered for confirmation. We will leave Friday, Nov. 11 at 6pm from church and will return Sunday, Nov. 13 at 1pm. The registration deadline is Sunday, October 29. You can register online.



## 2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Interest Meetings: 12:00 pm, Sept. 17; and 7:00 pm, Sept. 28

Next summer, those who have completed 8th- 12th grade in 2024 are encouraged to attend the July 16-24, 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans! The Gathering takes place every three years, and thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship. We will have two information sessions in the social hall on:

- Sunday, September 17 at 12:00 pm
- Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 pm



## CYF FAMILY MINISTRY FAIR

Help Needed on Sept. 20

You can help our Children, Youth, and Family ministry in a variety of ways. From helping plan lock-ins, to serving confirmation pizza, being an adult leader for retreats and trips, there are lots of ways to be involved and connect with our youth! We will be talking about all of the ways you can help at our **Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Fair on Wed. Sept. 20 at 8:00 pm.** Some light refreshments will be provided.



## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

After 10:30 am Worship  
Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26

We will be starting a new monthly gathering for Young Adults to gather and see where God is working in their lives. Come to worship at 10:30am and stick around after for this time to be together. We will meet on the last Sunday of the month and gather in the library. Fall dates are Sept. 24, Oct. 29, and Nov. 26. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tori at [tkraus@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:tkraus@rosevillelutheran.org).



## MILESTONE BIBLES

3rd Graders Receive Bibles  
Sunday, Oct. 29

Getting your first bible is a big milestone for many kids! It is a step for themselves and their families to start leaning into their own faith and making it something they want to do and learn. Join us Sunday, Oct. 29 to celebrate these children in 3rd grade as they take this step in ownership of their faith!





## UPCOMING ONAM OPPORTUNITIES



The RLC racial justice team, ONAM (Our Neighbors and Me), will be highlighting the issue of censorship and banned books beginning this October. We are inviting RLC members to consider that banned books are often those that convey the truths of marginalized individuals, cultures, and races who have been put down and/or made to feel “other than” and “less than” the very neighbors whom we are all called to love. Watch for related events coming up this fall!

Back by popular demand from the attendees at her first session last spring, Ms. Seema Pothini will be returning in 2024 to continue her presentation on “speaking up in the moment” to address microaggressions, biased behaviors, or negative moments we may experience in our workplaces and community. Her first Adult Ed this past year was very well-attended and appreciated.

Watch also for further details to be announced for ONAM small group discussions of *My Grandmother’s Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* by Resma Menaken. This 2017 bestseller explores the ways racial trauma can be absorbed into our bodies and, correspondingly, how it can be healed so that Americans can grow beyond our entrenched racial divide,

The work of ONAM is to heighten awareness in our congregation about past and present racial injustices in our community and beyond, to advocate that BIPOC voices are heard in conversations, to support RLC as a welcoming and supportive environment for all, and to ground our church’s decisions and actions in a deep and abiding love for all our neighbors as Christ directs us. For more information contact Alice Neve or Marilyn Shardlow.



## RLC READS

### 2023-24 Book List

Fall is an exciting time of year for many reasons, and the unveiling of the new RLC Reads Book List is one of them. Please look over the summaries of the books and plan to join us as often as you can this year. All are welcome, whether you come once, twice, or eight times! Even if you didn’t quite get to finish the book, come anyway and share your thoughts (and feel free to bring a friend).

Note that we’ll be meeting on the **THIRD** Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the “coffee area” lounge between the church library and the office just inside the north entrance. Hope to see you there!

**SEPT. 18:** *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown (one of Bud Helmen’s favorite books!) The unforgettable story of the underdog rowing team from the University of Washington that beats the odds by defeating the elite teams from the East Coast and Great Britain, and then goes on to shock the world by competing for the Olympic Gold Medal against the highly-favored German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. We’re reading this one to honor the memory of the legendary Bud Helmen. (2014, 432 pgs)

**OCT. 16:** *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison October is “Banned Book Month”, so we’re celebrating by reading one of America’s top five banned books. Set in a small town near Cleveland, Ohio in 1940-41, this is Morrison’s first novel. Her main character is an 11-year-old girl who prays for her eyes to turn blue so she will be considered “beautiful”. Written in an innovative style with non-traditional structure, the story deals with the difficult topics of racial prejudice, sexual assault, and abuse, while asking challenging questions about the nature of beauty and its place in a manipulative society. If you’ve already read it, read it again, and if you haven’t read it, don’t miss it! (2007, 224 pgs) (suggested by Bob Bergstrom)

