

THE TABLE

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS
AND MEMBERS OF ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH • APRIL • MAY 2018



LOVE GOD. LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR.
A COMMUNITY
UNITED BY GRACE.

Mission and Vision at RLC

If you have been in our building over the past six months, you may have noticed all of the signs that declare Roseville Lutherans' mission and vision. It's pretty simple, actually - not hard to remember, "Love God. Love your neighbor. A community united by grace." As our vision statement reads, "Simply stated, but never complete. We humbly devote our lives... [and] we strive to serve others with love, every day."

This mission and vision statement, however, is not just something that is meant to be hung on doors and hallways, it is meant to be a call to action - a way to live out our calling as Christians. This mission and vision is meant to be lived out in our everyday interactions, our visions and our dreams - both as individuals and, as a united community of Christian believers.

It probably doesn't sound radical or unrealistic to our ears; but what if you looked at it this way? A man was working on a crossword puzzle and asked, "What's a four-letter word for a strong emotional reaction toward a difficult person?" Someone listening said, "The answer is hate." Someone else exclaimed, "No, wait, the answer is love!"

The kind of love Jesus encourages is not an emotion; it's a choice. It's a choice to make love a way of living, more than a way of feeling. It's not a matter of sentiment, it's a matter of the will. And as with everything concerning the will, on our own, it's hard for us to stick with it. We become distracted and selfish, even in loving. It takes the grace of God to call us back from being petty, and to reorient us to the main thing so that we can refocus on a love that faces outward and not inward. God's love can inspire you to look for - and respond to - someone else's need, not so that the other person will be grateful, or will love you back. Inspired love sees the other person, just because God loves that person.

These words shape our lives, our interactions and our dreams and vision. These very words are shaping and reshaping the conversations we are having at Roseville Lutheran Church. Some of the questions that are arising out of this mission and vision are: What is our calling, as a congregation, to be a part of this wonderful command to love God and love our neighbors? What is the community that we are being called to serve? How does loving God lead us out into the world with servant hearts?

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LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 21

Lenten Worship at 5:00 and 7:00 pm
Soup Suppers from 5:30 - 7:00 pm

MARCH 24-25 • PALM SUNDAY

Regular Worship Times
Saturday - 5:00 pm.
Sunday - 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am.

MARCH 29 • MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship (Prime Time) at 11:00 am
Worship at 7:00 pm

MARCH 30 • GOOD FRIDAY

Family Worship at 10:00 am
Worship at 7:00 pm

MARCH 31 • EASTER VIGIL

Worship at 5:00 pm

APRIL 1 • EASTER DAY

Sunrise Worship at 7:00 am (Communion)
Traditional Worship at 8:45, 10:00 am
Praise Worship at 11:15 am (Communion)

WORSHIP WITH US EACH WEEK!

TRADITIONAL - 5:00 PM SATURDAY • CONTEMPLATIVE - 8:00 AM SUNDAY
TRADITIONAL - 9:00 AM SUNDAY • PRAISE AND WORSHIP - 11:00 AM SUNDAY

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP OF STUFF

TRUPTI STORLIE

I was lamenting my unorganized house and a friend suggested reading “The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up” by Marie Kondo. The first step was organizing my clothes: I was to gather every article of clothing I owned from every corner of the house into one room and keep only the things I loved. Easy enough. Hours later, clothes lay in piles, but I still hadn’t discarded anything.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE?

The first pile consisted of, literally, worn out clothes. But I had grown up with a degree of poverty, and my default mode was to wring all the use out of my belongings. I imagined using these old clothes for gardening, or turning them into rags for cleaning. Letting go of this specific pile should have been easy, but the grip of my upbringing made it difficult. I had never considered myself a materialistic person, yet I suddenly understood how emotionally connected I was, I am, to my stuff. Kondo made a quirky suggestion: thank my clothes for their service. Glad that no one was watching, I thanked a misshapen sweatshirt for the many years of warmth, then placed it into a garbage bag. Somehow, showing gratitude made it easier to let that pile go.

PAY IT (JOY) FORWARD?

The next pile was almost new or clothes with price tags still on them. Most of these buys were spontaneous sale purchases – deals too good to pass up. In the moment I purchased them, I had a buyer’s spark of joy. Now, all I felt was guilt, but I certainly couldn’t get rid of “new” clothes. Kondo helped me reframe these clothes: donating them allowed someone else the joy of purchasing them (and perhaps even wearing them!). Like in the story of the talents, these clothes served no purpose buried away in my closet. I readied these clothes for donation.

WHAT IS LOVE?

The last pile was a combination of clothes I wore a lot but didn’t necessarily love, clothes I loved but rarely wore, and everything in between. Kondo’s only criteria for keeping an item was that I love it. Love. I love my husband. I love that sweater. I love my kids. I love that TV show. I love Jesus. Love. What does it mean to love, particularly in an area that was necessary, but unimportant, in my mind?

I picked up each item, turned off my brain, and turned on my heart: how did holding this item make me feel? Any negativity landed the item in the donate pile until all that was left were clothes I “loved.” I loved them because I felt confident in them. I loved them because they were really functional. I loved them because they triggered a happy memory. I loved them because they were beautiful.

I had gotten rid of 70% of my clothes. I vowed not to purchase anything new for three months and my streamlined wardrobe required each clothing item do its part. But I loved all these clothes and so I never had a feeling of having nothing to wear. I took a celebratory shopping trip after my clothing abstinence and came home with...nothing. Everything in my closet sparked joy as Kondo recommends; I didn’t want to add anything that didn’t do the same. Despite being empty-handed, I was fully satisfied.

WHAT MATTERS? LETTING GO OF THE REST.

This process with my clothes trained my heart to recognize the stuff in my life that really mattered to me and trained my head to let go of the rest. Over a four-month period, I followed this process for all the stuff in our house, sending vanloads of stuff to various charities.

While there are still spaces that need attention, our house is no longer full. Because the process removed excess stuff from our home, we aren’t suffocated by having too much. We removed the things that didn’t spark joy in our lives so the remaining stuff emotionally uplifts us. Literally and figuratively there is space and lightness in our home and our lives.

How had we accumulated so much in the first place? Fear of needing something and not having it, fear of giving away something and then needing it. Somehow, appreciating the things we do have took away the fear of lacking or missing something. It left us feeling like we had enough.

MORE MATERIALISTIC?

You could consider us more materialistic: we value our stuff. Anything new we buy has to meet the really high bar of sparking joy, even mundane things, like can openers. (My can opener sparks joy. Yes, I know that sounds weird.) Consequently, we buy far less. When we do buy, we pay attention to quality, sustainability in manufacturing, fair wages to the workers, shopping locally, because these things help us appreciate our purchases even more. As stewards of stuff, we found our equilibrium.

SPECIAL SATURDAY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

KRIS OLSEN & DARCI BONTRAGER

MORE THAN MONEY MATTERS

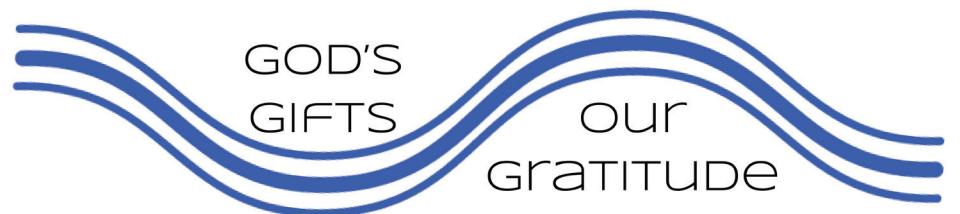
(RLC Social Hall from 8:00 am – 12 noon, Saturday)

This 4-hour interactive workshop will help you align your money management with your values. Get the tools and resources you need to help you make informed choices about how you share, save and spend. In this values-based workshop, you’ll explore:

- How your values and goals go hand in hand.
- How to manage the pressures to spend so you can save.
- Different ways to plan (budget) how you use your money.
- *Complimentary coffee, juice and donuts will be provided!



