

THE TABLE

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS
AND MEMBERS OF ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A FISTFUL OF DANDELIONS

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

The story of giving begins with the story of creation. Out of nothing, a gracious and generous God gives life, light, love, and grace. From the dust of the earth we are formed.

*“God gives to all mortals
life and breath and all
things,” so that “in God
we live and move and
have our being.”*

– Acts 17:25-28

Giving, is an act of love. Friends give to one another. Spouses and partners give of themselves to one another. Parents give to their children; and, children, in turn, give as an expression of their love.

I remember the beautiful gift I was given by my eldest child. It was a fistfull of dandelions, pulled from our garden in the backyard. I still remember the tininess of her 2-year-old hand, her smile, and her dirty fingernails as she thrust this gift into my hand. She loved me. She gave

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WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

CONTEMPLATIVE - 8:00 am • TRADITIONAL - 9:00 am
PRAISE AND WORSHIP - 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP AT 5 & 7 PM

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me a gift. A gift that she gave out of what she had been given. The green leaves, the yellow petals. They adorned our table for our evening meal.

C. S. Lewis in his book *Mere Christianity* writes:

"Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given to you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to God's service, you could not give God anything that was not in a sense God's own already."

In the church, the act of giving is often referred to as "stewardship." This comes from the understanding that all things have been given to us by God and we are stewards, or caretakers, of everything that we have been given. To be a good steward is to use the gifts given to us in faithful ways. Much of our understanding of stewardship is born out of a sense of duty.

Personally, my own giving story is one that was first fostered out of a sense of duty but has, over time, begun to be how I live my life.

I grew up in a family that gave to the church. One-tenth of my parents' income was given as a tithe to the church. As I grew older and began to earn my own paycheck I too, gave to the church. Mostly out of obligation than anything else.

But then something changed. Over the years, as I wrote check after check, something began to change within me. I no longer began to feel a sense of duty behind the gift, but a sense of elation, love, and hope.

What, if instead of duty, we began to live out our lives of stewardship as a sense of calling, as a way of life instead of one more thing to check off as "done" at the end of the day?

When we begin to think about our gifts given as a way of life, as an act of love, it changes how we look at the blessings we have around us.

Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). In his book *Giving to God*, Mark Allan Powell writes:

"Give where you want your heart to be, and let your heart catch up. Don't just give to things you care about. Give to things you want to care about... Ask yourself, If I were the sort of person I would really like to be, then what would I do? How would I spend my money (and my time, and everything else)? Then, do what you would do if you were that sort of person. Put your treasure where you want your heart to be, and Jesus promises, your heart will go there." (pg. 55-56)

Our hearts go there.

Where is your heart asking you to go? Where are you being asked to trust in the treasures you have been given? Wherever you put your treasure, your heart will go.

Personally, I would never have imagined that my life would be changed by giving. I always thought I was changing the lives of those I was giving to. But that is the funny thing about this calling as Christians. It often turns our world on its edge.

What was once a duty that I completed, has now begun to foster how I look at and respond to the world in which I live; and the more I look, the more I discover how much I have to give in thankfulness for the life I have been given. Giving has become a calling, a proclamation of my love for God and God's creation.



There is a direct connection between giving and living.

The question is, how do you want to live out this life? How is God calling you to live out your acts of giving, your acts of love? How are you being challenged to respond to a generous and gracious God? How will your life change?

We all have plenty to give - even a fistful of dandelions is a gift.

*Giving is Living.
Living is Love.
Love is a gift.*

Thanks be to God.
See you in church!

Lauren J. Wrightsman
Senior Pastor

ONE: UNITY IN A DIVIDED WORLD

**Lent Worship, Wednesdays at 5 and 7 pm
Starting Ash Wednesday, March 6**

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

– Ephesians 4:1–6 (NIV)

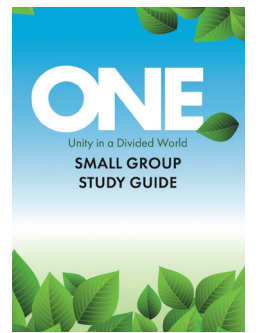
Join us for our Lent study of **ONE: Unity in a Divided World**. We live in a diverse and divided world. We are driven away from each other by race, by religion, by sex, by politics, etc. But this is not God's vision for us. God desires us to be:

ONE in Christ...

ONE in Faith...

ONE in Community...

even though we are different from one another. The ONE Sermon Series will dive into these themes from a faith perspective. We will be challenged to listen, to learn, and many times to change in the ways that we might think about others who are different from us. In this way we might grow to be ONE with one another and with our God.



Lenten Bible Study

**Wednesdays in Lent, 9:30 am in Room 40
March 6, 20, 27, April 3 and 10**

Join us as we take a deeper dive into our Lenten theme of "One: Unity in a Divided World" by Deidra Riggs. (NO study March 13)

"Anyone who longs for unity in the church, in their family, and in their community will find in this book both inspiring examples of loving done well and encouragement to begin the often unnoticed hard work of building bridges with those around them." (Amazon review)

Books are available at Amazon, or you may purchase one at the Bible study.

Lenten Wednesdays

WORSHIP AT 5:00 AND 7:00 PM

SOUP SUPPERS FROM 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

*Join together for this mid-week Lenten worship service at RLC.
\$9.00 Soup Supper available from 4:30 - 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.*

THE BLESSING OF SPRING

John Shardlow, Congregational President

As much as I love our seasons, I find myself more eager for spring than normal. I am very pleased to report that we have new roofs on all our buildings, which will allow us to face the thaw and early rains with water tight roofs. Thanks to the great work of our Campus Improvements Task Force and staff, these critically important improvements were completed under budget.

By finally fixing the leaks in the Activity Center we were able to remove the old drop ceiling, clean, and install a new one. More improvements can now be made to the Activity Center, including a new sound system. Special thanks to the volunteers who helped with some of the demolition work and to Campus Manager, Bruce Pelava, who has provided great leadership and support to all these projects.

If you have been to church recently, you have no doubt seen the automatic soap and towel dispensers in all the bathrooms and evidence of our steady progress toward sustainability in our hospitality ministry. The commitment to stewardship rooted in our Vision and Mission has led us to convert all the church lighting to LED fixtures. We have been able to finance this conversion with a no interest loan from the Center for Energy, which will be paid back with our monthly savings. We have also applied for a \$10,000 grant from BizRecycling. This will allow us to expand our recycling and composting efforts even further.

Energy conservation, the elimination of waste, environmental stewardship and sustainability are all core values at RLC. We recognize this as an ongoing effort, and we are always looking for opportunities to improve in these areas. Please feel free to suggest any ideas you have for us to improve in our operations or facilities. If you have a special interest in serving in this capacity, the Council



has approved the formation of a Green Team (see Page 10 in this newsletter) to work closely with the staff and Campus Improvements Task Force. This group will take the lead on exploring, researching and recommending green initiatives. Please contact Church Administrator, Dave Booms, or any member of Council, if you are interested.

I want to close by acknowledging the tremendous upsurge in energy and commitment throughout our community of faith. The refocus of our benevolences and volunteer time in our community continues to strengthen. Our vision is manifested at Central Park Elementary, Loaves and Fishes, the Sheridan Project, Bridging, Project Home and more. The love and generosity of our members makes me proud and brings hope to our neighbors in these challenging times.

May God Bless Our spring,
John Shardlow

ATTENDER TO MEMBER CLASS

Interest Meeting on Sunday, March 31 in Upstairs Lounge

Are you interested in hearing more about Roseville Lutheran Church? Have you been attending but want to find more ways to become involved with our mission and vision? Please join us for the next "Attender to Member Class"

Sunday, March 31 in the North Lounge (upstairs)

10:10 am - 11:30 am

We will welcome new members at the 9:00 service on Sunday, April 14. Please contact Trish Clifford in the church office for more information at tclifford@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752.

RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

Pastors

Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor
Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor
Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Hospitality Ministry

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager
Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant

Music Ministry

John Helgen, Director
Martha Mutch, Organist
Maddie Giordana, Music Associate
Ariel Wilberg, Children's Choir
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs

RLC Preschool

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Child Care House

Sue Menier, Director
Shyama Dahal, Assistant

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Julie Hanson, Director of Children's Ministry
Tammy Heiple, PMO, Nursery Coordinator

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Stephen Gallen, Communications Specialist
Kay Berthiaume, Financial Assistant
Diane Daulton, Financial Assistant
Tammy Swanson, Financial Assistant
Trish Clifford, Administrative Assistant

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Kevin Hansen, Co-Chair
Nick Boulton, Co-Chair

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Elizabeth Jacobson
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Stacy Nealy
Mary Peterson
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Jim Maahs, CYF Co-Chair
Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry Advisory Board
Roxanne Schultz, Christian LIFE
Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach
Greg Johnson, Mission Advancement
Lillian Wassell, Youth & Family

FINANCIAL REPORT

RLC January 2019 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2018-2019						Prior Year	
	Jan Actual	Jan Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2018 Jan Actual	2017-2018 YTD Actual
Offering	135,869	130,873	874,978	899,088	-24,109	114,241	836,942
Other receipts	11,615	16,535	73,801	75,845	-2,044	12,376	66,984
Total Receipts	147,484	147,408	948,780	974,933	-26,153	126,617	903,926
Expenses	131,371	140,418	934,750	961,475	-26,726	147,438	928,205
Net	16,113	6,990	14,030	13,457	573	-20,822	-24,279

Number of Givers 2018-2019				Prior Year		
	Jan		YTD through Jan		2017-18 YTD Thru Jan	
	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving
General Fund	437	\$ 288	659	\$ 1,199	680	\$ 1,097
Bldg Designated*	72	\$ 64	109	\$ 376	173	\$ 357
Christmas Offering	5	\$ 50	259	\$ 153	240	\$ 166
Mission & Outreach	17	\$ 107	130	\$ 263	146	\$ 315
Memorials/Estate	4	\$ 174	55	\$ 170	28	\$ 2,479
Other Designated	6	\$ 54	116	\$ 247	149	\$ 615
EF/Love Lights	0	\$ -	97	\$ 51	113	\$ 50
All Other	2	\$ 10	16	\$ 49	5	\$ 70
Total	447	\$ 299	798	\$ 1,188	801	\$ 1,320

*2017-18 includes 75th Anniversary/Roof Fund special offering

Fund Balances 1/31/2019		
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments		499,037
Designated/Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund		41,837
Building Fees		-
Mission & Outreach		33,988
Kitchen Fund		26,987
Memorials		35,879
Matching Funds		4,000
Estate Gifts		109,843
Other Funds		220,010
Total Designated/Restricted		472,546
Child Care:	Current Yr	213
Preschool:	Current Yr	2,855
Operating Fund:	Current Yr	14,030

Endowment Fund		
	Cash	5,673
	Investments	474,665
	Total	480,338

FINANCE OFFICE

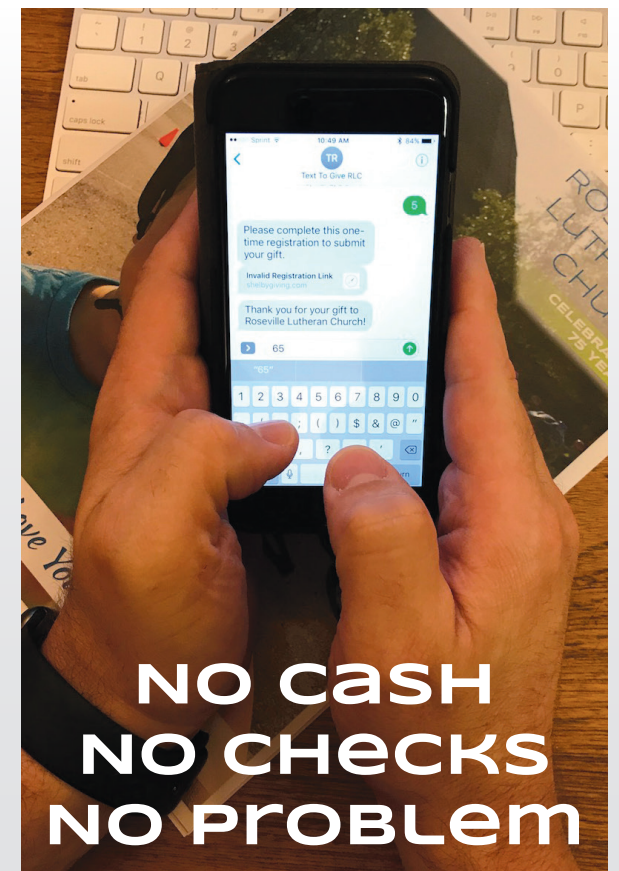
Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data

Over 95% of RLC's day-to-day ministry is funded by your financial gifts. Thank you for your generosity!

Offering is \$24,109 less than we had budgeted as of January 31, 2019. Total year-to-date receipts exceed expenses by \$14,030. The budgeted year-to-date surplus is \$13,457, meaning we are \$573 above our budgeted position at the end of January. Monthly financial summaries are available by calling the Finance department at 651-487-7752 or emailing lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Please prayerfully consider what the ministry of RLC means to you and your family and how you will continue to support our vision to be *A Community United by Grace* and our mission to *Love God. Love our Neighbor*. To learn more about becoming a Sustainer, go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer. If you have additional questions please contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Mark your calendars now for our *pRAISE RLC: Generations* event, May 19-22.



TEXT TO GIVE

Text <amount> to 651-383-1504

It's Easy • It's Fast • It Makes a Difference



DRIVERS NEEDED

We have a devoted group of drivers willing to reinforce our commitment to provide transportation to the attendees of our church and community so that they may participate in church activities. Each Sunday morning we need people that will provide a ride to and/or from church for the 9:00 am Worship Service. Please read on to see how you can be a part in our Ride Ministry.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you would like to volunteer to drive for the Ride Ministry, please call (651) 487-7752. On Sunday mornings we pick up between 8:00 and 8:30 am.

Each driver must have:

- A clean driving record
- A willingness to use your own vehicle
- Submit a copy of your driver's license.
- Submit a volunteer application or have one on file at RLC.

DRIVER EXPECTATIONS:

- Provide a safe and comfortable commuter experience
- Stay in an attitude of Serving
- Be consistent in our operation
- Walk in Love
- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Keep Commitments
- Be Flexible and Understanding

Questions, please contact Dave Booms, Church Administrator, at 651-487-7752 ext 257 or at dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org.

Blessings,
Dave Booms, Church Administrator

pRAISE RLC: Generations

May 19-22

Save-the-dates for **pRAISE RLC: Generations!** The fun, community-building giving campaign returns and we've set a goal of raising \$75,000 in 75 hours. This will help bridge the gap between our expected annual income and actual offerings and gifts. We met our goal last year and have great faith that everyone will step forward again. God provides.

In celebration of the ways in which people give to RLC, our members are organizing special one-of-a-kind RLC events affiliated with this campaign, like beer tasting with a master brewer, among many others.

pRAISE RLC kicks off on **Sunday, May 19** with an all-congregation worship service and celebration. This will be the BIG finale worship before people depart for summer. You won't want to miss it!



GROWING THROUGH LOSS

Grief Support Group, Tuesdays in April-May

The North Suburban Grief Support Coalition sponsors the *Growing Through Loss* series twice yearly, providing an opportunity to get information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.

The Spring 2019 Series will be held on Tuesdays, April 16 – May 21, 6:45 – 9:00 pm at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Dr, Moundsview, MN 55112.

