

THE TABLE

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS
AND MEMBERS OF ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
JUNE • JULY • AUGUST • 2018

IT'S LOVE...ANY WAY YOU SAY IT

I was eighteen years old when I first heard "I love you" in another language. I was living in Denmark and my closest friend, Anja, and I were enjoying an evening of coffee, chocolate and laughter. After one remark, both of us were rolling in laughter, tears streaming from our joy and Anja looked at me and said so honestly it made my heart break a little, "Jeg elsker dig!"

IT'S LOVE, any way you say IT!

"I love you!" How many times have you said that to another person? In how many languages have you heard it spoken? There are many ways of saying it, of course.

Je t'aime - in French

Ljubim te - in Slovenian

Seni seviyorum - in Turkish

When our youngest, Adelee, was around the age of four, she was learning how to write. Whenever we were driving around Adelee would get out her paper and crayons and write and draw. I remember one evening when we were driving home from an event and Adelee called out to me from her car seat, "Mommy. How do you spell 'chudder'?" I was baffled. "What did you say?" I asked. "Chudder! How do you spell chudder?" I frowned into the mirror, trying to make eye contact. "Adelee, do you mean cheddar. Like cheddar cheese?" "No!" she wailed. Kicking the back of my seat in protest. "Chudder! Chudder! Okay," I said with a sigh, "Why don't you use it in a sentence so I know what you are talking about." A huge "harumph" from the back as she stared back at me in the mirror, then, "You know. Like 'Lydia and I love e-chudder.'"



IT'S LOVE, any way you say IT!

One day last week I was leaving Roseville Lutheran Church. It was a Sunday evening and I was leaving after having participated in the invitation to join others as we hosted an event called The Justice Choir. It had been a brilliant evening where all of those in attendance had raised their voices together and sung songs of love, mercy, justice, and courage. My eyes were still a bit weepy from the experience and one of the songs was still resonating in my mind, a simple round where we sang, "Love is, love is, love is love." As I was singing softly to myself, my eyes fell to the ground. There, on the sidewalk - sometime between morning services and this event - kids had tagged our sidewalk with chalk. There were smiley faces, sketches of trees and sunshine, and there, right where my feet fell, these words written in a heart, "Love 1 and other."

IT'S LOVE, any way you say IT!

How perfect these words are! Love one and other. It really sums up the mission statement of Roseville Lutheran Church where we proclaim, "Love God. Love your neighbor."

As you move about your lives in the days and weeks ahead, I challenge you to find new ways of speaking love. Maybe it is with words. Maybe it is with action. Maybe it is done silently in a friendly nod or understanding hug. Maybe your love is expressed through time, or possibly, patience.

We, as a people of God, are called to proclaim, teach and be speakers and doers of love. How many ways can we express God's love to those "others" around us? How many languages can we use? Love is, love is, love is... well - it is love...any way you say it!

Blessings,

Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman



WOW!

Praise 75 a success!

Thank you, Roseville Lutheran Church for making our end-of-year general budget campaign a success!

The challenge was this: raise \$75,000 in 75 hours to assist with bridging the gap between our 2017-2018 budget and our offering and giving shortfall. **And...we did it!** Including the generous matching funds, we're at about \$76,000!

THANK YOU!

It was amazing to see how people responded, not only to the campaign, but the challenges we set out before you.

WOW! (continues on page 3)

WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

THIS IS OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE FROM MAY 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

TRADITIONAL - 9:00 am SUNDAY • PRAISE AND WORSHIP - 11:00 am SUNDAY

RLC NEWS and NOTES



April 22 **pRAISE 75** Kick-off event had balloons for all!



RLC: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

JEFF JOHNSON, CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT

What a year this has been for Roseville Lutheran Church! We started the celebration of our 75th anniversary last fall with video presentations for each decade starting with a dusty, treeless prairie in the early 1940s. These images provided rare insight as to how the mental and physical foundations of RLC have been fortified and re-invented over the years. This led to a jubilant joint service in our worship center culminating in a great feast. It was truly a remarkable, Spirit-filled day. Our **pRAISE 75** campaign was also hugely successful! Thank you!

Mary and I were recently at a birthday celebration. We struck up a conversation with a young couple. The wife turned out to be a teacher at Central Park elementary here in Roseville. Our conversation turned to RLC. She said CPE classrooms are full. RLC volunteers provide one on one personal attention that make the school year much less stressful for students, teachers and staff. Hearing how we are making a difference throughout our community ties directly to our mission statement:



LOVE GOD
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Church council has been busy this year. They have met with most of our committees. Council is evaluating and prioritizing the next 25 years of deferred maintenance projects. You'll hear more about this in the upcoming months. We have an exciting slate of new council members and volunteers in the upcoming year! **Be sure to join us for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 17 at 10:00 am!**

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Executive Committee for the last three years. I would like to thank Pastors Lauren and Sara, Staff, and Exec and Council. I'm very appreciative of their support and love. Lastly, thank you for allowing me to serve.

Thank you for all you do and give to help us continue our vital ministries at RLC.

With love,
Jeff Johnson
Council President

SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS SUNDAY, MAY 27!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS (ONLY) FROM MAY 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

TRADITIONAL - 9:00 am Sunday
PRAISE AND WORSHIP - 11:00 am Sunday

MAY 19-20 WAS THE LAST FULL WEEKEND WORSHIP BEFORE THE CHANGE TO OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE. FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8-9.

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
Kristina Olson, Youth Choir
Ariel Wilberg, Children's Choir
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs

Children's Ministry

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

Student Ministry

Michael Jordan, Director of Youth Ministry
Abby Matter, Director of Faith Formation

Facilities Ministry

Stephen Henry, Campus Manager
Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer
Shelton Ingram, Custodian
Kevin Beyer, Custodian
Donovan Whitfield, Custodian

Ministry Support Staff

Dave Booms, Church Administrator
Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data
Daniel Pederson, Communications Manager
Stephen Gallen, Communications Specialist
Kay Berthiaume, Financial Assistant
Diane Daulton, Financial Assistant
Tammy Swanson, Financial Assistant
Trish Clifford, Administrative Assistant

RLC Preschool

Jenifer Johnson, Director

Child Care House

Sue Menier, Director
Shyama Dahal, Assistant

Endowment Committee

KJ Bach, Chair

Nominating Committee

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Chris Smedsrud, Co-Chair

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Jeff Johnson, President
John Shardlow, President-Elect
Mike Dolan, Vice President
Keith Gilbert
Joe Zeigler
Darci Bontrager
Elizabeth Jacobson
Jessica Henry
Tom Lund

Ministry Team Chairs

Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry Advisory Board
Lillian Eldred, Youth & Family
Mary Erickson, Adult Education
Jane Lagerquist, Christian LIFE Co-Chair
Janet Risinger, Christian LIFE Co-Chair
Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach

Financial Update

FINANCE OFFICE

Laurel HOFELDT, Director of Finance & Data

Thank you for your generous support of the **pRAISE 75** spring giving campaign which raised a total of \$76,000 in 75 hours to support all ministries of RLC. Thank you!!

