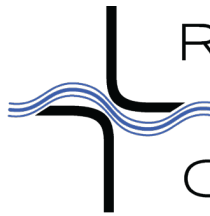


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October Newsletter - 2026

Growing Abundant in Faith and Love

*"We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."
2 Thessalonians 1:3*

Dear Friends in Christ at RLC,

How exciting it is to see people of all ages at RLC growing abundant faith in Christ Jesus and love for one another! Our new Sunday morning schedule is enabling more adults to participate in the Sunday morning Adult Education offerings with great speakers and presentations. Our children and youth have more time to dig into the Bible stories, learning and growing in faith and in their friendships with one another. People of all ages have more opportunities to connect with their friends and make new friends over coffee and treats and breakfasts in the social hall.

We are growing in abundant faith and love, living out our shared mission at RLC. To continue to grow abundant in faith and love, we need your help and support as we focus on three ministry priorities:

Nurture a Vital and Lasting Faith: At Roseville Lutheran we experience growing numbers of families, children, and youth. In partnership with church members, we will help them grow strong in their faith in Jesus Christ and Christian living. To accomplish this, a new full-time Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry will provide guidance, direction, and relationship building that will make a lasting impact in young people's lives.

Create Deep Relationships of Love and Support: Loving God and loving our neighbors leads to deep relationships. We will engage in fellowship opportunities for the members and visitors of RLC, with warm hospitality and care in times of sorrow and joy through funeral luncheons and special meals. A new full-time Hospitality Director will make this a reality.

Provide Inspiring Worship and Music: Worship stands at the center of Roseville's ministry. Your generous support will enable us to provide inspiring worship and music for everyone who participates in our worship services, our members, guests, and those who join us online.

Our Stewardship Campaign begins on Sunday, October 11. Watch your mail for more detailed information on our ministry priorities and your personal invitation to support Christ's ministry and mission at RLC.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



Important Dates

October 3rd
RLC Cleaning Blitz

October 4th
First Sunday Breakfast

October 11th
Metropolitan Symphony

October 24th
Trunk or Treat

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



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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank You for Participating in the Ministry Fair

Thank you to all who participated in the Ministry Fair on 9/13. It was a fun event to get to know the committees and groups that are at RLC. We hope everyone who came had a good time, got to know someone new, and found a group where their interests and talents can be used and developed.

RLC Hiring

The interviews to fill the Children, Youth and Family and Hospitality positions are ongoing. There are good candidates and we are moving forward in the hiring process. There will be more updates as decisions are made on these positions.

Leadership Meeting Soon

The lay leadership and staff are meeting on September 26th to discuss the upcoming year and events. We will also be reviewing the Emergency and Safety plan developed by the task force. It will be good to get these leaders together to share ideas and maximize effectiveness and strengths of the various groups.

Thank You for Attending the Annual Meeting

We also want to thank all who attended the Annual Meeting August 23rd. We were able to learn about and pass the amendments to the RLC constitution. The amendments will go to the synod, and we will vote to ratify it at our Annual Meeting in 2027. The 2026/2027 budget was passed as well. The new lay leaders were also voted in and have started their new roles. We look forward to a great year!

New Fall Sunday Schedule Now in Place

8:30 am - Traditional Worship
9:40 am - Faith Formation, Learning, and Fellowship
10:30 am - Contemporary Worship

Join us on Sunday mornings for:

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



We are excited for the new opportunities this provides for worship, faith formation, and fellowship for everyone who participates on Sunday mornings.

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.



Upcoming Adult Education Hour Forums

Another season of outstanding presentations during the new Education Hour (9:40 to 10:20) has now started. 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.

October 4

Speaker: Professor Mary Jane Haemig

Title: "Martin Luther, the Ten Commandments, and You"

For Martin Luther, the Ten Commandments were not only a demand but also a gift. They describe how God would like human life to be lived. We will consider what that meant both then and now.

Sunday, October 11

Speaker: Professor Mary Jane Haemig

Title: "Martin Luther, the Apostles' Creed, and You"

For Martin Luther, the Apostles' Creed was not primarily a statement of facts. Rather, it describes the work of God for us. We will consider what that meant for Luther and for us today.

On the next two Sundays, Professor James Boyce will continue his discussion on Romans from last spring. Here is a quick recap of that presentation. Martin Luther called Paul's letter to the Romans "the gospel in its purest expression." Luther followed Paul's message of grace, righteousness, and faith, culminating in chapter 8 with God's amazing promise that there is "nothing in all of creation that can ever separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus." In Part 2, Dr. Boyce will explore the concluding part of Paul's message: So now what does this mean for our daily life?