Registration takes place at 6:45 pm each night, and presentation begins at 7:00 pm. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are welcome, and childcare is available upon request. For further information visit their website at: <http://growingthroughloss.org/> or call their hotline at 763-755-5335.

RESTAURANT WEEK

April 7-13

Back by popular demand! A fun dining concept and an opportunity to choose from different restaurants, eat out and make new friends. First, we are looking for restaurant host volunteers to pick out a restaurant they would love to share. Hosts will make the reservations, grab a menu for our front desk, and place a follow up call or send a reminder email to those who have signed up. Sign up online to host by March 10, or contact the Trish at the main office.

Starting March 15, we will post all the restaurants chosen and people can sign up at the Welcome Desk with their name, number or email address choosing which restaurant/date that works for them. Sit back, relax, eat and enjoy the fellowship of new friends! All participants will pay their own tabs.

For more info contact Trish at 651-487-7752 or tclifford@rosevillelutheran.org.

WIDOW'S GROUP

Monthly Saturday Gathering

The Rose Enka widows' organization meets monthly, on a selected Saturday at 11:30 am, at area restaurants to provide support and fellowship for each other. All widows are welcome to join. Call Kay Shurson at 651-766-6930 or Lori Bergman at 651-635-9563 for more information.

Upcoming Gatherings

Saturday, March 16 - Outback Steakhouse
2181 Snelling Avenue North, Roseville

Saturday, April 13 - Axel's Restaurant
2540 Cleveland Avenue North, Roseville
(Note: one week early because of Easter)

Saturday, May 18 - Green Mill Restaurant
1000 Gramsie Road, Shoreview

HOSPITALITY

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

Hello Roseville Lutheran,

I hope that your Christmas holiday was wonderful, spending time with family is always a lot of fun and brings great memories for you and your children. We are starting a new year with fresh ideas for a great 2019. This past fall, our Evening in Tuscany was so well received, we look forward to another gala event like this in the future.

We continue with our *Prime Time* monthly fellowship event at RLC. Usually the second Thursday of the month, we present a sit-down, plated meal in the Social Hall. Lunch begins at 11:45 am with entertainment to follow. Cost is \$9.00. Call 651-487-7752 to RSVP.

Prime Time Menus:

March 14 – Italian seasoned roast beef, mashed potatoes, California blend, dessert.

April 18 – (Maundy Thursday service and lunch held in the Social Hall. No entertainment.)
Country ham, potato dish, pineapple coleslaw, spring dessert.

May 9 – Chicken salad in a fruit boat, sweet breads, dessert.

On April 14 we will have our next Sunday Breakfast. We are also in the planning stages of having a food event in conjunction with our *pRAISE RLC: Generations* celebration on Sunday, May 19. You'll be hearing more about that in the coming weeks, but mark your calendars now for a great time of food and fellowship at RLC. John Helgen and I are also planning to announce a special evening...so look for this event to follow after the May 19 celebration.

Hospitality is now reaching out to other congregations and outside businesses to cater within the building. We have several events booked and are delighted to have returning guests, too. This is shaping up to be another great year in Hospitality at RLC. Graduations are coming up we are able to cater to them; we have a couple on the books and hope to fill the church with all these fun life events. Do you have an event you'd like us to provide food for? Contact Connie today at 651-487-7752.

Hospitality has been blessed with such wonderful volunteers and a great home base that other churches are seeking us out to see how to put on events! This is due to the beautiful faces of volunteerism. If you are interested in helping out, contact me or Colleen today. We'd welcome you to the crew!

Thank you again for letting me serve you, it is my pleasure!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10

Our Lenten suppers are about to begin and this year we will be adding another Soup supper to the calendar: Ash Wednesday, March 6. All soup suppers start at 4:30 and will be done at 7:00 pm.

Please invite your families and friends for the service and community gatherings, its always fun to meet new people. The soups I prepare are made fresh in our beautiful kitchen. If there is left over soup, it will be available for sale. Here is the menu:

March 6 - Chicken Wild Rice, Italian Sausage Tortellini

March 13 - Fresh Squash, Blue Moon Beef Chili

March 20 - Veggie Beef Pot Roast, Beer Cheese

March 27 - French Onion, Vegetable with Rice

April 3 - Loaded Baked Potato, Minestrone

April 10 - Chicken, Tomato Basil

Each meal will include a variety of salads, bread, butter, and beverage service. This year we will start off with a Taco salad, in addition to the regular salad bar. Every week will have a different dessert and the last one will be the popular "Candy Bar." Soup supper prices are \$9.00 per person.



IT'S GARAGE SALE YEAR!

Friday, May 3 (Noon - 8:00 pm), Saturday, May 4 (9:00 am - Noon)

We are having a Garage Sale this spring to benefit the youth scholarship fund at Roseville Lutheran. Proceeds from the sale of your treasures will help kids go to camp and on mission trips this summer.

We will begin accepting your items and furniture beginning Tuesday, April 23. **Bring your good quality items or furniture to the Commons, beginning at 10:00 am April 23 through Wednesday, May 1 at 8:00 pm.** If you have furniture that you would like us to pick up, please call the church office to arrange a pick up. **No items accepted before Tuesday, April 23.**

Items we cannot accept:

- Cribs • Carseats
- VHS Tapes • cassette tapes • VHS/cassette tape players
- Nordic Tracks • mattresses or box springs
- computers and computer components (keyboards) • sleeper sofas
- encyclopedias • helmets • We will accept only digital TV's

We Need Your Help!

A LOT of hands are needed to make this event happen! If you have time during the day or evening, April 27- May 2 to help organize and set up, or if you can work the sale itself, please contact Julie Hanson at 651-487-7752 or jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org. We are in need of people willing to pick up furniture before the sale (daytime or evening) and people to distribute unsold items after the sale May 4.



CONFIRMATION

Letters of Encouragement

On Sunday, May 12 at the 11:00 am worship, we will witness 46 ninth graders publicly affirm their faith. For those who have journeyed with any of these youth, we invite you to write letters of encouragement and congratulations for them. All letters submitted by May 1 to the RLC office (clearly labeled with the confirmand's name) will be included with each confirmand's certificate packet. Thank you for your support and prayers.

LEARNING AND FUN

First Grade Lord's Prayer Workshop

On February 3, 2019 we gathered first graders and parents or special adults in their lives to talk with them about the Lord's Prayer, and what prayer is all about. This workshop brings faith home for families, by having parents and their students learn side by side. The highlight of this workshop is making a Lord's Prayer pillowcase. Families work together to complete this project and students proudly take their pillowcases home to hopefully get wonderful rest on them for many years to come!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank You Cornerstone Shepherds

Please join me in thanking these outstanding young people for sharing their faith and their time to lead a Cornerstone group of kids! Many of these seniors have taught Cornerstone for a number of years. These young mentors show the kids the love of Jesus each week! They welcome and engage kids to learn more about our amazing and loving God and his son, Jesus Christ. They are great examples to the kids they lead. We will miss them, and wish them well in the next chapter of their lives!



Cornerstone Shepherd Graduating Class of 2019:
 2 Year Olds - Seda Farnham. 4 Year Olds - Erica Carlson. First Grade - Kailey Swanson, Allison Schmaedeke. Second Grade - Annie Cunningham, Emily Dorr, Regina Zeigler, Alice Feist. Third Grade - Erin Beer. Fourth Grade - Ben Dolan, Zach Schneider.

THANK YOU JEANNE AND STEVE ANDERSON!

