

# THE MESSENGER

## Monthly Newsletter



### Important Dates & Events in Sept./Oct.

**Sept. 7th**  
Welcome/Ministry Fair

**Sept. 21st**  
New Member Sunday

**Sept. 24th**  
Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation Meeting

**Oct. 1st**  
Endowment Grant Deadline

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



### New Newsletter Format and Frequency!

In an effort to improve our communication with all of the members of RLC, we are experimenting with a shorter monthly newsletter.

Through this shorter monthly newsletter we want to increase your awareness of what is going on at RLC. We want you to get involved and participate in the many wonderful ministries of our congregation that help people grow in faith and love toward God and our neighbors, becoming a community of hope together in Christ.

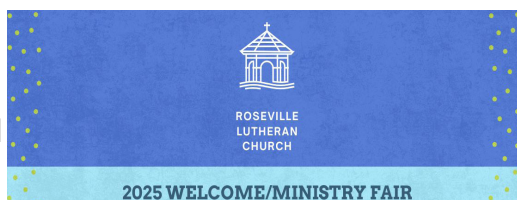


Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

### Featured Event:

**Welcome/Ministry Fair - Sunday, September 7**

Welcome to the start of our fall ministries and check out all of the ministries, committees, and groups that you can get involved with here at RLC. We will have food, tents, tables, and activities in the parking lot following One Worship. at 10am.



## Sign Up for Our Weekly eBlast

Scan the QR Code Below



# Community Updates



**A ministry of Roseville Lutheran Church**

RLC Kids will be held again this year during both worship services. This program is for children age 3 through 6th grade. We will start September 14, 2025 and run almost every Sunday throughout the school year. Preschool students will spend the whole hour with dedicated volunteers while elementary students start the morning in worship and then are dismissed after storytime for fun activities and learning that reinforce the message for the day. To learn more and register, scan the QR code.



## **Loaves & Fishes**

Loaves and Fishes provides three meals a day, every day of the year to those in need in our community. On the second Monday of each month



RLC volunteers prepare and serve a meal at the Dorothy Day Center for approximately 300 guests. Thank you to all of the volunteers at RLC who offer their time. Also, we are very grateful for the financial donations, as well as the food donations we receive.

Our volunteers enjoy working together and is a rewarding experience to serve and work with Dorothy Day and their guests. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering please contact Brenda Thompson at [jbdjthomp@aol.com](mailto:jbdjthomp@aol.com)

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## RLC Endowment Grant Application Deadline is Wednesday, October 1

[www.rosevillelutheran.org/endowment-grants/](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/endowment-grants/)

The Roseville Lutheran Church (RLC) Endowment Fund provides funding through grant requests for projects that fit within one of the following ministry areas of RLC:

- Faith, Worship and Prayer
- Discipleship
- Service and Stewardship
- Evangelism

Examples of projects that might fit within these ministry areas include:

- Seed money for new missions
- Educational programs
- Sponsorship and scholarships for youth camps and retreats
- Funding for church capital projects not normally funded by the RLC Budget
- Local, regional, and world mission projects
- Support for natural disaster relief
- Worship and music

The grant application form can be found at the QR code below. Grant applications are reviewed twice annually and applications need to be received by May 1 or October 1 in order to be considered at the ensuing committee meeting. To apply for a grant, completed and submit an online application form by October 1.



Ongoing financial support for the Endowment Fund comes from donations and fundraisers like the Love Lights Campaign that occurs during Advent. The Fund accepts gifts of money, securities, and properties, both real and personal. Gifts to the Fund are exempt from federal and state inheritance taxes and capital gains taxes. Gifts given individually qualify as deductible for tax purposes.

Please consider leaving a Legacy Gift to the Endowment Fund as part of your estate plan. With each contribution, members and friends leave a legacy and help meet the needs of RLC and our community. Contact Kevin Peterson, Endowment Committee Chair, at [rkev@y@aol.com](mailto:rkev@y@aol.com) for more information.



