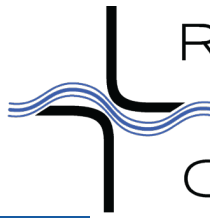


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Update from Pastor Kent

Step #1 to Transformation by the Renewing of Our Minds

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may be able to discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12: 2)

When the apostle Paul wrote these words to the early Christians in Rome, he could never have imagined the technology we have today that is incessantly working to conform us to this world every second of every waking hour. Many of us cannot fathom the exponential growth of technology experienced in the last fifty years, from 4 TV channels, to hundreds of cable TV channels, to thousands of channels on our computers and phones to the point where almost everyone has their personal broadcasting channels on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and the countless other platforms available to us. Then there are the algorithms designed to feed us whatever will keep our attention. We are becoming increasingly fractured and divided into billions of addictive algorithmic bubbles of virtual tribes and relationships, all designed to intentionally conform us to this world 24/7/365. Add AI to the mix and it is hard for most of us to discern what is even real anymore.



Paul's antidote is to be transformed, changed by the renewing of our minds. But Paul does not give us step by step instructions on how to renew our minds. So, I would like to share with you what I think is an incredibly original, never before conceived "Step #1" to renewing our minds... UNPLUG. Original, right?

Turn it off. Take a break from the TV, computer, or phone. Get outside. Go for a walk, run, or bike ride. Play golf. Go fishing. Grab a coffee with a friend. Take a deep breath to cleanse your body, mind, and spirit. It may take a week. It may take an hour a day. Whatever works best for you. Before you can begin to renew your mind to discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect – you need to give your mind a rest, a cleanse, a refresh.

Give it a try. And when you are ready, let's learn how to renew our minds in Christ.

Learning along with you,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Important Dates

August 2nd - 30th
School Supply Drive

August 18th
Zoom 101

August 23rd
RLC Annual Meeting

September 20th
New Fall Sunday Schedule Starts

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



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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

2026 Annual Meeting

All active, communing members of RLC are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting after worship on Sunday, August 23. Watch your mail for more information on the agenda and topics to be covered including the election of new church leaders, approving the proposed budget, approving updates to the church constitution, and reports on the mission and ministries of the church.

Budget 101 Meeting

On August 18 at 7 pm, Council will host a virtual meeting to share about the 2026-2027 budget and answer questions. Scan the QR code below to access the Zoom meeting.



RLC Consitution Update

Council and a small task force reviewed and revised the RLC Constitution in accordance with changes recommended from the ELCA Synod as well as revisions suggested by RLC leadership. The draft changes were shared with members at two Sunday morning sessions: July 12 and 26th at 9 am.

Hiring CYF Director

The CYF team is finalizing the new position description for Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. The position will be posted externally. Please share with your networks.

Website Project Update

The RLC website team proposed plans for the refreshed website at the June Council meeting. Council approved the new plans and the website team will begin the revision process in the coming weeks. The goals for the refreshed website centers on a strong user experience—both on a computer and mobile device, and overall hospitality for new visitors.

10AM Sunday Morning Summer Worship

Join us for Worship, Sunday mornings at 10:00am. We will be using the liturgical settings from Marty Haugen's "Now the Feast and Celebration," along with a variety of music styles of hymns, songs, and anthems for special music.

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!

Sunday Worship Volunteers Needed

We are looking for ushers, communion servers, greeters, and readers.

It takes many helpers to make a Sunday run smoothly at RLC, and to show good hospitality to all who enter our doors. If you or members of your family are interested in helping on Sunday mornings, please contact Mary in the church office at mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752, or stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings.



New Fall Sunday Schedule

Our Sunday morning ministry priorities are to offer:

- Inspiring Worship for all
- Faith Formation and learning opportunities for all ages and stages
- Fellowship to grow as a community

To help us accomplish our ministry priorities, the RLC Council has approved a new Sunday morning schedule to begin on **Sunday, September 20, 2026**:

8:30am Worship

9:30am Faith Formation, Learning, and Fellowship

10:30am Worship

We are excited for the new opportunities this provides for worship, faith formation, and fellowship for everyone who participates on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions or thoughts about these changes and how it will help us accomplish our ministry priorities at RLC, please contact Pastor Kent for further discussion – kclaussengubrud@rosevillelutheran.org.



New Education Hour this Fall

Another season of outstanding presentations during the new Education Hour (9:30 to 10:30) is ready to start on September 14th. The Adult Education Team has assembled an excellent lineup of speakers who will present on topics ranging from Scripture education to current interest topics. So whether you worship at 8:30 or 10:30, please grab a cup of coffee and head each Sunday to Room 40. Sessions start at 9:40 and end at 10:20.



