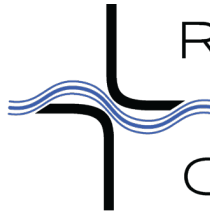


# THE MESSENGER

## Monthly Newsletter



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### *Update from Pastor Kent*

I am pleased to let you know that we are projected to end our fiscal year with a small budget surplus. This is thanks to two important things:

- Unfilled staff positions – Children, Youth, and Family Ministry and Hospitality Ministry
- Increased giving – increased pledges, increased automatic giving

More good news, we have received the report and recommendation for our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry staff position from the Discovery Team. The church council has approved moving forward forming a Search Team to create a new job description and then begin the search for a full-time Children, Youth, and Family Ministry staff person. This person will work under the supervision of Pastor Marty, in partnership with Taylor Mickley and a team of committed parents, adults, and youth. The Personnel Committee is also working with Julie Wendland to create a new Hospitality position for our church as well. We are excited to be moving forward with these important staff ministry positions.

But the most important thing is to say “thank you” to every one of you who have faithfully and generously supported the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ here at RLC. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge of financial support to our shared ministries. Thank you to everyone who has planned to give, either through Qualified Charitable Distributions, Donor-Advised Funds, or automatic giving. Thank you to everyone who gives out of gratitude for all of God’s blessings in your life. Thanks to all of you who support the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ with your time, your talents, and your treasures. We will continue to focus on growing our stewardship practices and commitments in response to God’s gracious giving and the needs of our growing ministries.

Because of your support, we will not be holding a pRaise fundraiser this spring.

We will, however, be having an RLC Jazz Concert, followed by a reception, as a thank you to the congregation and community for your continued support.

Find more information on the RLC Jazz Concert on the next page.

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

**May 3**  
First Sunday Breakfast

**May 3-9**  
Preschool and Basement Sales

**May 17**  
Graduation Sunday

**May 24**  
10am One Worship Begins

**May 31**  
RLC Jazz Concert

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



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## **10AM Sunday Morning Worship Service this Summer – starting May 24**

Starting on Memorial Day Sunday, May 24, through Labor Day Sunday, September 6, we will be having one worship service on Sunday mornings at 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 for finding 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!

## **RLC Jazz Concert - Sunday, May 31**

Join us for a full day of joyful music and worship on Sunday, May 31!

RLC Jazz will lead the music during our 10:00 am worship service, bringing a vibrant and uplifting sound to the morning as we gather in community. Then, come back at 4:00 pm for a special Celebration Jazz Concert featuring an exciting program of inspiring and spirited selections.



Following the concert, all are invited to stay for a light reception and time of fellowship. Whether you join us for worship, the concert, or both, we welcome you to come celebrate the gift of music and community with us!

## **Discovery Team Report and Recommendation**

Following five months of intentional discernment and dedicated work, the Discovery Team submitted its final Discovery Report to the council in March. This process included thoughtful reflection, conversations, and evaluation of the current and future needs of our ministry.

After reviewing the report, the council approved a motion to move forward with plans to hire a full-time Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Director as soon as possible. This role will be shaped by updated core competencies and ministry priorities identified through the Discovery Team's work, helping to ensure a strong and sustainable foundation for this area of ministry moving forward.

We are grateful to the members of the Discovery Team for their time, care, and commitment throughout this process. Their work has provided meaningful direction and clarity as we take these next steps.

To view the full Discovery Report, please scan the QR code.



## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

**Winter Volunteer Appreciation:** A huge thank you to the many volunteers who kept our ministry moving this winter, from Lenten hospitality and snow removal to hosting the Monarca event and waxing the floors, and more. The church could not run without your help.

**Become a sustainer:** No matter the season—whether you're away on vacation or snow keeps you home—RLC's worship and ministry never pause. To keep our ministry strong and vibrant throughout the year, we rely on steady and sustained support from our members and friends. We encourage you to become Sustainers and make your RLC contributions online. Your ongoing generosity ensures the church's work continues, even when you can't be here in person. Thank you for helping us serve faithfully, all year long!



## Pastoral CARE

### **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 experience the peaceful presence of God? Room 160, connected to 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.

