

THE MESSENGER

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Update from Pastor Kent

Growing in Our Love of the Lord (And Our Neighbors) - It's Every Day

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." - Deut. 6: 5-9

Dear Friends in Christ at RLC,

Did you find some time and space to unplug this summer? Clear and settle your thoughts, refresh and renew your heart and mind? I hope you will make it a daily habit to make time for quiet and solitude with God in the coming year.

Growing in our love of the Lord is not a part-time practice. Loving the Lord is a daily discipline that becomes a daily habit. As we grow in our love of the Lord, we also grow in the love of our neighbors. One naturally leads to the other.

In the coming year, our new Sunday morning schedule will offer more faith formation and learning opportunities for all ages and more time for fellowship and growing as a community of faith and love. We are also offering Sunday evening faith formation and learning opportunities for adults (the Divine Drama and All-In Ministry). That, in addition to RLC Kids, Confirmation, and all of the other wonderful ministries the church offers to help and support you in your life of faith and living out loving God and loving your neighbors in your daily life.

Looking forward to learning and growing in faith along with you this year!

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



Important Dates

September 13th
Adult Education Preview

September 13th
Ministry Fair

September 20th
New Fall Sunday Schedule Starts

September 26th
Flamy Grant Concert

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



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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Campus Emergency and Safety Operations Plan (ESOP):

In response to community events and concerns over the winter, council formed a task force to address potential security issues at RLC. Task force members have created the ESOP document. The ESOP includes incident response training modules for staff, lay leaders and groups that use the facility. The ESOP is ready for council consideration and an implementation plan.

CYF Ministry Hiring

The Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) team has finalized a position description for Director of the CYF ministry. A recruitment process is underway. Contact Pastor Marty for details.

New Website Development

The RLC website team proposed plans for the refreshed website at the June Council meeting. Council approved the new plans and the website team has begun the process. The goal for the refreshed website centers on a strong user experience—both on a computer and mobile device, and overall hospitality for new visitors.

New Fall Sunday Schedule Starting Sunday, September 20th!

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

FINAL 10:00 am Sunday Morning Summer Worship – September 13th!

As always, worship will be streamed online on our YouTube channel - Scan the QR code to see our channel.



So, wherever you are you can always join us online for worship!



Upcoming Adult Education Hour Forums

Another season of outstanding presentations during the new Education Hour (9:40 to 10:20) is ready to start on September 13th. 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.

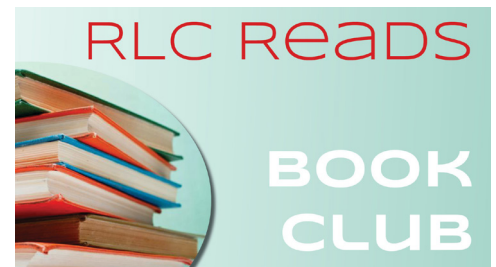
September 13: A Preview of the Adult Ed season. Dr. James Boyce will give an overview of the Fall season with highlights and sneak previews.

September 20: "Election 2026, Voting with Confidence" Kris Olsen, the current president of the League of Women Voters (LWV) for the Roseville area, will present an overview of Minnesota's election system. With elections coming soon, it is important to know how the system works so that you are assured your vote will count. The LWV can be relied upon for accurate information because it is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to protecting democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation at the local, state and federal levels.

September 27: "The History of the African Slave Trade" Speaker Janet Risinger, a member of the RLC's Our Neighbors and ME (ONAM) Team, traveled to Cape Coast, Ghana in West Africa in 2024 where she visited the Elmina Castle, currently a UNESCO World Heritage site. Janet will describe how that castle was once the place where millions of African captives were held before being herded through the Door-of -No-Return and onto prison ships destined for Europe, the Americas, and the Caribbean.

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

Ending Life Well Education Series

The task force for ending life well and the RLC Endowment Committee are pleased to announce a series of educational opportunities this fall 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 Instructions". 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 present "Funeral Planning - Celebrating Your Life". This session will give you guidance on how to plan for this important event and spare surviving loved ones the stress of doing that in the midst of their grief. You will leave this session with a framework for planning your own service as well as supporting information on Bible verses, music, and other details.

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 detailed announcements in future editions of The Messenger.

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

All-In Relational Ministry Training and the Divine Drama - Sunday Nights at RLC Starting September 20, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Two opportunities for learning and growing in your faith. Cost is \$10 for materials.

Register at www.rosevillelutheran.org (Click on Serving then click Event Signup)

ALL-IN RELATIONAL MINISTRY - September 20th - November 8th

At RLC our mission is to Love God and Love Our Neighbors. We preach it, sing it, and teach it, but are you learning the skills to live it? All-In Relational Ministry is about learning skills for living love in our everyday lives. Participants will learn practical relational skills and knowledge to live their faith every day. Through listening, caring, and welcoming, relational connections become ministry connections – real opportunities to love every neighbor with God's love, both inside and outside the church. Join Pastor Kent for this experiential, practical learning.