RLC STEWARDSHIP



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pRAISE 75

75 Hours of Giving at RLC
12:00 Noon, Sunday, April 22 –
3:00 pm, Wednesday, April 25

This past year we began our celebration of our 75th year as a congregation. As we reflect on the past 75 years we recognize that our witness and worship has been sustained by families and individuals who have given in support of our mission and vision. Over the past 75 years gifts, both large and small, have supported and strengthened us to “Love God. Love our neighbor.”

As our mission grows, so do our needs. We invite you to “save the date” for our end-of-year giving campaign. We are seeking to raise \$75,000 in 75 hours to bridge the gap between our expected annual income and our actual offerings and gifts. During these 75 hours we will be asking you to consider an end-of-year gift, share in the excitement on social media and pray for our continued mission and ministry.

Thank you for the many ways participate in the life and ministry of RLC!



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 worries this story feels a little made-for-Facebook, so find her and she can tell you about that time she forgot to pick up her kid after the first day of second grade (but you can’t tell her kid).

pRAISE 75

Financial and Staff News

FINANCE OFFICE

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance & Data

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

Giving to our ministry plan is \$44,109 less than we had budgeted as of January 31, 2018. Total year-to-date expenses exceed receipts by \$24,279. The budgeted year-to-date deficit is \$9,501, meaning we are \$14,778 below our expected position at the end of January. Monthly financial summaries are available by contacting the Finance department at 651-487-7752 or

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 Your Neighbor**. To learn more about becoming a Sustainer, go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer. If you have any further questions please contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Roseville Lutheran Church
January 2018 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2017-2018						Prior Year	
	Jan Actual	Jan Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2017 Jan Actual	2016-2017 YTD Actual
Offering	114,241	126,793	836,942	881,051	-44,109	134,851	863,879
Other receipts	12,376	13,485	66,984	60,195	6,789	6,183	45,735
Total Receipts	126,617	140,278	903,926	941,246	-37,320	141,034	909,614
Expenses	147,438	147,780	928,205	950,747	-22,542	127,357	909,513
Net	-20,821	-7,502	-24,279	-9,501	-14,778	13,677	101

Number of Givers 2017-2018				Prior Year	
	January		YTD through January		2016-17 YTD Thru Jan
	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers Avg Giving
General Fund	405	\$ 265	680	\$ 1,097	730 \$ 1,058
Bldg Designated	71	\$ 70	113	\$ 427	144 \$ 405
75th Anniversary/Roof	1	\$ 1	74	\$ 144	0 \$ -
Christmas Offering	2	\$ 30	240	\$ 166	247 \$ 144
M&O	25	\$ 118	146	\$ 315	117 \$ 288
Memorials/Estate	2	\$ 112	28	\$ 2,479	60 \$ 111
Other Designated	4	\$ 78	149	\$ 615	107 \$ 394
EF/Love Lights	0	\$ -	113	\$ 50	113 \$ 53
All Other	1	\$ 10	5	\$ 70	0 \$ -
Total	421	\$ 275	801	\$ 1,320	833 \$ 1,145

Fund Balances 1/31/2018		
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments		775,440
Designated/Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund		68,459
Building Fees		19,202
Mission & Outreach		52,412
Kitchen Fund		47,057
Memorials		27,929
Estate Gifts		351,103
Matching Gifts		2,300
Other Funds		207,838
Total Designated/Restricted		776,299
Child Care:	Current Yr	-6,938
Preschool:	Current Yr	2,559
Operating Fund:	Current Yr	-24,279

Endowment Fund		
Cash		4,890
Investments		493,475
Total		498,365

STEWARDSHIP OF
COMMUNITY

By Ryan Dockery

Ryan Dockery is the Pastoral Intern at Messiah Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Washington and is in candidacy through the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod. This came to our attention through a stewardship newsletter from Luther Seminary.

During my entire process preparing for ordained ministry in the ELCA, I’ve been surrounded by the notion of the dying church. Churches are getting smaller and smaller. The motto “if you build it, they will come” is no longer a reality. The theory that adults will return to church when they begin having a family is simply no longer valid. Together, we find ourselves asking, “What are we going to do?” “How will the church respond to this societal change in which people no longer find religion to be a necessity for their faith?”

I think we are past the time of the church simply being a place to gather. No longer can we judge the “success” of a congregation by how many butts are in the pews and how much money is in the offering plate each week. Being a good steward of our communities means recognizing that the people who do gather inside the walls of a church do not make up the whole community. There is a group of people missing. Therefore, I think we are in a crucial time of inviting and equipping those who do gather to then scatter. It is time we take seriously the charge we cry out at the end of worship: Go in peace and share the good news!

Part of this call to being good stewards in our communities is a call to take the good news of Jesus Christ into the very places we dwell -- the places we work, shop, hike, drink our coffee, and anywhere else outside the walls of the church. No longer can the Christian community be a once a week gathering. It must become a part of our daily lives. After all, we are called to go!

We are called to go into the community to be witnesses. The trick, though, is not to go as though we are bringing God to a place of need. The truth is, God is already present there and our role is simply to be present and aware of what God is up to. So, part of our call to stewardship involves going into our communities to listen intentionally to those who aren’t in the pews.

When we go, we are not trying to convert people; we are simply trying to live with and among them. We are there to open our ears and hear what the community has to say. We go with no agenda. We do not treat the community like an object, rather a subject. We are called to see communities as God’s beloved children.

In Starting Missional Churches, Mark Branson writes, “If we are to know God’s love of the world, we need to be carried by that love, and that means we will be changed by those who are different.” Being good stewards in our communities means encountering those who look, think, and act differently than us. It is not only about what we can bring to the community, but what the community can bring to us. And, in the process, we too can be transformed as we encounter God in and among the communities we serve – perhaps especially in the places we least expect.

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.

RLC NEWS and NOTES

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In the coming weeks and months, each and every committee and task force at Roseville Lutheran will be asked to re-examine their charter under the lens of our mission and vision. The questions they will be asking will be ones of how our shared and mutual ministry lives out this calling: How do we respond in words and actions, in prayer and in deeds, to fulfill our calling to love God and love our neighbors? How do we direct our hearts and our work to accomplish this calling?

This past fall, a task force gathered to ask these questions in regards to how we live out this calling in our Mission and Outreach. Over the next couple of months this task force will be sharing their recommendations with the council and the congregation, and I encourage you to be part of the conversation. I also encourage you to have a conversation with those around you, loved ones, friends, family members, about how you can live out this mission and vision in your daily lives.

There are exciting things ahead for Roseville Lutheran Church! As your senior pastor I am privileged to hear stories about how our faith in action is being received by those in need around us. You are doing good work! You are a part of something that is changing lives! Thank you for the many ways you live out our calling.

Blessings to you,



Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

ENDOWMENT FUND PROFILE: JILL PETERSON

Twelve years ago, I unexpectedly received a beautiful framed picture created by Judy Dodds. It was given to me by the Legacy Society of Roseville Lutheran Church with a Bible verse from 2 Corinthians 8:7: “You are rich in everything: faith, speaking, knowledge, helping, love, and the grace of giving.”