Sunday, October 18

Speaker: Professor James Boyce

Pure Undiluted Grace: A Litany of Love. Romans 12-15:13

Now that we can claim that we have been united with Christ by God's grace through baptism, what will that mean for how we live as God's children in our daily lives?

Sunday, October 25

Speaker: Professor James Boyce

Living out our Baptism: Freedom to Love. On Christian Freedom, Martin Luther

In one of his earliest treatises of the Reformation, Martin Luther lays out the implications of our baptism, and for what it means about how we exercise love and good works for the sake of our neighbors.

November Preview

On November 1 and 8, Drs. Erik Storlie and Andrew Olson will discuss common questions about healthcare at the end of life. On November 15, Pastor Rolf Olson, Nancy Olson, and Pat Derry will share the history of Selma, Alabama, and the civil rights movement, followed by Roseville School District staff discussing immigration issues and the impact of Metro Surge on November 22. On November 29, art historian Kris Anderson will present on art and the Christmas story.

Ending Life Well Education Series

As the taskforce for ending life well and the Endowment Committee announced in September, there are a series of adult educational opportunities in October with more to come in early 2027.

On October 18th, Lorene Roste will be discussing the topic of gathering important information. The title of this presentation is "Last Minute Instruction". At the end of this presentation, you will get information on how to obtain a document to do this work or download this information from the RLC website. The information you gather will be very helpful to your children or the person who will manage your estate when you are no longer here.

On October 25th, Pastor Kent and Pastor Rolf will be discussing funeral planning. The title of this presentation is "Funeral Planning - Celebrating Your Life". This session will discuss the topics you need to plan for while making decisions on how to celebrate your life. You will leave this session with a framework for planning your funeral and supporting information for planning your service, Bible verses, and music along with other information to help you in this task.

There will be two more adult educational opportunities early in 2027. They will be "Financial Planning and Legacy Giving" and "Difficult Family Conversations with Aging Adults". Look for an additional detailed announcement in The Messenger November Newsletter.

We hope you will join us for these first two sessions to start your journey on Ending Life Well.

Ending Life Well Task Force & the Endowment Committee

Youth Gathering 2027!!

It's never too early to plan for next summer! The Youth Gathering will take place in Minneapolis next summer (2027) and we want to go! More importantly, we want YOU to come with us! (If you are currently in 8th - 12th grade.) Plan to come to an information meeting (with a parent or guardian) to get more information about what the youth gathering is, how much it'll cost, when it is, and all kinds of other important information. We have two info meetings planned: October 4th at 9:40am and October 7th at 6:00 pm- both in Room 43. Can't make it? Email Pastor Marty at mwyatt@rosevillelutheran.org

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held October 24th from 9-11am. We need people to decorate their trunks and hand out candy to trunk-or-treaters in the North parking lot! If you'd like to do this, please sign up at the QR code below or by emailing Taylor Mickley at tmickley@rosevillelutheran.org



Bible Sunday: October 25th

If you have a 3rd grade or preschool student, please know that we will hand out Bibles during each service on October 25th. If your child is not registered for RLC Kids, please email Taylor Mickley at tmickley@rosevillelutheran.org to let her know you'd like to receive a Bible.



Life matters. Talk about death.



Fall Cleaning Blitz - October 3rd

A Fall Cleaning Blitz is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 am to Noon. Come join the fun and socializing that was experienced during last fall's Worship Center Cleaning Blitz. The Fall Cleaning Blitz will be primarily in the Activity Center and the Office Area. Questions? Contact Tim Hanson at tim.julie.hanson@gmail.com or KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com. Register to attend by scanning the QR code below. Hope to see you there!



A LOT!!! of CARPET at RLC

Take a look around RLC and take an inventory of the amount of CARPET within this facility!! A LOT... you say.... YES... 24,000 square feet of carpet!! The RLC Facilities Dept took on the challenge of renting a standard carpet cleaning machine for a MONTH to clean ALL the carpet before winter. Through a series of problems with the original rented carpet cleaner, the rental company offered us a 'rider'. WOW... what an amazing tool!! RLC really needs to purchase our own carpet cleaner, and perhaps then rent the 'rider' on an annual basis. Keeping our church home clean and in good working order needs efficient tools so as to not pay for labor over and over and over again.



New Water Fountain

Thanks to the funding from a Roseville Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Grant, a new water fountain has been installed just outside of the church office. This is a chilled, filtered water fountain with a bottle filler. Thanks to the volunteers that assisted with this project along with the professional plumber and electrician that were needed. Enjoy!