**NOV. 20:** *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World* by Vivek Murthy As the current Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Murthy is very aware of the public health concerns facing us. In this new book, he describes loneliness as a deadly epidemic and offers solutions and strategies to overcome it. Reviewers have called this “the most important book you’ll read this year”. “It’s fascinating, moving, and essential reading, and it will help make the world a better place for everyone. Read it, then pass it on.” (2023, 352 pgs) (suggested by Alice Neve)

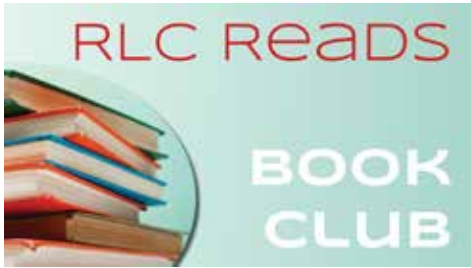
**JAN. 15:** (*MLK Day, but we’ll still be meeting*) *We Will Be Free: The Life and Faith of Sojourner Truth* by Nancy Koester. Local ELCA pastor and historian Nancy Koester “chronicles the spiritual journey of Sojourner Truth as an enslaved woman, a working mother, a preacher, and activist.” This is a fascinating look at the life of the legendary abolitionist and how her strong faith in God drove her actions. With some states today denying the legacy of slavery and segregation, this life of Sojourner Truth inspires us and reminds us of her courage and passion for justice. (2023, 293 pgs) (suggested by Nancy Olson)

**FEB. 19:** (*Presidents’ Day, but we’ll still be meeting*) *Poverty, By America* by Matthew Desmond This was named one of the most anticipated books of 2023 by several major publications, and it’s easy to see why. Desmond unflinchingly answers the question: Why does the United States have more poverty than any other advanced democracy? The acclaimed sociologist shows how affluent Americans knowingly and unknowingly keep poor people poor. “Elegantly written and fiercely argued, this compassionate book gives us new ways of thinking about this morally urgent problem, and helps us imagine solutions.” (2023, 304 pgs) (suggested by Dave and Karen Dudley)

**MARCH 18:** *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora Named one of the best books of the year by several reviewers and winner of multiple awards, *Solito* will immerse you in the migrant experience like no other book. Nine-year-old Javier takes a harrowing 3,000-mile trek from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and into the United States. Traveling to be reunited with his parents, he’s alone on this two-month journey with a group of strangers, facing pointed guns, arrests, and dangerous desert crossings. Javier’s treacherous trip also reveals unexpected kindness and love in this gripping memoir. The LA Times says, “You will be changed by this extraordinary book.” (2023, 416 pgs) (suggested by Dana Ochocki)

**APRIL 15:** *Disability Visibility: First Person Stories from the 21st Century* edited by Alice Wong With 37 powerful narratives by people living with a disability, Alice Wong shows us the depth of everyday courage and their extraordinary capacity to face life’s adversities. 15% of people around the world have a disability, yet their stories are rarely told. This collection celebrates and documents the lived experiences, power, and culture of the diverse disabled community. This book will educate and inspire you. (2020, 336 pgs) (suggested by Paula Olander)

**MAY 20:** *We Should Not Be Friends: The Story of a Friendship* by Will Schwalbe This is a “warm, funny, irresistible memoir that follows an improbable and life-changing college friendship over the course of forty years.” Will is an artsy Latin and Greek major who avoids “the jocks” at his college, but somehow he meets Maxie, the school’s star wrestler and ultimate jock. The two form an unlikely friendship that takes them through marriages, divorce, triumphs, and devastating losses. This book tracks their challenges and changes over the years, and artfully shows us how we may find some of our greatest friends if we can just get over our preconceptions. (2023, 336 pgs).



## QUILTING GROUP

New Helpers Always Welcome!

The RLC quilting group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:00 am to noon in the Heritage Hall. Anyone who can tie a knot, match colors or do ironing is welcome. Please contact Debbie Kay at 651-481-1447 or email [debbie.kay@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie.kay@yahoo.com).

