

# THE MESSENGER

## Monthly Newsletter



ROSEVILLE  
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### HOLY WEEK BEGINS, PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29!

Jesus enters Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, as the crowds shout "Hosanna!" and throw palm branches and cloaks on the ground as a sign of a royal and triumphant welcome. The King of the Jews has arrived in humble dignity. But soon the crowds turn on Jesus, and his disciples betray, deny, and abandon him.

### Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm

Jesus institutes the new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We gather in worship to receive Jesus' love poured out for us in the bread and the wine, in the preaching of the Gospel, in the forgiveness of our sins, and then we are sent forth into the world with Christ's love.

### Good Friday Worship at 7:00pm

We come to the foot of the cross to witness to Christ's death for us and for the sins of the whole world. The words of John the Baptist ring out, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

### Easter Sunday Worship Services at 7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:30am

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!" We gather to hear again the amazing good news of Christ's victory over the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Through faith in Christ Jesus we are forgiven, we are saved, we are made into new people, bearers of Christ's grace and love to the world and the people around us.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to this celebration of Christ's Victory at Easter!

### Family Good Friday Activity Day

The worship services of Holy Week are so special and at the same time, can be difficult for our youngest friends. Join us April 3rd at 10am in the Activity Center for a family focused way to engage with Holy Week. We will learn and tell the story of Holy Week together in age appropriate ways and with activities.

### Important Dates & Events in Mar./Apr.

April 2nd/3rd

Maundy Thursday - Good Friday

April 5th

Easter

April 12th

Bishop Election Forum

April 13th & 20th

Braver Angels Adult Ed Sessions

April 22nd-26th

FMSC MobilePack

For a full calendar of church events, please check out the church website at this QR code.



## Sign Up for Our Weekly eBlast

Scan the QR Code Below



## **St. Paul Area Synod Bishop Election Forum at RLC – Sunday, April 12**

The Bishop Election Committee will be holding this forum at Roseville Lutheran for all of the members of the St. Paul Area Synod to introduce and ask questions of pre-identified candidates for bishop who were nominated at Conference Assemblies on Feb. 14. Please join us for this important forum and consider helping with welcome and hospitality for all of the visitors from across our synod.

### **RLC Greeters/Ambassadors Needed!**

We are looking for friendly RLC members to be greeters/ambassadors for the Bishop's Forum. We need 2-4 people to serve in the Commons and 2 people by the office lobby to welcome visitors to RLC, give directions, answer questions, and provide a warm welcome to RLC. Please contact Pastor Kent to help – 651-487-7752 or email at [klaussengubrud@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:klaussengubrud@rosevillelutheran.org).



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### **pRaise 2026! “Build Us Up, Lord!”**

Our prayer to the Lord is: BUILD US UP! We need your help and support in building up the Children, Youth, and Family Ministries of RLC along with our Hospitality Ministries. The Lord is building us up, growing our faith and our ministries for the sake of growing in God's love through Jesus Christ and loving our neighbors with the love of Christ. We are building up our connections with one another and with God.



Stay tuned for more information on the special events and gatherings for pRaise 2026 – Build Us Up, Lord!

### **ONE Worship for the Summer – 10:00AM**

Summer in Minnesota is full of activities, outings, and trips with family and friends that often impacts in-person worship attendance. Our average summer worship attendance between two services over the past four years has been 199, in our 1,100+ seat sanctuary. Summertime continues to be a challenge to find people willing to serve as worship assistants for two different services (greeters, ushers, readers, communion assistants, etc.).

After many discussions with church staff and lay leaders, we are going to try ONE Worship for this coming summer at 10:00am. We will continue our liturgical worship with a variety of musical styles and Holy Communion on the First and Third Sundays. Under the excellent music leadership of John Helgen, our worship services will be blessed by a variety of gifted and talented RLC singers and musicians of all ages who will share their musical gifts with the congregation this summer.

As always, worship will be streamed online on our YouTube channel. So, wherever you happen to be enjoying your summer activities, you can always join us online for worship!

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

### Congregational Treasurer:

Our constitution and the recent audit each recommended a volunteer congregational treasurer. The Treasurer is a lay position and reviews financial documents and advises the Director of Finance and the Finance Committee. Carol Garbisch has agreed to serve the role of Treasurer, and the council appointed her at the February meeting. Council thanks Carol for her continued support of the congregation's financial management.