Wall Painting Project

An amazing group of volunteers came together on Friday, September 4th to help with the repainting of the walls in the Activity Center.

The goal had been to have the walls repainted before events in October. And so, when the work began earlier in the week, it was not a big scheduling issue. Then came the news that the expected number of people for Ken Groth's funeral was 175. That required the project to be quickly completed. Emails were sent out to see who was available and when. KJ received responses that there was a group that could come in on Friday. So, the walls were quickly prepped for painting for the volunteers on Friday. The group quickly had the walls all repainted and cleanup completed. It is amazing what can get done when God presents you with a change to your schedule.



Stop in and take a look. It is just amazing how much it has changed.

Thanks to KJ Bach, Kathi Bergenheier, Marj Bergstrom, Lori Haaland, Joanne Otis, and Julie & Rich Wendland.



New RLC Apparel!

Announcing new Roseville Lutheran Church polos and T-shirts!!!! Order yours today via the form that is in the office or available at the Welcome Desk on Sundays. The cost is \$10 for T-shirts (youth and adult sizes), \$20 for adult polos. Orders are due Sunday, October 11, 2026 for delivery in November. Cash and checks are preferred payment methods. Credit card payments are also available. Think Christmas gifts! Next order will be sometime in the spring.

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](http://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 health-care, housing, and community-based services for older adults since 1906.

Sunday Morning Coffee

First Sunday Breakfast returns Sunday, October 4, 2026, in the Social Hall. Please join us for the usual pastries and coffee, along with French Toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, cereal, milk and juice.

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.

First Impressions Say A LOT!

We've come to the end of another 'flower season' where the gardens around RLC were lovingly cared for by the Lively Landscapers led by Julie Wendland and KJ Bach. This small but mighty team takes their role of 'first impressions' very seriously. A huge thank you to the Water Buddies who keep the entrance pots blooming, those that helped with weeding not only the gardens but the parking lot islands, and Mike Dolan for mowing the lawns and managing the irrigation. Making the outside of the church a welcoming environment starts with the gardens and lawns as that is the first impression that a visitor sees.

Upcoming Music Events at RLC

October 11th, 4:00 PM:
Metropolitan Symphony featuring Saint-Saëns' "Organ Symphony" with John Helgen.

November 1st, 3:00 PM:
All Saints Remembrance Service featuring Duruflé's *Requiem*.

November 15th, 2:00 PM:
New organ dedication recital with Aaron David Miller. Morning dedication and reception included.

December 19th, 7:30 PM:
RLC Christmas Festival Concert

December 31st, 7:00 PM:
New Year's Eve with RLC Jazz and guest Scott Shelsta.



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.

Scan the QR code to go to our Facebook page:



Prayer and Meditation Room

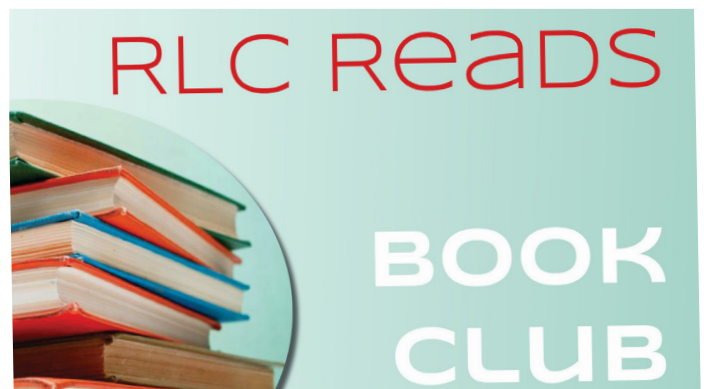
Need a quiet space to pray and experience the peaceful presence of God? Room 160, connected to the Heritage Hall, has been turned into a prayer and meditation room for you to have some quiet time with God in prayer. Interested in having someone pray for you? Please contact our pastors to schedule a prayer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

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. Meetings start at 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

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

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 8/31/2026)

Fiscal Year July 2026 to June 2027

Operating Budget (July-June)

(As of 9-8-2026)

	Actual	Budget	Budget vs. Actual	
Offerings	165,878	158,683	7,195	Offerings more than budgeted
Other Receipts	16,330	19,638	(3,308)	Other Receipts less than budgeted
Total Income	182,208	178,321	3,887	Total Income more than budgeted
Expenses	256,184	282,922	(26,738)	Expenses less than budgeted
Totals	(73,976)	(104,601)	30,625	Cash flow negative year to date

Year to date income actuals are above budget.

Expenses are less than budget.

Deficit 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