

May



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parenting CHRISTIAN kids



First Communion Seder Meal in April

Worship at RLC

Saturday @ 5:00
Traditional, relaxed

Sunday @ 8:00
Contemplative w/
Communion

Sunday @ 9:00
Traditional

Sunday @ 11:00
Praise and Worship

Celebrate Children's Spiritual Milestones

POWERSOURCE

ASK GOD:

1. To help you nurture your children's developing faith.
2. To assure your children that he's with them as they grow.
3. To remind you to make your children's faith milestones special and memorable.

Marking children's physical "firsts"—from first steps to first words—is an exciting and cherished part of parenting. Even more important and worthy of celebration are spiritual firsts, or faith milestones.

These rites help children know that they're growing up as Christians and continually reconnecting to their faith family. Milestones also allow churches and parents to partner together to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus.

Spiritual occasions that warrant family celebrations include:

Baptism or Dedication Children are a gift from God, so we "give" them back by committing their lives to God. By witnessing a baptism or dedication, fellow church members agree to

partner with parents to help raise children as Christians.

Receiving a First Bible When children receive God's Word, it's like their very own special love letter from God. He wants us to read the Bible and hold it in our hearts so we can live it out. Making a big deal out of getting a new Bible shows kids how important the book is to our faith and its growth.

Confirmation or Other Transitions to the Preteen Years Leaving behind elementary school symbolizes that preteens are beginning to "own" their faith. During their spiritual journey, they'll decide whether to draw closer to God or reject him. Thankfully, God is always there—for kids and parents, guiding us throughout our faith walk.



Be a Sustainer!

Support Children's Ministry at RLC!

This past Sunday, thousands of people gathered at RLC to proclaim: He is alive! He is risen! Not only long time members and friends, but many new faces came together to affirm how these words of resurrection shape and change our lives. Your support sustains the ministry at RLC and shares this message of hope with our community and future generations. Thank you for all you share: time, talent, and treasure, particularly in support of our children and youth!

Children's Ministry is supported by financial gifts from you. Over 95% of our church's budget (program costs, staff salaries, utilities, etc.) come from these gifts. We are asking you to be a Sustainer... what is a Sustainer? It's a person that gives regularly online to Roseville Lutheran. We all get busy and sometimes cannot attend church as often as we would like. Giving regularly online each week helps the church plan what the giving level will be, and therefore can plan expenses accordingly. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider signing up to become a sustainer. Our goal is to get 100 families to be Sustainers, and today we have 45. Please consider giving regularly to RLC! Our kids deserve the best experience here, and you can help! Read more about this online at rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer.



Your Family's Faith Journey

At-home faith talks are vital for nurturing children spiritually. In *Shift (Group)*, Brian Haynes offers these guidelines for family times with Jesus:

Faith talks should occur regularly and be age-appropriate. Each week, set aside time to focus on biblical truth in a relational way.

Faith talks should focus on God's Word. Read the Bible together, celebrate it, and apply it to all aspects of your daily lives.

Faith talks don't have to be difficult or formal. Make them fun! For example, go outside on a hot day and compare standing in the sun and shade.

Then read and discuss Psalm 121:5-6.

Faith talks shouldn't depend on children's choices or attitudes. God instructs parents to be intentional about leading their kids spiritually.

Celebrate New Life After seeing a baptism, talk to your children about their own baptisms—or their desire to be baptized. Tell them Jesus washes away our sins. As a family, make handmade cards for newly baptized people.

God's Relevant Word Show children how the Bible applies to their lives. Talk about biblical heroes and how they both stumble and grow in faith. Tie Bible verses into kids' interests, from music and poetry to travel and adventure.

Lifelong Learners Preteens often feel as if they've outgrown Sunday school. Provide age-appropriate Bibles and devotionals for older kids who are forming their identity in Jesus. Help them anticipate the future, and assure them that Jesus is always with them as they grow.

Family Timelines Tape a long piece of paper to a wall. Together, create a timeline of your family's journey with Jesus using words, drawings, and Bible verses. Add marriages, birthdays, and milestones such as when a child started preschool or you moved. Include fun memories as well as challenges that affected everyone. Then discuss: "What are our best memories? What difficult events

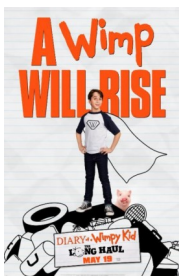
have we faced? How did those make us closer to each other and to Jesus? How have we seen God's faithfulness? What dreams do we have as a family?"