### Thank You to All Who Gave to "Help Our Neighbors"

Working with Roseville schools and Do Good Roseville, we were able to support 51 families. The need continues and RLC will continue to work with the school district and Do Good Roseville to support families. Donations can be made on Roseville Lutheran website and indicate your gift as "neighbor support". Throughout these difficult times we will strive to live our mission to Love God and love our neighbors.



### Pastoral Care Visits

In need of a visit from one of our pastors? We would love to come visit you! Please contact the church office if you or someone you love is desiring a pastoral visit. Call 651-487-7752. One of our pastors will call you to arrange a visit.

### Bible Study Opportunities at RLC

Monday Morning Pastors Bible Study – 10:00am in the Upper Lounge.

Bring your Bibles (or we have plenty you can use) as we dig into the scriptures for the coming Sunday morning worship. Pastor Kent and Pastor Marty take turns leading this study and discussion. It is a time for asking questions, sharing our stories, experiences, struggles, and joys as we make connections between God's Word and our own lives. We are always learning and growing together when we open our ears, minds, and hearts to the Living Word of God! All are welcome!

### Bible Reflections on RLC Facebook – Mondays

Following the Monday morning Bible Study, Pastor Kent and Pastor Marty take turns posting a reflection on the Bible texts discussed for the coming Sunday. They summarize the insights and questions shared, highlighting different aspects from the text, and invite viewers to reflect on questions related to the scriptures to ponder during the coming week.



### Saturday Men's Bible Study – 8:30am - first and third Saturdays of the month

Sometimes it is studying a book of the Bible. Sometimes it is a topical study across scriptures. Sometimes it is a book study about a shared topic of interest. But it is always thought provoking, supportive, encouraging, and there is always coffee and goodies to share. Come for the learning, stay for the Christian comradery!

### Prayer and Meditation Room

Needing a quiet space to pray and reflect on the Lord? Room 160, connected to the Great Hall, has been turned into a Prayer and Meditation room for you to have some quiet time with God in prayer. There will be future opportunities for individual and group prayer, as well as other spiritual faith practices.

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# Community Updates



## Spring Plant Sale - Blossoms Everywhere!

The Lively Landscapers Spring Plant Sale ordering will end on April 2nd at 10pm. If you read this before April 2nd, you have a few hours to still get in a plant order by scanning the QR code below.

If you have already placed your order, a blossoming THANK YOU from the Lively Landscapers. There will be LOTS of FLOWERS blooming around our neighborhoods from this Plant Sale. Orders can be picked up on Wednesday, May 6 after 1pm near Door 2(Upper Lot). A reminder email will be sent a few days before the May 6th pickup.

This fundraiser allows the Lively Landscapers to maintain ALL the gardens around RLC without funding from the General Ministry Budget.



## Botanical Garden Stroll in the North Mezzanine Corridor

Enjoy a delightful stroll viewing botanical plants and artwork in the North Mezzanine Corridor. Thanks to the Design Continuity Committee for beautifying this space. Find a favorite live or artistically painted plant. The art originals and reproductions will all have wall tags of explanation soon. Continue your stroll east into the church north balcony lobby to see Paul Granlund's 1978 Way of the Cross sculpture as well.

Song of Solomon 2:12 - The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.



## ALL HANDS ON HOPE 2026 Mobile pack

Feed my Starving Children (FMSC) Mobile pack is coming April 22 to April 26. Many have participated in this incredible work in the past. We need you again! The meals feed hungry children worldwide. We need volunteer packers, and we need donations to pay for the ingredients used by the packers.

The cost of one meal is 0.29. Our goal is \$180,000 for 614,304 meals, which will feed 1683 kids for a year. Please consider both signing up to pack and providing a donation. The cost to feed a child for a year is \$106. Any amount is appreciated. The online sign up is open now, please sign up via the QR code below. You will never look so good in a hairnet!

Questions, contact Kathy Miller 651-494-8639 or Beth Jacobson 651-230-2902.