RLC School Supply Drive

Roseville Lutheran is once again having a school supply drive to benefit kids at Roseville Area Schools. Please bring newly purchased school supplies to church and place in the Blue Bins in the Commons area. We will be collecting items starting Sunday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 30th. The items being requested are listed below.

- Spiral notebooks
- Highlighters
- #2 pencils
- Pencil pouches (not boxes)
- Empty backpacks (small & large)
- Markers (thick & thin)
- Dry erase markers
- Purple glue sticks and glue bottles
- Facial tissues
- Watercolor paints
- Baby wipes
- Scissors (small & large)
- Rulers
- Post-it notes
- Headphones (with wires)
- Pens
- Composition notebooks

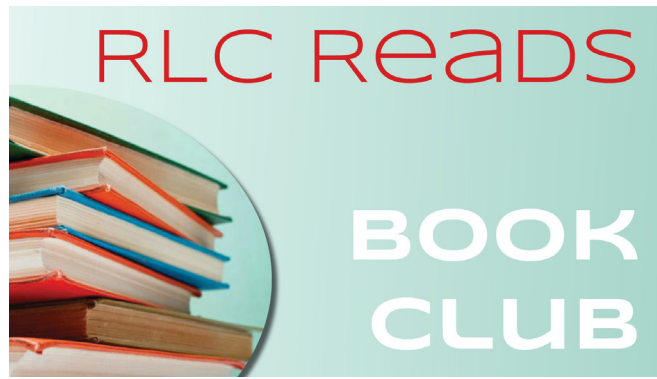
Thank you for your support!

Volunteer Opportunity: Every Meal Food Distribution at Central Park Elementary

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity this fall? Mission and Outreach Partnerships is looking for additional volunteers to help with Every Meal food bag distribution at Central Park Elementary from September through May. Distributions happen Friday mornings - sign up for just one shift or as many as you'd like! Training is provided, and food bag distribution is done in pairs. Join a small, faithful group of volunteers looking to grow our numbers! Contact Janelle Olson for more information (janelleaolson@gmail.com).



EVERY MEAL



RLC Reads 2026-2027

Announcing the books that we will be reading beginning in September through May. As in past years it is a diverse collection that will be meaningful and fun to explore and discuss. Which will be your favorite? Circle the dates on your calendar and plan to join us for one, some, or all of the books. 7:00 PM on the dates indicated, in the "coffee shop" area near the church office just inside the north doors. All are welcome, whether you've read the whole book or not. Please plan to join us! Questions? Email Pam McCulloch: pammij@comcast.net.

September 10, 2026: Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

An elderly stranger arrives in a small Southern town, exchanging hand-drawn portraits for residents' life stories, creating unexpected connections and healing. (384 pages; recommended by Linda Werner and others)

October 8, 2026: Attack of the Black Rectangles by A.S. King

A sixth grader and his friends challenge the censorship of a classroom novel, standing up for the freedom to read. (YA; 272 pages; donated to Central Park Elementary 6th graders in memory of Bob Bergstrom; recommended by Linda Nelson)

November 12, 2026: The Secret Book Society by Madeline Martin

In 1895 London, three women trapped by societal expectations find friendship, courage, and hope through a secret book club. (Historical Fiction; 321 pages; recommended by Alyssa Holsen)

January 14, 2027: Mother Emanuel: Two Centuries of Race, Resistance, and Forgiveness in One Charleston Church by Kevin Sack

A history of Mother Emanuel Church, exploring its enduring legacy of faith, resilience, and forgiveness following the 2015 tragedy. (History; 354 pages; recommended by Nancy Olson and others)

February 11, 2027: Until They Bring the Streetcars Back by Stanley Gordon West

Set in 1949 St. Paul, this novel follows a high school boy who risks everything to help an abused classmate, exploring courage, resilience, and hope. (Minnesota Historical Fiction; 276 pages; recommended by Mark Nelson)

March 11, 2027: The Sunflower Boys by Sam Wachman

A coming-of-age story about a 12-year-old boy in Ukraine as he navigates identity, family, and the realities of the 2022 Russian invasion. (336 pages; recommended by Marj Bergstrom)

April 8, 2027: Anxious Souls Will Ask: The Christ-Centered Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by John Matthews

A reflection on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings, offering guidance for faithful Christian living in a challenging world. (104 pages; recommended by Nancy Olson)

May 13, 2027: It Took Courage: Eliza Winston's Quest for Freedom by Christopher Lehman

The true story of Eliza Winston's fight for freedom in 1860 Minnesota, highlighting the struggle against slavery and the pursuit of justice. (Minnesota Non-Fiction; 272 pages; recommended by Alice and Leon Neve)

Register for Fall Programs

Registration for RLC Kids and Confirmation will go live August 1st! Both registrations will be available by scanning the QR code below or by visiting the RLC website homepage:



RLC Kids will look a bit different this fall with one session for all students between services during our education hour. This will give us lots of time to explore all kinds of Bible stories and faith formation topics together. We will not meet on the first Sunday of each month so that everyone has a chance to attend breakfast together. Please register your students so that we can plan our volunteers accordingly for age groups. Our first Sunday together will be September 20, the week after Welcome Weekend. RLC Kids is for students from preschool through 6th grade.

