

# THE TABLE

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

**December • January • February • 2018-2019**

## WHY ADVENT

*Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman*

I read an interesting article the other day that put Christians into different groups. The writer of this article stated it this way:

There are those who can be called Christmas Christians. For these Christians, the most important thing about their Christian faith is believing that the Baby Jesus is our Immanuel – God with us. As Christmas draws near, they are eager to welcome the Christ Child, to sing his praises and announce his presence by singing, “Joy to the World.”

There are then other Christians who could be called Lenten Christians. Lenten Christians see the need for a savior in a world where there is sin and guilt. They are drawn to the cross as the place where they go to receive forgiveness, hope and grace.

Then there are Pentecost Christians who are on fire with the Holy Spirit. They live out their faith in using their spiritual gifts, offering witness and testimony of the power of the Holy Spirit.

And then there are Advent Christians who believe that Christ came into the world; and, yet, sing “Oh Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel.” They believe that in Christ the kingdom of God has dawned, but still eagerly pray for his “kingdom come.” Theirs is a faith of exile, longing, watchfulness and waiting.

Personally, I have found Advent to be a special time. As the year is winding up and the



**WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!**

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

**WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP AT 6:00 PM**

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days grow shorter and shorter, the Advent season fills me with hope and gladness. Here, in this season, the church season starts a new and we sit in quiet and, in celebration, to hear once again the story of God's love come to earth. And, we wait in expectation for him to come again.

So, am I an Advent Christian? I suppose so. But, then, I am also an Easter Christian, a Christmas Christian, a Pentecost Christian. The list could go on and on.

I think I know what the author of the article was trying to get at. Certainly, church celebrations and festivals shape and mold our faith; however, I don't believe we fall into one group or another. At our baptism we are all called into the family of God and take on the name of Christ; and, because of this gift, we are called to live out our faith in the entirety of the Gospel story. We are called to live in the joy of Christmas, the forgiveness of Easter, the sorrow of Good Friday, to celebrate with all people the power of the Holy Spirit; and yes, to wait in expectation and hope for his coming during this time of Advent.

You are invited to join this community united by grace in Advent celebrations – as we wait, and watch, for Christ's return.



Pastor Lauren J. Wrightman

## SPECIAL EVENTS/WORSHIP

**ADVENT WEDNESDAYS** (Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19)

Advent Worship Services at 6:00 pm

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Cornerstone Christmas Program at 11:00 am

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Christmas Festival Concert at 7:30 pm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

Christmas Eve Worship

Family Worship at 3:00 and 4:30 pm

Candlelight Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30**

Regular worship at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31**

New Year's Eve Jazz Concert at 7:00 pm

## CARE TEAM VOLUNTEERS ARE READY TO HELP

Why is it that we find it hard to ask for help? Think about the last time you knew a neighbor or family member was having a hard time and you offered to help. Most times we hear "That's so nice of you to offer but I'll be OK." You genuinely wanted to help but were not given the opportunity. Or, maybe you know of someone who could use help but you aren't currently able to lend a hand.

Many of us find ourselves in a position of needing help—whether short term or long term—and if we don't have family or friends to help where do we turn? RLC's Care Team is a great place to start! Care Team volunteers are ready, willing and waiting to help you with: transportation, errands, light housework or yardwork, laundry, grocery shopping, providing a friendly visit or playing one of your favorite games. In addition, if you are unable to attend church temporarily or on a regular basis, volunteers are also available to bring prayer, scripture and communion to you.

All this is available just by asking. Call the church office (651-487-7552) or Ken Groth, Care team Coordinator, at 651-488-2694 or kpgroth@comcast.net. All Care Team relationships are treated confidentially. Also, Care Team is always looking new volunteers. If you have an interest, or want more information, please contact Ken Groth (above).



## ADVENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - 6:00 PM

Wednesdays November 28, December 5, 12, 19

*Join together for this mid-week Advent worship service at RLC.  
We gather around the word and music of Holden Evening Prayer.  
This service will include the celebration of Holy Communion.  
Invite a friend to join you in this contemplative worship experience.*



# SEASONS OF CHANGE

John Shardlow, Congregational President

For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven, Ecclesiastes 3:1

There are layers of wisdom in this scripture, from the literal observation of the changes in the seasons of God’s creation, to the seasons of our lives. As I am writing this, there are still some lingering crimson leaves on the trees. They are the last evidence of the fleeting fall of 2018.

The simple, but profound metaphors that flow from this scripture have inspired everything from songs and poetry, to more pragmatic applications. Everything about our lives, every relationship and organization goes through changes akin to the seasons. This is abundantly true of Roseville Lutheran Church.

As we have continued to create and implement our strategic plan, we have considered each aspect of our ministry through the lenses of Explore, Launch, Sustain and Release. Much like the seasons, these categories acknowledge that RLC is a living system. Change is inevitable and continuous. We can’t stop change, but we can understand it, strive to discern God’s will, and adapt with wisdom and humility.

In many ways, Roseville Lutheran Church is experiencing a Spring-like time of regeneration. Everywhere I look I see members exploring new initiatives and recommitting to bedrock commitments. Through it all, we are guided by our mission to Love God and to Love our neighbors, near and far.

We are responding to long deferred campus maintenance issues. Thanks to the love and generosity of Roy and Blythe Thompson, we have new roofs throughout our campus. Guided by our staff and the Campus Improvements Task Force, that work was successfully completed under our initial budget.



There is enough money left to tear out the ceilings in the Activity Center, clean any mold or mildew caused by the past leaks, and install new acoustical ceiling tile. This will, in turn, allow the installation of new lighting and a grant-funded sound system that have been waiting for the roof to be repaired.

We will soon take advantage of incentive financing and complete the conversion of all our lighting to LED, including the replacement of many fixtures. This will save us over \$1,000 in monthly energy cost, and permanently reduce our carbon footprint.

Finally, thanks to everyone who planned and participated in our recent One Worship service. There was such wonderful energy, great music, preaching and what a big cast for Story time! While Laurel Hofeldt and her staff are still compiling the information, we do know that so far, we have received 40% more Commitment Cards than last year. If you haven’t filled out your card yet, please do so soon. It helps everything we do together. Don’t worry about the winter, its spring at RLC.

## Are you on Facebook?

Be sure to follow RLC:

[facebook.com/RosevilleLutheranChurch/](https://facebook.com/RosevilleLutheranChurch/)

Get the latest updates, watch videos,  
hear about events, invite friends!