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Love Your  
Neighbor

## HAPPY FALL!

RLC Immigration Team

We’ve got some exciting plans for this fall and winter. Here’s what’s coming up soon:

Oct. 15 Adult Ed: Pastor Dave Wangaard will discuss LIRS’ latest efforts to build a Welcome Center in Guatemala which will serve those who are denied asylum in the U.S. and returned to the country. Pastor Wangaard will be joined by Karla Leitzman, a Philanthropic Advisor with LIRS. Can RLC be a part of those efforts? Please attend and ask lots of questions.

Oct. 22 Adult Ed: A group from Edina Community Lutheran will report on their 2023 trip to El Paso for an immersive connection with an ELCA congregation there. They saw what a difference that compassion and hard work can make in the lives of these refugees. Can RLC be one of those churches? Come to listen and ask questions.

In addition to these educational sessions, we’re planning another chance for everyone in RLC to share our resources with those in need. Pending Church Council approval, we will combine with Lutheran Social Services to host another Donation Drive similar to the one we held in early 2022. We will have an opportunity to shop for necessary items for refugee families to assist in their resettlement and/or donate money designated for this worthy cause. More details to follow.

Meanwhile, we urge you to keep using our church library to catch up on your reading of our growing collection of social justice books on critical topics of racism, LGBTQ+ issues, immigration, and poverty. Our library is easy to use and open every day. Everyone is welcome to browse and check out a good book or two or three.



ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY CLASSES RESUME SEPT. 17

Adult Ed opportunities are held at 10:00 am most Sundays in the Social Hall. All are welcome to bring a cup of coffee and engage with the topic of the day.

SEPTEMBER 17

What are the 12 Step Programs? with Dot Probst

What are the origins of the 12 Step Fellowship Programs? How did they develop? Are they Christian? How do they help people? Are they successful today? Dot will discuss these questions and present the principles of various 12 Step Fellowships. She will explain how the release from addiction and compulsions improves people’s lives when they accept the guidance of the 12 Steps. Literature from locally popular fellowships and resources for follow-up will be provided.



SEPTEMBER 24

Organ Task Force Update with Julie Henry

The Task Force has spent the last year researching the best value, long term solution to address our failing pipe organ. We are excited about the fantastic opportunity we have to bring the Holtkamp #1762 pipe organ from Birmingham, Alabama to RLC. Four Task Force members made a trip to Birmingham in June to see and hear the organ in person, leaving no doubt this is an excellent instrument for RLC. Please join us for an update on the project. We will share our visit experience and discuss why the project is important to our congregation’s future, project timelines, next steps and the various ways you can help with the project. We encourage your questions!



OCTOBER 1

2023 Annual Appeal: God’s Work. Our Hands. Our Gifts. with Pastor Lauren Wrightsman, Laurel Hofeldt, Rebecca Bedner

Please join us as we describe our Annual Appeal and the reasons why we have this appeal every year at RLC. We will share how your gifts support RLC, including highlights from the past year and ideas for the next one. Various ways to support RLC will be addressed including applicable tax benefits. Questions are encouraged and snacks will be provided! Presenters include: Senior Pastor Lauren Wrightsman, Director of Finance and Data, Laurel Hofeldt and Director of Development, Rebecca Bedner



OCTOBER 8

Planned Giving: Thinking About Your Legacy and the Future of RLC! with Pastor Lauren Wrightsman, Laurel Hofeldt, Rebecca Bedner

Do you think about your legacy and how you want to be remembered? Do you wonder what the church will look like in the future? Please join us as we talk about your legacy and the future of RLC. We will discuss the topic of planned giving and our Legacy Society? Even if you have already named RLC in your Estate Plans, please join us for this informational session. Questions are encouraged and snacks will be provided! Presenters include: Senior Pastor Lauren Wrightsman, Director of Finance and Data, Laurel Hofeldt and Director of Development, Rebecca Bedner



OCTOBER 15

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services with Pastor Dave Wangaard and Karla Leitzman

Pastor Dave Wangaard, formerly a pastor in the St. Paul Area Synod and now working with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, will present the work of this national organization --one that has had the ear of the White House for many decades. In particular, he will discuss LIRS’ latest efforts to build a Welcome Center in Guatemala which will serve those who are denied asylum in the U.S. and returned to the country. Pastor Wangaard will be joined by Karla Leitzman, a Philanthropic Advisor for LIRS.

