THE MESSENGER

November Newsletter - 2026

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Growing Abundant in Faith and Love - Daily Renewal

Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing in abundant faith and love does not just happen. It requires discipline from Christ's disciples. As Martin Luther taught, it requires a daily Baptism, dying to our old self and rising to our new self in Christ Jesus.

Growing in abundant faith and love requires daily renewal. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul exhorts those early Christians to clothe themselves with the new self in Christ, "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience" and "above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Col. 3:12, 14).



As I listen to your stories, and I see how God has been at work in your lives, growing faith and love in you, I am humbled and give thanks to the Lord. Let us all pay attention to how we as individuals and as a congregation are growing in abundant faith and love, and how God is calling us all to support one another and support the ministry and mission of Christ Jesus here at Roseville Lutheran Church. May we all continue to grow in abundant faith and love for the sake of God's people and all of creation.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Stewardship Campaign Important Dates

Sunday, November 8 is Stewardship Sunday: Growing Abundant Faith and Love! It is the day we bring our commitments (we call them "Statements of Intent") and present them at the altar during worship. Our Statements of Intent are a tangible way we show our gratitude to God for all of our many blessings and commit ourselves to supporting Christ's ministry and mission here at Roseville Lutheran Church. You are also welcome to mail your Statement of Intent to the church office if you are not able to be present in worship on Stewardship Sunday.

Sunday, November 22, is Celebration Sunday, when we will announce the initial results of our Growing Abundant Faith and Love Stewardship Campaign and celebrate God's abundant blessings in our lives and in our church.

Important Dates

November 1st
All Saints Celebration

November 8th
Stewardship Sunday

November 22nd
Celebration Sunday

December 12th
National Lutheran Choir Concert

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

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Staffing Changes at RLC – Goodbyes, Thank Yous, and Hellos!



There have been a number of changes to our RLC staff in the past month.

We were sad and grateful at the same time, as Pastor Marty left us at the end of October to take a new Call to serve at Nativity Lutheran. We are filled with deep gratitude for his ministry among us for over four years of his first Call here at Roseville Lutheran Church. We send him on to his next Call with our prayers and blessings. As we say, "Goodbye and Thank you" to Pastor Marty, we are also preparing to welcome an interim associate pastor, who we hope to meet soon, to help us through this time of transition. A time to pause and give thanks, a time to review our current ministry needs, and a time to discern the next steps where God is leading us in our shared ministry at RLC.

We also say a big "Thank You" to Taylor Mickley who will now be serving as our interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family ministries. She is increasing her hours to be able to focus not only on RLC Kids but also on our high school youth ministry. She will serve in this capacity as we continue our search for a full-time Director of CYF ministries.

We have also extended Nick Clark's contract through InterServe Ministries, to maintain our excellent Confirmation ministries and help with RLC Kids. And we are grateful to have him on board with us.

And we say a big "Hello" to Ben Hanson, our new full-time Hospitality Director, who came on board at RLC in mid-October. Please say hello and welcome Ben to RLC!

Finally, we say a huge "Thank You" to Julie Wendland, who has done a tremendous job as our Hospitality Director, par excellence, as a volunteer! Julie has been an incredible blessing to RLC, to all of the families and friends who gathered for funeral luncheons, for all of the tasty and fun First Sunday breakfasts, the special events and meals. Julie has truly understood that Hospitality is more than food; it is a ministry to everyone who comes through our doors, creating a space and place of warm welcome. We are incredibly grateful for her faithful and delicious ministry among us. Join us in the Social Hall on Sunday, November 15 for a time to thank and celebrate Julie's ministry among us.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our Fall Stewardship initiative is a meaningful expression of core Christian faith and our shared commitment to the mission of Roseville Lutheran Church. The Church Council warmly encourages all members and households to prayerfully submit your statement of intent. Every contribution strengthens our current ministries and helps build a solid foundation for RLC's future growth.