More information can also be found at:  
[rosevillelutheran.org](https://rosevillelutheran.org)



# RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

<p><b>Pastors</b></p> <p>Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor</p> <p>Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor</p> <p>Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor</p> <p><b>Hospitality Ministry</b></p> <p>Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager</p> <p>Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant</p> <p><b>Music Ministry</b></p> <p>John Helgen, Director</p> <p>Martha Mutch, Organist</p> <p>Maddie Giordana, Music Associate</p> <p>Ariel Wilberg, Children’s Choir</p> <p>Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs</p> <p><b>RLC Preschool</b></p> <p>Jenifer Johnson, Director</p> <p><b>Child Care House</b></p> <p>Sue Menier, Director</p> <p>Shyama Dahal, Assistant</p> <p><b>Endowment Committee</b></p> <p>Eric Lagerquist, Chair</p>	<p><b>Children’s Ministry</b></p> <p>Julie Hanson, Director of Children’s Ministry</p> <p>Tammy Heiple, PMO, Nursery Coordinator</p> <p><b>Student Ministry</b></p> <p>Michael Jordan, Director of Youth Ministry</p> <p>Abby Matter, Deacon, Director of Faith Formation</p> <p><b>Facilities Ministry</b></p> <p>Bruce Pelava, Campus Manager</p> <p>Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer</p> <p>Shelton Ingram, Custodian</p> <p>Vicky Benoit, Custodian</p> <p>Alex Jones, Custodian</p> <p><b>Ministry Support Staff</b></p> <p>Dave Booms, Church Administrator</p> <p>Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data</p> <p>Daniel Pederson, Communications Manager</p> <p>Stephen Gallen, Communications Specialist</p> <p>Kay Berthiaume, Financial Assistant</p> <p>Diane Daulton, Financial Assistant</p> <p>Tammy Swanson, Financial Assistant</p> <p>Trish Clifford, Administrative Assistant</p>	<p><b>Nominating Committee</b></p> <p>Kevin Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Nick Boulton, Co-Chair</p> <p><b>Congregation Council</b></p> <p>John Shardlow, President</p> <p>Mike Dolan, President Elect</p> <p>Jessica Henry, Vice President</p> <p>Elizabeth Jacobson</p> <p>Tom Lund</p> <p>Stacy Nealy</p> <p>Mary Peterson</p> <p>Michael Tostengard</p> <p>David Werner</p> <p><b>Ministry Team Chairs</b></p> <p>Georgia Nygaard, Adult Ed</p> <p>Marlaine Maahs, CYF Co-Chair</p> <p>Jim Maahs, CYF Co-Chair</p> <p>Gena Mickley, Children’s Ministry Advisory Board</p> <p>Roxanne Schultz, Christian LIFE</p> <p>Dave Tetzlaff, Mission &amp; Outreach</p> <p>Greg Johnson, Stewardship</p> <p>Lillian Wassell, Youth &amp; Family</p>
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FINANICIAL REPORT

RLC October 2018 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2018-2019						Prior Year	
	Oct Actual	Oct Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2017 Oct Actual	2017-2018 YTD Actual
Offering	118,822	104,807	412,156	438,152	-25,995	127,209	414,710
Other receipts	10,860	7,335	39,040	41,240	-2,200	7,583	36,629
Total Receipts	129,682	112,142	451,196	479,392	-28,195	134,791	451,339
Expenses	159,626	156,039	507,836	529,822	-21,986	141,543	514,737
Net	-29,944	-43,898	-56,640	-50,430	-6,209	-6,752	-63,398

Number of Givers 2018-2019					Prior Year	
	Oct		YTD through Oct		2017-18 YTD Thru Oct	
	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving
General Fund	459	\$ 249	579	\$ 672	602	\$ 651
Bldg Designated	71	\$ 69	92	\$ 226	96	\$ 207
M&O Iringa	27	\$ 359	29	\$ 374	34	\$ 362
M&O Other	15	\$ 97	37	\$ 166	22	\$ 925
Memorials/Estate	0	\$ -	6	\$ 423	13	\$ 162
Other Designated	15	\$ 138	28	\$ 454	50	\$ 109
Endowment Fund	1	\$ 50	3	\$ 57	12	\$ 58
All Other	3	\$ 25	3	\$ 61	1	\$ 39
Total	477	\$ 278	603	\$ 738	638	\$ 710

Fund Balances 10/31/2018		
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments	653,265	
Designated/Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund	66,656	
Building Fees	2,253	
Mission & Outreach	38,927	
Kitchen Fund	27,507	
Memorials	30,159	
Matching Funds	4,000	
Estate Gifts	335,706	
<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>202,289</u>	
<b>Total Designated/Restricted</b>	<b>707,497</b>	
Child Care:	Current Yr	<b>1,308</b>
Preschool:	Current Yr	<b>-70</b>
Operating Fund:	Current Yr	<b>-56,640</b>

Endowment Fund			
	Cash	235	
	Investments	478,212	
	Total	478,447	

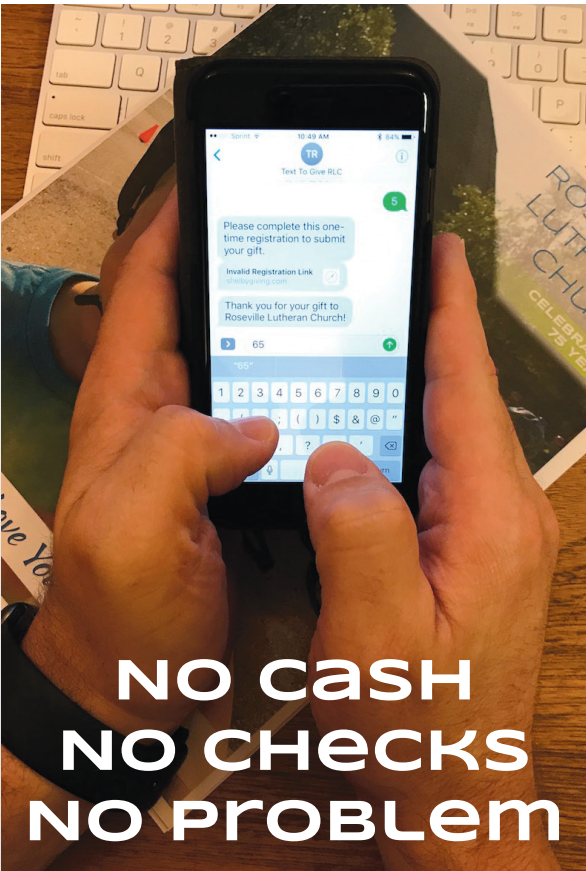
FINANCE OFFICE

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 \$25,995 less than we had budgeted as of October 31, 2018. Total year-to-date expenses exceed receipts by \$56,640. The budgeted year-to-date deficit is \$50,430, meaning we are \$6,209 below our budgeted position at the end of October. 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](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer). If you have additional questions please contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data at [lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org).



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DRIVERS NEEDED

We have a devoted group of drivers willing to reinforce our commitment to being able to provide transportation to the attendees of our church and community so that they may attend church activities. Each Sunday morning we need people that will provide a ride to and/or from church for the 9:00am 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. Drivers are needed to pick up the many people who call for transportation. On Sunday mornings we pick up between 8:00 and 8:30.