OCTOBER 22

Immersion Experience in El Paso with travelers from Edina Community Lutheran

In February, ten people from Edina Community Lutheran Church traveled to El Paso for an immersion experience with Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, an ELCA congregation. Immersed in powerful stories from those with first-hand experience--escaping violence or poverty, crossing the dangerous Darien

Gap between Columbia and Panama, being separated from family members, living in fear of being apprehended without documentation, and of trauma they’ve endured—we tried to understand the dimensions of our immigration system. People reached safety through the compassion of organizations, churches, and individuals assisting them. Intermingled with the stories were visits to refugee shelters, observing criminal court, going to the fence, meeting with a Border Patrol agent, and talking with an immigration attorney. It was a transformational learning experience. We were inspired by the determination, resiliency, faith, love, and generous spirit of those we met.

OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 5

Christian Nationalism: A Review, Update, and Conversation with Pastor Rolf Olson

In February of 2022, Pastor Rolf and Dr. Nancy Koester presented a well-received overview of Christian Nationalism. It is a political movement which uses Christian terms and symbols to achieve its goal of power. Behind it is a rewriting of American history, twisting our Founders into right-wing Fundamentalist Christians rather than the Deists they were. Because of the encouraging reception Olson and Koester received at Roseville Lutheran they then continued to make presentations-- over 25 so far. Because Christian Nationalism is a growing movement fraught with danger to both democracy and faith, Pastor Olson will give an update and lead us in conversation on how we can respond. If you wish to prepare for these sessions, he suggests reading The Power Worshippers by Katherine Stewart.



NOVEMBER 12

Discussing Difficult Decisions with Dr. Jeffrey Nelson

Dr. Jeff Nelson will discuss abortion, religious freedom, and difficult decisions using the key concepts from his book *What Should I Do?* Even in normal pregnancy, there is the risk of death for the woman. That risk increases in a variety of situations. Dr. Nelson will review the Supreme Court decision of Dobbs v. Jackson and its effect on all the above. Does God think that all abortions are wrong as some Christians believe? Dr. Nelson will explain the concept of pro-choice pro-life and how that impacts our nation that was founded on freedom of religion. See his website [www.authorjeffreynelsonmd.com](http://www.authorjeffreynelsonmd.com) for more information and come ready to discuss the issue.



NOVEMBER 19

Advent: The Seasons and It’s Celebrations with Mary Jane Haemig

Advent has been part of the church calendar since medieval times. We will examine what Advent has meant to Lutherans through the years. Spoiler alert: you may be surprised when you hear about the origins of the Advent wreath.



NOVEMBER 26

Luther’s Neighbors, Friends, and Colleagues with Mary Jane Haemig

Dr. Haemig will explore “Luther’s Neighbors, Friends, and Colleagues: A look around Wittenberg.” Martin Luther’s reformation relied on the cooperative work of many people -- professors, pastors, businessmen, housewives, to name a few. We will appreciate that Luther’s reformation was not a “one-man operation.”

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY MOVES TO 9:30 AM THURSDAYS IN ROOM 40

Meet with Pastors Lauren, Marty, and Tori



Join our pastors (9:30 am Thursdays in Room 40) as they delve into books of the Bible, book studies and more! Pastors Lauren, Marty and Tori are excited to have you join us. Pastor Lauren will kick off the season on **Thursday, October 12** with a 6- week Biblical exploration of our mission and vision to “Love God. Love your neighbor.” and to be a “Community United by Grace.” We look forward to seeing you!