Thank you, Julie Wendland!
Over the past 18 months, Julie has graciously led RLC hospitality efforts. From planning and preparing endless meals and events to refining our overall hospitality operations, Julie has been an integral part of hospitality across RLC and the community. Please thank Julie when you see her.



Upcoming Adult Education Hour Forums

Another season of outstanding presentations during the new 'Faith Formation Hour' has begun. 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 AM or 10:30 AM, please grab a cup of coffee and head each Sunday to Room 40. Sessions start 9:40 AM and end at 10:20 AM.

November 1 and 8

Speakers: Drs. Erik Storlie and Andrew Olson
Title: Questions About Healthcare at the End-of-Life
Erik and Andrew, Hospitalists at M Health Fairview University Medical Center and Abbott Northwestern, will explore common questions they hear from individuals and families when a loved one is approaching the end-of-life, questions like code status, surrogate decision makers, advance care planning, helpful conversations with family, post hospital care in rehabilitation or long term care units.

November 15

Speakers: Pastor Rolf Olson, Nancy Olson, and Pat Derry
Title: Journeys to Alabama and Mississippi: Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement – Then and Now
Pat toured these states a few years ago and the Olsons recently did a similar tour. They will reflect on what they saw and the differences they noted between the 1960s and now.

November 22

Title: 'Operation Metro Surge' and the impact on Roseville Schools
Speakers: A panel of speakers from the Roseville School District
The panel, including Supt. Jenny Loeck, teachers, and other support staff, will describe the impact of the surge on students, teachers, and on the district. They will also describe the district's response and its ongoing efforts to support our immigrant students and their families.

November 29

Title: Angels in Art
Speaker: Kristin Anderson, Professor Emerita of Art at Augsburg University
In this image-filled presentation, Kristin will describe how art can show the drama and emotion of famous Biblical stories involving angels. For instance, the Virgin Mary's visit with the angel Gabriel, or Abraham and Sarah's visit with the three angels. Kristin will also show varieties of angel appearances and the many types of angel tasks in selections of art from across the Christian tradition.

December Preview

On December 6, Kristin Anderson will do another presentation, this time with an Advent theme titled "The Magi ~ Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh". This will be followed on December 13, with a presentation by Prof. Jim Boyce entitled "Whatever Happened to Christmas". John Helgen will conclude December's forums on the 20th with his Christmas Special - - "Hymns – New and Old for Advent Christmas".



Sanctuary Cross Update

You may be wondering, as a number of people have brought up, “what is happening with the cross that used to hang in the sanctuary?”

It was not just the cross that broke, it was the entire mechanism that lowered and raised it at different times during the year that broke.

In order to replace the cross, we will need to hire a structural engineer to design a new mechanism for a new cross. This will be part of our future Capital Campaign to fix and improve our church facilities. Stay tuned for more as we get closer to starting a Capital Campaign for RLC.

Sunday Worship Volunteers Needed

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.

Christmas Garden



Christmas is both a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus and remembering or honoring our loved ones. Through a contribution to the Christmas Poinsettia Garden at Roseville Lutheran Church, you can help to purchase beautiful poinsettias that help to enhance the Sanctuary and the sense of joy as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Please consider a monetary donation in memory or in honor of someone special or in celebration of a special occasion. Contribution forms will be available at the Welcome Desk and the church office. Information from completed forms received by Monday, December 14, 2026 will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Any funds exceeding the cost of the poinsettias will go to the Chancel Fund to enhance the Sanctuary with flowers throughout the year.



Dinner Theater at WAPO

Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, Wisconsin is again hosting their annual dinner theater during the first two weeks of December at Camp WAPO. This is a four-course meal and theater. This year’s presentation is “Off-Grid Christmas”. It is a Christmas comedy about faith, family and a malfunctioning holiday by Andrew M. Frodahl. Dates are Thursday, December 3 through Sunday, December 6 and Thursday, December 10 through Sunday, December 13. Thursdays are a lighter meal and a reduced price. Times and prices vary depending on the day of the week. Ticketed reservation required. For more information and to purchase tickets, online scan the QR code below:



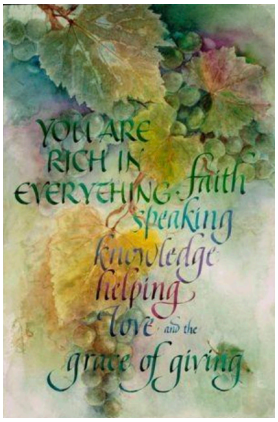
Sunday Morning Coffee

Please join us for First Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, November 1, 2026, in the Social Hall. In addition to the usual pastries and coffee, there will be cheese omelets, hashbrowns, sausages, cereal, milk and juice. Along with breakfast, we will also be celebrating Roseville Lutheran Church's 84th Anniversary! Pictures from the past decades will be on display as well as the film of the building of the original church. Coffee will be ready by 8 am with food being served from 9 to 11:45 am. Other Sundays will continue to have pastries and beverages.

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. Or, come and share a cup of coffee and conversation while your children are at RLC Kids. If you would like, please bring an easy, quick game along to teach and share with others during the Fellowship Hour. See you there!

Shine God's Light Through the RLC Endowment Fund

We invite you to include the RLC Endowment Fund in your giving—either through current contributions or in your estate plans. Every gift strengthens our mission and ensures that RLC continues sharing God's love with future generations.



This season, you can also grow the Endowment Fund by honoring the saints in your life. Watch for details on All Saints Sunday and celebrate with us at the Christmas Concert during our All Saints Love Lights presentation.

Chancel Flowers

On the first Sunday of each month there will be fresh flowers at the Altar! Additionally, an optional list of significant events occurring during the month in the lives of those in the congregation will be included in the Update, such as John and Mary Smith's 50th Anniversary. To be included in the list, you just need to call the church office or send an email to Mary Johnson (mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org) before the last Monday of the previous month. To help offset the cost of the flowers, a donation of $25 will be requested with a designation to the Chancel Flower Fund. Flowers are from Flowerama.

Pipe Organ Events

Work continues on "tonal finishing" of the organ and it is sounding beautiful!

The organ will be used for the following events:

November 1, 3 pm All Saints Celebration: featuring Duruflé's Requiem, with conductor Bradley Ellingboe, organist Louise Bass, choir, and orchestra.

December 12, 7 pm National Lutheran Choir Concert: with organist Dr. Gregory Peterson.

December 19, 7:30 pm RLC Christmas Concert: with choir, brass, bells, organ and orchestra.

Organ Dedication, Recital and Reception: originally scheduled for November 15, this event will be rescheduled for a date in 2027 to allow time to play the organ and ensure it is perfect and ready!





Lyngblomsten - The Gathering

Are you helping an adult with memory loss and are desiring a break from caregiving? Consider participating in The Gathering, Lyngblomsten's group respite program for adults with early- to mid-stage memory loss, which has openings at Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes (6070 Blanchard Blvd., Lino Lakes, MN). Sessions are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM–2 PM and feature a wealth of brain-stimulating activities and social interaction for participants while caregivers receive a much-needed break. The program is led by Lyngblomsten staff members with support from a team of volunteers who are specially trained to understand the distinctive needs of people experiencing memory loss. For more information, visit www.Lyngblomsten.org/TheGathering or contact Lyngblomsten at (651) 632-5320 or caregiving@lyngblomsten.org. Our congregation is a member of Lyngblomsten, a Christian nonprofit organization providing healthcare, housing, and community-based services for older adults since 1906.

Lyngblomsten Caregiving Support

Spirituality can help those with dementia: Lyngblomsten is co-sponsoring a virtual presentation on Monday, November 9, from 1–2 PM in which attendees will learn from experts about spirituality and dementia. Rev. Kelly Spahr, M.Div., and Rev. Judy Long, a palliative care chaplain, will speak about their work and research regarding people living with dementia. Following at 2 p.m. the event focuses on education for faith community nurses.
To learn more and register, visit www.Lyngblomsten.org/SpiritualityandDementia.