Giving to our ministry plan is \$3,025 more than we had budgeted as of April 30. Total year-to-date expenses exceed receipts by \$1,212. The budgeted year-to-date deficit is \$41,203, meaning we are \$39,991 above our expected position at the end of April. This means our budgeted \$60,000 deficit will be greatly

reduced if not eliminated by June 30! Monthly financial summaries are available from the Finance department, call 651-487-7752 or email lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Please prayerfully consider what RLC ministries mean to 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 your neighbor*. Learn more about becoming a Sustainer at rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer. If you have additional questions please contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Roseville Lutheran Church

April 2018 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2017-2018						Prior Year	
	Apr Actual	Apr Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2017 Apr Actual	2016-2017 YTD Actual
Offering	218,138	139,456	1,251,771	1,248,746	3,025	166,686	1,248,510
Other receipts	10,225	5,085	98,546	78,050	20,496	8,154	68,200
Total Receipts	228,364	144,541	1,350,317	1,326,796	23,520	174,840	1,316,709
Expenses	147,447	138,359	1,351,529	1,367,999	-16,471	121,367	1,301,590
Net	80,917	6,182	-1,212	-41,203	39,991	53,473	15,120

Number of Givers 2017-2018					Prior Year	
	April		YTD through April		2016-17 YTD Thru Apr	
	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving
General Fund	466	\$ 262	778	1,396	835	\$ 1,329
Bldg Designated	74	\$ 68	128	488	153	\$ 502
Roof Fund	0	\$ -	74	144	n/a	n/a
Spring Campaign*	284	\$ 254	284	254	128	\$ 256
Lent/Easter Offering	254	\$ 90	307	106	281	\$ 105
FMSC	56	\$ 178	89	179	96	\$ 166
Other M&O	9	\$ 62	153	199	122	\$ 299
Memorials/Estate	0	\$ -	33	2,150	63	\$ 2,520
Other Designated	8	\$ 165	263	414	250	\$ 267
EF/Love Lights	1	\$ 50	113	51	122	\$ 58
All Other	3	\$ 46	6	91	4	\$ 341
Total	670	\$ 335	929	1,635	924	\$ 1,668

*2017 Sow>Grow>Give; 2018 pRAISE 75

Fund Balances 4/30/2018		
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments		
806,613		
Designated/Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund		68,837
Building Fees		15,380
Mission & Outreach		44,705
Kitchen Fund		45,202
Memorials		29,619
Matching Funds		4,000
Estate Gifts		351,103
Other Funds		226,868
Total Designated/Restricted		785,715
Child Care:	Current Yr	-6,897
Preschool:	Current Yr	3,431
Operating Fund:	Current Yr	-1,212

Endowment Fund		
Cash		4,990
Investments		475,706
Total		480,696

WOW! (continued from page 1)

pRAISE 75 was officially launched at 12 noon on Sunday, April 22. As part of our launch we set two matching challenges before the congregation:

Text to Give Challenge: A goal of 50 new text givers by 12 noon texting \$25 or more. By the end of the 11:00 worship service, over 80 people had responded! Each gift was doubled by our matching donations.

New Sustainers Challenge: A goal of 30 new sustainers giving \$1 a day. Fourteen families and individuals responded to this challenge during the campaign. Each gift was matched dollar to dollar.

Throughout the 75 hours of giving we also had daily matching challenges (dollar for dollar):

Monday's Challenge: Receive five \$500 gifts. We received 10!

Tuesday's challenge: Receive thirty \$200 gifts. Twenty-eight of you responded!

Wednesday's challenge: Receive \$9000 by the close of campaign. We did it!

Thank you, Roseville Lutheran Church. Your gifts help support our daily outreach, mission and our ministry. If you have not had a chance to be a part of **pRAISE 75**, you can still participate.

We are still seeking families or individuals to participate in our New Sustainer Challenge of giving online at \$1.00 per day (\$30/month). If we receive sixteen more online sustaining gifts we have a donor who will match these gifts with a \$10,000 gift. Imagine all of the ways these gifts will impact and encourage others with whom we serve.

You can go online to set-up your sustaining gift at rosevillelutheran.org/praise75 and click on New Sustainer. If you want to make a one time gift online, go to rosevillelutheran.org/givenow. You can also text your gift! Text <amount> to 651-383-1504 and follow the prompts. It's that easy!

Again – Thank you Roseville Lutheran Church. Wow! Just... Wow!

– RLC Executive Committee

Jeff Johnson, John Shardlow, Mike Dolan

VISION

LOVE GOD
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR

MISSION

COMMUNITY
UNITED
BY GRACE

BECOME A
SUSTAINER

THANKS FOR your generous investment

Your regular online giving provides dependable funding that sustains the daily ministry of RLC even when you are away. Sign up today at rosevillelutheran.org/giving/become-a-sustainer.

STORIES and STEWARDSHIP

WHEN YOUR BOOTS FALL APART AND YOU DISCOVER COMMUNITY

PASTOR SARA SPOHR

Three years ago, I went hiking and, quite literally, my boots fell apart. It was muddy, my feet were wet, and now each mile of the hike seemed to take twice as long as the mile before. We begged everyone we met along the way for duct tape, and finally, on the last stretch of our hike we met some men finishing their hike that offered us a brand new roll of duct tape that saw us through to the end.

The following year the four of us headed out on the trail again. This time, after hiking through the rain, and setting our tent up in a hail storm, we laid awake listening to the wind and loud bangs of thunder fearful that a tree would come down on our tent. As it turns out, each one of us was convinced that the other three were unafraid and sleeping soundly. We didn't talk about our fear until the morning, that's when we discovered that not one of us had actually slept soundly at all.

Last year we planned another trip. When we thought we were nearing the campsite on the first day, (it was actually only about the halfway point) there were only piles of rocks as far as the eye could see. "Oh, those pesto noodles are going to taste amazing tonight." I said. Jumping from rock to rock with a 30 pound pack on your back is so hard, but when you think the campsite is near and it just doesn't come, that is defeating. We arrived well after sunset, set up our tent, ate a granola bar and went to bed. As it turns out we forgot the pesto back in the car anyway.

Another friend of ours has heard these stories and is deeply baffled. She very earnestly commented, "I am just trying to figure out why you would call this vacation."