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# Community Updates



After months of cleaning, organizing, and sorting throughout Roseville Lutheran Church, we've uncovered a wide variety of items that are ready to find new homes. This is a great opportunity to browse, discover hidden gems, and support important ministry and facility needs while giving these items a second life.

## **RLC Basement Bargains**

Since late 2024, a lot of cleaning and sorting of “things and stuff” in ALL the rooms and spaces of Roseville Lutheran Church (RLC) has resulted in a lot of nifty items that need to find a new home. There is a huge collection of miscellaneous items along with a number of file cabinets & shelving units.

The 'Bargain Basement' will be open during the Preschool Sale Days in the lower level of the Preschool building (Door 3 from the upper lot) providing an opportunity for you to stroll through the collection and find a 'gem'.

Look for the signs leading to the lower floor of the Preschool. A free will donation is requested for items that get a new home or repurposing. Funds collected will be put towards facility equipment (e.g. new vacuum cleaner).

## **RLC Preschool Sale – Support Our Future Ministry**

Join us for the RLC Preschool Sale as we clean out, donate, and share a wide variety of classroom items in support of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry.

You'll find classroom furniture and learning materials including evacuation cribs, cots, easels, tables, chairs, puzzles, games, books, manipulatives, and more.

All proceeds go directly toward upcoming ministry needs as we invest in the future of our programs.

### **Basement and Preschool Sale Hours**

Sunday, May 3 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Wednesday, May 6 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Thursday, May 7 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday, May 9 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

We invite you to come explore, connect, and be part of this fun community event as we clear space, share resources, and support meaningful ministry work at RLC. Whether you're searching for something useful, unique, or unexpected, we hope you'll stop by, take a look, and leave with something that blesses your home or your life—while also helping bless the ministries of Roseville Lutheran Church.

# Community Updates



## May First Sunday Breakfast

Join us Sunday, May 3rd from 8:30 am to 11:45am, in the Social Hall for First Sunday Breakfast. In addition to the usual pastries and coffee, there will

be baked pancakes (fruit, chocolate chips, plain), cheese omelets, scrambled eggs, sausages, cereal, milk and juice.

May 3rd will be the final First Sunday Breakfast for the season.

Thank you for your free will donations. They help offset the cost of the food offered on Sunday mornings. Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship around a table in the Social Hall or pick up your coffee and pastry on your way to Adult Education.

## A Huge Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our March "Pasta and Peanut Butter" food drive! Thanks to your generosity, we delivered an incredible 729 pounds of food to our partner, Keystone Community Services.

As always, they were thrilled to receive the donation—especially at a time of such great need in our community. Your support can always be counted on, and we are truly grateful for every contribution.

With appreciation,  
Mission & Outreach Partnership Team

## 2026 RLC Golf League

Announcing the 2026 St Michael's/RLC men's and ladies' golf league. This is a 9-hole, low-stress league on Tuesday evenings, starting on May 5. The first tee time is 5pm. The League runs through August 25. Low commitment--pay as you play. Costs are \$27 for 9 holes and \$25 for Seniors. The league runs through August 25.

Let Jim know if you are interested.

Jim Stark  
Jim.stark3215@gmail.com

## RLC GARDENS NEEDS YOU!

With Spring comes yardwork not just at your own home... but at your church home as well. The Lively Landscapers invite ANYONE to join them for 90 minutes either on Thursday, April 30th at 5pm or Friday May 1st at 4pm to tidy up our church gardens, parking lot islands, south parking lot entrance, pick up sticks and clean the Fernwood Ave street gutter. Bring your favorite yard tools & gloves and meet at the South Entrance. Yard bags will be provided. There is something for everyone of any age to do!



Questions: KJ Bach  
(k-j-o@msn.com) or Julie Wendland  
(wendland8120@msn.com).

## Easter Garden Thank You

A very special thank you to all those that contributed to the Easter Garden. It created such a wonderful splash of color to welcome everyone on Easter Sunday. Most of the plants will be moved to the gardens around Roseville Lutheran Church. They will provide color to continue welcoming people throughout summer.



## Holy Hammers Build 2026!

Our former childcare house is being renovated by Habitat for Humanity. RLC members and friends have an opportunity to volunteer with the renovation on Wednesday and Thursday, May 20 and 21.

