

THE MESSENGER

Monthly Newsletter



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New Member Sunday – January 11, 2026 at both services!

We are excited to welcome new members into the life and ministry here at Roseville Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member and disciple of Jesus Christ in this community of faith, please contact Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud to schedule a time to meet. You can call him at 651-487-7752 (x223) or email at kclaussengubrud@rosevillelutheran.org

Join us as we grow in love of God and love of our neighbors, becoming a community of grace.

Spiritual Formation and Growth Groups – Sunday, January 11 at 5:30pm

Yearning to grow closer to God? Wondering if there is more to the life of faith than just attending church? Wanting to explore what it actually means to follow Jesus Christ in your daily life? Looking for fellow believers for mutual support and friendship on the journey of faith?

Join Pastor Kent in the upper level Lounge on Sunday evening, January 11 at 5:30pm for an informational session and explore options and ideas together. Want to know more? Please contact Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud to schedule a time to meet or chat. You can call him at 651-487-7752 (x223) or email at kclaussengubrud@rosevillelutheran.org

Looking ahead to LENT

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18 with our Ash Wednesday worship services! Stay tuned for more information on our Lenten theme and opportunities for spiritual growth and faith formation during the reflective season of Lent.

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 Beyer for completing this meaningful work as 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.



Important Dates & Events in Jan./Feb.

January 11th
New Member Sunday

January 25th
Dresser Build

February 6th-7th
Confirmation Lock-In

February 16th
Spring Plant Sale Starts

February 18th
Ash Wednesday

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



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Scan the QR Code Below



Community Updates

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Changes in the Financial and Business Office

We are excited to welcome Nancy Johnson as our new Church Business Administrator. She comes with a lot of experience in the non-profit world of finance/business administration. December 1st was her first day, and she was assisted in the transition by Carol Garbisch, the Interim Finance Director. Carol started as the Interim Finance Director in October of 2024 and worked tirelessly to get our financial records up to date. Our appreciation for her work cannot be overstated. We wish her well in her next adventure!

Stewardship Team

Thank you to the Stewardship team for their work leading up to the November 16th Stewardship Sunday. RLC received increased pledges with more dollars pledged than last year. There is still time to make a pledge for this year, and please consider becoming a sustaining giver.

Cleaning Blitz Success!

On November 15, more than 40 energetic volunteers joined the Properties Project Team for a major deep-cleaning of the Sanctuary, Worship Center, and Commons. Together, they scrubbed walls, floors, pews, windows, woodwork, and vents, removed stains and wax from chair and pew pads, and even completed minor repairs—sending plenty of dirty water down the drain! A delicious lunch, funded by an anonymous donor and prepared by Julie Wendland and her crew, kept everyone fueled. Beyond the sparkling results, the day also strengthened our sense of community as people worked alongside others they hadn't met before. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success!

2026 Dresser Build

Confirmation will build dressers for Bridging on January 21, 2026. Then RLC Kids and the whole congregation will join in the fun and service to continue the effort to build dressers for clients at Bridging on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Our goal is to build 50 dressers this year and we need everyone to pitch in! Come to the Activity Center before or after worship to join in the fun—stay as long as you can! Bridging serves folks coming out of homelessness and RLC has been partnering with them for many years here at church.



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.

Prayer and Meditation Room

Needing a quiet space to pray and reflect on the Lord? 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. There will be future opportunities for individual and group prayer, as well as other spiritual faith practices.

RLC Pop Machine

The management of the RLC pop machine has been transferred to Hospitality. You may have already noticed that A&W Root Beer has been added. Orange Crush will also be added very soon. Special note, the price of a can of pop will be increased to \$1 in January 2026.

Stewardship Thank You – Our Duty and Delight

Thank you so very much to the 122 households who made a commitment to financially support the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ here at Roseville Lutheran Church. Your commitment supports our current ministries and helps us plan for future ministries, especially as we look ahead at our future Children, Youth, and Family ministry and Hospitality staffing needs, and the financial needs of our many growing ministries.

If you have not made your financial commitment yet, you can still do so by contacting the church office at (651) 487-7752 or online by scanning the QR code below.

Your financial support makes our many ministries possible. May God continue to bless you in your generosity as we grow in loving God and loving our neighbors, becoming a community of grace.



Spring Plant Sale

Mark your calendars and THINK SPRING for the Lively Landscapers Spring Plant Sale. Online ordering starts Feb 16. More info in the February Messenger.

Community Updates

Home and Kitchen Kits

Starting January 25 the Immigration team will be seeking funds to build Home and Kitchen Kits for in-country refugees supported by Global Refugee (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services). Currently, refugees in the U.S. are in very difficult circumstances. If you would like to contribute, please donate to RLC with "Immigration " in the memo line or you can build your own kit. Information is at the table in the Commons. Goal: 50 kits.