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

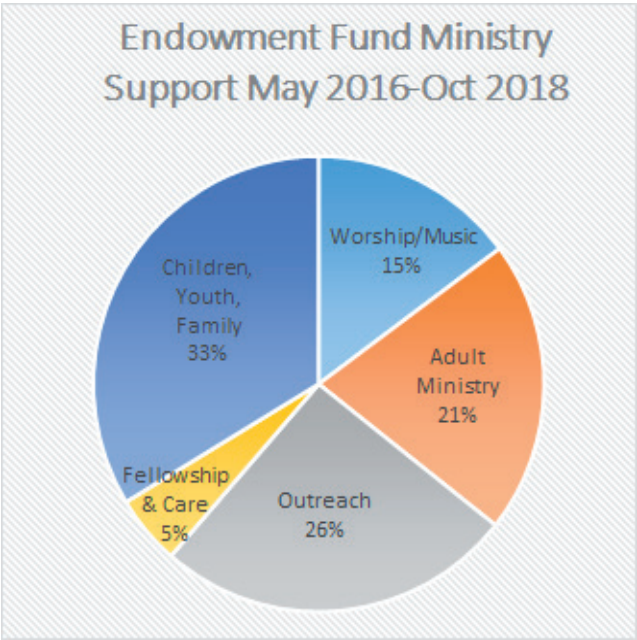
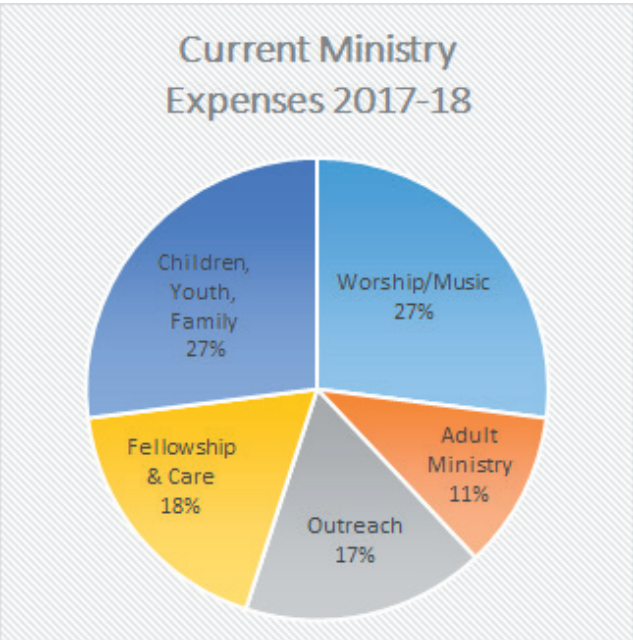
Questions, please contact Dave Booms, Church Administrator, at 651-487-7752 ext 257 or at [dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org).

Blessings,  
Dave Booms, Church Administrator

RLC ENDOWMENT

Endowment Fund Supports RLC Vision and Mission

The Roseville Lutheran Endowment Fund was established in 1974 whereby investment earnings are utilized to further support the vision and mission of Roseville Lutheran Church through a grant request process. The Endowment Committee reviewed the last five grant cycles (May 2016 - Oct 2018) to identify which of the five ministry areas the approved grants fell into. The piechart on the left is RLC's current Ministry expenses divided among the 5 ministry areas. The piechart on the right is the Endowment Fund grant requests for the past 2+ years.



The Endowment Committee will continue to walk step-in-step with RLC's Vision and Mission as grant requests are reviewed twice a year (May & October). Your contributions to the Endowment Fund through the LOVE LIGHTS campaign, along with memorials and celebrations contributions and estate gifts, bolster RLC's vision and mission. The Endowment Fund accepts contributions anytime through checks or online giving. A gift to the Endowment Fund truly is the gift that keeps on giving for years to come.

**VISION**

LOVE GOD  
LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR

**MISSION**

COMMUNITY  
UNITED  
BY GRACE



LOVE LIGHTS STARS

Sponsor a star in memory/tribute of someone who has touched your life. Look for a table in the Commons through Dec. 9 to purchase your star or you may donate online at [rosevillelutheran.org/lovelights](http://rosevillelutheran.org/lovelights). Donations are added to the RLC Endowment Fund.



## PRESCHOOL IS TURNING 40 IN 2019!

*Roseville Lutheran Preschool Established in 1979*

Did you know RLC Preschool started in 1979? The preschool has shared the love of Jesus with many three, four, and five year olds over the years, and has had several caring hands from teachers, assistants, aides, volunteers and directors, too. Thanks to all who attended and who have given us their support to make RLC Preschool a great place to learn, play, and share God's love. We would love to hear your favorite memories of Roseville Lutheran Nursery School whether you were a student, a parent, or a former staff member. Please send your memory via email to: [jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org). Pictures are welcome too!

Here is an example of a great story about RLC Preschool: Rachel Lawson, a current preschool teacher, learned about our preschool from a friend when her oldest daughter, Bella, turned three. Bella had such a great experience at RLC Preschool that her sisters, Lucy and Annika, followed in her footsteps. Rachel commented, "I really loved the atmosphere and how the teachers related to kids, as well as, how they met the needs of each child." Rachel volunteered many hours over the years at the preschool when her three daughters attended. Eventually Rachel was asked if she was interested in joining the staff as an assistant teacher. After a couple years of working as an assistant teacher, Rachel was inspired to get her Early Childhood degree to become a preschool teacher. (The girl foot painting and dancing in the picture is Rachel's daughter Lucy. This was used as a promotional postcard for several years.)

In the Spring of 2019, we plan to host a big birthday celebration for current and alumni preschoolers to attend. (Stay tuned to our webpage for more details with the specific date and time). To help us with this party, along with other needs for our program, we would love for you to support us with our Poinsettia Fundraiser or a monetary gift to our Text to Give/ Online Donations, November 15 – Dec. 9, 2018. You can find a link on our webpage at: <http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/ages-and-stages/rlc-preschool/>

*Our preschool is looking forward to our Winter activities coming up:*

Nov. 15 – Dec. 9	Poinsettia Fundraiser and Text to Give/Online Giving
Dec. 19, 9:30 am	MWF 3's and 4's combined Christmas Program
Dec. 20, 9:30 am	TTH 3's and 4's combined Christmas Program
Dec. 21 – Jan. 1	Winter Break
January 17-18	Parent/Teacher Conferences
January 28	Registration opens for 2019-20!
January 28-29	June in January Fun!
Month of February 2019	Help with Project Home
February 13-14	Valentine Fun

## P. S. – SAVE THE DATE

*Preschool Registration Opens January 28*

Preschool Registration for 2019-20 will begin Jan. 28, 2019

If you have questions, please contact the Preschool Director, Jenifer Johnson at 651-488-6887 or [jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org).



## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

*November 30*

Need an evening to get shopping done, wrap presents or just go to dinner without kids? Friday, Nov. 30 we are hosting a Parents Night Out from 6-9 pm. Our youth will care for your kids ages 12 mos-10 yrs with games, crafts and fun while you get an evening off! Cost is \$15 per child or \$40 per family. Proceeds from this event go toward scholarships for youth to attend summer camps and trips. Pre-registration is required to make sure we have enough care givers for the number of kids. Sign up at the Children, Youth and Family desk in the Commons or Lobby, or call the main office to give your kids names and ages. Questions? contact Julie Hanson at [jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org)

## THE CYF GARAGE SALE IS COMING THIS SPRING!



We are having a Garage Sale this spring to benefit the youth scholarship fund at RLC. Proceeds from the sale of your treasures will help kids go to camp and on mission trips next summer. The sale will be **Friday, May 3**, from noon - 8:00 pm, and **Saturday, May 4** from 9:00 am - noon. We will begin collecting items and furniture beginning Saturday, April 27. A lot of hands are needed to make this happen. If you have time during the day or evening April 27-May 2 to help organize and set up, or can work the sale itself, please contact Julie Hanson at [jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org). Donations will not be accepted after May 1 at 5:00 pm.