Sign up by scanning the QR code:



# Community Updates

## Guatemala Team-Thanks and Update

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for the team that went to Guatemala! Despite some travelling headaches, it was a wonderful trip filled with great work and solid relationship building. We had time to talk and play with students at the school we worked at and got to meet and talk with the students we sponsor with scholarships at the Christian school. These students are in their last year of school there and are eager to know if we will continue supporting them, as they want to continue onto career tracks in the next level of schooling, but without support, cannot afford the tuition. Stay tuned for more updates on how to engage with this work!

## Helping Our Neighbors

Thank you to all who have donated to our Helping Our Neighbors campaign. Along with the response from the entire Roseville community, these efforts have truly changed people's lives and literally kept them in their homes when they couldn't pay their rent or other bills. Our neighbors are still feeling the effects of the ICE operations with lost jobs, less hours, and in some cases, deported family members. Some folks are still getting back on their feet and we are dedicated to supporting them. You can still donate to this fund online by designating your gift as such or by writing "Helping Our Neighbors" in the memo of your check.

## Participate in Pride

We will participate in the Twin Cities Pride Festival again this year with a booth in Loring Park June 27-28.



Look for a sign up later to help staff the booth and for opportunities to help design the booth before the festival. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and talk to people!

## Thank You Children, Youth and Family Volunteers

Thank you to all our Children, Youth, and Family volunteers who have helped throughout this program year! You are essential to all the work we do with our children and youth, so THANK YOU for making the events, fun, faith formation, and community possible here at RLC. Thank you for making sure our young people are named and known at church. You are appreciated!



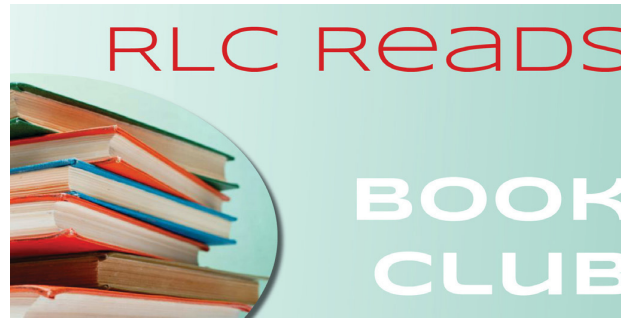
## Vacation Bible School

Last chance to sign up 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 (through 4th grade). Sign up here:



## Graduation Sunday

If you have a graduating senior, save May 17th on your calendars, as this will be grad recognition Sunday! Expect an email requesting information about your student soon so that we can recognize this huge accomplishment with you!



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 Erik Wolhowe (erik.wolhower@gmail.com) with any questions. Our final selection before summer break is:

**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

**Finance Committee Update (As of 3/31/2026)**

**Fiscal Year July 2025 to June 2026**

**Operating Budget (July-March)**

	Actual	Budget	Budget vs. Actual	
<b>Offerings</b>	940,183	926,950	13,233	Offerings more than budgeted
<b>Other Receipts</b>	85,886	73,825	12,061	Other Receipts more than budgeted
<b>Total Income</b>	1,026,069	1,000,775	25,294	Total Income more than budgeted
<b>Expenses</b>	821,037	1,006,754	(185,717)	Expenses less than budgeted
<b>Totals</b>	205,032	(5,979)	211,011	Cash flow positive year to date

With March reports we again 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

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## Upcoming Adult Education Forums

**May 3rd:** Pastor Marty will give an update on RLC's ministry to Guatemala.

**May 10th:** The Singing Resistance, born during Operation Metro Surge, has since spread nationwide. Marissa Sanders, Roseville pod leader, and Carlene Quist, active member, will explain the roots and philosophy of the movement, teach us some songs, and discuss the current scene in both state and country. Come sing with us. Musical talent not required!

**May 17th:** 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.

**May 24th:** No session. Memorial Day weekend

**May 31st:** Lourdes Flores-Hanson, Multilingual Program Administer with Roseville Schools, will speak on immigrant experiences in Roseville.

**June Preview:** RLC members speaking on their faith journey as part of the Summer Psalm Series.

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