I tell her about the thrill of coming over a ridge on the Superior Hiking Trail and seeing that big beautiful lake glimmering across the whole horizon. I tell her about the views of the snow capped Rocky Mountains and sitting by a high mountain lake eating summer sausage sandwiches. I tell her about hiking the Franconia Ridge trail and our minds shifting into slow motion as to take in the 360 degree views of the mountain peaks all around us. I tell her about the conversations we have - some deep, some silly. I tell her about how good instant oatmeal can taste when you've worked that hard. I tell her about our little team and how strong we feel doing these hard things together. I tell her about the grace we offer each other, and the grace we feel gifted being in God's creation.

The ups and downs of these hiking trips remind me of what it means to be in community. At Roseville Lutheran we have a vision of a "community united by grace." There is no promise in that vision that things will be perfect, or easy, or even that the way will be obvious. When human beings work to be unified there will be ups and downs. We have different backgrounds, different perspectives, different understandings about the world and our place in it, and different ideas about the notion of community itself.

So, it is only by grace that such community is possible. As we bear the ups and downs of our own lives, we need each other. As we become aware of the ups and downs in the lives of those around us, we need each other. As we accomplish hard things, and celebrate hopeful things, we need each other. When grief is real, when pain is unbearable, when hope seems distant, we need each other.

When your boots fall apart, and you realize your three friends would not hesitate to carry you, that is community. May we, Roseville Lutheran, continue to nurture and grow this kind of grace filled community.



GOT GRATITUDE?

TRUPTI STORLIE

When I volunteer at RLC, and something goes well on a project, often someone will exclaim "Praise be to God!" These words of gratitude used to catch me off guard because, outside of worship, these words don't roll off my tongue. Yet, our gut tells us that gratitude is a good value to practice.



To reinforce our gut, research has shown the real and tangible benefits of gratitude. Gratitude has a real impact on our personalities, our careers, our health, and our social and emotional well-being. Yet, most of us don't take time to give thanks.

Because practicing gratitude is...kind of hard. Mostly because I'm busy, partly because I'm a lazy. Then I bumped into "The 5 Minute Journal." The idea of a journal intimidates me: I don't have time to write for long periods, nor have deep thoughts to record, nor do I write particularly well. But 5 minutes I can do, and this journal is pretty much a glorified list (and I love lists).

Every morning includes:

- Three things I am grateful for
- Three things I will do to make today great
- Daily affirmations. I am....

Every evening includes:

- Three amazing things that happened today
- How could I have made today even better?

My baseline "happiness level" has been higher since I started taking the time to do this daily ritual. I start and end my day on a positive note. I have learned to appreciate the daily, small, miracles in my life. Despite this, there are lots of days I want to skip it (particularly if I've stayed up a little too late). I tried stopping, but after a few days, I noticed a difference - my daily outlook felt out of balance. When I started my practice again - I felt uplifted.

As a body of Christ, gratitude is a part of our faith. We have a God that generously provides for us. We might have been given material gifts: a job, a house, a car, food on the table, financial resources. We might have been given spiritual gifts: skills, talents, relationships. When we notice the gifts that God has given to us for our enjoyment and our use, we recognize the blessings we can put in our "blessings jar." And when you see the range of blessings in your lives, it is hard to not be filled with gratitude. Praise be to God!

Share your own story: How do you practice gratitude? (See page 5 for the "I Am RLC" stories from other members).

- Learn more about the benefits of gratitude: <http://happierhuman.com/benefits-of-gratitude/>
- Learn more details about *The 5 Minute Journal* at <https://www.intelligentchange.com/products/the-five-minute-journal>

Trupti Storlie is a volunteer/member of RLC who stumbled onto the Stewardship Team in 2012. The practice of stewardship has changed her family's life in positive ways inside and outside of church. She hopes the same for you.

RLC STEWARDSHIP

GOD'S GIFTS our GRATITUDE

GIVING AT RLC THANK YOU!

EASY WAYS TO GIVE

Your regular gifts and offerings support the ministry and mission of Roseville Lutheran Church. In addition to placing a gift in the offering plate on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning, there are other easy ways that you can sustain RLC's mission

BECOME A SUSTAINER THROUGH REGULAR, AUTOMATIC GIVING

This is one of the most helpful things you can do! The more people who become Sustainers, the better we can make financial decisions. You can go online to set-up your sustaining gift at rosevillelutheran.org/givenow. Be sure to check the "Setup Scheduled Gift" box to become a New Sustainer.

WAYS TO "GIVE NOW" - ONLINE OR TEXT TO GIVE

If you want to make a one time gift online, go to rosevillelutheran.org/givenow. Fill out your information and the amount of your gift. It's that easy! (At some point in the future, if you'd like to make your gift recurring, you can take care of that on this page, too.)

You can also **text your gift!** Text <amount> to 651-383-1504 and follow the prompts. It's that easy!

I AM RLC, NEWS and NOTES

"I AM RLC"

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER
AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The RLC community is filled with diverse people, interests and talents. Through the new monthly I am RLC series, you will meet RLC members and learn about unique events happening at church. This spring and summer, we're getting to know members involved in a variety of ministry program areas including our community outreach programs and Youth and Family Ministry.. Excerpts from the I am RLC profiles are featured below; read the full interviews on the RLC website: rosevillelutheran.org/stories



LEON and ALICE NEVE, and KATE LIBRA TALK COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

LEON AND ALICE NEVE

For over 30 years, we both served a richly diverse community of students and families in the schools and libraries of St. Paul. In addition, we are parents in an inter-racial family and in retirement we continue to advocate for the needs of our children, grandchildren and for the needs of all members of our community.

Serving our community as part of Our Neighbors and Me and the development of RLC's tutoring program at Central Park School is the most memorable thing we've done with RLC. We hope that RLC will continue to become more visible in our diverse community as a congregation that loves, serves, and responds to the changing needs of our world.



KATE LIBRA

We joined RLC in 2014. We were looking for a church with a good children's program for our two grandchildren that we were adopting. Even though we were not members, the Children's Ministry staff were so friendly and welcoming.

Now I serve on the Care Team, tutor at Central Park, greet at the 11:00 service and work at the Cornerstone desk. The tutoring program at Central Park is our favorite place to volunteer. We usually do reading with the kids and it's great to see how they improve and grow throughout the year, especially impressive are the kids who are just learning English. They learn so quickly!



THE ZUPPAN and SWANSON FAMILIES TALK ABOUT THE VALUE OF CAMP MINISTRY

PETE AND JENNY ZUPPAN

We find camp ministry extremely important and transformational for youth. For our kids, camp wasn't an option but that was just fine with them. Our family has lots of Camp Hiawatha history, as Jenny's grandfather owned and operated "Camp Hiawatha for Boys", until he sold it to the Iron Range District of the LCA, making our kids, Karl and Kirsten, fourth generation of Camp Hiawatha.