Caregiving experts speak at the Roseville library. Lisa Brown, MSW, LISW, from Lyngblomsten Community Services and other caregiving experts will discuss programs and services that support people living with dementia and their caregivers on Thursday, November 12, from 1–3 PM. Learn about care navigation, caregiver resources, and community-based programs and support to help individuals and families throughout the dementia journey. This free event will be held at Ramsey County Library – Roseville Branch (2180 North Hamline Ave, Roseville, MN 55113). No registration is required; contact the Roseville branch for more information at (651) 724-6001.

Parkinson's Support Group

Join other caregivers and people living with Parkinson's or other movement disorders to share information and offer mutual support. The group meets on the first Thursday of every month from 1–2:30 PM in the 2nd floor lounge of The Heritage at Lyngblomsten (1440 Midway Parkway, Saint Paul, MN 55108).

For more information, contact Jay Haukom at (651) 632-5391 or jhaukom@lyngblomsten.org.

Group Respite Program

Help an older adult by volunteering with The Gathering, Lyngblomsten's group respite program for those with early- to mid-stage memory loss. Volunteers spend four fulfilling hours socializing with participants and helping with simple activities, providing their care partners with a much-needed break. Sessions are held from 10 AM to 2 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at Lyngblomsten's Como Park campus and from 10 AM to 2 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes.
Learn more by contacting Kevin Cipperly at (651) 632-5499 or kcipperly@lyngblomsten.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.

Taking a Pause - Monday Bible Reflections on Facebook

During this time of transition as we seek to full an open Pastor position, we are taking a pause with the Facebook Bible Reflections.

Prayer and Meditation Room

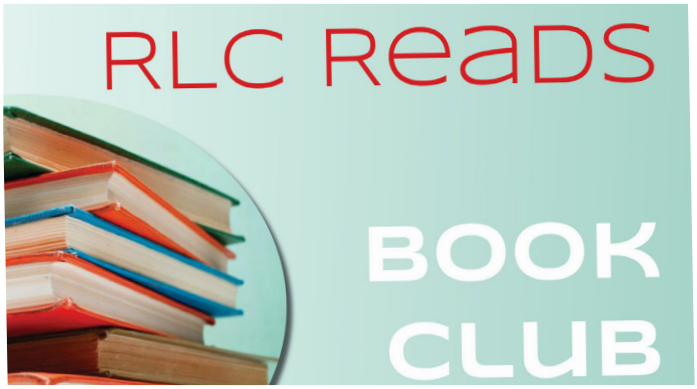
Need a quiet space to pray and experience the peaceful presence of God? Room 160, connected to the Heritage Hall, has been turned into a prayer and meditation room for you to have some quiet time with God in prayer. Interested in having someone pray for you? Please contact our pastors to schedule a prayer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



RLC Reads 2026-2027

Our September–May reading season is underway! This year's diverse collection offers plenty of meaningful stories to explore and discuss. Which will be your favorite? Mark your calendar and join us for one, some, or all of our upcoming book discussions.

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM on the dates listed, in the "coffee shop" area near the church office, just inside the north doors. Everyone is welcome, whether you've read the entire book or not. We hope you'll join us!

Questions? Email Pam McCulloch: pammij@comcast.net.

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

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

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

March 11, 2027: The Sunflower Boys by Sam Wachman

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

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

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Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee Update (As of 9/30/2026)
Fiscal Year July 2026 to June 2027

	Actual	Budget	Budget vs. Actual	
Offerings	224,336	236,900	(12,564)	Offerings less than budgeted
Other Receipts	28,699	28,959	(261)	Other Receipts less than budgeted
Total Income	253,035	265,859	(12,824)	Total Income less than budgeted
Expenses	343,677	394,209	(50,532)	Expenses less than budgeted
Totals	(90,643)	(128,350)	37,708	Cash flow negative year to date

Year to date income actuals are less than budget.
Expenses are less than budget because of open staff positions yet to be filled.
Deficit is due to the large insurance payment in August and is covered by our reserve fund.

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