This speaks to a cheerful response to all God has given to all of us. God gave us His most precious gift, and I have tried living my life loving God and my neighbor. As part of my response to God’s unconditional love, I decided that my personal legacy would be to include Roseville Lutheran Church in my estate.

My parents were charter members of Richland Lutheran Church in my hometown of Richland, Washington. They didn’t talk about their faith; they lived it. I had wonderful examples of Christian parents, and they expected their four children to go to Sunday school and/or church every Sunday, even if I had stayed out until 3:00 AM on a date!

My late husband and I joined Roseville Lutheran 43 years ago. Our daughter was baptized and confirmed at RLC, and my husband’s funeral service was here. I feel thankful to be at Roseville Lutheran, and I am grateful for the pastors, staff, and the wonderful friends in my church community. I have felt surrounded by their love during difficult and joyful experiences.

I spent many years on the Mission and Outreach ministry team. We tried to balance outreach in MN and outreach internationally. I have always considered “neighbor” as those who live in my community, my state, my country, and the world. I have appreciated that the Endowment Fund has given to Banyan, Operation Bootstrap Africa, and various other ministries here.

I feel blessed, and I hope to be a blessing to others.



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 IS THE LAST FULL WEEKEND WORSHIP BEFORE WE CHANGE TO OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE. FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8-9.

RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

<p>Pastors Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor</p> <p>Hospitality Ministry Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant</p> <p>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</p> <p>Children’s Ministry Julie Hanson, Director of Children’s Ministry Tammy Heiple, PMO, Nursery Coordinator</p> <p>Student Ministry Michael Jordan, Director of Youth Ministry Abby Matter, Director of Faith Formation</p>	<p>Facilities Ministry Stephen Henry, Campus Manager Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer Shelton Ingram, Custodian Kevin Beyer, Custodian Donovan Whitfield, Custodian Jessica Hunt, Facilities</p> <p>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</p> <p>RLC Preschool Jenifer Johnson, Director</p> <p>Child Care House Sue Menier, Director Shyama Dahal, Assistant</p>	<p>Endowment Committee KJ Bach, Chair</p> <p>Nominating Committee Mike McGregor, Co-Chair Chris Smedsrud, Co-Chair</p> <p>Congregation Council Jeff Johnson, President John Shardlow, President-Elect Mike Dolan, Vice President Keith Gilbert Joe Zeigler Darci Bontrager Elizabeth Jacobson Jessica Henry Tom Lund</p> <p>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</p>
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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 winter we're getting to know the leaders of our stewardship education series: Kris Olsen, Greg Johnson, Erik Storlie, and Darci Bontrager. Excerpts from the I am RLC profiles are featured below; read the full interviews on the RLC website.

KRIS OLSEN

WHAT INITIALLY BROUGHT YOU TO RLC AND HOW ARE YOU CURRENTLY INVOLVED? I moved into Roseville and was looking for a large congregation that would offer a diverse membership and a variety of ways to be involved. I am involved in a task force that's looking at our approach to Mission and Outreach. I also greet and read scripture at the 5PM Saturday service.

HOW DO YOU LIVE OUT THE RLC MISSION: LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR? For the past three years, I have been on a journey to focus on and grow my cultural competence - by that I mean increase my understanding and ultimately my way of interacting with people with cultural, ethnic and experiential backgrounds that are different than my own. I think that as the world continues to change it's important to find common ground but that it also means recognizing and honoring differences - so we can build bridges.

GREG JOHNSON

HOW DID YOU INITIALLY COME TO RLC? My family joined Roseville Lutheran in 1993. My wife and I had recently moved to the area and were looking for a new church to call home, and found it in RLC.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE JUST JOINING RLC? RLC is a fairly large congregation. It is important to find a group to connect with so you don't feel lost in the crowd. There are so many opportunities for involvement, whether it be serving on a committee or ministry team or volunteering to pack meals or build dressers, etc. There is something for everyone.

WHY DO YOU GIVE YOUR DONATIONS TO RLC? My wife and I have always believed that giving to one's church is simply the right thing to do. However, after serving on council, and more recently on the Stewardship Committee, I've seen first-hand how RLC uses the gifts it receives to support so many wonderful programs, mission and outreach activities, and other charities. So now we give, not out of obligation, but rather, with excitement, knowing that our gifts help to support those incredibly important things. In fact, we've been so impressed with RLC's wise use of the resources it receives, that we have decided to include RLC in our wills. This will allow us to give a significant gift that could have a lasting impact on RLC's mission and future.

ERIK STORLIE

WHAT IS ONE RLC MINISTRY THAT IS REALLY MEMORABLE FOR YOU? The book study that we did at RLC a few years ago, *It All Goes Back in the Box*, was particularly memorable. The small group discussions changed our perspective on things and money by helping us be more grateful for the true gifts in our lives. The small group was a great way to get to know other RLC members too.

HOW DO YOU LIVE OUT THE RLC MISSION: LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR? RLC's Mission and Outreach group has helped our family understand the many needs in the local Roseville Community, and introduced us to unique organizations doing great work to support our neighbors. We've gotten directly involved with RLC's local mission partners in the community to make a difference in Roseville. I am a doctor and when I am at work, I try hard to really listen to my patients and their families; I'm still surprised by how grateful people are for this small act of caring.

DARCI BONTRAGER

WHY DO YOU GIVE YOUR DONATIONS TO RLC? As a single mom, I used to pay my bills first and then would see what was left over to give to RLC. Since watching my daughter bloom into an incredible young lady through the great youth activities and getting more involved myself, I have seen the need and importance to keep the RLC programs growing and thriving.

I believe we are in a pivotal time at RLC and we need to grow stronger to support our members and community. The easiest thing I ever did was sign up for the monthly giving so that each month my donation was automatically taken out of my account, whether I made it to church or not. At first, I was only able to give \$25 a month but it was consistent and made me realize the importance of giving. I have been able to increase the gift many times since I started....the funny thing is that I don't make much more than I did when I first starting giving but some of my priorities have changed and it has been empowering.

WHAT IS THE MOST MEANINGFUL GIFT THAT YOU'VE EVER GIVEN OR RECEIVED AND WHY? The most meaningful gift I have been able to give is my time! Whether it has been helping Michael Jordan input names of campers and all of their information into excel spreadsheets or flying to Guatemala for a week to build a house for a family, giving a little bit of my time has made big impacts for different causes. There are so many needs around us and volunteering comes in all forms, just ask what you can do to help!



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK SALE MARCH 18 AND 25

RLC Library will be having a "pop up" library book sale Sundays March 18 and 25 from 10:00 - 11:30 am. We are sorting old or duplicate books to make room for newer ones. We will be upstairs near the library and there will be some free books as well as books not more than \$1 on display. The proceeds will go back into the library for new books so this is a great deal for everyone - the library and those of you that might find a book of interest to you. There will be children and adult books so please come take a look and see what we have for you to purchase or take free! There will be reminders in the update but please mark your calendars and come see what we have! Someone from the Library Committee will be there to meet and greet you.

If any of you have an interest in helping in the library sometime please contact Sharon Boyce, at 651-636-5093, mnsfboyce@aol.com. or talk with her on March 18 or 25 about getting involved.



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.