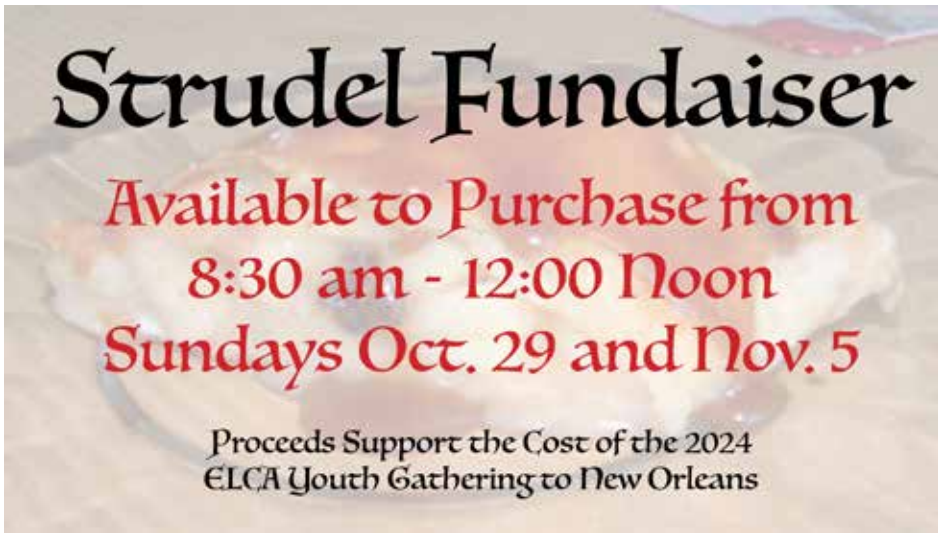




BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

4:00 - 5:00 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 4

On Wednesday, October 4 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, bring your dogs, cats, or other furry or scaly animals for Blessing of the Animals! This will be an open house/drop by style event where you can stay for 5 minutes or the whole hour! Receive a blessing for your pets and give them a chance to stretch their legs and get some treats and attention!



STRUDEL FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS ELCA YOUTH GATHERING TRIP

Available Sundays Oct. 29 and Nov. 5

On Sundays Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, strudels will be available to purchase through Ruhland’s Strudel Haus. You can make your selections in the Commons from 8:30 am until 12:00 noon on these two Sundays, and take them home that day! A percentage of the proceeds will go toward the cost of the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering to New Orleans. You can pick from a variety of savory or sweet strudels. These are a perfect treat or an easy meal to serve guests over the holidays!

LOOKING AHEAD:

FALL 2023 DATES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

- Sept. 10 – Welcome Sunday
- Sept. 13 – Adult Leader Training for RLC Kids/ Confirmation at 7pm
- Sept 17 – RLC Kids (3 years - 6th grade) Starts
- Sept 17 – Youth Gathering Info Session
- Sept. 20 – Confirmation Student/Parent Orientation 7pm
- CYF Ministry Fair at 8pm
- Sept. 27 – Confirmation Large & Small Group Begins
- Sept. 27 – High School Youth Group
- Septt 28 – Youth Gathering Info Session
- Oct. 4 – Blessing of the Animals
- Oct. 4 – Children’s “Crash Course”
- Oct. 19-22 – High School Fall Retreat (MEA Getaway)
- Oct. 28 – Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 29 – 3rd Graders receive Bibles
- Nov. 10-12 – 7th and 8th Grade Retreat



ATTENDER TO MEMBER

Sept. 24 New Member Orientation

On Sunday, September 24 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. You may register for the orientation by contacting the church office at 651-497-7752 or emailing Mary Johnson at [mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org). You may also sign up online at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m). We will welcome members at our 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, October 8.

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NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

10:00 am, Sunday, Oct. 8

On Sunday, Oct. 8, we will welcome the newest members of Roseville Lutheran. (For more information on our Attender to Member orientation class on Sept. 24, see [www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m) or the article just above).

NEW-ISH MEMBERS, TOO!

At the same time, we’re calling together a gathering of **recent new members** over the past five years to connect with each other and to welcome and engage their fellow new(-ish) members. This is an opportunity to help each other connect and share stories of how you came to RLC, what you like about RLC, and how folks find ways to connect with all that is going on at Roseville Lutheran. This is an intentional time to live into our vision of being a Community United by Grace.

CONSIDER A LEGACY GIFT TO RLC ENDOWMENT FUND

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, please visit [www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/endowment](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/endowment) or contact Rebecca Bedner at 651-487-7752 ext 226.



# ATTENTION MUSICIANS! IT'S TIME TO CONNECT FOR FALL REHEARSALS

John Helgen, Director of Music

It won't be long until summer ends (sigh!) and we begin fall rehearsals for all the RLC musical ensembles.