With our family cabin on the property adjacent to the camp, we have enjoyed the happy sounds of kids at camp for years, Marco Polo, camp fire songs and of course the chant "It's great to be alive in God's great north woods!"



MIKE SWANSON AND KELLY CHRISTENSEN-SWANSON

Attending camp has been an amazing experience for our children. We feel truly blessed to be part of a church with so many youth opportunities. Our daughter, Kailey, attended camp Hiawatha for the first time in 2013. We were nervous to send her three hours away to an unfamiliar camp. I remember arriving at RLC on Sunday morning and being amazed by the number of kids going to camp – two coach buses! When she returned the following Friday, she spent the evening telling us every detail of the week, singing us songs, and looking forward to returning the following year. Her younger sister, Katelyn, couldn't wait until she was old enough to go. This summer the girls will return for their fourth and fifth summers. Camp has given our girls the opportunity to grow closer in their faith, strengthen friendships, and make lasting memories.



DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

If you have a story you'd like to share with the RLC community, contact Daniel at 651-487-7752 or dpederson@rosevillelutheran.org. We are looking for stories about events at RLC, stories about your faith journey at RLC, and what being involved with the Roseville Lutheran community means to you. These can be short, 3-sentence write-ups, a longer piece, or a conversation that has many parts.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

The Twin Cities' North Suburban Grief Support Coalition sponsors the "Growing Through Loss" series twice yearly, providing an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of grief and loss issues. The next six-week series will be held Mondays at Roseville Lutheran Church, beginning on Monday, September 17.

Have you experienced: a death of a loved one, a divorce or separation, a job loss or change, or any type of loss? Do you feel in need of support or interested in learning more about grief? If so, then this series is for you. For more information visit their website: <http://growingthroughloss.org> or call their hotline at 763-755-5335.



Sisters Kathy Kurtis and Linda Satrom present work they did at home to Pam Sandborg and Muriel Anderson. (Photo: Gail Van Horn)

QUILTER SALE THIS FALL

LUCKY seven!

The RLC Quilters Group will sponsor its first quilt sale since 2011 on Veterans Weekend, Nov. 10-12, 2018 at the church, reflecting the biblical perfection of seven (sabbath, jubilee).

Funds raised through this quilt sale and silent auction will pay for supplies such as batting, yarn, sheets, and thread that tend not to be donated. Most of the fabric is obtained for free.

The group creates more than 300 quilts a year for various charities.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"SHIPWRECKED" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT RLC



JUNE 11-15

9:00 AM - 12 NOON

Each June 11-15, from 9-noon RLC is rocking with kids diving into how Jesus comes to our rescue! Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Kids ages 3 years through completion of 4th grade enjoy our high energy opening and closing each day. Register online today (www.rosevillelutheran.org) to reserve your spot! Cost is \$25 per child – friends welcome!

Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org



SUMMER HELPING HANDS

If you have extra time this summer, please consider lending a hand at RLC. We always have sorting, cleaning and reorganizing to do in Children's Ministry, as well as other areas at church! Contact Julie Hanson if you have free time that you want to share... we can help you find things to do!



SAVE THE DATE!

Cornerstone registration will be online beginning August 1 next fall. Cornerstone will begin with Small Groups and friends on Sunday, September 9 at 10:00. Look for more information late July!

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2018-19 RLC PRESCHOOL!

If you have a child turning three or four years old by Sept. 1, and they are toilet trained, you can register for RLC Preschool 2018-19! If you would like to schedule a tour prior to registering or want more information, please contact our preschool director, Jenifer Johnson, at 651-488-6887 or jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.

NEW THIS YEAR! We ask that you complete the registration form online! Please go to the link:
<http://bit.ly/RLCPreKRegister>

You will need to log in to register. Note: If you do not have a "log in" you will need to create an account and then you will log in to register. If you have questions, or need assistance please contact Jenifer Johnson at 651-488-6887, or email, jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.

Towards the end of the online registration you will be prompted to pay your \$50 registration fee (non-refundable) to secure your spot for next year. You have the choice of paying online or sending a check/cash payment to the preschool. Once you have submitted your registration online a confirmation email will be sent. In the confirmation email you will receive three attached documents. These are the remaining required forms that are due by Preschool Orientation (Aug. 28/29) for your child to start preschool: Emergency Form, Health Summary, and Immunization Form.

Morning Program and Tuition for 2018-19:

2-day program	TTH	\$115.00
3-day program	MWF	\$160.00
5-day program	M thru F	\$210.00

We have had success with our Enrichment Class this year on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. At "Book Nook" students have explored books by extending their learning by acting out the story, making various art creations, as well as science experiments. At "Creation Station" students have learned about the arctic and created igloos, explored our city drainage system to learn about water conservation, and loved blasting off their volcanos. For 2018-19 we will continue to offer Enrichment Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays. Lunch Bunch will be offered for those who chose to extend their day from the morning program. Specific class topics and costs are to be determined. Please watch our website for future details later in May!

We look forward getting to know you at RLC Preschool for 2018-19!



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT CAMP SALIE? A FIRST CAMPING EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS IS JULY 10-12

Camp Salie, July 10-12, is a great opportunity for kids that have completed 2nd - 4th grades to experience what Bible Camp is all about. This action packed 2 days are close to home, in the woods of the Anoka County Parks system, near Wyoming MN. Do your kids love smores? Do they like hiking and outdoor activities? Camp food, crafts, songs around the campfire and digging into our Bibles make Camp Salie an awesome experience! The cost is \$100 per student. Go online to register, under the Ages & Stages tab, click on Children's Ministry, then Summer Opportunities. Our youth counselors make this a really fun 2 days! Bring a friend and join the fun! Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org.



CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES

CORNERSTONE WRAP-UP THANK YOU!

We have completed another year of Cornerstone and it was filled with special moments!

Relationships between students and their shepherds were fun to watch. Our little ones gained confidence and learned how much God loves them with the encouragement and reassurance of their Shepherds. Gena introduced them to fun songs and storytime in Large Group with Squiggles being his silly caterpillar-self! Taking It Home Cards helped parents learn what we talked about and could reinforce these messages at home.



Kindergarten – 4th graders learned how to share Jesus' love with others and how to show God's love at home and school or just on the playground! These kids learned the same lessons that are introduced in Worship, which makes a big impact. Pajama Day, Advent Activity Day, Christmas program, Bible workshop, Lord's Prayer workshop, First Communion workshop and Seder Meal, Family Good Friday worship, and sharing our voices in worship are just some of the fun this year!