This spring we get to congratulate Jeanne and Steve Anderson and thank them for many years of teaching our youngest kids in Cornerstone. Jeanne has taught 3 year olds for 30 years with her daughter as her helper until Steve joined as her co-leader in 2005. Jeanne and Steve have been introducing our 3 year olds to Jesus and showing them Jesus' love and care in the gentle words they have used and the wonderful projects they lead them in. These wonderful role models will be retiring and moving to Florida to be close to their family and beautiful grandchildren either this summer or at some point next year. In addition to leading a small group in Cornerstone, Steve has led small groups of middle school boys in Confirmation for 23 years. His leadership and mentoring have been impactful!

Thank you Jeanne and Steve for your dedication to Children, Youth and Family Ministry over these many years at Roseville Lutheran. Many lives have been touched by your kindness and love!



CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening this Spring

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

- Sundays – Little Lambs, Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts, Holy Hoops Games (2 yr. olds through High School)
- Mondays – Holy Hoops Practice (High School)
- Tuesdays – FLOCK (High School)
- Wednesdays – Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade)
- Thursdays – Bagels @ Dawn (High School)

SPECIAL EVENTS AND RETREATS:

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| March 22-23 | High School Overnight |
| March 24 | Serve Sunday - Keystone |
| April 7 | 1:00 pm Holy Hoops Tournament (Augsburg University) |
| April 12-13 | Youth Leadership Retreat |
| April 13 | 9:00 am First Communion Workshop |
| April 14 | 9 & 11 am Palm Sunday – Palm Procession |
| April 17 | No Confirmation (Holy Week) |
| April 18 | 6:00 pm Seder Meal and First Communion |
| April 19 | 10:00 am Good Friday Family Worship |
| April 21 | No CYF Programming (Easter) |
| April 24 | 7:00 pm Confirmation Fellowship Night |
| April 28 | 10:00 am Luther League Intro (for 4th graders & parents) |
| May 1 | No Confirmation |
| May 3 & 4 | Garage Sale |
| May 8 | 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal |
| May 12 | 10:00 am Last Day of Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts |
| | 11:00 am Confirmation Sunday |
| | 3:00 pm Hiawatha Youth Leader Meeting |
| May 19 | 10:00 am One Worship Service - pRAISE 75: Generations |
| | 10:00 am Graduation Recognition |
| | 3:00 pm Boundary Waters Trip Meeting |
| | 6:00 pm Slovakia Parent/Participant Meeting |
| May 21 | 7:30 pm Last day of FLOCK |
| May 23 | 6:45 am Last day of Bagels @ Dawn |
| June 9 | 3:00 pm Hiawatha Youth Leader Meeting |
| | 6:00 pm Slovakia Participant Meeting |
| June 10-14 | Vacation Bible School |
| July 9-11 | Camp Salie |

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS AND EVENTS

Michael Jordan, Director of Youth Ministry

Even though our weekly programs will be coming to end in a few short months, summers at RLC are packed with exciting trips and events. If you missed the registration deadline in February to attend one of the five Youth and Family trips we offer throughout the summer, please contact Michael or Abby to see if there is still space. All participants that are signed up for a trip this summer are also invited to volunteer at our CYF Garage Sale in May. By volunteering at least 5 hours, all summer trip participants will be eligible to receive funds from the garage sale to offset their costs. We're looking forward to making this a jam-packed summer filled with lots of great memories and faith formative moments!

HOLY HOOPS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

RLC's youth basketball league season officially tipped off in February. The interest has grown from last year, and we now have two full teams in the league that compete against other local churches. Our young men are dominating the court while also growing in their faith through focused devotions and Bible studies. Families and members of RLC are invited to cheer on our teams - Sunday afternoons at Christ the King in New Brighton. Our final tournament will be played at Augsburg University on April 7. A special thanks to Andy Rudberg for helping coach this season!



INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

Thank you for your generous support this past February to help our youth going to Slovakia this summer. Our 21 youth and 7 adults have been preparing for many months now to serve and learn while in Slovakia. We are excited to grow in our friendships and build upon this strong partnership grounded in faith. God is doing amazing work both here and across the world. Our youth will be able to see that firsthand this summer. Your generosity is making that possible for all of them to experience God's love this summer in Slovakia. Thank you!

BRIDGING EVENTS: A GREAT WEEK OF SERVICE AT RLC

Serving Others at RLC was the theme during the week of January 7th! Through the generosity of many, staff and high school youth assembled 5 dressers that Tuesday, Confirmation kids built 24 dressers during their time together on Wednesday, and congregation members and friends helped construct 26 more dressers on Sunday during the 10:00 hour. In all, people worked side by side to assemble 55 dressers, 60 Kitchen Linen Bundles and 60 Cleaning kits and 160 blankets to benefit the clients of Bridging. We handed out 73 fleece blanket kits to be completed at home, and received many more in return! The clients of Bridging will enjoy these warm cozy blankets in their homes. Special thanks go to the confirmation families, Rich Straumann, Amy and Mike Dolan, Julie and Rich Wendland and others who helped set up for the different dresser builds and helped with the dresser delivery and pick up! Your help was much appreciated!

Many families helped with these serving opportunities. The Field family bundled kitchen linens with the help of 5 year old Jaelyn and 3 year old Kyrie. Why did you like to do this? Jaelyn says "it made me happy because I was helping people who didn't have those things for their kitchens!" To which Kyrie chimes in "me too!" Young and old are able to lend a hand to make a difference for others.

Bridging is a local organization that helps families and individuals transitioning from homelessness into a home of their own by supplying donated furniture, household goods, bedding, towels and now cleaning kits. Wendy Erickson, volunteer coordinator from Bridging talked to the congregation to share her appreciation for the wonderful partnership RLC has had with Bridging. Wendy shared this as the dressers and items were put onto the shopping floor at the Roseville Bridging warehouse: "I heard one client exclaim that she was excited to have a new dresser. Another client was so happy to receive a cleaning kit. She had just moved into her first apartment and wanted to make sure it was clean and ready for her family. Thank you for walking along side us as we serve over 4,400 families each year. We are so very thankful for your continued partnership!"

The clients of Bridging will be blessed by RLC generosity! Thanks to all who donated funds and supplies toward this project and all who participated! If you would like to volunteer at Bridging, or support them with your donations, find more information on their website: <http://www.bridging.org>.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Peanut Butter, Pasta, and Hygiene Kit Drive AND Rice Scoop Event!

During the month of March, Roseville Lutheran Church encourages everyone to collect jars of peanut butter, packages of pasta, and travel size hygiene products for clients of Keystone Community Services. Our partnership with this organization is very important to us. We want to help them by collecting these useful and needed items.

Serve Sunday - March 24 at 10:00 am

Our Serve Sunday to benefit Keystone Community Services with Rice and Personal Hygiene Kits! This year we are collecting personal hygiene items for clients of Keystone Community Services. As you travel or shop, please consider donating the travel size of these items:

- Soap
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Hand Sanitizer

Please bring these items to RLC by March 24. On Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 am, we are hosting our 3rd Serve Sunday this year to benefit the clients of Keystone Community Services. In addition to assembling personal hygiene kits, we will be repackaging 50 pound bags of rice into 1 pound sized containers for their use. This will be a fun project for all ages!

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

On April 14, Palm Sunday, all kids are invited to participate in a Palm Parade at the beginning of both the 9:00 and 11:00 am Worship services. Gather in the Commons before each service and follow as we wave palm branches in the Worship Center to celebrate Palm Sunday. If you are staying to worship during these times your child can sit with you when the parade is over. If you need to leave after the parade, that is just fine! Kids are welcome to process in at both services if they want!



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP, SEDER MEAL

If you have a child that is in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade and feel they are ready to receive their first Communion, we have a workshop for students and their parent(s) or significant adults on Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 am - noon. This workshop is offered once each year and is open to any child that a parent feels can understand what this Sacrament is all about, targeted toward 3rd grade and above. If you have an older child that has not yet gone through this, they are also welcome!