GIFT CARDS,  
SHARING TREE,  
STOCKING STUFFERS

Many people are searching for ways to get the most out of the money they spend, and also want to make sure their dollars have the largest impact when they donate. Our Youth Gift Card fundraiser provides both of those opportunities. If you choose to participate in the Sharing Tree this year at RLC, please consider purchasing a gift card from the youth to pay for the gift. We receive a rebate on all the gift cards we sell that go directly into our scholarship fund to send more youth to camp each summer. The face value of the gift card stays the same, which means you pay exactly for what you're getting. It's a WIN-WIN! If you're looking to use gift cards as a gift for the holidays, you can purchase them through our youth. We provide gift cards to hundreds of retailers nationwide! Stop by the Children, Youth & Family corner in the Commons to learn more and purchase your gift cards. Gift cards purchased by Sunday, December 16 will arrive before Christmas.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We are fortunate at Roseville Lutheran Church that when a need arises, people step forward to share their time and talent in many ways. This fall, our church nursery got a facelift. It now looks beautiful, fresh and new!

Jumping in to lend a hand with his painting expertise, Leon Neve shared many hours to paint. Jan Abell came in over several days to put on the finishing touches. Paint helpers also included Janet Risinger and Kailey Swanson.

When we needed new covers for two of our much loved rocking chairs in the nursery, Ardis Zantek didn't hesitate to share her sewing talent. The beautifully crafted covers add to our new nursery is a very special way.



CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR

Here's what's happening in Children, Youth and Family Ministry this Fall at RLC

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

- Sundays – Little Lambs, Cornerstone, and Luther League (2 yr. olds thru 6th Grade)
- Tuesdays – FLOCK (High School)
- Wednesdays – Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade)
- Thursdays – Bagels @ Dawn (High School)

SPECIAL EVENTS & RETREATS:

November 25	10:00 am	Advent Activity Day (2 yrs – 6th Grade)
November 30	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Parents Night Out
December 1	9:00 – 11:00 am	Candy Cane Breakfast
December 2	10:00 am	Silly Sock Sunday
December 8	8:30 am – Noon	Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal
December 9	10:00 am	Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal
December 9	11:00 am	Cornerstone Christmas Program
December 12	7:00 pm	Confirmation 9th Grade Parent Meeting
December 16	10:00 am	Christmas Party for Sunday Programs
December 19		Confirmation Fellowship Night
December 23 - 29		NO Weekly Programs
December 30		NO CYF Sunday Programs
January 1		NO FLOCK
January 2		NO Confirmation
January 3		Bagels @ Dawn Resumes
January 5		RECHARGE Conference
January 6		Sunday CYF Programming Resumes
January 9	7:00 pm	Confirmation Service Night – Dresser Build
January 13	10:00 am	Serve Sunday – Big Wrap & Dresser Build
January 19 – 21		Slovakia Participant Retreat
January 25 – 26		Confirmation Lock-IN
January 27	10:00 am	Camp Sunday
	3:00 pm	RLC Talent Show
February 3		Summer Youth Trip Registration Forms Due
February 10	9:00 & 11:00 am	Youth Led Worship Service
February 15 – 17		9th Grade Confirmation Retreat
February 24	10:00 am	1st Grade Prayer Workshop
February 27	7:00 pm	Lenten Mentors Meeting

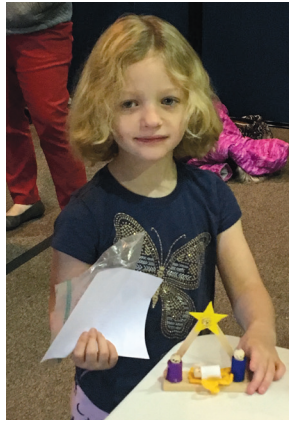
A COMMUNITY  
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## ADVENT ACTIVITY DAY

*Held November 25*

The 30- year tradition of Advent Activity Day is a special one! All Cornerstone and Luther League students from 2 years old through 6th grade participate in creating a craft or decorative item to be used in the home during the Advent season. These are quality items will last for several Advent seasons and you will want to use them year after year as you focus on the true meaning of Christmas. This year November 25th is Advent Activity Day at RLC.



## SILLY SOCKS SUNDAY

*Sunday, December 2*

This year we are asking kids and adults to wear silly socks on Sunday, Dec 2nd and bring a package or two of new socks to donate to kids that need them! Silly Socks Sunday will



be a fun way to worship and praise God! Bring your donated new socks to the bin in the Lobby! Elementary sizes especially, but all will be used.

## SERVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

*Dresser Build and BIG Wrap Return*

All are invited to participate in Serve Sunday to benefit clients of Bridging. Bridging is a local organization that helps people get back on their feet and into homes of their own by supplying home furnishings and things that many of us take for granted. We will be assembling dressers for Bridging, collecting blankets and kitchen linens. On Sunday, Dec 30th and Jan. 6th we will have Fleece Tie Blanket Kits available for people to pick up in the Commons and assemble at home. People can also purchase their own fleece to make blankets. These blankets can then be brought back to RLC on Jan. 13th to add to the new and/or gently used blankets we are collecting.

On January 13th at 10:00 the whole congregation is invited to help with this project- there will be no regular Cornerstone, Luther League or Devos & Donuts. Instead of regular programming, kids and their families are invited to assemble a dresser in the Activity Center and/or bundle kitchen towels and linens for the clients of Bridging on the mezzanines. Serving side by side to be a blessing to others is meaningful for all that participate.

Donations are needed to make this project successful. We are collecting new or gently used blankets of all sizes, kitchen towels, dish cloths, and hot pads. If you would like to donate to the cost of a dresser, please make a check to RLC with "Bridging" in the memo line. Dressers cost \$80 each. Bring your blanket and linen donations to bin near the Children, Youth and Family desk in the Commons or the CYF desk in the lobby upstairs. Join us as we assemble dressers and pack bundles for Bridging clients!



*Sunday, December 9 – Cornerstone Christmas Program*

Our Cornerstone Christmas Program is held during the 11:00 am worship service. Kids ages 2 – 6th grade have been working hard to learn lyrics, memorize their parts and fun dance moves to make this program fun for everyone. We have changed the format of our program and are excited for you to see it! Learn how the events leading up to the birth of Jesus just were NOT WHAT WE EXPECTED!

## SPECIAL REHEARSAL

*Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8:30 am*

Our big full rehearsal will be on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 in the Worship Center. All those involved with the program are expected to be at this final rehearsal. Preschoolers will be excused at 10:00, others at 11:00 if things go well! Parents are needed to help serve snack to the kids. Please let Julie know if you can help on Dec 8.





## CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN

Jan. 25-25 for 7th-9th Graders



The Confirmation Lock-In is coming soon! As always, it will be an all-night event of fun, fellowship, and games. Youth will have a great time with giant inflatables, movies, games, midnight worship, pizza party, laser tag, and much, MUCH more! The Confirmation Lock-In is open to 7th through 9th graders and their friends. It begins Friday Jan. 25, at 8:00 pm and will end on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 7:00 am. The cost is \$25 per youth and the deadline to register is Sunday, January 13. Registration forms will be available online beginning in December. Contact Abby at [amatter@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:amatter@rosevillelutheran.org) with any questions.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Feb. 15-17 for 9th Graders



This year the 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat is Friday February 15th through Sunday February 17th. We will be heading to Urban Immersion in Minneapolis for a weekend of fellowship and service. It will be a hands on experience for students and leaders as they work alongside one another to serve their neighbors in their own backyard. Online registration will be available in January, but until then mark your calendars as this will be a weekend you won't want to miss! If you have any questions, please contact Abby Matter at [amatter@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:amatter@rosevillelutheran.org)

## INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

Here's what's happening

This summer, 21 youth and 7 adult leaders from Roseville Lutheran will embark on a life-changing experience to our partner congregation in Martin, Slovakia. During our week there, we will join the Slovak high school students in serving and learning together. We are excited about this opportunity to grow this partnership in new ways since RLC's first Builder's Group opened the doors to this opportunity in 2003. The motto of the Builder's Group has been "Renovating Rooms – Renovating Lives." For most of our members that have gone to Slovakia it is their own lives that have been changed more through these experiences. As youth and families, we eagerly anticipate our chance to develop lasting friendships while still deepening these established relationships that have been fostered for over 15 years!

Our youth will spend their week in Martin living our mission of "Love God. Love your neighbor" in a completely new way. Each day we will continue classroom renovations alongside the students there. In addition, we will have the opportunity to assist the school's own service partnerships within the community. They work closely with an orphanage in a neighboring town as well as the gypsy slums. We will spend several afternoons with these two groups and focus on playing and teaching the children all while sharing the compassion and love of Jesus. Our youth will be challenged to see their neighbor in all of the people we meet, and our youth will discover new ways that each of them can individually follow God's call to love all of these people. This week of service will leave our youth changed for the rest of their lives, and the memories and friendships will make a lasting impression as our eyes and hearts are opened to how God is doing miraculous work all across the world through each of us that are willing to follow the call.

There is a significant financial cost for our youth going on this summer service learning trip – \$3,200 per participant. To assist our youth financially in their endeavor to serve in new ways, we will once again hang red envelopes in our commons during the month of February. The sign above those envelopes will once again read Invest in Our Youth. This year, I am not asking you to only invest in our youth who are going on this service learning trip. With each investment you make, you are also investing in all the youth we will meet in in Slovakia. Not only will your investment aid in sending our 21 youth, but your investment will also go



towards building deeper partnerships in Christ with the over 50 high school youth we will be serving alongside. As witnessed from our previous youth trip to Slovakia in 2016, these friendships have turned into lasting relationships for our youth and adult leaders that have shaped all of us into one community united by God's grace.

When those envelopes go up in February, I invite you to seize this opportunity to spread a generosity that will be contagious by investing in our youth in a way that will bear much fruit for years to come. Through your generous partnership, we will be able to help our youth focus more on preparing their hearts and minds for service. All of those that contribute towards the service learning trip will be invited to our Slovakia banquet on July 14 so that you can hear and see the impact of this trip.

As each of these youth was confirmed, we asked them to consider what it means to lead a Christian life for the rest of their lives. While this trip may only be one week of service, it is laying a firm foundation and understanding in all of them that this work must continue long into the future as part of our call as disciples of Christ.

With your continued prayers and support, we can make this a reality for our youth and the youth in Martin.

Thank you for investing in our youth!

~Michael Jordan





## TALENT SHOW!

*For ALL Ages – January 27*

Do you know how to fold napkins in a fancy way? Do you play an instrument? Can you whistle? How about square dancing? The RLC Talent Show will feature 60 acts in 60 minutes! Whatever your talent, either solo, duo or in a group, we are asking people of ALL ages to sign up to showcase their specialty in 60 seconds.

More information will be coming...in the meantime, practice that tuba, make your secret recipe of lefsa or practice your ventriloquism and get ready to shine on January 27 at 3:00 pm. Admission cost is a non-perishable food donation.

## NEW CHECK IN SYSTEM

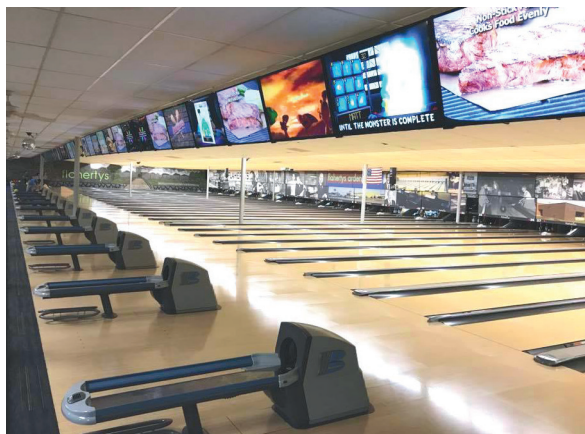
*Children, Youth and Family Programming*

We implemented a new Check In System this fall for all CYF programming. New beautiful wooden Check In Kiosks were built by Terry Woeltge. His woodworking skills were shared to build 3 wooden kiosks that are mounted in the lobby when the check in system is needed on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Thank you all for sharing your time and talents with us! Your generosity touches many!

## BOWLING LEAGUE

*Starts Dec. 2 at 5:30 pm at Flaherty's*



RLC Life Ministries presents a bowling league at Flaherty's (1273 County Rd. E) starting Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 pm. It will continue every other week (Dec. 1, 16, 30, Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24, March 10, 24).

Make new friends while enjoying a fun time bowling. One line of bowling is \$4.99 and shoes can be rented for \$3.50. Contact league manager (Ted) at 651-334-4171, or Church Office at 651-487-7752.

## SUMMER TRIPS 2019

*Plan Now! Registration Closes Feb. 3*

One of the highlights of our families and staff at Roseville Lutheran is our summer trips! The fellowship and faith formation that happen during the week on all of our summer trips, is truly remarkable.

This year, we have 8 summer trips for children ages 3 through 30 year-old young adults. Registrations will be available online starting in the beginning of 2019. Youth families must register by February 3 to guarantee their spot this summer.

To start planning for your trips now, pick up a copy of our summer brochure at the Children, Youth, and Family corner in the Commons.

*Garage Sale Set for May 3-4*

The Garage Sale (see page 6 of this newsletter!) will be a great opportunity for all those participating in a summer trip to offset their trip costs.



## LENTEN MENTORS

*6-week Commitment to a Confirmation Student*

This year we are looking for 47 adults in the congregation to be mentors to our 9th grade confirmation students during Lent. It would be a 6-week commitment beginning with a Mentor Meeting on February 27th at 7 p.m. As a mentor, you would attend the 7 o'clock worship with a 9th grade student and then meet with them afterwards one on one for five weeks in Lent (March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10. Students have Spring Break March 6th so you would not meet that week). You will be given all the materials you need including discussion questions and talking points for your time together. Please contact Abby Matter at [amatter@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:amatter@rosevillelutheran.org) if you are interested in being a mentor. The idea is to connect these students with members of the congregation who can get to know them and call them by name!