Special Sheep Draw a sheep shape on paper. Set out cotton balls and glue sticks. Have family members take turns holding up cotton balls and saying why each person is special. Then dip the cotton in glue and stick it on the sheep. Continue until you have a fluffy reminder that you are all God's special sheep. Read Luke 15:3-7 and say Jesus is a good Shepherd who loves us, his sheep.

God's Path On a map of your hometown or neighborhood, mark important spots such as your home, school, church, friends' houses, and more. Highlight the roads your family uses most often. Read aloud Psalm 139:1-3. Say: "God always knows where we are, what we're doing, and where we're going. He has big plans for us as we grow and get to know him better. Jesus loves us and will always be with us." With a red marker, draw a large heart around all the sites you've highlighted. Display the map as a reminder of God's promises.

"Train yourself to be godly. For...godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."
—1 Timothy 4:7-8, NIV

MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul*

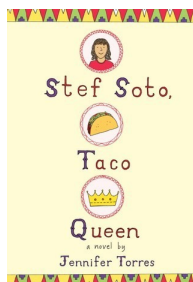
Genre: Comedy, family

Rating: Not yet rated

Cast: Jason Drucker, Charlie Wright, Alicia Silverstone, Tom Everett Scott

Synopsis: Hoping to attend a gamer convention, Greg talks his family into traveling to his great-grandmother's 90th birthday party. Crazy road-trip antics result. This is the fourth "Wimpy Kid" movie but the first in five years, so the cast is all new.

Our Take: Young fans of the popular book series will enjoy seeing the Heffley family in action. The film lends itself to discussions about decision-making, family unity and conflict, and how much control kids should (and do) have over their lives.



BOOK

Title: *Stef Soto, Taco Queen*

Author: Jennifer Torres

Synopsis: Middle-schooler Estefania "Stef" Soto is embarrassed by her Mexican-American family's food truck and tired of the teasing she endures because of it. When the business is threatened, however, she fervently defends it—and also learns to embrace her cultural identity.

Our Take: This heartwarming realistic fiction, geared toward grades 3 through 6, explores conflicting loyalties between family and friends. Young readers will consider the role of cultural heritage and the importance of tradition. They'll benefit from seeing how Stef finds her voice amid conflicts and challenges.



CULTURE & TRENDS

New Zoos Now that the Ringling Bros. circus has disbanded and SeaWorld is phasing out its orca shows, zoos are the next animal-based attraction facing changes. A reported new "unzoo" approach involves taking people to the animals and providing more space for animals to roam, often above visitors' heads. (*various sources*)

Happy Campers If you're not yet comfortable sending your children to summer camp—or just want to share in the fun—check out the family sessions being offered by many groups. It's a popular strategy for getting away together without worrying about meals or hotels. (*empowher.com*)

QUICK STATS

Faked Out Fewer than 45% of U.S. kids ages 10 to 18 said they could accurately tell which stories in their social-media feeds were fake. Nearly one-third said they've shared fake news before realizing it. (*Common Sense Media*)

Movie Violence PG-13 movies have 23% more gun violence than R-rated movies do. (*Pediatrics*)

Step It Up Pokémon Go players walk an estimated 2,000 extra steps daily, compared to people who don't play the game. (*healthday.com*)

Games, Sites & Apps

Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild

This new title from the acclaimed series is for the new Nintendo Switch console. For players, Hyrule is an open world waiting to be explored. They must battle enemies, hunt wild beasts, and gather food and equipment for the journey. Rated E10+

TheKidShouldSee This.com

Parents can sign up (for free) to receive 8 to 12 videos per week tailored to curious kids. Many videos emphasize STEAM-related topics and spark conversations about the world around us. All videos are appropriate for young viewers, but the content isn't dumbed down.

Clarify* by Playbac

This video-news app from the inventor of BrainQuest explains news stories and current events in fact-based, kid-friendly language. The timely videos end with discussion-starter questions that families can use. The first week is free, but after that a subscription costs \$1.99 per week.