Serve Sundays continue to bring families together to serve side by side and impact our community. Care packages sent to recent RLC graduates, building dressers and towel bundles for Bridging clients, and caring for our neighbors with donations of peanut butter and laundry soap to Keystone Community Service are some of the ways we Love God and Love Neighbor. The older kids also did smaller service projects as part of their lessons in April and May. Learning to be generous and thankful for our blessings was a focus in Cornerstone. Living a generous life by being kind is something we all can do!

Thank you for sharing your kids with us each Sunday! We have the privilege of introducing God's love and life lessons to these young people, and it is a joy!

CONFIRMATION WRAP-UP THANK YOU!

What a wonderful year it has been! It is hard to believe that we are already winding down programs and eagerly preparing for summer activities, camps and trips. While there were many highlights from the past year from retreats and lock-ins to mentors to Lenten curriculum, what really caught my attention was the excitement and commitment that left this place buzzing with energy on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. You could see by sheer numbers that youth were excited to participate and be a part of the community here at Roseville Lutheran. And it was the same for the adult volunteers. Their commitment was high and so was their energy. They enjoyed being here and made meaningful connections with one another and the youth that they were working with. It was all I could hope for and more!

All and all, it was a wonderful year that ended with 31 students celebrating their faith journey and affirming their baptism. I cannot wait to see what God and the Holy Spirit have in store for next year but whatever it is, we are ready to embrace it. I want to say a big thank you to all the amazing middle school ministry volunteers that made this year happen from Sunday morning Luther League and Devos & Donuts to Wednesday night Confirmation and Lenten Mentors. We appreciate the time and dedication you have given to our youth, to walk alongside them planting seeds of faith and helping nurture those seeds so they continue to grow and blossom. We couldn't do it without you!



VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN CORNERSTONE THANK YOU!

A big Thank You to the over 50 people that share their time and talent with the kids of RLC on Sunday mornings! We have a dedicated group of people that serve as small group leaders, music leaders, large group presenters and puppeteers, administrative team, etc. Their dedication and commitment is admirable. This team makes our ministry on Sunday morning possible!

If you want to join the fun and help us next fall, please contact Julie Hanson. The prep is easy and the time spent with the kids is immeasurable! There are few ministry opportunities that allow you to impact the future in such a direct way. When you love and teach kids on Sunday, you are influencing generations to come. These kids will one day become parents and church leaders themselves. If you want to change the world long-term, then you should serve in Children's Ministry! If leading kids isn't your thing, we have other ways to help like prepping supplies or helping with special events too. Contact Julie Hanson and learn more about sharing your time with the kids of RLC! Julie is happy to share the joy this opportunity gives! Our kids deserve the best, and you can help!



THANKS A TON! MAY 6 SOAP SCOOP AND PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE A SUCCESS

Even a blizzard couldn't stop your efforts to help support Keystone Community Services, our local foodshelf! Thanks to many hands on Sunday, May 6, we re-packaged 2,000 lbs. (One TON!) of laundry detergent. And thanks to many hands (and Amazon deliveries!) we collected well over 1,000 jars of peanut butter for the foodshelf. This is a necessary protein for our neighbors in need. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in the Roseville community.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER TRIP PRAYER PARTNERS

CONNECTING WITH OUR YOUTH

Please consider partnering in prayer with our youth again this summer. Over 150 of our youth and families will be attending RLC's various summer camps and mission trips. Sign-ups for prayer partners as well as information on our trips are available in the Commons. Being a prayer partner is really simple. Pick a youth and write your name next to them on the sign-up sheet. Repeat this for as many youth as you wish to pray for. Then during the week they are on their trip with RLC, pray for that youth so that they may have a wonderful, safe, Christ-filled week! You can stay up-to-date with all of our trips by following RLC Youth on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



TRIPS AND EVENTS

CONNECTING WITH OUR YOUTH

Summer is an exciting time for RLC Youth. We have filled all four of our trips this summer! As a youth staff, we look forward to spending time with so many youth as we grow in faith and fellowship through service, Bible studies, and just being present with one another in God's awesome creation.

RLC will again be able to host two Slovak students during the month of July. Thanks to these five families – Benson, Martell, Martin, Noot, Seifriz – for hosting our two Slovaks: Zuzana Buocikova and Jakub Morgos. These two Slovak students will join us on our Mission Trip to Urban Immersion in Minneapolis as well as our Boundary Waters trip. Please read their introductions below. To help all of our youth meet them and spend time together, we will be hosting several youth events over the summer. Parents should be watching their email inboxes for details.



YOUTH LEADERS

THANK YOU FOR
ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

As we send our prayers for and encouragement towards the graduating class of 2018, it is amazing to reflect on all that happened this past year. There were countless volunteers of youth and adults that helped make youth ministry successful. A special thanks to the Youth Leadership Team: Emma Bontrager, Regan Caswell, Klara Johnson, Max Maahs, Will Maahs, Chris Martell, Liam Traynor, and Kirsten Zuppan for planning and leading FLOCK throughout the year.



LOVE GOD • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

MEET OUR YOUTH SLOVAKS

zuzana

My name is Zuzana. At first, I want to thank you for your favor with our community, and your decision to welcome me. I am really thankful that I can come and spend one month with you all.

I am from the heart of Europe – Slovakia. Martin is my hometown. I have lived here from my birth. I study at Lutheran academy. I'm 17 years old. My family consists of my parents, brother (20) and sister (22). We have also a tomcat, Alex.

We are quite a sporty family. I love skiing, hiking and mostly cycling. My dad, Marian, taught me how to ride down the hills around our district. Slovakia is a mountain country. I like to hang out with my friends. My two biggest hobbies are nature and music which make me feel free and calm. I also like to travel and experience different cultures.

I have a friendly character. I am outgoing but sometimes I feel shy when I meet new people. It takes me a little time to get closer, but anyway, I love meeting new people and making new friends.

I believe in our GOD. I really appreciate that I can be studying at a school in which a major priority is having relationship with God. Almost every Sunday, I visit our local church with my mom, Gabika, and sister, Bianka. I would like to know how your Christian community lives and works together.

I really can't wait to see Minneapolis, your country and know your manners. I hope we will have a good time. I am looking forward to see you. Say hello to your family. See you in July.



JAKUB

My name is Jakub Morgoš. I am 17 years old, and I live in Martin. For most of my free time, I do judo, which is a sport I have done for over 6 years now. I have a younger sister named Lucia, and my mom and dad are Miriam and Boris.

This will be my second time visiting the USA. My first time, I was in New York, and I enjoyed it so much. When I got this chance to go to USA again, I did not hesitate. My parents were totally OK with this too. I am really looking forward meeting you all.