## Wapo Registration

Wapo registration has closed through our church, but there are still registration opportunities! Wapo offers a one-day camp for kindergarten-2nd graders where they have the opportunity to swim, craft, worship, and so much more. Wapo also offers grandparent camp and family camp, which are both wonderful retreats to get the whole family involved in fun, faith-building activities that can come home with you. If you have any questions, please reach out to Taylor Mickley at [tmickley@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:tmickley@rosevillelutheran.org)

Register by scanning the QR code:



# Community Updates



## Veterans Memorial Bench Project

A new Veterans Memorial Bench Project page is now available on the Roseville Lutheran Church website under the Serving section. The newly designed bench has been installed - thank you to Levi Bayer for completing this meaningful work as a part of his Eagle Scout Project.

The webpage includes a form where you can submit the names and information of veterans you wish to honor. A QR code linking directly to this page will also be available on the bench in the near future.

Scan the QR code to view the webpage and to submit veteran information.



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## **NEW WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**



## Website Project Update – Volunteers Needed!

Our Roseville Lutheran website redesign is underway, and we're excited to involve our community in shaping its look and content. We're looking for volunteers to help review layouts, test new features, and import information to the new site.

If you're interested in contributing your time and ideas, please contact our Communications Manager, Ryan Kotajarvi, at [rkotajarvi@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:rkotajarvi@rosevillelutheran.org)

Your help will ensure our new website is welcoming, informative, and fully up-to-date!



## Lent Soup Supper Thank You

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the setup, serving and cleanup of the 2026 Lent Soup Suppers. It was great to see so many people come and enjoy an evening meal and some fellowship time.



## 1200 Ryan House Update

The former RLC Childcare house at 1200 Ryan Ave, that was sold to Habitat for Humanity in February 2025, has had a bit of activity. New doors and windows were installed in February 2026, and in the next few months much more renovation will be done.

RLC member Bud Helmen (now deceased) led a team of RLC volunteers called Bud's Bunch that worked tirelessly for Habitat. Another Habitat group called Holy Hammers also had several RLC members as volunteers. Bud's Bunch and Holy Hammers have been assigned to do much of the renovation on the former RLC ChildCare house.

If you have a desire to get involved with Habitat for Humanity, please contact Ron Kuhn ([ronald-kuhn44@gmail.com](mailto:ronald-kuhn44@gmail.com)) . Also, Bud's own Roseville house has been sold to Habitat for Humanity to be a part of Habitat's affordable housing program! RLC's legacy of community involvement continues.

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## Braver Angels

Coming in April to Roseville Lutheran Church. With the polarization in our country and in our churches which hinders healthy relationships, you are invited to learn skills for disagreeing better. Braver Angels has developed a national reputation for helping to bridge the divides we so often experience.

**April 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
Depolarizing Ourselves

**April 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
Skills for Disagreeing Better

At each session Pastor Jeff Thiemann will guide us into seeing the image of God in all whom we meet, and treating ourselves and others with the respect that such an identity promotes. How do we “see” the other side? What may be going on inside us at these times? How can we listen better? How can we develop more constructive ways to engage? Free (donations welcome). Preregister by emailing Pastor Rolf Olson at [rolson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:rolson@rosevillelutheran.org)



### Care Team Ministry

The RLC Care Team is a group of volunteers who provide task-oriented support and friendly visits with members needing assistance and support with things like: light household chores/yard work, shopping assistance, and providing support for family and caregivers.

If you would like to join the Care Team and provide one or more types of assistance to members of our church community contact Dave Risinger at 651-206-6699 or Ken Groth at 651-488-2649.



### Social Hall Update:

The Social Hall floor has been receiving much needed attention. Sections of loose tile were replaced with new tiles. This allowed for all of the black tape on the floor to be removed. Then after everything was removed from the Social Hall, the floor was given an extra duty scrub followed by several coats of wax and finally polished. Thank you to everyone who helped clear the Social Hall. And a special thank you to KJ Bach, Tim Hanson, Debbie Kay, Tom Lund, Johnathan Newman, Jim Stark and Bob Zismer for all of the scrubbing, waxing and polishing.

### Middle School Summer Trip

Middle School students will have the opportunity for a few days of service, faith, and fun! We are partnering with Service Learning Camps to do a Middle School Service Trip to Duluth. This for those who are currently in 5th-8th grades.