First Communion is celebrated with a symbolic Seder Meal at 6:00 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 18. Families of those receiving their First Communion are invited to this Seder Meal, including baptismal sponsors, grandparents, etc. This symbolic meal is representative of Jesus' Last Supper. When the Seder Meal is completed, families will enter the worship center for Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 where they will receive communion as a family. Reserved seating in Worship is available for First Communion students and their families. Register your child for the First Communion Workshop and Seder Meal on the RLC website, www.rosevillelutheran.org. Go to Ages and Stages tab at the top, then Children's Ministry and you will see First Communion Workshop to register. Please register by Friday, April 5.

More information will be sent out specifically to families of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in coming weeks with an online registration.



SEDER MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several people are needed to help plate and serve the Seder Meal for our students receiving their First Communion and their families. If you enjoyed this event last year with your student, or have an afternoon free, please consider helping us this year with preparation! This is a very special evening for these families – all are welcome to come be a part of this event by sharing your time to plate and serve! If you are available to help on Thursday, April 18 from 3-6 pm, please contact Julie Hanson or Abby Matter via the church office.



FAMILY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

10:00 am, Friday, April 19 in the Activity Center

We will honor the last days of Jesus' life in a Family Good Friday Worship Service geared toward kids and their special adults on Friday, April 19 at 10:00 in the Activity Center. Invite your neighbors and friends to this kid-friendly worship service with a craft project to follow. If your student would like to be a part of this service, please contact Julie Hanson.

CORNERSTONE KIDS SING IN WORSHIP MAY 19

Sunday, May 19th is a special day at Roseville Lutheran when we celebrate our year with one worship service for all at 10:00. The Cornerstone kids will be called forward during Storytime to sing for everyone.

ROAR! VBS @ RLC

Register Today
for June 10-14

Each day at
Roar, kids travel
through field-tested

rotations that reinforce relevant Bible points and immerse kids in new adventures. *Roar* is a fun, engaging, hands-on Bible learning experience that shows kids God's goodness and celebrates a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life! We are making Jesus real to kids ages 3 years old (by Sept 1st) through the completion of 4th grade. VBS @ RLC is daily from 9-noon, June 10-14. Register online today for Vacation Bible School at RLC! Register by May 1 to get a T Shirt.



Volunteers Needed for VBS!

We want VBS @ RLC to have a big impact on the kids that attend! Many of the kids that enroll are not from RLC, and it's a great opportunity to show how awesome our Children's Ministry is! To make VBS @ RLC the best it can be, your help is needed! If you are an adult or a youth... young or more mature... like crafts or lead games... small group leaders or behind the scenes... making sets or making snacks... there is a place to share your talents with us in VBS @ RLC! Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org today!

CAMP SALIE IS JULY 9-11

First Camping Experience for Kids

We offer an opportunity to allow kids completing grades 2-4 to experience Bible Camp for the first time in a setting that is close to home (just north of the Twin Cities, near Wyoming MN). Up to 12 boys and 12 girls are welcome to enjoy bible study, devotions, crafts, music, campfires, and awesome food together with RLC youth counselors and adults.



It was a rewarding and very successful "first experience" for the kids! Camp Salie will be July 9-11, meeting at Camp Salie at suppertime on July 9, and finish at supper on July 11 to accommodate parents and their work schedules! To register and get more information, go to the RLC website, under the Ages & Stages tab, under Children's Ministry, and Summer Opportunities. Register today to reserve your spot!

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

RLC Preschool Celebration is May 10

Join the RLC Preschool for our 40th Birthday Celebration on Friday, May 10, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Bruce Russel Park (next to RLC). We will have live music from Will Hale, a bouncy house, cake and ice cream and much more! (If inclement weather, the festivities will be in the RLC worship center, commons area, and social hall).

You, and past/current students and families are invited, along with current and former staff. We hope you will join us in this joyous occasion!

RLC Preschool has been blessed to serve many students and families over the years. Come share a great memory – we look forward to celebrating with you!

Register NOW for 2019-20!

Enrollment is open for 2019-20. Students need to be 3 or 4 by September 1. Please register online at: <http://bit.ly/RLCPreKRegister>

If you would like a tour, or have questions, please contact Jenifer Johnson at 651-488-6887 or jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.



GREEN TEAM FORMING!

What is a Green Team?

A Green Team is a core group of people in a congregation who are committed to raising awareness about the urgent need to protect God's Creation and to work for environmental sustainability and responsibility. Green Teams develop sustainability in church life by increasing energy efficiency and conservation, decreasing consumption and waste, and encouraging the use of clean, safe, renewable energy.

The Church Council has identified a need to create a committee to promote and help provide thoughtful leadership. We are looking for at least five (5) people to act in this capacity. They will, of course, engage the entire RLC Congregation to join in. The Church Administrator, Dave Booms, will be the staff liaison for this committee. If you are interested, please contact him at dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752, ext. 257.



RLC FOOD DRIVE IN MARCH

Partnering with Keystone Community Services

As we enter March and Spring time, Roseville Lutheran Church continues its partnership with Keystone Community Services during Minnesota Food Share Month. Our RLC Mission Statement calls us to "LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR." Simply stated, but never complete. We humbly devote our lives, hoping through worship, to attain a glimpse of God's magnificence. We strive to serve others with love, every day.

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind."
This is the greatest and first commandment.
And a second is like it:
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

During the month of March, RLC will be have a Peanut Butter and Pasta Drive for our local partner, Keystone Community Services. Keystone has seen a significant increase demand with the government shutdown and those with food insecurity over the winter months. Your donations of food or monetary gifts will support families in our local community.

Keystone Community Services has 3 food shelves serving the Roseville, Midway and Rice street communities. RLC's goal for March 2019 is to collect \$2,000 in donations and 3,000 lbs of Peanut Butter and Pasta. For every \$1 in cash donations, Keystone can purchase \$4 worth of food. Please help RLC as we work to end hunger in our community.

BOOK STUDY THIS SPRING

Reconciling All Things: A Christian Vision for Justice, Peace, and Healing

7:00 pm on April 30, May 7, 14, 21 with Dick Carlson

We will explore together key stories in the Bible and its truth that the center of the story is Christ. To then see more clearly, ourselves and the church, as companions and fellow travelers with God from the "old" to the "new" on the journey towards God's vision and mission of Reconciling All Things.

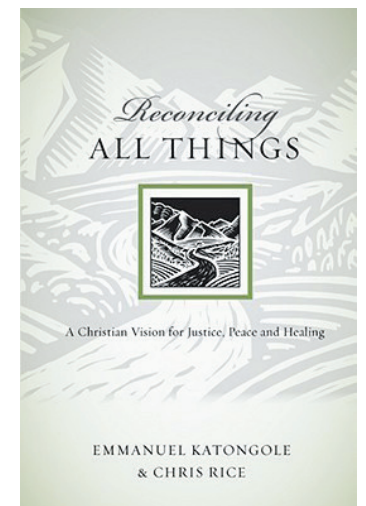
This book is not a "how-to" guide for reconciliation. The power of the book is its fundamental thesis that for Christians the language of reconciliation is not grounded in historical or sociological realities but in a theological one – in the story of God.

In summary that story goes like this:

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." – 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NRSV

Sign up with Trish in the Church Office: 651-487-7752 or in the Commons at the Welcome Desk during March. Limit 15 people. Books will be available at sign up - \$10.00 each.

Participants are asked to read the Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 (33 pages) prior to the first session and then plan to read two chapters per week (8 chapters in the book) during the four sessions.



Have YOU considered including Roseville Lutheran Church in your will or estate planning? Contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance, for more information at 651-487-7752.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Ed Committee invites you to come and hear a variety of diverse educational sessions planned for this spring. We meet Sundays at 10:10 am in Room 40. Bring your coffee and join us.