SUMMER CELEBRATION

JOIN US SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this summer possible – through *Invest in Our Youth*, through prayer partners, through signing up for our trips, and for supporting our Youth & Families. We want to share with all of you the experiences and stories from this summer. You are all invited to our Summer Celebration Services at RLC on Sunday, August 19, at 9:00 and 11:00 am.



Join us for the
RLC ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 am, Sunday, June 17
with Continental Breakfast
in the RLC Social Hall.

ADULT ED • LIFE, CARE MINISTRY

ABOUNDING IN THANKSGIVING

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

– Colossians 2:6-9

Roseville Lutheran Church has a rich tradition of Adult Education and Bible Study. The 10:10 Faith and Fellowship hour continues in Room 40 this June.

SUMMER PSALMS RETURN

In June our 10:10 Faith and Fellowship hour will once again focus on Psalms. The Book of Psalms is a compilation of 150 pieces of literature that people of God have embraced for thousands of years. This summer RLC members will share their favorites and we will have the opportunity to discuss our thoughts and ideas with others. Psalms of lament, thanksgiving and praise will be our textbook. All sessions will meet in Room 40. The schedule is:



June 3 - Psalm 23
with Jim Roste



June 10 - Creation Psalms
with Bud Helmen



June 24 - Psalm 13
with Mary Shultz

Interested in Joining RLC?
NEW MEMBER CLASS
10:10 am
Sunday, June 3
in the Library

LIFE MINISTRY SUMMER EVENTS

ST. PAUL SAINTS GAME IS JUNE 27

Join your friends for the St Paul Saints Game on June 27! Roseville Lutheran will again be getting a block of tickets to this year's St Paul Saints Toilet Paper Game at CHS Field in downtown St Paul. The game is on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 PM. Ticket prices are: \$14 for adults and \$13 for kids (14 and under) and seniors (65+).

RLC is joining many other area churches for this game. Those who attend the game are encouraged to bring 4 or more rolls of toilet paper which will be collected at the gate and donated to local food shelves.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, May 22. You may purchase your tickets in the church office or at the Welcome Desk on Sunday, May 20. If you have questions, please contact Jill Lund at 651-487-2357 or jillklund@aol.com

HYMN SING AT OL' MEXICO, AUG. 15, 6:30 - 10 PM

Don't miss this delicious and unforgettable combination – Mexican hospitality and Lutheran hymns! Join your friends at Ol' Mexico on Wednesday, August 16. Enjoy the sounds of our very own John "Juan" Helgen while harmonizing to some of your favorite hymns, including favorites from the 11:00 hour, too!

Come early! Our party room is reserved from 5:00 - 10:00 pm. (Food specials are 4:00 - 6:00 pm.) (Food or drinks purchased in the party room apply towards rental minimum).

The hymn sing is set from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. No pre-registration necessary. Come for all or part of the evening. Ol' Mexico is located at 1754 Lexington Ave. N. in Roseville. Email Jane Lagerquist at jglager@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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CARE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPORT: WE CAN HELP WITH THAT!

God's love lives in us when we love one another. Roseville Lutheran's Care Team and Spiritual Team volunteers stay in touch with our church community by providing support and assistance to our members in various ways.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

Do you, or a family member, find it difficult to get to church because of your living arrangements and would like to have someone bring prayer, scripture and communion to you on a regular schedule? Spiritual Team volunteers can help with that! To arrange for prayer/communion visits or for information on joining this team, contact Pastor Rolf Olson at rolson@rosevilleLutheran.org.

CARE SUPPORT:

Do you need transportation to appointments or errands? RLC Care Team volunteers can help with that! Do you need someone to run errands for you? Care Team volunteers can help with that! Do you need help with light household chores? (Are you sensing a pattern?!) Do you need help with yard work/clean-up? Would you like a friendly visit now and then? If you have a "task-oriented" need, one-time or on-going, RLC Care Team volunteers can help you.

To schedule CARE TEAM support or for information on joining this team, contact Ken Groth at 651-488-2694 or kpgroth@comcast.net

FREE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING CLOSET

Did you know that RLC has a closet full of medical equipment that you can borrow at no cost? Crutches, wheelchairs, canes, walkers. Bedrails, toilet/shower seats, commodes, misc. All items are available for short term use, and should be cleaned and in working order when returned to the church. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful resource! Just call Trish in the church office 651-487-7752.

WANTED: RESPITE CARE VOLUNTEERS

"Respite" provides a short term break for caregivers to attend to matters other than caring for their loved ones with memory loss. This gives them the opportunity to go to their own appointments, run errands, or even meet a friend for lunch. Lyngblomsten's "2nd Half" program is looking for volunteers to serve 2-3 hours visiting with an older adult either in their home or in a group program called *The Gathering*. For more information please contact Peggy Cerritto at 651-632-5406, pcerritto@lyngblomsten.org or go to www.lyngblomsten.org/volunteer.

MISSION and OUTREACH

GREETINGS FROM CAMEROON

ELISABETH JOHNSON

Dear Friends at Roseville Lutheran Church, Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Just as Easter corresponds with springtime in the U.S. (though I have heard that this year, spring has been very slow to arrive!), here in Cameroon, Easter comes around the time that the rainy season begins. Nature turns from brown, dry, and dusty to verdant green. Flowering trees and bushes blossom, and mangoes start to ripen. There are signs of new life all around, reminders of the new life that is ours in Christ.

We had a 10-day Easter break here at the Lutheran Institute of Theology, and are now on the "home stretch" of the second semester. After final exams and oral defenses of final papers, graduation ceremonies will be held on Sunday, June 24.

Soon after that, I will be heading back to the U.S. for "home assignment" during the months of July and August, during which I will be visiting my sponsoring congregations. I am eager to share with you how God has been at work here in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon and at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga, where I teach New Testament and Greek.

I look forward to visiting as many of my sponsoring congregations as possible. Thank you for your partnership in God's mission in the ELCA!

MEET ELISABETH JOHNSON AND FAMILY THIS SUMMER!

Celebrate with our Friends from Cameroon this Summer! Our missionary, Elisabeth Johnson – and, hopefully, her husband and twin three year old sons – will visit us some time in July or August. We will be collaborating with one of her other ELCA sponsoring churches to celebrate with Elisabeth and to hear about her work with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon and at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga, where she teaches New Testament and Greek.

Look in the Update and Sunday Bulletin for news about the exact dates for this reunion.

RECONNECT!

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, EVENT ON JULY 22 AT RLC.

On July 22 we will have a Reconnect event at Roseville Lutheran Church to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia and the first graduating class from the school! Get together with friends who have



taken part in this ministry over the past 20 years, introduce the CCE to new people and fundraise for the Bible School. Prior to that time, builders from RLC will have gone to Slovakia and several members will attend the 20th Anniversary/ Graduation bringing official greetings from RLC.