MARCH 17: Outback Steakhouse, 2181 Snelling Ave. N, Roseville

APRIL 21: Axel's Restaurant, 2540 Cleveland Ave. N, Roseville

MAY 19: Green Mill Restaurant, 1000 Gramsie Road, Shoreview

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
THURSDAYS AT ST. PHILIP'S
LUTHERAN, FRIDLEY

The North Suburban Grief Support Coalition sponsors the Growing Through Loss series twice yearly, providing an opportunity to get information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. The six-week series for adults will be held Thursdays at St Phillip's Lutheran Church in Fridley, beginning April 12. Spring 2018 Series: April 12 - May 17, 6:45 - 9:00 pm. St Phillip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Hwy 65, Fridley, MN 55432. Registration takes place at 6:45 pm each night, and presentation begins at 7:00 pm. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are welcome, and childcare is available upon request. For further information visit their website at: <http://growingthroughloss.org/> or call their hotline at 763-755-5335.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CYF MINISTRY CALENDAR

Weekly Programs

SUNDAYS	Little Lambs, Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts, 11 & Lunch (2 yrs thru High School)
MONDAYS	Holy Hoops Practice (High School)
TUESDAYS	FLOCK (High School)
WEDNESDAYS	Confirmation (7th-9th Grade)
THURSDAYS	Bagels @ Dawn (High School)

SPECIAL EVENTS AND RETREATS

March 7	No Confirmation (Spring Break)
March 24 9:00 am	First Communion Workshop
March 25 9:00 and 11:00 am	Palm Sunday – Palm Procession
March 28	No Confirmation (Holy Week)
March 29 6:00 pm	Seder Meal and First Communion
March 30 10:00 am	Good Friday Family Worship
April 1	No CYF Programming (Easter)
April 8 1:00 pm	Holy Hoops Tournament
April 15 10:00 am	Serve Sunday: Soap Scoop
April 18 7:00 pm	Confirmation Fellowship Night
April 21 9:00 am	Peer Ministry Leadership Retreat
April 25 6:30 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal
April 29 11:00 am	Confirmation Sunday
May 6 10:00 am	Luther League Intro (for 4th graders & parents)
11:00 am	Graduation Recognition Service
3:00 pm	High School Mission Trip Meeting
5:00 pm	Boundary Waters Trip Meeting
May 9 7:00 pm	Hiawatha Youth Leader Meeting
May 20 10:00 am	Last day of Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts
11:00 am	Cornerstone & Luther League sing in Worship
May 22 7:30 pm	Last day of FLOCK
May 24 6:45 am	Last day of Bagels @ Dawn
June 10 9:00 am	Hiawatha Youth Leader Meeting
June 11–15	Vacation Bible School

THANK YOU!

Invest in our YOUTH success

Last summer, we had over 180 participants in our youth summer trips which had an overall combined cost of greater than \$60,000. Because of your support, we were able to cover more than \$11,000 of those expenses through the Invest in Our Youth envelope fundraiser. Once again, you came through with tremendous support this past February in this year's Invest in Our Youth. You help make it possible for more youth to experience God's love and creation through our summer trips. Thank you!



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 6

On Sunday, May 6, we will be recognizing all of our graduating high school seniors at the 11 AM service. Many of them have been Cornerstone shepherds over the years, led on the Youth Leadership Team, and volunteered countless hours here and on mission trips through RLC. There will be cake served throughout the morning in honor of these grads and their accomplishments. You are all encouraged to have a delicious breakfast prepared by Connie in the Social Hall to read about all of the grads and their future plans. We invite all of you to join us as we pray for continued success of these grads on their future endeavors as they complete this milestone in their journey.



YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS, EVENTS

Even though our weekly programs will be coming to end in a few short months, summers at RLC are packed with exciting trips and events. If you missed the registration deadline in February to attend one of the four youth and family trips we offer throughout the summer, please contact Michael or Abby to see if there is still space.

RLC will once again also be hosting two Slovak students during the month of July. We're in the process of finding host families for these two students. The interest from the students in Martin, Slovakia to spend a month with us has grown exponentially since we traveled there last summer. These two Slovak students will join us on our High School Mission Trip in downtown Minneapolis as well as our Boundary Waters trip. To help more youth meet and interact with them, we will be hosting several events for all high school youth.

HOLY HOOPS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

APRIL 8 Tournament

RLC's youth basketball league season officially tipped off in February. Our team of 10 young men is dominating the court while also growing in their faith through focused devotions and Bible studies. Families and members of RLC are invited to cheer on our team - Sunday afternoons at Christ the King in New Brighton. Our final tournament will be played at Augsburg University on April 8. A special thanks to Abby Matter and Dave Olson for their help in coaching the team.

CONGRATS AND THANKS TO OUR CORNERSTONE SENIOR SHEPHERDS

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

We present to you our Cornerstone Shepherd Graduating Class of 2018:	
Claire Dickson	3 Year olds
Autumn Olson	3 year olds
Hanna Loucks	4 Year Olds
Ally Tetzlaff	4 Year olds
Regan Caswell	1st Grade
Klara Johnson	1st Grade
Emma Bontrager	2nd Grade
Kirsten Zuppan	2nd Grade
Ella Sneltjes	2nd Grade
Liam Traynor	4th Grade



CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE
APRIL 15 SOAP SCOOP EVENT!**



Roseville Lutheran Church is issuing a challenge to everyone to collect jars of peanut butter for clients of Keystone Community Services. Our partnership with this organization is very important to us, and as such we want to help them by collecting one of the most used food items they hand out...peanut butter! You will hear more about the Peanut Butter Challenge on Easter Sunday! The congregation, kids in Cornerstone small groups, Luther League, Devos and Donuts and FLOCK will be included in this giant challenge to collect 2500 jars of peanut butter! Look for more information on Easter Sunday!

On Sunday, April 15 we are hosting our 3rd Serve Sunday this year in the Activity Center to benefit the clients of Keystone. All are invited for our Soap Scoop! Keystone Community Services needs household-sized laundry detergent for their guests, so we are going to re-package bulk powdered laundry detergent into quart sized baggies for their use. Come scoop powered laundry detergent alongside others to provide this much needed item for others! Be a part of the Soap Scoop on Sunday, April 15 at 10:00 in the Activity Center.

CORNERSTONE AND LUTHER LEAGUE TO SING IN WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 20 AT 11:00 AM

Sunday, May 20th is our last day of Cornerstone and Luther League for this year. To celebrate the friendships made and the growth in our faith, the Cornerstone and Luther League kids will be singing at the 11:00 Worship Service. Bring your kids to Cornerstone and Luther League as usual. In Worship at 11 they will sit with you for the worship service, and will be called up front to sing during Story Time. If you need to leave after that, you certainly can, but we hope you stay!



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL SUNDAY, MARCH 18

On Sunday, March 18th, Palm Sunday, all kids are invited to participate in a Palm Parade at the beginning of both the 9 and 11:00 Worship services. Gather in the Commons before each service and follow as we wave palm branches in the Worship Center to celebrate Palm Sunday. If you are staying to worship during these times your child can sit with you when the parade is over. If you need to leave after the parade, that is just fine! Kids are welcome to process in at both services if they want!



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP AND SEDER MEAL SATURDAY, MARCH 24 WORKSHOP THURSDAY, MARCH 29 SEDER MEAL AND FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a child that is in 3rd – 6th grade and feel they are ready to receive their first Communion, we are having a workshop for students and their parent(s) on Saturday, March 24 from 9-noon. This workshop is offered once each year and is open to any child that a parent feels can understand what this Sacrament is all about, targeted toward 3rd grade and above. If you have an older child that has not yet participated in this, they are also welcome!