The Gospel of Matthew: God With Us March 10, 17, 24, and 31 with Pastor Jim Boyce

The Gospel of Matthew begins and ends with a marvelous promise: Jesus' miraculous birth is a sign that God is Emmanuel—God is with us. At the end Jesus meets with his disciples after his resurrection and commissions them with the promise: "Lo, I am with you always to the end of the age." In between we follow Jesus' mission as he proclaims God's continuing reign in words of blessing and deeds of healing. He calls his followers to experience and know God's mercy anew, and constitutes them as a new community of faith. In four sessions we will explore anew Matthew's amazing story of Jesus that has captivated believers throughout the centuries as one of the church's favorite gospels.



- March 10** "His name is Jesus – Savior, Emmanuel, A New Teacher of Righteousness" (*Matthew 1-7*)
March 17 "Are You the One Who is To Come" A Call to Discipleship and Mission (*Matthew 8-12*)
March 24 "How Many Times?" Transformed for Disciple Community (*Matthew 13-18*)
March 31 "The Faithful and Wise Servant" Waiting Before the End Time (*Matthew 19-28*)

Leaving a Legacy: ***Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving*** April 7 with Jennifer Nohelty

Jennifer Nohelty, from Gift Planning Services, LLC, will be presenting on the topic of planned giving/estate planning. Learn how you can maximize what the LORD has given you to manage.

Even a modest estate can create an incredible legacy for both your heirs and future generations at RLC. These gifts can be set up to be transferred after your death, while at the same time, giving you the ability to preserve and protect your assets for your use and enjoyment while you are still living. And all of this can be done in a way that supports and expands your belief system and values.



You can be a good steward, not only today, but also when it comes time to transfer these gifts after death. You have the ability to make a significant difference... both during your lifetime, and long after you're gone.

Grief and Loss April 14 with Pastor Rolf Olson

Grief and loss are universal experiences in our lives. Whenever we form an attachment to another person, a situation, a place, or an experience we then face the likelihood of loss some day. Dealing with grief in a healthy way is essential to healthy living. Let's talk about what grief is, share experiences and wisdom, and learn ways to move forward when the inevitable comes.



The Muslim Threat – ***Or the Threat to Muslims*** Tuesday evening, April 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm with Pastor Steve Benson

We have seen an explosion in recent years of information about Islam and about Muslim people. TV specials, magazine articles, books, specially-produced DVDs – each presenting its own viewpoint on the world's second-largest religion. Some are produced by Muslims and portray a tolerant, peace-loving religion practiced by a culturally diverse population. Others challenge this with a picture of a backward religion and culture which is completely incompatible with modern Western civilization and which fosters violence and extremism. Which are we to believe? How can we evaluate such conflicting claims? And is there an unseen force behind this flood of publicity?

Pastor Benson will shed some light on these and other issues in a presentation especially designed for Christian congregations, but open to all. He will draw on his experiences over many years with Muslims and Christians in America, the Middle East and South Asia. He will also bring to bear insights from the past 1400 years of Christian-Muslim encounters and studies of modern propaganda campaigns. Sources will be identified in the current flood of information/misinformation, along with suggestions to help participants identify what can or can't be trusted.



White Privilege April 28, May 5 with Rev. Dr. Karen McKinney

The Rev. Dr. McKinney, professor at Bethel University, has been at Roseville Lutheran Church several times to visit with us about racial issues in the aftermath of Philando Castile's death in our neighborhood. She also led us in a well attended Saturday retreat on the topic of Race Relations in our Community two years ago.



Our Neighbors and Me has again invited this popular presenter, this time to open us to the topics of "white privilege" and "white fragility." During these sessions we will be introduced to these topics and we will look at them in depth. Come and learn what they are and how they manifest in our lives. Learn how scripture speaks to this issue, and how we might respond. It takes courage to tackle these tough issues. Come and be courageous. Everyone welcome.

Karen Culture Presentation May 12 with Karen Organization of MN (KOM)

Are you interested in learning more about Karen culture? During this presentation, participants will learn an overview of the Karen history, culture, and resettlement in the U.S. We will explore the history of the Karen and how they became refugees, and discuss how the Karen have adapted to life in the U.S. For the Karen culture portion, we will briefly cover everything from food to clothing, to family, to communication styles and more. Come with open ears and any questions.

Many of the children our RLC tutors are involved with at Central Park School are from Karen immigrant families who emigrated from refugee camps after leaving Burma. *Our Neighbors and Me* thought it would be enlightening to get acquainted with this unique and community-oriented culture, so we invited them to come and to make a presentation to our Adult Education 10:10 hour.

The Karen Organization of Minnesota's (KOM) mission is to enhance the quality of life for the Karen and other refugees from Burma in Minnesota by assisting refugees to settle, integrate and become increasingly self-sufficient while fostering cultural knowledge and understanding. Traditional Karen hand-woven pieces will be on display, courtesy of KOM's Weaving Circle.



ALL HANDS ON HOPE

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack 2019

It is the 5th year of Roseville Lutheran's partnership with Incarnation Lutheran Church of Shoreview (4880 Hodgson Road) to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. The 2019 dates are Monday, April 29 through Thursday, May 2. Online sign-up will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization started in Minnesota that is dedicated to providing nourishing food to starving children worldwide. They currently are working with partnering organizations in over 70 countries to get food to the children. They rely on volunteers to pack all of the nutritionally formulated food, more than half of the volunteers are under the age of 18. The volunteers also help to pay for the dried ingredients of veggies, vitamins, soy and rice that are packed into each MannaPack. FMSC does not receive any government aid to help pay for the ingredients. The cost of all the ingredients must be paid for before the packing event.

Let's come together as groups (invite your friends), as families or as an individual to help pack 750,000 meals that will feed 2,054 children for one year. There are tasks for everyone from the age of 5 years old to make this event a success. Many people are needed at each station to measure, fill and seal each bag of dried ingredients. If you can not stand for 90 minutes (30 minute orientation session before packing begins), there are tasks that can be done sitting down. If you need a good cardio workout, come and be part of the warehouse group to carry ingredients to the packing stations and carry completed boxes to the weighing station. No matter how you help, you are invited to pray over the boxes of food that are packed during the shift. You will leave with an exhilarating feeling knowing YOU made a difference in some child's life.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bergman at mn_bergman@msn.com or 651-249-3192 or Kathy Miller at Kathy.a.miller@comcast.net.

How can you help?

Sign-up as a group, family or individual to help pack food, must be at least 5 years old. Go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/fmsc to select a specific two hour shift (sign-up for more than one shift if you wish). Remember to wear your blue RLC shirts! There is a nursery available at Incarnation for the day time shifts and the 5pm to 7pm shift, but you MUST sign up ahead of time for the nursery.

Donate to help pay for the ingredients that will be packed. Each meal cost only 22 cents! RLC has committed to pay for 100,000 meals, which is \$22,000. Any and all amounts are greatly welcomed to help pay for the ingredients. Make donations to Roseville Lutheran with Feed My Starving Children in the memo. New this year is the option to make donations via www.give.fmsc.org/allhandsonroseville. Help RLC meet the goal of at least \$22,000 to pay for the ingredients that will be packed at this event. Donations welcome NOW via the weekly offering plate or online.



MUCH ADO ABOUT MARTHA MUTCH

by KJ Bach

On most Sundays -- and certainly on every important day in the church calendar like Christmas, Easter, or Reformation Day -- you can find RLC organist Martha Mutch perched high on the organ bench, enhancing our worship services and keeping alive the cherished Lutheran tradition of glorifying God through beautiful music. Though she moves easily back and forth between the piano and the organ, it's clear that the latter is dear to her heart, a fact that also reflects a family tradition passed on from her mother, Dolores Mutch.