Love God • Love Your Neighbor

LUCKY 13 BUILDERS GROUP

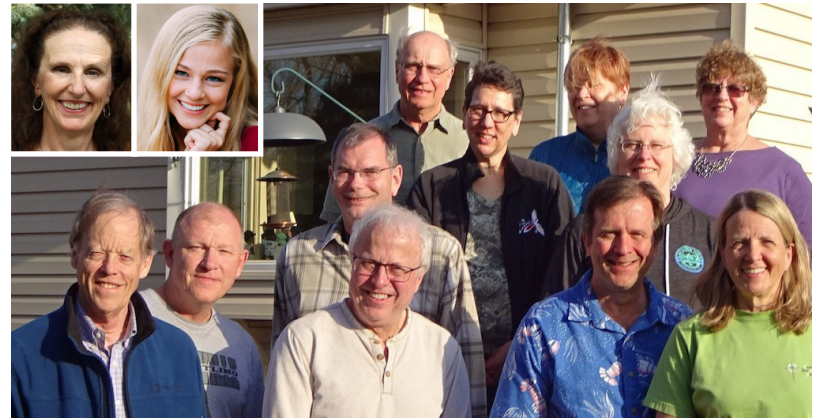
VISION SLOVAKIA

The Vision Slovakia Builders Group team was in Martin, Slovakia on May 18 – 30 to help 'spruce up' the campus before CCE's 20th Anniversary and 1st High School Graduation on June 22-24. We did landscaping, window repair and painting, fence painting, and general cleanup, all so that the campus was bright and shiny for the BIG CELEBRATION. This special celebration weekend in June is an historic event in the life of the Center for Christian Education (CCE) in Martin. The 150+ year old dream of a SUCCESSFUL Lutheran school in Martin has come to another milestone with the first high school graduation with 38 students. Through the nurtured relationships between the school staff and students and many American churches, like Roseville Lutheran and St Andrew's Lutheran in Mahtomedi, MN, the Slovak graduating class is looking to actively use their civil rights to ignite change and hope for a better Slovakia and a better world. Look for the posters of the CCE and the 38 graduates in the hallway between the Commons and the Social Hall.

The 'Lucky 13' Builders Group are members of RLC unless noted: Bob and KJ Bach, Rich and Julie

Wendland, Dave and Vicky Lorenz (St Andrew's Lutheran, Grand Rapids, MN), Jeff Bowar and Cheryl Walsh (Phoenix, AZ, Erik Wolhowe and Jan Abell, Mark Schmaedke and daughter Corrine Schmaedeke, Mary Gookins (Hosanna Lutheran, Forest Lake)

Please continue to keep the staff and students of the CCE in prayer as they prepare for the June 22-24 celebration and graduation, and yet another school year come September 2018! Thanks be to GOD!!



WELCOME JANKA AND FAMILY!

our MISSIONARY in SLOVAKIA VISITS RLC THIS SUMMER

This July 12 – Aug. 26, Janka (our missionary in Slovakia), her husband, Roman, and their seven-year-old twins, Philip and Sophie will be hosted by RLC members, Mt. Carmel, Wilderness Canoe Base Camp, and Camp Wapo. Contact KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com if you would like to spend time with this dear family. Also, two teachers from Martin, Katka and L'uboš Frolova and their family will be at Mt. Carmel during this time. Two high school students, Zuzana Miriam Buociková and Jakub Morgas will be with the RLC high school youth for a month as well.

GREETINGS FROM JANKA MINEKOVA:

Dear friends and supporters in Roseville Lutheran Church,

I bring a little update from CCE in Martin, Slovakia. As we started to plan our celebration last autumn, besides all the meetings, looking for suitable housing for all the guests, Graduation and Celebration programs, now we take concrete steps that it could happen.

Last Saturday, April 21, a brigade with parents and friends of the Lutheran school and from our church members took place. We tried to remake some spaces to be nicer, but it's just a start.

We have a lot of work yet to be done and we're so thankful for your Builder's group coming in May to continue. During work together it's also great time to know people from different point of view and share life stories and ideas. And I like that families came, so little ones also helped on their school.

As usual, my job is mostly being "a runner" and coordinating people to the right workplace or letting other people who know what to do next. And help to fulfill other needs – water to drink or serve a good lunch to eat.

Personally, there is big "summer project" for our family to visit you, dear partners and friends in your homes and your church this July and August. Neither my husband, our twins nor I have ever even flown by airplane... so it's going to be a big new experience from the beginning.

I also hope that Roman will improve his English skills because at end of August, he's going to be a fulltime teacher at our Lutheran High School when we return home.

With best wishes, looking forward to meeting some of you soon here!

– Janka Minekova



MISSION and OUTREACH

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

MOBILEPACK MY CHILDREN

April 30 through May 3 found members and friends of Roseville Lutheran joining people from Incarnation Lutheran to pack 750,000 meals for Feed My Starving Children. You also helped pay for Roseville Lutheran's share of the event by raising \$22,000 to pay for the ingredients needed to pay for 100,000 meals. That is enough food to feed 364 children for a year. Thank you so very much for supporting the amazing mission of Feed My Starving Children.

As part of this event, members of RLC were encouraged to wear the new Roseville Lutheran Church blue volunteer shirts. It was a great way for people to connect and a great way to show the volunteer passion of members of Roseville Lutheran.

A special thank you to Jen and Tim Bergman for opening their home and hosting the 2nd annual wine tasting evening to help with the generating of the funds. It was a great evening of fellowship and great conversation, along with good food and wine.

If you had such a great time and can not wait for next year or you were unable to make it to the mobile pack this year, you can still support Feed My Starving Children. The packing of food happens at their three permanent locations in the Twin Cities six days a week. There are also additional mobile pack events within the Metro area. You can look for other packing opportunities at Feed My Starving Children, FMSC.org.



LOAVES AND FISHES

Loaves and Fishes is a long time outreach mission of Roseville Lutheran Church. The 2nd Monday of every month a team of volunteers goes to a Dorothy Day Center near downtown St. Paul to prepare and serve a free meal to approximately 200 people. Currently new buildings are being built so they are in a temporary location. 15 volunteers are members of RLC and others are from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. The food is purchased and delivered to the Dorothy Day Center by RLC volunteers.

Most of the volunteers serve every month but there are times when people go on vacation, get sick or are otherwise are unable to serve for a particular month. This creates opportunities for people to volunteer one time and not make a commitment to serve every month.

For more information about volunteering for Loaves and Fishes contact Jim Stark at 612-718-2749 or Kurt Svidal at 651-428-5797.