## HOP'N HELPERS

*1:30 pm, Saturday, January 26*

Using our bodies to have fun and do God's work! January 26 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, wear your silly socks, have fun and help others at our Family LIFE Ministry event in January. We will have inflatables such as a Jumhouse and a two-lane obstacle course climb, crafting stations with creations to enrich Meals on Wheels, photo booth, music, hula hoop, games and more. We'll have drinks and snacks too. This is a family event, so a parent or guardian needs to be present. Children aged Preschool thru Grade school. Admittance fee: Bring a pack of kids white socks, or a set of hat and mittens or a donation (suggested donation of \$5). These clothing supplies and donations will be used to benefit Project Home.





## ADULT EDUCATION

Roseville Lutheran Church has been fortunate to have an active Adult Education Program. There are many new and interesting sessions this year and our committee hopes that you will join us on Sunday mornings at 10:10 in Room 40.

### *The Importance of Preaching*

Karoline Lewis  
Dec. 2, 9, 16

We listen to sermons every Sunday, but why is preaching so important? What is a sermon supposed to do? What is its role in the worship service? What should we be listening for in a sermon? This three-week series will address these questions and more so as to grow in our understanding of and appreciation for the proclamation of the Gospel.



~ No classes Dec. 23, 30 ~

## JANUARY 2019 MISSION MONTH

### *Central Park Elementary*

Jan. 6 – Becky Berkas

Becky Berkas, Principal of Central Park Elementary School and RLC member will share how members of RLC are presently volunteering with her students and how more RLC members can take part in upcoming opportunities of service. Becky reminds us that Central Park Elementary is a neighborhood school rich in cultural and linguistic diversity nestled within the heart of Roseville. Central Park students join together from a variety of cultures and diverse backgrounds and each child brings a unique and valuable set of skills and talents to school.



### *Family Serve Sunday*

Dresser Build and Big Wrap

Family Serve Sunday, towel and kitchen bundles, blanket drive, and build 20 dressers. (See article from on Serve Sunday on page 8 of this newsletter).

[rosevillelutheran.org](http://rosevillelutheran.org)

### *Sheridan Story*

Jan. 20 – Avivah Brown

Roseville Lutheran and Sheridan Story work together with the staff at Central Park Elementary School and RAMS to provide weekend meals for students at both schools.

Avivah Brown from the Sheridan Story will speak on how this very effective program is helping Roseville students with their weekend nutrition needs and how RLC members are contributing to this successful venture.

She will also describe how this program started a few years ago helping kids at one Minneapolis school and how it has expanded to helping hundreds of students at over 200 schools throughout the Metro area all because hunger on the weekends is so widespread.



### *Keystone Community Services*

Jan. 27 – Christine Pulvers

Hear how we at RLC can be personally involved in the local mission of Keystone Community Services working to strengthen the capacity of individuals and families to improve their quality of life. See the vision that individuals, youth, families and seniors in our community have the resources and skills they need to live with hope and dignity.

Keystone provides vital, community-based services aimed at strengthening our community, with a commitment to serving people with the greatest needs. Services are designed with community input to meet the aspirations and respond to the changing needs of those we serve: young people and families, seniors and those needing food services or crisis support. Keystone delivers high-quality, evidence-based services in neighborhood gathering places that make our community stronger.



### *Science and Faith*

Feb. 3 – Pastor Sara Spohr

Do you ever feel like faith and science are in competition, that you've got to choose one or the other? The different stories told by faith and science often overwhelm us. But what if our faith could be enlarged and inspired by science? Join in this important conversation.



### *Martin Luther and his Enemies*

Feb. 10 –

Dr. Mary Jane Haemig

This is an examination of Luther and the Jews, the Turks, the Papists and others with whom he "wrestled."



### *Glimpsing Resurrection*

Feb. 17, 24, March 3 – Deanna Thompson

February 17 – Part I Glimpsing Resurrection: Illness Trauma, and Getting to Hope

For the past 10 years, Religion Professor Deanna Thompson has been writing and speaking about life and faith amid a stage IV cancer diagnosis. In this forum she will explore how recent trauma research helps us better understand what it's like to be seriously ill, and consider how the Christian story—and all of us in the church—can be opened up to make more space for the trauma, which in turn creates more space for hope.



February 24 – Part II Glimpsing Resurrection: Illness, Trauma, and Getting to Hope.

This forum will dive more deeply into biblical resources that can help those who are seriously ill, as well as some concrete ways in which all of us (individually and collectively) can be the hands and feet of Christ to those who are undone by illness.

March 3 – Part III The Virtual Body of Christ in a Suffering world

Before her diagnosis of stage IV cancer, Deanna Thompson was skeptical that digital technology could enhance our connections to one another. Then she got sick. Really sick. And through the worst of her illness Thompson became aware of the potential of digital technology to help us better support one another during the most awful times of our lives. In this forum we will explore some of the ways technology is changing us, and consider how the digital revolution presents us with new tools to better be the (virtual) body of Christ in a suffering world.

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United by Grace**



## LIBRARY NEWS

**SHHH!! (Just kidding!)**  
**Volunteers Needed (Not kidding!)**

The RLC library is looking for volunteers! We need help labeling the shelves, preparing books for the shelves, and calling people when books are overdue. This is not difficult work, but we need your help to keep our library a pleasing place for everyone.

We are in the process of weeding out multiple copies or outdated books. We thank you for the books you've given to our Library, but are currently not prepared to receive any more donations.

Free books are available for children and adults outside the Library. Stop by and help yourself! We will also be having a \$1 book sale in early December.

If you have any questions about the Library, or if you'd like to volunteer, please call me at 651-636-5093 or email mnsfboyce@aol.com. I am often in the Library on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am - Noon, but please call or let me know before you come.



## VALENTINE'S SWING DANCE

**Saturday, Feb. 16 at RLC**

**Free Dance Lesson at 6:00 pm**

**Dance from 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Join us for a sweetheart of a dance featuring the RLC Jazz Band – our full size big band! Come early at 6:00 pm for a FREE dance lesson with a professional instructor. The dance will go from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Don't want to dance? No problem - just come and enjoy the music! Light refreshments will be available. Open to all ages, dancers and non-dancers. Questions, contact Jane Lagerquist at 612-810-5489. Hosted by LIFE Ministry.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**8:00 am, 1st and 3rd Saturdays**

Men's Breakfasts continue on Saturday mornings twice each month, 8:00-9:30 am. All men are welcome to enjoy breakfast (often cooked by Connie) and conversation tied to the continuing study of the Gospel of Mark.

The informal discussion always includes the latest sports and news, as well as questions about life, relationships, and what it means to follow Jesus.

For more information contact Pastor Rolf Olson or the men leaders at RLC. Upcoming dates are January 5, 19; February 2, 16; March 2, 16.

## MONTHLY MEN'S LUNCH

**11:30 am, 2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 at Perkins on County Rd. B**

All RLC Men and friends are invited to gather for a monthly lunch. This is just a chance to get together. No agenda, no program, no obligation. Order from menu with separate checks at the Perkins Restaurant (1495 County Rd. B) in Roseville.

If you plan to take advantage of this opportunity call Al Swiglo at 651-490-7752 or the church office at 651-487-7752. We will save a few extra seats for those who forget to sign up, but want to come. See you there!