Dolores Mutch graduated from Concordia College in 1947 with a double major in Public School Music and English. At age 13, she played a 'pump organ' for her church in New Rockford, ND. Later on, while at Concordia College, Dolores took organ lessons from Professor Ruth Berge. Today, Dolores continues to play the organ at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Larimore, ND, and at age 94 shows no signs of slowing down.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Martha became the organist at Our Savior's during her sophomore year in high school. Dolores encouraged Martha to first study piano at age 6, then the flute and the French horn, before deciding to tackle the organ -- all prior to graduating from high school. The first hymn that Martha learned for organ was, "Jesus, Lover Of my Soul." Martha went on to earn a B.A. in music at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (1973) under the watchful eye of none other than Ruth Berge, her mother's former teacher. After graduating from Concordia, Martha went on to achieve a Master of Music degree in organ performance from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, (1974). Then, at age 24, Martha traveled to Hamburg, Germany, to do post-graduate work on the organ at St. Jacobi Church where J.S. Bach had once played for an audition -- putting her only one keyboard away from the great Master of church organ music himself.

We are fortunate at RLC to have such a gifted church musician in Martha. Like her mother, Martha values the Lutheran liturgical tradition and gladly shares her love of great composers of organ music, including Bach, Buxtehude, Widor and others. Having followed very similar paths, Dolores and Martha may possibly be the only mother-daughter organist duo in the ELCA who have over 132 years of combined organist experience between them. Thanks be to GOD for Dolores and Martha in sharing their gift of music over so many years!

Martha is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and has served as organist and accompanist for many congregations and musical groups in the Chicago and Twin Cities areas.

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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER
Saturday, March 30 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm
840 Amble Road, Shoreview

Gather with friends to support our upcoming MobilePack (\$25 suggested donation/\$50 recommended donation...all proceeds go to FMSC). Sign up at mn_bergman@msn.com or call Jen Bergman 651.249.3192



Did you know that the organ is called the “King of Instruments?” Below are a few organ knowledge tidbits:

1. What is the term for an organ “keyboard”?
A Manual. RLC Organ has 3 manuals.
2. What is a set of pipes that make a specific sound (e.g. trumpet or flute) called?
A Rank. RLC organ has 22 ranks.
3. What makes the pipes ‘play’?
Air pressure. The pipes sit in holes on a wind chest. When a key is pressed, air is allowed into the pipe.
4. Why are there ‘louvers’ that open and close over some of the pipes?
To soften the overall sound produced by the organ. Each pipe can only produce one level of ‘loudness’.
5. What are all those ‘knobs’ for on the sides of the manuals?
Those are called ‘stops’. When the stop is open the manual (Keyboard) then plays a specific set of pipes (rank or ranks) for a specific sound (flute, trumpet, chime, strings, etc).
6. What is the name of the control box of manuals and stops that the organist sits at to play the organ?
A Console. There are A LOT of mechanics inside the console.
7. When was RLC’s M.P. Möller pipe organ first installed?
1978 in the previous sanctuary (Now Activity Center). In 1996 it was moved to its current location in our Worship Center.
8. How many pipes does the RLC organ have?
Between 1200-1250 pipes.
9. How many orchestral instruments does an organ represent?
Most orchestral instruments can be represented by a pipe organ with the exception of the saxophone.
10. Where is the largest pipe organ, based on the number of pipes?
Atlantic City, NJ with 7 manuals, 449 ranks, 337 registers and 33,114 pipes! Built between 1929-1932 by Midmer-Losh Organ Co.



MUSIC NOTES

Join the Festival Choir for Holy Week and Easter (March 27-April 21)

Plan now to join the Festival Choir and sing for worship on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday – rehearsals begin on Wednesday, March 27. It’s a great way to get involved in singing without joining the choir full time. Rehearsal schedule as follows:

Wednesday	March 27	7:45 to 9:15 pm Rehearsal
Wednesday	April 3	7:45 to 9:15 pm Rehearsal
Wednesday	April 10	7:45 to 9:15 pm Rehearsal
Palm Sunday	April 14	8:15 am choral warmup 9:00 am Palm Sunday worship
Wednesday	April 17	7:00 to 9:00 pm Rehearsal
Good Friday	April 19	6:15 pm Rehearsal 7:00 pm Good Friday worship
Saturday	April 20	9:30 to 11:00 am
Easter Sunday	April 21	8:15 am choral warmup 8:45 and 10:00 am Easter Sunday worship

Get Connected With Music at RLC

If you have a musical gift you’d like to share at one of RLC’s worship services, or would like to get involved in one of our many vocal and instrumental ensembles, we welcome you! Vocalists, instrumentalists, pianists and accompanists are all needed. If you like to sing but can’t commit to weekly rehearsals, consider the Festival Choir (sings for special events at Christmas and Easter – see article above). Contact John Helgen, Director of Music at 651-288-4236 - jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org.

UPCOMING CONCERTS AND MUSICAL EVENTS AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please make note of these free concert opportunities at RLC in the coming months. Events have no admission charge – a free will offering will be collected.

Friday	February 8	7:00 pm	Minnesota Sinfonia Jay Fishman, conductor
Sunday	February 10	3:00 pm	Bella Lumina Choir Michelle Gehrz, conductor
Friday	March 8	7:30 pm	Two Rivers Chorale and Minnesota Mormon Chorale Bruce Phelps, Erin Hill Gray, conductors
Sunday	March 31	3:00 pm	St. Paul Civic Symphony Jeffrey Stirling, conductor
Saturday	April 6	7:30 pm	Luther College Collegiate Chorale Jennaya Robison, conductor

MORE THAN A MOP AND A BROOM

Facilities Management at Roseville Lutheran Church

David Booms, Church Administrator

In the past two years Roseville Lutheran has made a significant move from facilities maintenance to facilities management. In an article on this very subject by Tom Cool of Church Executive Magazine he states, "For many people, this might sound like a matter of semantics; but I think it's much, much deeper than two "words" that some would consider synonyms." Maintenance is reactive, corrective, you spend as needed. Management is being proactive, preventative, increasing the life cycle of equipment and buildings, and focusing on long-term savings. We do both, of course, as on a daily basis we clean, we mow the lawn weekly in summer, and repair as needed.

One of the ways in which we have made the shift was the creation of the Campus Improvements Task Force. You can read a full article on the Task Force in the Sept-Oct-Nov 2018 TABLE. The Task force is comprised of Mike Dolan (President Elect), Jim Stark (co-chair), K J Bach, Tim Hanson, Eric Lagerquist, as well as two new members Kori DeJong and Nick Boulton. Pastor Lauren Wrightsman is our advisor. Its main initial concern is to identify and prioritize deferred maintenance. The new roofs are a result of the Task Forces work. A comprehensive survey of the buildings, equipment, and structure has been completed and a prioritization list will soon be presented to council.

You may have noted the formation of a Green Team (see page 10 in this newsletter), which is a spin-off of the Campus Improvements Task Force. Its mandate is to reduce waste and to increase reuse and recycling, as well as consider water and energy conservation strategies. All of which is to position the church for long term sustainability. We've gotten a head start for this team as we have received a loan from the Center for Energy & Environment to complete the conversion of our building to LED lighting. We are speaking to firms about stormwater management, and we've applied for a grant from BizRecycling (a non-profit run by the Chambers of Commerce) to obtain funding for bins, cart corral, and educational/promotional materials. Want to join the team? Please contact Church Administrator Dave Booms at dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org.

Who are the great, devoted members of our Campus Team pictured to the right? The group is led by Bruce Pelava, Campus Manager, who was hired last August. (Please see the Sept-Oct-Nov 2018 TABLE for more about Bruce). Our campus engineer/electrician is Arlen Rystom. Our senior custodian is Shelton Ingram, who was also featured in the Sept-Oct-Nov 2018 TABLE celebrating the completion of his High School diploma! Our latest members are Vicki Benoit, and Alex Jones (not pictured).