THE DIVINE DRAMA - September 20th - November 8th; January 10th - February 28th

Through the whole Bible in 16 sessions? YES! Join Pastor Rolf and Patricia Derry as they guide you through the whole Bible this fall and winter. Both leaders have taught The Divine Drama course in the past. Written by Australian pastor Harry Wendt, each lesson gives a picture of what God was up to during the time of the Scriptures and helps to tie it all together. Conversation in class will help to connect it with our world today.

For more information contact either Pastor Kent at kclaussengubrud@rosevillelutheran.org or Pastor Rolf at rolson@rosevillelutheran.org



Ministry Fair - Join Us for Fun, Food and Games!

Come join us in the south parking lot on Sunday, September 13th, after the 10am service! There will be food, games and a Ministry fair, all in the parking lot! Look out for the orange cones in the parking lot that morning. There will be tables and chairs set up for you to be able to relax, eat and chat with one another. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, cookies (and ice cream), along with coffee, water and lemonade. There will also be Roseville Lutheran Church members hosting a space at other tables for the Ministry Fair. Come and find out about the many ministries at Roseville Lutheran Church and how you might join these groups. And yes, there will be games, etc. set out for all ages.



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 6pm- 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. Be on the lookout for a signup to decorate your trunk and hand out candy in the next newsletter!

Painters - Thank you!

The Lounge has gotten a bit of a 'new look' thanks to the painting prowess of Lori Haaland, Kathy Bergenheier, Dave & Naomi Tetzlaff, Rich & Julie Wendland and KJ Bach. Take a trip to the upper level and check it out!



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!



Sunday Coffee and Treats - Starts Sunday, September 20th!

Sunday morning coffee and treats will once again be available in the Social Hall. 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 pickup your coffee and pastry on your way to Adult Education.

Register for Fall Programs

Registration for RLC Kids and Confirmation are live. Register by scanning the QR code below:



RLC Kids will look a bit different this fall with one session for all students between services during our education hour. This will give us lots of time to explore all kinds of Bible stories and faith formation topics together. We will not meet on the first Sunday of each month so that everyone has a chance to attend breakfast together. Please register your students so that we can plan our volunteers accordingly for age groups. Our first Sunday together will be September 20, the week after Welcome Weekend. RLC Kids is for students from preschool through 6th grade.

Confirmation is for students in 7th - 9th grade and will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm. We'll have parent orientation on September 23rd for all parents and students that will go over more details, but please register ASAP so that we can plan and prepare accordingly.

Volunteers Needed

With the program year upon us again, we need volunteers! Please consider volunteering for RLC Kids and/or Confirmation. These programs need many volunteers to run smoothly from week to week. If you'd like to volunteer, please register using the volunteer forms on the events page. Thank you so much!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Plan to bring your backpack to church for Welcome Weekend on September 13th for a special backpack blessing! This is a fun way to start the school year on the right foot with your backpack, work bag, gym bag, or whatever you'd like to bring! You'll be reminded that God goes with you into the new school year (even if you aren't returning to school).

Flamy Grant in Concert - September 26th at 7:00pm



As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we are excited to host Flamy Grant on September 26 at 7pm. Flamy Grant is a Christian singer-songwriter drag queen who will treat us to a shame-slaying, hip-swaying, spectacular night. Flamy Grant's debut album, "Bible Belt Baby," reached No. 1 on the iTunes Christian Charts. Her 2024 sophomore album "CHURCH" also explored Christian themes. This will be an evening where concertgoers will be reminded they are brilliant, resilient, baddies and beloved children of God. Get tickets here:





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.



Organ Project Update

Exciting progress continues on RLC's new pipe organ! The beautiful fanfare trumpet has now been installed, and the remaining infrastructure, pipes, and wiring will be completed in the coming weeks. Tuning and voicing are expected to begin in early August, with the organ anticipated to be ready for worship by mid-September.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support this incredible legacy project through your prayers, generosity, and volunteer efforts.

Learn more and follow the latest updates here:





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Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee Update (As of 7/31/2026)

Fiscal Year July 2026 to June 2027

Operating Budget (July-June)

(As of 8-5-2026)

			Budget vs.	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Offerings	108,014	80,417	27,597	Offerings more than budgeted
Other Receipts	10,450	5,521	4,929	Other Receipts more than budgeted
Total Income	118,464	85,938	32,526	Total Income more than budgeted
Expenses	178,853	185,791	(6,938)	Expenses less than budgeted
Totals	(60,389)	(99,853)	39,464	Cash flow negative year to date

July income actuals are above budget.

Expenses are in line with budget. Insurance premiums for the year were due July 31, 2026. Insurance paid in full to save on finance charges.

Insurance premiums include additional insurance coverage that was needed and approved by council.

Cash is available to cover the deficit.

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