First Communion is celebrated with a symbolic Seder Meal at 6:00 pm on Maundy Thursday, March 29. Families of those receiving their First Communion are invited to this Seder Meal, including baptismal sponsors, grandparents, etc. This symbolic meal is representative of Jesus' Last Supper. When the Seder Meal is completed, families will enter the worship center for Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 where they will receive communion as a family. Reserved seating in Worship is available for First Communion students and their families. Register your child for the First Communion Workshop and Seder Meal on the RLC website, www.rosevillelutheran.org. Go to Ages and Stages tab at the top, then Children's Ministry and you will see First Communion Workshop to register. **Please register by Friday, March 16.** More information will be sent out to families of 3rd – 6th graders in coming weeks with an online registration.



SEDER MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THURSDAY, MARCH 29 FROM 3:00 - 6:00 PM

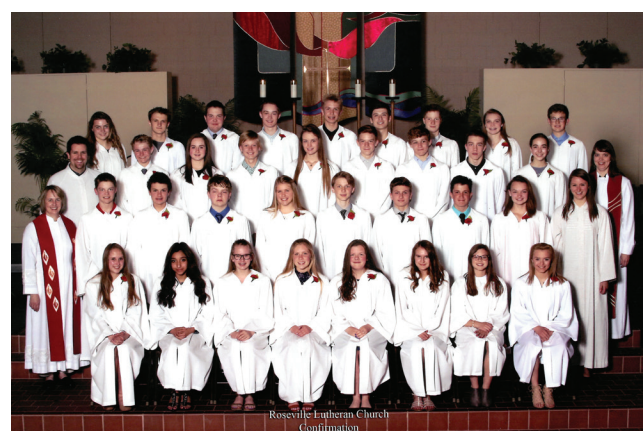
Many people are needed to help plate and serve the Seder Meal for our students (and their families) receiving First Communion. If you enjoyed this event last year with your student, please consider helping us this year with preparation! This is a very special evening for these families – all are welcome to come be a part of this event by sharing your time to plate and serve! If you are available to help on Thursday, March 29 from 3-6 pm, please contact Julie Hanson or Abby Matter via the church office.

FAMILY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM, FRIDAY, MARCH 30

We will honor the last days of Jesus' life in a Family Good Friday Worship Service geared toward kids and their parents and grandparents on Friday, March 30 at 10:00 in the Great Hall. Invite your neighbors and friends to this kid-friendly worship service with a craft project to follow. If your student would like to be a part of this service, please contact Julie Hanson.

CONFIRMATION LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

On Sunday, April 29 at the 11:00 am worship, we will witness 32 ninth graders publically affirm their faith. For those who have journeyed with any of these youth, we invite you to write letters of encouragement and congratulations for them. All letters submitted by April 18 to the RLC office clearly labeled with the confirmand's name will be included with each confirmand's certificate packet. Thank you for your support and prayers.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LOOKING AHEAD:



SHIPWRECKED! VBS@RLC IN JUNE. REGISTER TODAY!

Each day at *Shipwrecked*, kids travel through rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. *Shipwrecked* is a fun, engaging, hands-on Bible learning experience that shows kids Jesus will come to the rescue in the midst of life's storms! We are making Jesus real to kids ages 3 years old through the completion of 4th grade. VBS @ RLC is daily from 9-noon, June 11-15. Register online today for Vacation Bible School at RLC! Register by May 4 and get a T Shirt!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS@RLC

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



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 afternoons. Students have learned about science, art, engineering and math. For example, they have made slime and pretend snow, built towers, and painted ocean habitats. 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!



LOVE GOD  LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

CAMP SALIE A FIRST CAMPING EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS!

We offer an opportunity in July to allow 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 bible study, devotions, crafts, music, campfires, and awesome food together with RLC youth counselors and adults. It was a rewarding and very successful "first experience" for the kids! Camp Salie will be on July 10-12, meeting at Camp Salie at suppertime on July 10, and finish at supper on July 12 to accommodate parents and their work schedules! To register and get more information, go to the RLC website, under the Ages & Stages tab, under Children's Ministry, and Summer Opportunities. Register today to reserve your spot!



ADULT EDUCATION

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 with –

GETTING TO KNOW THE GOSPEL OF JOHN Led by Dr. Karoline Lewis Feb. 25, March 4, 11

John has a unique voice among the four Gospels, with a very different portrait of Jesus and distinctive stories. These sessions will provide an overview of the Fourth Gospel with a view toward how this Gospel helps us imagine faith and discipleship in a whole new light. Led by Dr. Karoline Lewis, Marbury E Anderson Chair for Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary



PLAIN TALK ABOUT GRACE: WHAT IS IT? HOW DO I GET IT? Led by Jim Boyce March 18, 25

Lutherans do a lot of talking about “Grace.” We regularly repeat the chief motto of the Reformation: “justified by grace through faith.” In Roseville Lutheran’s vision statement we describe ourselves as “A community United By Grace.” But why all this talk about Grace? Just what is Grace? And how do we get it? These 2 sessions offer some plain talk about Grace—some review of important biblical and Christian teaching about Grace—and perhaps some new insights for what it means as a community of faith to be united and live by God’s Grace.



“REJOICE IN THE LORD” Paul’s Letter to the Philippians Led by Jim Boyce April 8, 15, 22

A contemporary movie line challenges “Make my day!” The Apostle Paul long ago writes a similar sounding but quite different challenge to the Christians at Philippi, “Make my joy complete!” Even though Paul is writing as a prisoner in chains, the note of joy sounds throughout this whole letter. “I thank God every time I remember you,” he begins, “because I know that you hold me in your heart.” These three sessions will explore Paul’s passionate letter to his dear friends at Philippi. We will hear again his message of how Christ’s death and resurrection that we celebrate in this Easter Season are both the reason for living each day with joy and the link that binds us together as a community—united in living out the good news of God’s grace in Christ Jesus.

EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATIONAL SERIES
SPONSORED BY RLC STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MARCH 18 – DARCI BONTRAGER MAKING A DIFFERENCE: SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES (RLC South Lounge during 10:10 hour)

This workshop is designed to help you explore the many ways you can be generous and determine those things that provide meaning to you. The workshop will help you:

- Identify your values.
- Explore ways to make the most of your resources – time, talents and treasures.
- Discover what is meaningful for you and create your generosity plan.



APRIL 8 – CINDY AEGERTER ESTATE & LEGACY PLANNING: GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING (RLC South Lounge during 10:10 hour)

The RLC Endowment Committee and Cindy Aegerter from the inFaith Community Foundation will be presenting ways to approach Legacy and Estate planning. inFaith Community Foundation is a donor advised, collaborative foundation seeking to spread the blessings of God’s Kingdom through long-term investing. What passion could your legacy continue to support for the future generations?



ACTS: GOD’S GRACE IN ACTION Led by David Fredrickson April 29, May 6, 13, 20

The story continues! Acts begins with Jesus teaching his followers in Jerusalem, moves quickly to his ascension and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, and then off throughout the world of the northern Mediterranean to Rome. Apostles and other dedicated followers have to face all the questions that confront believers in any time and place. Who is the God we serve? How does serving our God square with being subjects of a country or an empire? What is required of followers? How do we tell the story of God’s love to people who have no framework? Follow the stories of Peter and Paul, Dorcas and Philip, Roman governors and sea captains as Christian communities navigate a world without Jesus, but full of the power of the Holy Spirit. There is much to learn for our own time. Led by David Fredrickson, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary.



A COMMUNITY
UNITED BY GRACE

MUSIC at RLC

JUSTICE CHOIR TWIN CITIES COMES TO RLC

6:00 PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Whether you are an experienced singer or just a “sing in the shower” kind of musician, you will want to be in attendance as RLC hosts its first Justice Choir “Open Sing for Racial Justice” on Sunday evening, April 29th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.



Justice Choir co-founders Tesfa Wondemagegnehu and Abbie Betinis.