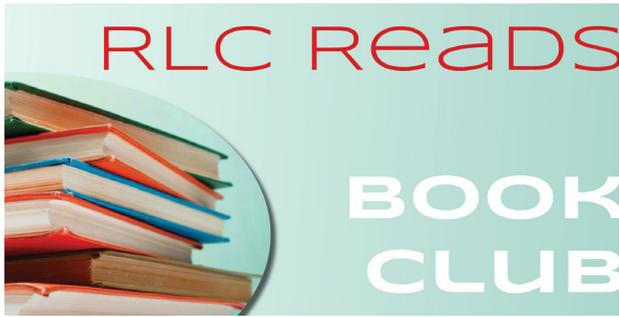
Sign up by scanning the QR code:



### Vacation Bible School

Summer may seem like a long way off, but it'll be here before we know it! Save the dates for Vacation Bible School: June 22-26, 2026 from 9am-12pm. We'll gather for music, crafts, Bible stories, games, snacks, and fun for preschool and elementary students. Sign-up by scanning the QR code below:





RLC Reads meets at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the “coffee shop” area near the church office just inside the north doors. Use the upper parking lot and come join us. Even if you haven’t finished the book, we’d still love to see you there. Everyone is welcome! Contact Bob Bergstrom (rcbergstrom@comcast.net) with any questions. Here are the upcoming books:

**April 9th:**

Man’s Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl (1946, 346 pp.)

This amazing memoir has fascinated generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Frankl argues that we cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it, find meaning in it, and move forward with renewed purpose. Part two of the book introduces his theory of logotherapy and how we can use it to find meaning in life. At the time of his death in 1997, the book had sold 10 million copies and had been translated into 24 languages. It’s our spiritual Easter season book this year, and an all-time favorite of RLC’s legendary Bud Helmen. (recommended by Pam McCullough)

**May 14th:**

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge (2021, 346 pp.)

An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes on a cross-country road trip during the Dust Bowl era of 1938. A wild, rollicking ride with two gentle wild beasts for those who cherish that special bond between animals and humans. It’s part coming-of-age story, part adventure, part history, all told with warmth and humor. A light-hearted way to end our reading season. (recommended by Nancy Olson)

**June- August: Summer Break**

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**Finance Committee Update (As of 2/28/2026)**

**Fiscal Year July 2025 to June 2026**

**Operating Budget (July-February)**

	Actual	Budget	Budget vs. Actual	
<b>Offerings</b>	818,513	817,450	1,063	Offerings more than budgeted
<b>Other Receipts</b>	70,601	60,867	9,734	Other Receipts more than budgeted
<b>Total Income</b>	889,114	878,317	10,797	Total Income more than budgeted
<b>Expenses</b>	726,611	897,624	(171,013)	Expenses less than budgeted
<b>Totals</b>	162,503	(19,307)	181,810	Cash flow positive year to date

**With February reports we still see a positive number in the budget and hopefully actuals will continue to run a surplus. We are running a surplus in Actuals due to staffing expenses still running lower than budgeted due to open positions.**

**On line giving: Go to <https://www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/offering>**

**If you need help signing into an account you already set up, give**

**Tammy (ext. 232) or Nancy (ext. 203) a call to get a new password**



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## Upcoming Adult Education Forums

**April 5:** Easter!! Celebrate with family and friends. No Adult Ed session

**April 12, 19, and 26:**

Pastor Steve Thomason, Luther Seminary Professor, will present his popular “Experiencing the Gospel through Visual Art” series.

**Special Monday evening Sessions,** April 13 & 20 at 7pm in the Social Hall. Jeff Thiemann of Braver Angels will lead workshop style presentations entitled “Depolarizing Ourselves” and “Skills for Disagreeing”. See more information elsewhere in this Messenger and flyers at the Welcome Desk.

**May Preview:** On May 3, Pastor Marty will give an update on RLC’s ministry to Guatemala. The May 10 speaker is TBD, watch for updates. On May 17, Pastor Jim Bear Jacobs who led RLC members on a Sacred Sites Tour last Fall will expand on details of that tour plus other topics. No sessions on May 24 and May 31, but all 4 Sundays in June will feature our Summer Psalm Series with RLC members sharing personal faith experiences.

**RLC Adult Education • 10:00 am Sundays**