BEGA KWA BEGA

companion congregation
in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania

Nebu Mgungile, pastor of our companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania, sent greetings to RLC in a recent letter. "On behalf of my parish I would like to take this opportunity to bring our appreciation for this good relation which is going on (through Bega Kwa Bega)." He reports that the parish is actively, planning seminars for youth, for women and for parish leaders, along with house-to-house evangelism. "The number of members ... is increasing so the church looks to be small," Mgungile reports. "Our plan is to start building a new one next year. Let us keep praying for each other."

In addition to RLC's prayer support, we continue to work shoulder to shoulder with Ng'ang'ange through student scholarships and other projects. A letter from one of RLC's sponsored students attending Lutangilo School reads in part:

Dear Roseville.

I hope that you are fine...I am fine also. The aim of writing this letter to you is to say thank you very much for paying my school fees. I hope that God will bless you more and more. I don't have many things to say but I am just praying to our God that He will continue being with you.

*Yours Sincerely,
Lucy Kulanga.*

The mutual support RLC shares with the Ng'ang'ange parish is an ongoing embodiment of our vision, whereby together we become *A Community United by Grace*. If you are interested in seeing God's work in Tanzania for yourself by going on a future RLC mission trip, contact Pastor Sara Spohr.



A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE

THANK YOU, RLC!

HOSPITALITY CENTER FOR CHINESE

Thank you RLC, for helping with the April 22, 2018 Friendship Dinner at the Hospitality Center for Chinese.

Each of your donations was so very important to this event. We had about 125 students, visiting scholars, and families attend. We shared the evening with Five Oaks Church and The Formosa Evangelical Church of the Twin Cities.

As graduation comes soon, many students will be returning to China. Please keep HCC and all of the students in your prayers. If you would like to host an event at your home or an outing for Chinese students who are here over the summer, feel free to call the HCC office and let them know or contact me.

May you carry these verses that Weihua Lin from the Formosa Evangelical Church shared on our centerpieces:

親愛的弟兄啊，我們應當彼此相愛，因為愛是從神來的。凡有愛心的，
都是由神而生，並且認識神。約翰一書 4:7

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. – 1 John 4:7*

『願耶和華賜福給你，保護你！願耶和華使他的臉光照你，賜恩給你！
願耶和華向你仰臉，賜你平安！』民數記 6:25

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:25*

願主耶穌基督的恩惠、神的慈愛、聖靈的感動，
常與你們眾人同在！哥林多後書 13:14

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. – 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Mary Schultz
Roseville Lutheran Mission and Outreach

JUSTICE, MUSIC, HOSPITALITY

JUSTICE EVENTS

JUSTICE CHOIR DRAWS 200
FROM THE COMMUNITY



The RLC group, *Our Neighbors and Me* was busy this past year planning the Justice Choir community event held at RLC on Sunday, April 29. Several area churches were represented in the gathering of approximately 200 people who sang almost entirely newly composed music from composers and lyricists from all over the country.

When the evening first began we were merely a group of people singing songs together, and by the time the evening was over we were all knitted together as one people lifting our voices up for justice in the world. What a great event to share among ourselves and with our Roseville and Falcon Heights community! Many thanks to Marilyn Sharlow for initiating the planning of the event, and for John Helgen for organizing it and accompanying us on piano!

LET JUSTICE ROLL WORKSHOP

We also spent the last 8 months planning and organizing the Saturday morning, May 5, justice workshop that featured well known author, speaker, and national leader of racial justice, Duchess Harris, PhD. of Macalester College. Perhaps some RLC folks heard her talk at the Roseville Library several months ago. She has authored 24 books for youth on racial justice issues, and has a newly published book on the history and impact of Black Lives Matter. A similar event was held in the spring of 2017 "Racial Justice in our Community" retreat.

This year Dr. Harris shared the history of black and white relations, how it has influenced our organizations and institutions, and how our society is impacted by it today. Her talk was followed up with a presentation and interactive activities presented and facilitated by Roseville Lutheran's own Jake Von De Linde, Director of Teaching and Learning at Roseville Area Schools. We came away from the event with a heightened awareness of where each of us was on the continuum of racial justice and what we can do in our daily lives to be "interrupters" of injustice we witness in the lives of others.



MUSIC NOTES

JOHN HELGEN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Thanks to Our Musicians!

Thanks to all the many and varied musicians of RLC for all their dedication and good work in our worship presentations all year long, and especially from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday: Saturday and Sunday worship, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday mid-week services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and our Easter Sunday celebrations – a total of about 50 worship services! During this time period, music was presented and led by ensembles made up by over 125 musicians - Senior Choir, Children's Choir, Brass Ensemble, Jubilate Bell Choir, Bells of Praise, Joyful Ringers, Praise and Worship Group, Praise and Worship Combo, Acoustic Band, Youth Band, as well as cantors, soloists and other ensembles. Thanks as well to the music staff for all their good work: Maddie Giordana, Martha Mutch, Lori Haaland, and Ariel Wilberg.



Sign Up Now for Summer Music – Musicians Needed!

Summer is a great time to share your musical gifts with your RLC family and friends. Most of the RLC choirs and ensembles will be taking a well-deserved break from regular rehearsing and performing, therefore vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles are needed for use in worship services from June 3 through September 2. Check available dates by contacting John Helgen at 651-288-4236 or jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org



HOSPITALITY NOTES

CONNIE MARCHIO, HOSPITALITY MANAGER

The months of June, July, and August will be filled with special events at Roseville Lutheran Church. In the past, the summer months have mostly been a time to clean up and get ready for the fall. This year I will be seeking more catering opportunities, including graduation parties that we now can cater. These events are often for our RLC members, but not limited to them. (Do you have a friend in need of catering?)

I have secured groups that have tried us in the past and now will be coming back! This is a very good thing, but does involve time and conversation with these guests.

Since the kitchen has been remodeled it has had much interest and now can be rented out to other caterers if they chose not to go with our services. The private events that we hold in the Social Hall have been well received and my hope is to continue this success with our Hospitality Ministry.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Social Hall on June 17, and will bring people together to enjoy a continental breakfast. Our Olli classes extended their meeting schedule, and we have procured a large event to serve them in June. Please see the next Table for all the fun events that we will be putting on for the church members and their children in the fall.

Looking forward to warm sunny days here at Roseville Lutheran Church!

WIDOWS' GROUP

ROSE ENKA LUNCHEONS

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.

JUNE 16: Gulden's Restaurant, 2999 Maplewood Dr., Maplewood

JULY 21: Red Lobster Restaurant, 2330 Prior Ave., Roseville

AUG. 18: Panda Garden Buffet Restaurant, 1706 Lexington Ave. N, Roseville

RLC Annual Meeting

10:00 am, Sunday, June 17 in the Social Hall

hear HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS year
and WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR RLC