Justice Choir Twin Cities co-founder Tesfa Wondemagegnehu will lead this evening of musical fellowship, with our own John Helgen at the piano. This multigenerational event is open to all, but families with children are especially encouraged to come. And the concert is free, so invite your friends and neighbors!

Community Justice Choirs have been formed all around the U.S., manifesting the notion that group singing traditionally has been an important catalyst for building community, addressing injustice, and uniting generations. Each event is a “Pop Up Choir” comprised of people who initially may not know each other but who create community by raising their voices in song together.

Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, a noted performer, singer, and Director of Choral Ministries at Westminster Presbyterian, along with Abbie Betinis, a well-known St. Paul composer, performer, and arranger, have put together a wonderful Justice Choir Songbook which will be available to all at this event. The Songbook provides a shared repertoire for group singing with both new and repurposed protest songs, in a way that engages both experienced and novice singers. These songs focus on key social issues of our day and the enduring hope for a more equal society for people of all races. The leaders will provide background stories for the songs and create toe-tapping rhythms guaranteed to touch the hearts of all in attendance.

Their slogan “Start Local: Stay Vocal” aptly sums up the philosophy of the Justice Choir movement. It is by meeting and mingling with our neighbors that we remove walls between us and build enduring bridges. And it is certainly true that at RLC a strong choral tradition is already in place, so “staying vocal” about building community in these often divisive times should come naturally!

This RLC event will be advertised to the larger Roseville/Falcon Heights area and is intended to draw a diverse audience from our neighborhood. It is co-sponsored by Music Ministries of RLC, the Mission and Outreach Team, and the Our Neighbors and Me Team (ONAM).

MUSIC NOTES

JOHN HELGEN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Thank you, Musicians!

Thanks to all the musicians who sang and played for the special fall events in celebration of our 75th anniversary: RLC Jazz, Ken Medema Choir, En Gang Til women’s choir, Brass Ensemble for Reformation Sunday, 75th Anniversary Choir, brass, bells, and 11 AM ensembles for our festival worship on November 19, and to all who played and sang and rang in December for our Christmas Festival concert and our many worship services. If you see these volunteer musicians around RLC, thank them for their participation and service! For information about joining an ensemble, contact John Helgen, Director of Music.



Join the Festival Choir for Holy Week and Easter – March 25 to April 1

Plan now to join the Festival Choir and sing for worship on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday – rehearsals begin on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:45 following the 7:00 pm Lenten worship. It’s a great way to get involved in singing without joining the choir full time. Rehearsal schedule as follows:

Wednesday, March 7	7:45 to 9:15 pm
Wednesday, March 14	7:45 to 9:15 pm
Wednesday, March 21	7:45 to 9:15 pm
Palm Sunday, March 25	8:15 choral warmup 9:00 Palm Sunday worship
Wednesday, March 28	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Good Friday, March 30	6:15 pm rehearsal 7:00 pm Good Friday worship
Saturday, March 31	9:30 to 11:00 am
Easter Sunday, April 1	8:15 am choral warmup 8:45 and 10:00 am Easter Sunday worship

Get Connected with Music at RLC!

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



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

MARCH-APRIL-MAY at ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Get out your calendar and mark down these concert opportunities at RLC for Spring 2018.

Friday, March 3	7:00 pm	Minnesota Sinfonia
Sunday, March 11	4:00 pm	InVocation Concert for LSS Refugee Services
Sunday, March 18	3:00 pm	St. Paul Civic Symphony
Sunday, April 8	4:00 pm	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
Saturday, April 14	2:00 pm	Two Rivers Chorale
Saturday, April 28	7:00 pm	Minneapolis Youth Chorus
Sunday, April 29	6:00 pm	Justice Choir Event
Saturday, May 5	7:00 pm	Minnesota Chorale
Sunday, May 20	4:30 pm	Minnesota Boychoir

MISSION and OUTREACH

ALL HANDS ON HOPE 2018

MOBILEPACK FOR FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Come and see what a difference just two hours of your life can have to help those that are struggling with hunger. Roseville Lutheran will again be partnering with Incarnation Lutheran Church of Shoreview (4880 Hodgson Road) to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. The 2018 dates are Monday, April 30 through Thursday, May 3. Online sign-up is now live. Go to rosevillelutheran.org/fmsc

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

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

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

How can you help:

- Sign-up as a group, family or individual to help pack food, must be at least 5 years old. Go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/fmsc to select a specific two hour shift (sign-up for more than one shift if you wish). There is a nursery available at Incarnation for the day time shifts and the 5pm to 7pm shift, but you MUST sign up ahead of time for the nursery.
- Donate to help pay for the ingredients that will be packed. The typical person will pack enough food in a two hour shift that will cost \$50 for the ingredients. Any and all amounts are greatly welcomed to help pay for the ingredients. Make donations to Roseville Lutheran with Feed My Starving Children in the memo. Help RLC meet the goal of at least \$22,000 to pay for the ingredients that will be packed at this event.



MARCH 2018 FOOD DRIVE

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

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

During the month of March, RLC will be collecting food and monetary donations for our local partner, Keystone Community Services. Keystone continues to see increasing needs for food and financial assistance in our local community. Keystone has 3 food shelves serving Roseville, Midway and Rice street communities. We will collect donations throughout March 2018, with a goal to collect \$ 2,000 and 2,000 lbs of food. Keystone is able to take cash donations and purchase \$4 of food for every \$1 it receives in donations. Please help RLC as we work to end hunger in our community.

RLC HOSTS MARCH 11 CONCERT FOR LSS REFUGEE SERVICES

4:00 PM, Sunday, March 11 - Invocation Singers

RLC Music Ministries, the Mission and Outreach Team, and the Our Neighbors and Me Team (ONAM) are co-sponsors of the InVocation Singers concert "Our Daily Bread" at Roseville Lutheran Church on March 11. The concert is free, but a free-will offering will be taken to support Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Refugee Services.

LSS Refugee Services offers hope and a helping hand to refugees as they start anew in Minnesota. After years of fleeing from persecution and waiting in refugee camps, individuals and families rebuild their lives with the aid and assistance of LSS Refugee Services. With the help of many volunteers and community members LSS Refugee Services strives to address the needs of all refugees and walk beside them as they start their new lives in the United States.

OUR DAILY BREAD

What brings meaning to your life? What feeds your spirit?

What keeps you going in tough times? What makes you laugh? What gives you hope?

InVocation is exploring the answers to those questions in "Our Daily Bread," this season's concert program. Our concerts will support Lutheran Social Service's (LSS) Refugee Services, which assists federally-approved refugees from various countries by providing resettlement and immigration services to refugees and asylees. Come to a concert and be fed...and help us to feed others! Daniel Pederson, RLC Communications Manager, is a member of the group.

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HOSPITALITY CENTER FOR CHINESE

WELCOMES YOU TO GET INVOLVED WITH SCHOLARS, STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Roseville Lutheran will help serve the Friendship Meal at the Hospitality Center for Chinese on Saturday, April 21, 2018. You are invited to prepare a main dish, side dish or dessert for this event, help serve the food, help with set up and engage in conversation sharing culture, friendship and faith with the Chinese scholars, students and their families for this wonderful evening of friendship.

If you cannot come, you can still provide food and drop it off at church the day of the event. If you have not experienced this dinner or if you have not done it for a while, you are encouraged to get involved and come learn about all the new and exciting things that are going on.

Look for a table in Luther Commons to sign up in early April. If you already know what you would like to bring or do, contact Mary Schultz at mh8gaschultz@q.com.