## RLC CHOIR

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning August 30  
John Helgen, director: 651-288-4236

## HANDBELL CHOIRS

Wednesday evenings beginning August 30  
Lori Haaland, director: 651-631-9092

## RLC BRASS ENSEMBLE

Wednesday evenings by schedule  
John Helgen, director: 651-288-4236

## RLC JAZZ

Thursday evenings by schedule  
First rehearsal date to be announced

Share your talent as we praise God through music! For information/questions, call John Helgen, Music Director, at 651-288-4236, or email him [jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org)



## Festival Choir Rehearsals for Christmas Festival Begin on November 11

It's never too early to start making plans to sing in the Festival Choir for the Christmas Festival Concert on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm. The Festival Choir joins with our brass ensemble, handbell choirs, and chamber orchestra in a concert of choral music with congregational singing. There are five rehearsals leading up to the day of the concert. It's a great way to get connected with singing at RLC! Rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Saturday	November 11	9:30 to 11:30 am
Wednesday	November 15	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday	November 29	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday	December 6	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday	December 13	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Saturday	December 16	9:30 to 11:00 am 7:30 pm concert

## 2023-2024 Upcoming Music Events at Roseville Lutheran Church

Get out your calendar and mark down these exciting concert opportunities at RLC for the coming year – concert times and more details will be available as the dates approach. Most events are free concerts with the opportunity to make a free-will donation.

Sunday	October 15	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
Sunday	Nov 19	Minnesota Oratorio Society
Sunday	Nov 26	Northstar Lake Country Chorus
Tuesday	December 12	Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies
Saturday	December 16	RLC Christmas Festival Concert
Sunday	December 31	New Year's Eve with RLC Jazz
Saturday	January 13	Luther College Nordic Choir
Friday	February 9	Minnesota Sinfonia

## Get Connected with Music at RLC

If you have a musical gift you'd like to share at one of RLC's worship services, or would like to get involved in one of our many vocal and instrumental ensembles, we welcome you! Pianists and accompanists are especially needed, as well as other instrumentalists and vocalists. If you like to sing but can't commit to weekly rehearsals, consider the Festival Choir (sings for special events at Christmas and Easter – see article above). Contact John Helgen, Director of Music at 651-288-4236 - [jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org).



## RLC ORGAN TASK FORCE UPDATE

It has been a busy time for the Organ Task Force. While evaluating organ builders, the Task Force travelled to New Ulm in late May to hear the pipe organ at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Cathedral that the J.F. Nordlie Pipe Organ company restored and installed. On June 8, four Task Force members visited St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama to evaluate the Holtkamp #1762 pipe organ that will be gifted to RLC. The people from St. Luke's are excited for their own organ project which includes a new, larger Casavant pipe organ and are happy their current Holtkamp organ will continue to serve at RLC. It is a win-win for both congregations and we look forward to the potential of an on-going relationship with St. Luke's.

The Task Force evaluated bids from three organ builders and requested revised bids from two of them. The Organ Task Force unanimously voted to recommend J.F. Nordlie Pipe Organ Company of Sioux Falls, South Dakota as the builder of choice for RLC's organ project. Their proposed rebuilt organ will combine the tonal resources of the Holtkamp #1762 with some of the best pipework of our current Möller organ. This will preserve and make use of the craft and art of three generations of pipe-makers, voicers, and builders, saving 35% over a brand-new pipe organ of similar size. The outcome will be a balanced, colorful instrument that will give our organists more options and flexibility. The Task Force is confident the proposed stop list and initial conversations about design, console, and tonal concept will result in a beautiful, unique new instrument for RLC and the Twin Cities region.

An investment in a pipe organ may seem like an indulgence in a luxury item, however there is nothing more central to the life and health of the church as worship. Music and singing allow our hearts to speak to God. An upgraded pipe organ will demonstrate our mission to love God and love our neighbor through our music and united song. It will serve in our regular worship life and enhance our worship center for generations to come as a place for music performance – concerts, recitals, hymn festivals – reaching out to a wider and more diverse community with a message of grace, hope and joy in Christ.

A project update will be presented at the Adult Education session on September 24, 2023.

To learn more about this project, visit the Organ Task Force webpage at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/organ](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/organ). The webpage includes several videos and a thorough FAQ section. There is also an email button if you have questions for the Task Force or want to share your thoughts.

RLC Organ Task Force: KJ Bach, John Helgen, Julie and Scott Henry, Dorothy Tostengard and organ consultant Dr. Greg Peterson.