## WIDOW'S GROUP

**Monthly Saturday Gathering**

The Rose Enka widows' organization meets monthly (on a 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, December 8 – Olive Garden**  
 1525 County Road C, Roseville  
 (NOTE: early, holiday date)

**Saturday, January 19 – Ol' Mexico**  
 1754 Lexington Avenue North, Roseville

**Saturday, February 16 – House of Wong**  
 1162 Larpentour Avenue West, Roseville

## COFFEE AND CANVAS

**Fun Painting Event Returns Feb. 2**

Join friends for a morning of creativity and fun at our next Coffee and Canvas event on Saturday, February 2 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Heritage Hall. No experience needed! An art instructor from Cheers Pablo will lead the class in creating a colorful 16 x 20 canvas. Stop by the office to see what you'll be painting!

The cost is \$25.00. All needed materials will be supplied. Space is limited, so sign up early! You can register and pay online or bring your check to the office. For more information, contact Trish at 651-487-7752.



## BOOK DISCUSSION

**Local Author, Nancy Koester, to Discuss**  
**"Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Spiritual Life"**  
**January 19 at 10:00 am**

You might think the story of Harriet Beecher Stowe has been told. We've been there. We've done that. Local author Nancy Koester, however, respectfully disagrees.

Koester's probing Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Spiritual Life, won the 2015 Minnesota Book Award in the General Nonfiction category.

Koester says she became attracted to Stowe's story through her general love of history and love of biographies, women's history and abolitionist history. This Stowe biography separates itself from others in the way it digs into Stowe's faith.

Citing Stowe's most famous book "Uncle Tom's Cabin", Koester asks, "What kind of person could write such a book? What moved this Yankee woman to challenge slavery? Why was the book so powerful? Meet Harriet Beecher Stowe, the most famous American woman of the 19th century."

Koester will be discussing her book at Roseville Lutheran on Saturday, January 19. Watch for more information. Bring your friends! All are welcome.



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## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

**Buona Sera** Roseville Lutheran Church!

The RLC Hospitality Ministry has had quite an exciting past few months! We had a tremendously successful “Evening in Tuscany” event, and with the help of all the wonderful volunteers it was well received. My hope is to be able to have events like this for catering weddings and business conferences. Roseville Lutheran church has so much to offer to all our guests, that I think it would be very advantageous to manage these events here.

Our next event is in partnership with Children’s Ministry, “The Candy Cane Breakfast.” This will be fun for the children and the young at heart.

Here are some other recent or upcoming events for the ministry team:

- Veterans Day Luncheon – Nov. 9
- Tanzania Beg Kwa Bega event – Nov. 10
- ADK – Nov. 14, Dec. 12
- Prime Time – Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 10
- Luther Connection – Nov. 16
- Thanksgiving Pie Social – Nov. 21
- Olli Life-long Learning – Tuesday mornings
- Pastor’s Bible Study – Wednesday mornings
- Rebecca’s Circle – 3rd week/month
- Men’s Group – ongoing

We have other events coming in the next few months that will be announced as confirmation has been made.

Once again I need to truly thank the volunteers here at Roseville Lutheran for not only being amazing but have become friends of mine. You have been the beautiful jewels on my bracelet of life. **Grazie Mille!**

My hope is that you will have a fabulous Thanksgiving and a beautiful Christmas with your families.

Ciao,  
Connie Marchio



## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONVERT

Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm

The choirs, brass, handbells and other instrumental musicians of Roseville Lutheran will gather to present our Christmas Festival Concert at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 15. Mark your calendars and plan to attend – and invite a friend!



## NEW YEAR’S EVE WITH RLC JAZZ

Monday, Dec. 31 at 7:00 pm



All are invited to experience the sounds of RLC Jazz at our annual New Year’s Eve concert, 7:00 pm on Monday, December 31. Come and hear an entertaining concert featuring some of the classic music of the big band era, along with Christmas season favorites and other contemporary tunes, performed by our many talented players and singers. Bring the whole family, and invite your friends too!

## 2018-2019 CONCERTS AND MUSICAL EVENTS AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Get out your calendar and mark down these exciting concert opportunities at RLC for the coming year – more details will be available as the dates approach. All concerts are free except as marked with \*\*

Sunday	November 18	3:00 pm	Encore Wind Ensemble
Sunday	November 25	2:30 pm	Northstar and Lake Country Choruses (tickets available at door)
Friday	December 7	7:30 pm	VocalEssence - “Welcome Christmas” (tickets through VocalEssence website)**
Sunday	December 9	4:00 pm	Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies
Saturday	December 15	7:30 pm	RLC Christmas Festival Concert
Tuesday	December 18	7:00 pm	Roseville Area High School Concert
Monday	December 31	7:00 pm	RLC Jazz in Concert
Friday	February 8	7:00 pm	Minnesota Sinfonia
Sunday	February 10	3:00 pm	Bella Lumina Choir
Sunday	March 31	3:00 pm	St. Paul Civic Symphony
Saturday	April 6	7:30 pm	Luther College Collegiate Chorale

\*\*ticketed event



## DEPRESSION IN OLDER ADULTS

*Dec. 10 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at RLC*

Come hear about how to better understand the issues faced by older adults who are living with depression. Monday, December 10 at RLC. Presented by Minnesota chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9:00 am - Noon*

Take a morning for you! Join us for a fun morning with women and friends of Roseville Lutheran. Relax, meet some new friends, and hear an inspiring message.

Our guest speaker will be Shawna Boren, associate pastor of young adult and welcome ministry at Woodland Hills Church in St. Paul. She will share her energy and wisdom as we learn and grow together.

Save the date now, registration will open in January.



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hear about events, invite friends!

More information can also be found at:

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## OUR NEIGHBORS AND ME

*Being Christ in Our Community*

Formed in 2016, the Our Neighbors and Me committee seeks to connect members of Roseville Lutheran with resources that deepen our understanding of the diverse communities that reside within the Roseville and Falcon Heights area. The acronym ONAM (Our Neighbors and Me) expresses our commitment to being "Christ in our community" for ALL our neighbors.

*Book Discussion in February/March, 2019*

RLC members Marilyn Shardlow and Sara Mohn will lead discussions of the book "The Hate U Give" during the 10:10 hour on Sundays, February 26 and March 3rd, 2019. This recent bestseller by Angie Thomas focuses on the killing of a young black man by a police officer and its complex impact on his family, friends, and community. It has been widely read by young people across the country, so RLC youth are especially encouraged to participate, as well as others of any age. If you are interested in joining this book study, please call the church office. Preregistration is encouraged.

Next spring, Pastor Dick Carlson, along with the ONAM team, will lead a book study using the 2008 book "Reconciling All Things: A Christian Vision for Justice, Peace and Healing" by authors Emmanuel Katongole and Chris Rice, cofounders of the Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School. The focus will be to explore a clear theological vision of God's mission in Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to himself and our calling to participate in that mission of reconciliation. This book lays out a quest for God's new creation and a fresh vision for the church. Dates and times will be announced in January.

Other ONAM offerings during the 10:10 hour include two presentations from Dr. Karen McKinney on Sundays April 28th and May 5th. Dr. McKinney will be discussing Christian perspectives on the concept of white privilege. A Professor of Biblical Studies at Bethel University and frequent visitor to RLC, Karen McKinney has proven to be a valuable resource for our congregation during the past two years.