Other HCC volunteer possibilities include:

- This Easter, consider offering a student or a family the experience of celebrating Jesus by inviting them to your home. This is not intended to be an overnight stay, but just having students over for a meal, fun, traditions, and providing transportation if they need it.
- Be a friendship partner (both Chinese and Americans needed).
- Volunteer at China Place as a child care worker, office helper, or by doing building maintenance.
- Donate your muscles to help move furniture for new students (summer).
- Tell your friends about HCC and adopt a project together.
- Be on a prayer team. Request to receive the monthly email bulletin of prayers and praises, or attend weekly prayer Wednesdays at 1:00-2:00 p.m. at HCC.
- Teach a class or a hobby.
- Do Graphic Design or Video editing for HCC

To find out current needs, please send an email to: kim@hcchinese.org.

"LET JUSTICE ROLL" RETREAT WITH DUCHESS HARRIS

OUR NEIGHBORS and ME 2018 SPRING RETREAT
9:00 am - NOON, SATURDAY, MAY 5, IN THE RLC SOCIAL HALL

Our Neighbors and Me is hosting Duchess Harris as our Roseville Lutheran 2018 spring retreat leader. Duchess Harris, JD, PhD, is Professor of American Studies, Department Chair at Macalester College, and author of 24 books for youth. The May 5, Saturday morning event is open to RLC and local community and will have both an informational aspect and a challenge to integrate racial justice into our everyday personal encounters and living experiences.

*"But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!"*

– Amos 5:24



Our scriptural theme, "Let Justice Roll," Amos 5:24, speaks of the action and movement of RLC's and the Roseville faith community's people going out into our local area to know our neighbors and to minister and fellowship with them in practical ways, particularly through meeting their needs and through friendship ministry, bringing the opportunity to share in our worship of God. We are creating a challenging, informational, educational, and strategically-focused retreat that is a stepping stone between RLC's current level of hands-on involvement in local ministry and an anticipated increase in involvement.

"The foundation for this work comes from the transforming power of the Gospel which creates and instills a belief in us of God's love for us and God's love for all people. Living and growing in this trusting relationship with God gives the lens of Jesus to relationships with others. This transformation calls us to make Christ present through ears open to listen, eyes that see, and hearts that are moved to respond in word and action of love, justice and mercy with and for others.

The hope of the retreat is that those present will come to know and believe that they have a calling to use their daily interactions and relationships with others as the "point of entry" to make Christ present. The morning event is planned to have an interactive focus with presentations to heighten our awareness of the realities of racial injustice and white privilege, and what we as white people can do to use our racial privileges to further the dignity, rights, and opportunities of people of color.

Professor Harris' fifth book was released September 1, 2017. Race and Policing with Rebecca Rissman examines recent incidents of minorities being mistreated or dying in police custody, delving into the historical institutions and laws that underpin today's system and exploring what police departments and the communities they serve are doing to improve communication and relationships.

Her other publications are the co-authored book Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA and Black Lives Matter with Sue Bradford Edwards, Racially Writing the Republic: Racists, Race Rebels, and Transformations of American Identity with Bruce Baum, and Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Obama, she has been an associate editor for Litigation News, the American Bar Association Section's quarterly flagship publication, and was the first editor-in-chief of Law Raza Journal, an interactive online race and the law journal for William Mitchell College of Law.

Harris has advocated on the national level at the Congressional Black Caucus. Locally, she was appointed as a Minneapolis Civil Rights Commissioner by Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, appointed to the Governor's Council on Black Minnesotans by Governor Jesse Ventura, appointed to Co-Chair the Statewide Martin Luther King Holiday (twice) by Governor Mark Dayton; and served as a Constituent Advocate for the late Senator Paul Wellstone. She has sat on the Boards of several nonprofits including True Friends, The Women's Foundation of MN, and Brown Body.

RLC's Our Neighbors and Me is excited to bring Professor Harris to our church and to our Roseville and Falcon Heights community to speak to our open hearts as we seek ongoing active justice in our community. Everyone is invited to participate in this retreat on Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 am to Noon in the RLC Social Hall. Invite a friend!



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 is the last full weekend worship before we change to our summer schedule. Fall schedule begins September 8-9.

MISSION and OUTREACH

SLOVAKIA BUILDERS GROUP

SWING THAT HAMMER! SWIPE THAT PAINT BRUSH,
and SWOOSH THAT BROOM!

The Builders Group will once again be traveling to Martin, Slovakia to give of their hands and feet and energy to 'sprucing up' the campus for the upcoming 20th Anniversary and first high school graduating class celebration. The celebration weekend will be June 22-24 and the school and community will be a-buzz with family of the graduating students and visitors from several countries who are partners with the Center for Christian Education (CCE) in Martin, Slovakia. This truly is an historic event! The 150 year old dream of a Lutheran School in Martin is being fulfilled!

The Builders Group based out of Roseville Lutheran Church first went to Martin, Slovakia in 2003. With 13 Builders Group trips in 15 years, we've worked on a variety of projects from cleaning debris from parking lots to demolishing walls to plastering/painting *alot* of walls and fences to landscape improvements. But the most important activity of the Builders Group is building relationships out of the love that God first shared with each of us. The Builders Group motto of 'Renovating Rooms... Renovating Lives!' still holds true with each group's trip!

When asked what impact the Builders Groups have had on the CCE, Janka Minekova, Administrative Manager at the CCE for all 20 years of the school's existence, replied "Great, Great, Great! The Builders Groups work challenged me and our people, firstly our congregation members and later parents in our Lutheran school a lot. To join with own hands and help, instead of stand aside and criticize how big the work is. And along (with) the work also share our personal stories of life and faith. As simple as renovating rooms can sound, to me, all of this is the way how God's love can dwell between us and renovate our hearts. The bonus is that (the) community and society around can see us and praise our Lord Father in heaven one day."

The building purchased in 2015 for the High School is partially renovated and being used for high school classes and the new cafeteria is being used for activities and functions beyond the students lunches. With 714 students and 92 staff, the cafeteria was much needed and completed for Fall 2017. The CCE still has yet to pay off the expenses of the cafeteria renovation. Your gift of any amount: \$1, \$10, \$100, \$1000, will be much appreciated by the students and staff who use that cafeteria on a daily basis. They are all well aware of the sacrifices made by hundreds or thousands of contributors so that this Lutheran School can exist in a former communist country. This school brings love and hope to the students and their families, and for a better future. Contributions can be given through RLC's Online Giving or a check, noted with 'Vision Slovakia'.

The 2018 Builders Group Team will depart on May 18 with their return on June 2. Of the fifteen team members, several are veterans of previous Builders Group teams, along with five members on their first Builders Group trip, and TWO young adults who were on the Youth Mission Trip in 2016. Having two young adults join the Builders Group will give new energy and insight on this trip and perhaps bring more young adults into international mission work. The first-timers will experience the Slovak hospitality and beautiful scenery.

The members of the 2018 Builders Group are: KJ and Bob Bach, Rich and Julie Wendland, Dave and Vicky Lorenz, Mark and Corrine Schmaedeke, Collin Ethen, Mary Gookins (Hosanna Lutheran, Forest Lake), Bev Bybee, Jeff Bower and Cheryl Walsh, Erik Wolhowe and Jan Abell. A commissioning of these missionaries will be held at Roseville Lutheran on Sunday, May 13. Please uphold these servants in your prayers as they work to prepare the CCE for a grand celebration.



SUMMER VISITORS FROM SLOVAKIA

Janka Minekova, our missionary in Martin, Slovakia, along with her husband Roman and their children, Phillip and Sophie who are in first grade will be coming to visit us for 4-6 weeks this summer. They arrive in mid July.