RLC Organ Task Force members and St. Luke's staff in Birmingham, Alabama. Left to Right: St. Luke's organist Jamie McLemore, KJ Bach, Dr. Greg Peterson, St. Luke's Rector Rich Webster and Julie Henry



RLC CALENDAR  
HIGHLIGHTS

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

**Sunday, August 27**  
9:00 am - Worship  
10:00 am - RLC Annual Meeting  
(NO 10:30 am Worship)

**Monday, September 4**  
OFFICE CLOSED - Holiday

**Wednesday, September 6**  
Service of Hope and Joy (p.12)

**September 6-7**  
RLC Preschool Open House (p.6)

**Sunday, September 10**  
WELCOME SUNDAY (p.1)  
God's Work. Our Hands.  
10:00 am - ONE Worship  
Blessing of the Backpacks (p.1)

**Monday, September 11**  
6:00 pm - GriefShare starts (p.4)  
Preschool Classes Begin (p.6)

**Wednesday, September 13**  
Adult Confirmation Leader  
Training (p.7)

**Sunday, September 17**  
RLC Kids Starts (p.6)  
Youth Gathering Meeting (p.7)  
Adult Ed: 12 Step Programs (p.9)

**Monday, September 18**  
12:00 pm - Guatemala Interest  
Meeting, Zoom (p.5)  
7:00 pm - RLC Reads (p.8)

**Wednesday, September 20**  
Confirmation Student/Parent  
Orientation (p.7)  
CYF Family Ministry Fair (p.7)

**Sunday, September 24**  
Young Adult Bible Study (p.7)  
New Member Orientation (p.10)  
Adult Ed: Organ Update (p.9)

**Wednesday, September 27**  
Confirmation Begins (p.7)  
8:15 pm High School Group (p.7)

**Thursday, September 28**  
Youth Gathering Meeting (p.7)

**Sunday, October 1**  
5:00 pm - Guatemala Interest  
Meeting, In Person (p.5)  
Adult Ed: Annual Appeal (p.9)

**Wednesday, October 4**  
Service of Hope and Joy (p.12)  
4:00 pm - Blessing of the  
Animals (p.10)  
5:00 pm - Crash Course (p.6)

**Friday, October 6**  
5:00 pm - Oktoberfest (p.5)



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**Sunday, October 8**  
10:00 am - New Member  
Reception (p.10)  
Adult Ed: Legacy Giving (p.9)

**Thursday, October 12**  
9:30 am - Pastor's Bible Study  
Begins (p.9)

**Sunday, October 15**  
Adult Ed: Immigration (p.9)

**Monday, October 16**  
7:00 pm - RLC Reads (p.8)

**October 19-22**  
High School MEA Retreat (p.7)

**Saturday, October 28**  
9:00 am - Trunk-or-Treat (p.6)

**Sunday, October 29**  
3rd Grade Bibles (p.7)  
Young Adult Bible Study (p.7)  
Strudel Fundraiser (p.10)  
Adult Ed: Nationalism (p.9)

**Wednesday, November 1**  
Service of Hope and Joy (p.12)

**Sunday, November 5**  
Strudel Fundraiser (p.10)  
Adult Ed: Nationalism (p.9)

**November 10-12**  
7th-8th Grade Retreat (p.7)

**Sunday, November 12**  
Adult Ed: Difficult Decisions (p.9)

**Sunday, November 19**  
Adult Ed: Advent (p.9)

**Monday, November 20**  
7:00 pm - RLC Reads (p.8)

**Sunday, November 26**  
Young Adult Bible Study (p.7)  
Adult Ed: Martin Luther's  
Neighbors (p.9)

**Saturday, December 2**  
Candy Cane Breakfast (p.5)

**Wednesday, December 6**  
Service of Hope and Joy (p.12)

**Saturday, December 16**  
Christmas Festival Concert (p.11)



SERVICE OF HOPE AND JOY

11:00 am Wednesday Worship - Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

We are re-starting our Service of Hope and Joy this fall at RLC. 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 as a community, and give thanks to our God. Join us at **11:00 am Wednesdays** in the RLC Worship Center: **Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.** for a mid-week worship service featuring:

- 30 minute worship
- Familiar and traditional hymns
- Scripture readings
- Short story or meditation
- Communion



Welcome Sunday!

Sept. 10 • ONE Worship • 10:00 am

Ministry Fair

Lunch • Games • Information Tables