Confirmation Lock-in

The Confirmation Lock-in will be Feb 6-7, 2026. Confirmation Families will receive more details and a link to registration soon, but for now, save the date and tell your friends! This event is for 7-9th grade students. Friends are welcome, but everyone must register in advance. This will be a night full of food, fun, friends, and fellowship! Previous lock-ins have included karaoke, bowling, foosball, basketball, friendship bracelets, 9 square, board games, and many other fun activities. This is a night you won't want to miss!

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. Look for a sign-up online in February.

THANK YOU MURAL CREW!

The 56 ft mural that we all enjoy during Advent was put up on Friday, Nov 28 and will taken down on Jan 12. 'Wide & Tall' THANKS to the Mural Crew: Mike Dolan - Crew Leader, Scott Cordes - Lift Operator, Teo Chagil-Mason, Ben Dolan, Brent Engebretson, Tim Hansen, Denny Olander, Jim and Ayden Sturgis, Tom Wackerfuss, Joe Zeigler.

Camp Wapo Dates

Registration for Camp Wapo opens on January 15! Seeds Weekend is a taste of camp for students in 1st-3rd grade. Their weekend will be July 24-26, 2026. Our 4th-9th grade students will go July 26-31st. Registration opens on January 15th. Our reserved spots are only held until February 15th, so be sure to register by then!

Summer Trips

Calling all middle and high school students! We are planning summer trips for each of these groups in partnership with Service Learning Camps! The middle school trip will be June 11-15, 2026 to Duluth. The high school trip will be July 12-17 to Milwaukee.

Sign up for Summer Trips and Camp Wapo at the QR Code here:



Financial Update (As of 11/30/25)

Fiscal Year July 2025 to June 2026
Operating Budget (July - November)

| | Actual | Budget | Budget vs. Actual |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Offerings</u> | 427,717 | 410,150 | 17,567 |
| <u>Receipts</u> | 34,901 | 40,342 | (5,441) |
| Total Income | 462,618 | 450,492 | 12,126 |
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| <u>Expenses</u> | 429,044 | 556,611 | (127,567) |
| Total Income | 33,574 | (106,119) | 139,693 |

First half of the fiscal year typically runs a deficit as you can see in the budget.

With December and January reports we start seeing a positive number in the budget and hopefully actuals will continue to run a surplus.

We are running a surplus in Actuals due to giving doing better and staffing expenses still running lower than budgeted due to open positions.



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Upcoming Adult Education Forums

January 4th

Brainstorm Future Topics - Bring your ideas and share them with the group. The goal is to keep the Adult Ed forum informative, interesting, and fun. Enjoy some coffee and goodies while we chat.

January 11 - Arlene Skoor represented RLC at the recent ELCA convention which elected Bishop Yaheil Curry. Her talk will describe her experiences at the convention plus the ELCA election process.

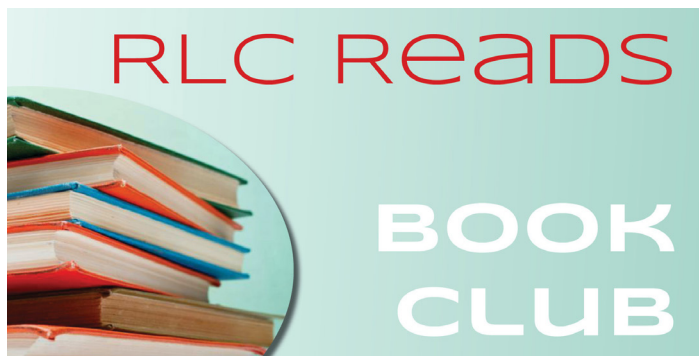
January 18 - Lourdes Flores-Hanson, Multilingual Program Administrator with Roseville Schools, will speak on immigrant experiences in Roseville.

January 25 - Dresser Build Sunday - Please join us in the Activity Center to build dressers for the clients at Bridging.

February Preview:

On February 1, Rachel Morey from Interfaith Action will share updates on Project Home and Faithful Hospitality. February 8 features RLC's own Bethany Husby reflecting on her work in Tanzania, and February 15 welcomes AARP's Marietta Booth to help us spot and avoid scams. February 22 will be announced soon.

RLC Adult Education • 10:00 am Sundays



Upcoming RLC Reads Books

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:

January 8th, 2026:

The Emperor of Gladness by Ocean Vuong (2025, 416 pgs)

February 12th, 2026:

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride (2023, 385 pgs)

March 12th, 2026:

My Friends by Frederik Backman (2025, 436 pgs)