The Our Neighbors and Me Steering Committee is comprised of seven RLC lay members: Dorothy Probst, Alice Neve, Leon Neve, Heather Awad, Elaine Sime, Jake VonDeLinde, and Marilyn Shardlow. The clergy liaison of this committee is Pastor Sara Spohr. They welcome your interest, input, and participation.



## SPECIAL WORSHIP/EVENTS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Cornerstone Christmas Program at 11:00 am

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Christmas Festival Concert at 7:30 pm

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Worship

Family Worship at 3:00 and 4:30 pm

Candlelight Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 pm

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Regular worship times at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Jazz Concert at 7:00 pm





## PROJECT HOME

### *Helping the Homeless in our Community*

When we think of homelessness and hunger, we often think of third-world countries, or areas where war or famine are taking place. But there is homelessness and hunger within our own community.

On any given evening in Minnesota, over 4,000 children experience homelessness, with nearly 50% of these being children under 5 years of age.

Please consider the following passage from the book of Matthew:

*"Then the righteous will answer him,  
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,  
or thirsty and give you something to drink?  
When did we see you a stranger and invite you in,  
or needing clothes and clothe you?  
When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'  
"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did for one of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

– Matthew 25: 37-40 (NIV)

When Jesus speaks about 'the least of these', he isn't saying that some people are better and some are lesser. He's saying that some are in need, and others are in a position to help. As a faith community, we at Roseville Lutheran have been blessed with the ability to care for those among us who are in need.

In partnership with Project Home, a ministry run by the organization Interfaith Action, we can provide emergency shelter to homeless families in Ramsey County, and to lead them toward permanent housing.

This February will be the fifth year that Roseville Lutheran Church will participate in this ministry. Every evening of the month, our Cornerstone classrooms in 'Ark Alley' will become bedrooms for up to 20 of our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness.

Each evening they will arrive at RLC by bus and will be able to use the Heritage Hall as a gathering space, while also having a private room for each family to sleep.

There are many ways for you to be involved. We are looking for individuals of all ages – singles, couples and families – to spend the evening interacting with our guests from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. These folks will prepare and serve a light snack.

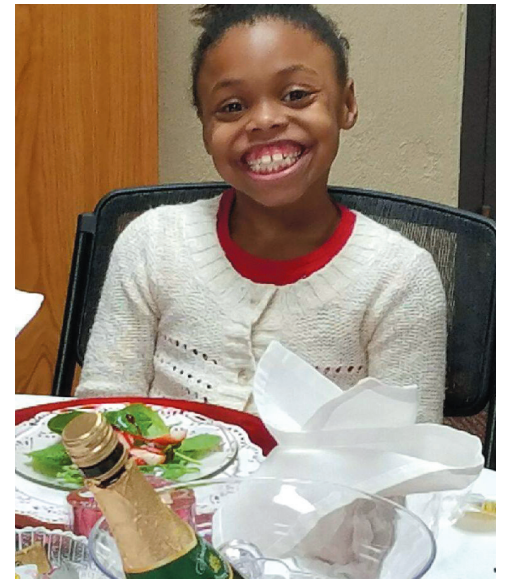
Another set of individuals are needed to stay overnight from 8:00 pm to 7:30 am, to be available in case of emergency. These folks will have cots with mattresses for sleeping. They will set out a light breakfast for our guests before they leave in the morning.

We will also need a move-in crew on the morning of February 1st to unload a truck with cots, mattresses, bedding and other supplies to support the needs of our guests. A move-out crew will be needed on the morning of March 1st to load these same items into a truck that will then head to the next faith community that will be hosting. And we will also be asking for donors to provide fresh fruit or homemade treats to have available for our guests.

Watch for our sign-up table in the Commons on Sunday mornings in January. Or check out our Signup Genius page to sign-up online.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b45a8a82daa8-project1>

For additional information, please contact Kevin Miller at 651-324-6834 or [kevin.j.miller@comcast.net](mailto:kevin.j.miller@comcast.net)



## TANZANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUE IN 2019

Recognizing the importance of education worldwide, RLC is continuing to provide scholarship support for students in Tanzania again in 2019. Many are members of RLC's companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania, who are attending secondary schools in nearby villages. These students are chosen by the parish leaders in Ng'ang'ange, and each student receives scholarship support based on the cost of their particular school and their family's ability to pay.

Scholarships are administered by the Bega Kwa Bega program of the St. Paul Area Synod in partnership with the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. A portion of RLC's scholarship funds will also support some post-secondary students from the Iringa Diocese. Altogether, we anticipate that well over three dozen students will be able to continue their education with scholarship help from RLC. This important ministry helps fulfill RLC's vision to be A Community United by Grace on a truly global scale.

Student scholarships are but one of several ways RLC is working together with the Ng'ang'ange parish to strengthen our mutual relationship in a global ministry of service and Christian love. RLC's Mission and Outreach Ministry Team extends a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who gave a special scholarship contribution this fall. Your generosity will make our shared ministry possible for many worthy students throughout 2019. We continue to hold these young scholars in our prayers.





## WARM TOES AND TUMMIES

Collecting Until December 9

Roseville Lutheran works with Loaves and Fishes at the Dorothy Day Center. Each month on the 2nd Monday, RLC members purchase, prepare and serve a meal to all the guests at the Dorothy Day Center in St Paul. During the Holiday Season, RLC volunteers give a Christmas gift of new socks to everyone at the December meal.

Roseville Lutheran will be collecting new sock donations from Thanksgiving till Sunday December 9. Please bring your sock donations and place them in the boxes at the entrances. On Monday December 10, the Roseville Lutheran volunteers will hand out your donated socks at the monthly Loaves and Fishes dinner.



## SHARING TREE

Now Through December 16

Roseville Lutheran continues the Christmas Season tradition of the Sharing Tree which will be in the Commons from Thanksgiving until Sunday December 16. All the gifts from the Sharing Tree will be given to local RLC ministry partners as they support those with hunger and basic needs in our community.

- **Hunger ministry through Sheridan Story** at Central Park Elementary. The Sheridan Story provides food donations to students with hunger insecurity every Friday, so that they have enough food over a weekend.
- **Central Park Elementary** donations include boots, mittens, hats, jackets and gift cards to support families needing support for basic needs.
- **Blankets for Bridging.** Bridging gives away nearly 100 blankets each week at its Roseville location to clients needing housing support.
- **Feed My Starving Children.**

Please take an ornament and then place the unwrapped donation under the tree. Please place gift cards in the lock box by the Sharing Tree. Your gifts will benefit children and adults served by RLC partner organizations

Thank you for supporting the Sharing Tree tradition at RLC!

## HOLIDAY SOUP AND SOAP DRIVE FOR KEYSTONE

November Until Christmas

During the Holiday Season, those in need have increased food insecurity and hunger as they pay their heating bills and winter essentials.

Roseville Lutheran will be collecting your food and monetary donations for our local partner, Keystone Community Services ([keystoneservices.org](http://keystoneservices.org)).

This year, Keystone's highest need items are SOUP and SOAP. We will have bins for soup and soap in the Commons. All monetary donations will be sent to Keystone. Please place donated items in the blue bins in the Commons.



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## 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.

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