# INSURANCE UPDATE

## Update from the Executive Committee About Insurance:

We felt it would be helpful to give you an update on RLC's insurance situation. Recall that in 2024, our previous insurer, Church Mutual, notified RLC of non-renewal due to trends in the insurance industry and RLC's claim history. This bumped us to the secondary market, leading to a quintupling of our annual premium for property and liability from about \$30,000 to about \$150,000 (March 2024 to March 2025). On renewal of these policies in March 2025, the annual premium reduced considerably to about \$81,000. Since March, we have worked with HUB International and, as of August 1st, have locked in good coverage for an annual premium of \$57,000 (with a pro-rated refund of our premium paid in March). Working with HUB, we hope to get back on the standard market as soon as November to further reduce the cost of these important coverages. Thank you to our Interim Finance Director, Carol Garbisch and the Finance Committee (Nick Velde, Merle Gaedy, Rebecca Field, and Jim Stark) for diligently working on this important issue over the last 18 months.

## Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at RLC

We are excited to partner with Nick Clark, from InterServe Ministries, who will be working with us for Sunday RLC Kids and our Wednesday Confirmation ministry. We are also in the process of hiring a CYF Intern from RLC to help us keep our CYF ministries strong and growing throughout the coming year!

## Introducing Nick Clark, our Interim Children, Youth, and Family Minister from InterServe Ministry:

Nick Clark has been serving in congregational youth ministry since 2009 and has been with InterServe Ministries for three years. He graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead with degrees in Religion and Written Communication, and has an M.A. in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Nick's ministry is rooted in helping others thoughtfully discern and apply their unique gifts toward God's mission in the world. He lives in Woodbury with his wife Liz, sons Harvey and Everett.



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# September Monthly Events

## Learn How to Navigate Senior Housing Options for Persons with Dementia:

Senior living expert Bobbie Guidry of LeadingAge Minnesota will provide an overview of senior housing options for adults experiencing dementia at an upcoming presentation. Sponsored by Lyngblomsten Community Services, the presentation will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 24, at 4 PM. Guidry will explore when it might be a good time to consider moving to senior living and will also discuss Minnesota's Elderly Waiver program and the impacts it can have on financing care. She'll answer your questions, so come prepared! Please contact Lisa Brown by September 22 to register at (651) 632-5320 or [caregiving@lyngblomsten.org](mailto: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.

# Confirmation

Confirmation begins on Wednesday, September 24 with our Parent/Student Orientation Meeting! Confirmation is for students in 7-9th grade and is a time for youth to answer questions and have conversation with trusted adult leaders around identity, belonging, purpose, and life in relation to their faith, scripture, community, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We meet weekly on Wednesdays during the school year from 7-8pm. To learn more and register, scan the QR code.



## October Event Previews

### Spiritual Gifts Day Retreat

Sat. Oct. 11 - 9am-3pm: Discover your Spiritual Gifts and how God has equipped you to serve in the Kingdom.

### Drawn to the Word

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26 - One Worship

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## Upcoming Adult Education Forums

The start of a Fall season focuses on Prayer and how prayer is the Lifeblood of the Christian Community.

### **Sept. 14 & 21:**

Dr. James Boyce will lead off with "The Lord's Prayer" and how in less than 70 words, Jesus taught us to pray. These familiar words of Jesus are repeated by Christians world-wide and bond us together as a community of believers and provide comfort and inspiration to each of us.

### **Sept. 28:**

Speakers Mary Beth Hatteberg and Pam McCulloch will present "Pray as You Can, Not as you Must". Let's come together to quiet our spirits and listen to God. Prayer isn't about being perfect, it is about being present and willing to begin. Join us as we begin.

**October Preview:** The Fall season continues in October with: "RLC Endowment Fund Update" by members of the Endowment Team on Oct 5; Aubrey Thonvold, Executive Director of Reconciling Works speaking on "Graceful Engagement" on 10/12; and Seminary Professor Mary Jane Haemig speaking on "Luther, the Bible, and Prayer" on 10/19 & 26.

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

## RLC Reads



## BOOK CLUB

### Upcoming RLC Reads Books

RLC Reads meets at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month (except Dec.) 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](mailto:rcbergstrom@comcast.net)) with any questions. Here are the upcoming books:

#### **Sept. 11th:**

Bitter Grounds by Sandra Benitez (1998, 464 pgs.)

#### **Oct. 9th:**

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky (1999, 237 pgs.)

#### **Nov. 13th:**

The Mighty Red by Louise Erdrich (2024, 284 pgs.)