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Family fun and other info

Feed My Starving Children: During the first week in May, we invite all families to join us at Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview for the Feed My Starving Children Mobil Pack to pack meals! There are time slots open on any of the days Monday-Friday, however we have designated Wednesday, May 3rd to be the day families from RLC pack meals together from 7-9 pm. To sign up for this shift, go to the RLC website, click on the FMSC picture on the home page, and you will be directed to join the RLC Youth and Family group. There is also information there about the other shifts available. Scroll to the bottom and click on the link "You Can sign up online here!", and that will lead you to the main FMSC page for our mobile pack. On that page scroll down to Become a Volunteer and click on that and all the shifts available will open. This is a very fun and meaningful experience for families to serve together! Consider sharing your time to pack meals for those that need them! If you would like to help and need assistance finding how, please contact Kathy Miller at Katha.a.miller@comcast.net and she is happy to help you!

St. Paul Saints Game: We have reserved 30 tickets for RLC on Thursday, June 22, at 7:00 pm. The Saints will be playing Winnipeg at CHS Field in downtown St. Paul. Those who attend are asked to bring a pack of four or more rolls of toilet paper to the game. The toilet paper will be collected at the entrance when you arrive and then donated to Second Harvest. Tickets are \$14 for adults or \$13 for youth 12 years old and under. Sign up online at www.rosevillelutheran.org or with Trish in the church office. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, May 22.

Last day of Cornerstone: Thank you for sharing your kids with us each Sunday! We are looking forward to a very special last day! On May 21, our last day of Cornerstone for this school year the kids will have small group time to celebrate the year with their friends and Cornerstone Shepherds. Cornerstone kids will also sing together at the 11:00 worship service. Kids will sit with their parents during this service, and when called up front, they will share their love of God through music! It will be a very fun end of the year together!





Vacation Bible School — The BEST week of the Summer at Roseville Lutheran!

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God!

Maker Fun Factory will spark imagination and engage kids in learning hands-on how much God loves them!

Kids 3 years old through the completion of 4th grade are invited to VBS @ RLC from 9-noon, June 12-16. Cost is \$20 per child. Bring a friend!



Have you registered yet? Register by May 1st to get a T shirt! www.rosevillelutheran.org

Camp Salie— A LOT of fun packed into two days!

We offer an opportunity for kids completing grades 2-4 to experience camping for the first time in a setting that is close to home, located north of the Twin Cities, near Wyoming MN.

Up to 15 boys and 15 girls are welcome to enjoy campfires, crafts, games, bible study, outside devotions, music, sleeping in a bunk house and awesome food together with RLC youth counselors and adults. We pack a LOT into the two days we are there!

Join us July 11-13, meeting at Camp Salie at 6:00 p.m. on July 11, and parents pick up their kids at camp at 5:00 on July 13th. Cost is \$100 per student.

Register online today at www.rosevillelutheran.org. Click on the Ages and Stages tab, then Children's Ministry!



Cornerstone was filled with faith and fun for all!

Cornerstone, our Sunday morning ministry for kids ages 2yrs -4th grade is almost over for this school year! We had a great time learning the same lessons that were learned in Worship each Sunday, which made for some wonderful family conversations! Here are some pictures that show you just a little of our Sunday morning fun, faith building and serving others! Registration for next year begins on August 1st.

Our tree with prayer concerns on it!



Small Groups—friends, faith and fun!



Pajama Day ... comfy, cozy and so generous!





Care Packages for Graduates—Serve Sunday!



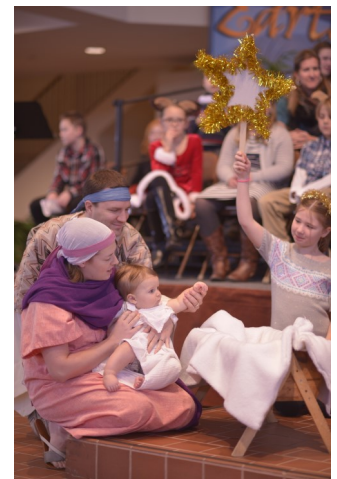
Advent Activity Day



Small Group Smiles!



Cornerstone Christmas Program



Handprints of Love!



Making 1000 Sandwiches together!