Confirmation is for students in 7-9th grade and will be held on Wednesdays from 7-8pm. We'll have parent orientation on September 23rd for all parents and students that will go over more details, but please register in August so that we can plan and prepare accordingly.

Volunteers Needed

With the program year upon us again, we need volunteers! Please consider volunteering for RLC Kids and/or Confirmation. These programs need many volunteers to run smoothly from week to week. If you'd like to volunteer, please register using the volunteer forms on the events page. Thank you so much!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Plan to bring your backpack to church for Welcome Weekend on September 13th for a special backpack blessing! This is a fun way to start the school year on the right foot with your backpack, work bag, gym bag, or whatever you'd like to bring! You'll be reminded that God goes with you into the new school year (even if you aren't returning to school).



Flamy Grant in Concert - September 26th and 7:00pm

As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation that welcomes and affirms LGBTQIA+ individuals, we are excited to host Flamy Grant. Flamy Grant is a Christian singer-songwriter, drag-queen, who will be performing a shame-slaying, hip-swaying, spectacular concert on September 26th and 7:00pm. Flamy Grant's debut album, "Bible Belt Baby," reached No. 1 on the iTunes Christian Charts. Her 2024 sophomore album "CHURCH" also explored Christian themes. Concert goers will be reminded that they are brilliant, resilient baddies, and beloved children of God. Get tickets here:



Relational Skills for Life and Ministry – Starting Next Fall

You may have heard about the national epidemic of loneliness, especially among young adults and seniors. You may also have read the recent studies about the dramatic number of teenagers and adults who use AI as companions, friends, and even for counseling.

People of all ages are yearning for real relationships and friendships, but many lack the relational skills needed for creating relationships of mutual care and concern. You can help make a difference in other people's lives.

Would you like to grow in your relational skills and help others to build friendships and relationships of care?

We are looking for members of RLC who would like to be part of the movement to build real relationships and friendships of mutual care here at RLC and with our neighbors ("Loving our neighbors as Christ has loved us.") If this pulls at your heart, please contact Pastor Kent to learn more - kclaussengubrud@rosevillelutheran.org.



Monday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am

Enjoy sharing questions, reflections, and stories of faith and life as we enter into the Bible together on Monday mornings at 10:00 am in the Lounge (across from the Activity Center). Bring your Bible (we have extras if you need one), grab a cup of coffee, and maybe a treat or two, as we delve into God's Word together.

Monday Bible Reflection on Facebook

Tune in on Mondays for a weekly Bible Reflection by the pastors on the text for the coming Sunday. A great way to let God's Word dwell in you throughout the week.

Prayer and Meditation Room

Need a quiet space to pray and experience the peaceful presence of God? Room 160, connected to the Heritage Hall, has been turned into a prayer and meditation room for you to have some quiet time with God in prayer. Interested in having someone pray for you? Please contact our pastors to schedule a prayer session.



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 would like a pastoral visit. Call 651-487-7752. One of our pastors will call you to arrange for a visit.



Organ Project Update

Exciting progress continues on RLC's new pipe organ! The beautiful fanfare trumpet has now been installed, and the remaining infrastructure, pipes, and wiring will be completed in the coming weeks. Tuning and voicing are expected to begin in early August, with the organ anticipated to be ready for worship by mid-September.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support this incredible legacy project through your prayers, generosity, and volunteer efforts.

Learn more and follow the latest updates here:





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Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee Update (As of 6/30/2026)

Fiscal Year July 2025 to June 2026

Operating Budget (July-June)

(As of 7-7-2026)

	Actual	Budget	Budget vs. Actual	
Offerings	1,164,773	1,225,470	(60,697)	Offerings less than budgeted
Other Receipts	130,826	89,900	40,926	Other Receipts more than budgeted
Total Income	1,295,599	1,315,370	(19,771)	Total Income less than budgeted
Expenses	1,108,650	1,315,370	(206,720)	Expenses less than budgeted
Totals	186,949	0	186,949	Cash flow positive year to date

June income actuals are below budget. Overall we have ended the year in a good financial position.

Expenses continue to be less than budgeted 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