WELCOME MINISTRY...A PLACE FOR YOU

David Booms, Church Administrator

The Welcome Ministry is for those who want to help new people, as well as regular attendees, feel at home, comfortable, and welcome at RLC. I personally wish to encourage you and your family to consider taking part in one or more of the ministry areas mentioned below as part of your year of Serve! Most positions require very little time outside the regular worship experience and in most cases you would be part of a team, from whom you would receive support and training. And, as you'll see in the following descriptions, the time commitment may be as little as a 1-2 times a year. Lay persons such as you can make new Christian friends, provide much-needed assistance, serve your church and your God, and get to know RLC on a more personal level.

Below are listed some areas that may be of interest to you. If you would like to get involved in one (or more!) of these ways, please contact Trish Clifford in the church office at 651-487-7752 or tclifford@rosevillelutheran.org.

- Help in the Office (NEW!) We're look to add more people to the group that has office experience to help with taking calls, print production, data input, and various other office tasks.
- Extend a hand in greeting people as they arrive before each worship time. A friendly smile can make a world of difference to those coming through the doors, especially those who are visiting. Families and couples can greet together.
- Usher before and during worship, handing out worship folders and helping with communion and offering. Ushers usually help on a rotating basis a month at a time three different months of the year. Ushers are needed for 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship.
- Serve on the altar guild, preparing the wine and wafer trays. Candles are also maintained by this group. These helpers usually serve a month at a time a couple times a year. Communion trays are prepared on Saturday mornings before the first and third Sundays of the month.
- Serve communion on Sunday at 8:00, 9:00, or 11:00 am worship. Servers usually help about once every six weeks or so.
- Provide rides using our van and/or your own car to bring people to and from the 9:00 am worship service or Wednesday morning Bible Study or Prime Time. No special driving license required, just as friendly attitude and a willingness to help people on and off the bus. A clean driving record is a must.

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A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE

KAREN CULTURE PRESENTATION, WEAVING DISPLAY/DEMONSTRATION

Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM)

Our RLC tutors help Karen children at Central Park School who immigrated from refugee camps after leaving Burma. We will be getting acquainted with this unique community-oriented culture through a Sunday presentation, and an art display in April at May at RLC.



10:10 am, Sunday, May 12 - Presentation

During our Adult Ed presentation, we will hear and see an overview of Karen history, culture, and resettlement in the U.S. We will explore the history of the Karen and how they became refugees, and discuss how the Karen have adapted to life in the U.S. We will also briefly cover everything from food, to clothing, to family, to communication styles, and more.

Art Display During April and May

From April 1 to May 30 the Design Team is sponsoring a show of Karen Weaving Art in our upper lobby and in the corridor between the Commons and the Social Hall. On a Sunday morning (TBA) a Karen Weaving Circle will be doing a hands on demonstration of their creative work.



MAKING SENSE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

Helping the Homeless in our Community

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16 in the Social Hall



As part of RLC's Lenten theme "Unity in a Divided World," the ONAM Committee is sponsoring a lecture/discussion by Dr. Paul Gardner, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Luther College, on the topic of "Making Sense of American Democracy." This event will be held in the RLC Social Hall at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 16.

As Christians, we yearn for unity in the church, yet we often put our energies into building walls instead of bridges. We ignore the exhortation of Jesus in Matthew 22: 34-40 to love our neighbors as ourselves and to treat them as we would like to be treated. Dr. Gardner feels that understanding the roots of the currently divisive political climate is an appropriate and crucial step for all Christians. As he recently stated, "Our current political turmoil indicates that American democracy is at risk. One compelling vulnerability is intense polarization. This deepening polarization did not begin with any single event but has its roots in past decades. It is connected to race, religion, inequality, and, especially, America's changing demography. Understanding the reasons behind America's divisions is a necessary first step toward healing its toxic politics."

Please attend this event as your Lenten journey comes to an end during Holy Week, and bring your questions and concerns for discussion! There is no need to register in advance. Coffee and treats will be provided.

Dr. Paul Gardner taught Political Science at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, for 33 years, retiring in 2018. He served several terms as head of Political Science and three semesters as the head of International Studies. He directed Luther's study away programs in Nottingham, England, and Malta. He created and led five January term courses to Ireland and Northern Ireland to study terrorism and the peace and reconciliation process. Topics related to democracy were a major part of many of the courses he taught, including Terrorism and Democracy, Global Politics, and Politics and Religion.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

MobilePack Event 2019

Many of you were involved in the amazing work the past four years when RLC partnered with Incarnation Lutheran to pack meals with FMSC. This amounts to feeding 1100 kids for an entire year. In 2019, we will again partner with Incarnation. And we need you!

The dates are **Monday, April 29 – Thursday, May 2, 2019**. While that seems a ways off, there are a few things you can do now:

1. Organize a group to volunteer to pack. A link from our church web site will go live Ash Wednesday, March 6. This link will lead you to the sign up lists. You can sign up more than once! Change lives and have fun!
2. Each meal costs 22 cents. An incredible bargain. RLC has committed to pay for 100,000 meals, which is \$22,000. You do not have to wait until the May packing event to donate. We encourage you to donate NOW, either in the weekend offering plate or online.

Contact Jen Bergman mn_bergman@msn.com or 651-490-9839 or Kathy Miller Kathy.a.miller@comcast.net or 651-494-8639 with questions.



QUILTERS SAY THANKS!

New Helpers Welcome!



BY GAIL VAN HORN

RLC's quilting group sold 141 quilts at its first sale in seven years in November. Funds pay for yarn, batting and sheets used as backing for quilts donated to Bridging, Rose of Sharon Care Center, United Hospital Nursery, Women's Care Center, Ramsey Care Center and other organizations that serve needy people.

"Thanks to everyone who helped with our sale and to the people who purchased our quilts," said Muriel Anderson of the group. "We are not planning on holding another sale for several years, but anyone wishing to purchase a quilt can contact the church office and they will put you in touch with someone from our quilting group."

The group donated 195 quilts in 2018 to the above mentioned facilities.

New Quilters Welcome!

"We would like to extend a hearty welcome to anyone who would like to join our group. We have many jobs that don't necessarily involve sewing. If you can tie a knot, we can use you," she added.

Volunteers unable to stand at a table can sit and work on smaller quilts with others.

"Those working on quilts at the tables will take you under their wings and make you feel welcome, teaching you as they go along," Anderson noted. "We also serve coffee and treats to keep up your energy. Several in our group have had to drop out due to health or age, so we are really in need of some new members."

The group quilts on Wednesdays from 8:30 am to noon every month except December. More information is available from the church office at 651-487-7752. Membership in Roseville Lutheran Church is not required.



pRAISE RLC: Generations

May 19-22

Save-the-date(s) for **pRAISE RLC: Generations!** This fun, community-building giving campaign returns and we've set a goal of raising \$75,000 in 75 hours. This will help bridge the gap between our expected annual income and actual offerings and gifts. We met our goal last year and have great faith that everyone will step forward again. God provides.

pRAISE RLC kicks off on **Sunday, May 19** with ONE WORSHIP, an all-congregation worship at 10:00 am, followed food, fun, and celebration. You won't want to miss it!

Special Worship/Events Schedule

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Worship at 5:00 and 7:00 pm
Soup Supper from 4:30 - 7:00 pm

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10)

Lenten Wednesday Worship at 5:00 and 7:00 pm
Soup Supper from 4:30 - 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Worship at 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Worship at 11:00 am* and 7:00 pm
*11:00 am Worship is part of our Prime Time Luncheon

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 - GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - EASTER DAY

Easter Day Worship - 7:00, 8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 am

SUNDAY, MAY 19 - ONE WORSHIP

ONE Worship at 10:00 am, followed by the kick-off of our **pRAISE RLC** campaign with food and fellowship.