Janka is the office administrator and is in the midst of preparing for the school's first high school graduation (Currently there are 92 teachers, 714 students, and 38 soon-to-be graduates!) and the 20th Anniversary of the Bible School and Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia on June 22-24, 2018.

After all these 20 years of working to see the school, the students and staff grow and flourish, Janka looks forward to this family vacation. They are excited to visit and also to take part in activities here during the height of summer, be it camping, hiking, being tourists or working on projects. Janka and her family are energetic, fun, eager to speak English, renew friendships and make new friends. Some plans have been made for the summer, but we are looking for a few more people to host them in their homes (or cabins) for a few days or a week. Contact KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com if you would like to host this wonderful family or if you would like to spend time with them.



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.

LIFE EVENTS • ART • HOSPITALITY

COFFEE AND CANVAS

LIFE MINISTRY EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 9:30-12 NOON

After watching the lovely ART at the 75th Anniversary Celebration, we wanted get our Artistic Hats on. Cheers Pablo is coming to lead our own DIY paint event. We're hosting a mini coffee bar and pastries as you paint your own masterpiece. This class is open to both men and women, no age requirement. Cost is \$25 per person, limited to 30 spots, hosted in our Heritage Hall. Sign up at the welcome desk or by contacting the main office. How Great Thou ART!

ART EXHIBITS AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN

We were very pleased to exhibit reknowned Stillwater artist Robyn Sand Anderson's art work in December and January.

Robyn Sand Anderson, a native of Decorah, IA, has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Art and Art Education from Luther College in Decorah. She taught high school art for 4 years and has been a professional artist specializing in transparent watercolor and acrylic for over 35 years. After a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis in 2008, Sand Anderson's paintings also changed. Moving from representational watercolors to abstract expressionist acrylics, Sand Anderson has found non-objective painting expresses those things that are hard to understand or explain with words, expressing the mystery in life's questions. She is now exploring the interpretation of music with color, movement and texture, especially sacred choral music. She is especially aware of those who suffer and hopes to be a visual voice for hope and healing."



Her exhibit was titled "Interpretations of the 'Magnificat Sieben Antiphonen'. We hope you were able to spend time to view and perhaps even listened to the music accompaniment for each piece of art.

BANYAN COMMUNITY ART EXHIBIT

Banyan Art will be the next exhibit at RLC. This colorful and delightful art will be displayed February and March, 2018. The Banyan middle school youth have once again painted a collection of pictures around the theme THE AMAZING RACE. "We use our character traits like honesty, determination, and courage to keep us in the race. Ultimately our faith helps us win these races." The Banyan Community is located in the Phillips neighborhood in south Minneapolis. This is a neighborhood where 51% of the children live in poverty. Banyan specializes in programs and services to offer children and youth opportunities to increase their skills and abilities to improve and change negative behavior, increase youth engagement and support. Banyan is a Christian Community in which youth, family, and community work together to build life skills, and cultivate healthy relationships. Sue Riesgraf has been instrumental in the growth of this outreach community project and the connection to Mission & Outreach of Roseville Lutheran for many years.



RESTAURANT WEEK A HIT!

If you didn't make it to the first Restaurant Week, well, you missed out on a great time. But don't worry, it was such a success, there will be more according to chairwoman Jane Lagerquist.

"Beer, Brats and Awesome People" at New Bohemia was a blast, and just one of our outings. The energetic group of all ages had a fantastic time getting to know each other. As a bonus, they were major contenders for the music trivia contest. While the group won several rounds from the 70s and 80s, they didn't take home the grand prize. But, as a group of new friends, they won the prize for have a really great time. - shared by Kim Witthauer



HOSPITALITY NOTES

CONNIE MARCHIO,

HOSPITALITY MANAGER

Greetings from the Hospitality Team at RLC! These next few months bring several events. We are looking forward to serving all our guests!

First, we are in the midst of our **Lenten Soup Suppers** on Wednesdays through March 21. Next comes our **Palm Sunday Big Breakfast and Ministry Event** on Sunday, March 25 from 8:30 - 11:00 am. Price is just \$8.00. The next **Breakfast** after that is on **Sunday, May 6**.

Another on-going effort is our Prime Time luncheon. The OLLIE class is also held regularly and attracts folks from all over the community. In addition, we've been hosting:

Luther College Connection and lunch

Vintage 4-H

ADK Retired Teachers

Rebecca Circle, and more....

On top of all these regular events, we also have several private events happening at the church..

We are in the process of putting together a very special fall event at RLC. This will mirror the *Winter Wonderland* dinner, so please watch in the next few months for information on this event - you'll want to get tickets early!

In other news, we were able to contract an outside catering event at St. Marys in White Bear Lake for 200 guests...I am very excited to take Roseville Lutheran on the road!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that are priceless to me and donate their time to make each event special. I have been blessed with a wonderful assistant Colleen who works with me not for me. Thanks again for letting me serve you.

Sempre Famiglia!

Connie

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS

We are holding Wednesday evening worship during Lent, with two services: one at 5:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm. We're also having our Lenten Soup Suppers from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Join us Wednesdays in Lent!

All suppers will also include a salad bar and specialty salads as well as your choice of two soups, and bread. Each of the suppers will have a theme, with last one being the ever-popular "Candy Bar." Cost is \$8.00 per person.

MENUS:

February 21 - Chicken Wild Rice, and Tomato Basil

February 28 - Butternut Squash, and Split Pea

March 7 - Beer Cheese, and Beef Chili

March 14 - Loaded Baked Potato, and Vegetable

March 21 - Chef's Surprise!

PRIME TIME LUNCHEONS

We're in the home stretch for this year's Prime Time program. Plan now to attend these last few. Price per person \$8.00. Lunch served at 11:45 am.

FEBRUARY 8: Chicken Ala king in a puff pastry star, Baby spinach with raspberry dressing, cheesecake with fresh strawberries. Entertainment: Tony Gary

MARCH 29: (Maundy Thursday. Note: later than usual due to Holy Week) Italian roast beef, mashed potatoes, California blend, and dessert. Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 11:00 am.

APRIL 12: Baked Ham, Scalloped potatoes, Green Bean Almondine, Dessert. Entertainment: Kevin Doely.

MAY 10: Chicken Salad in a fruit boat, Sweet Breads, Dessert. Entertainment: Doug Olman.

NEW - GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR PRIME TIME!

Did you know we have Gift Certificates available for our Prime Time Luncheons? They would make a great gift for Mothers Day!

THANK YOU FROM M & O!

FOURTH YEAR OF PROJECT HOME

RLC HOSTS FAMILIES DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

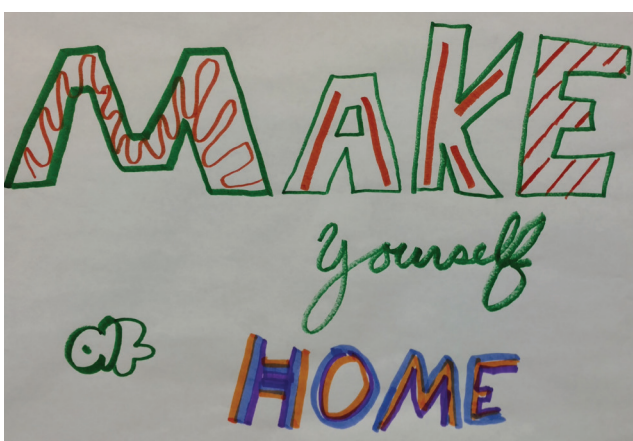
February of 2018 marks the fourth consecutive year that Roseville Lutheran has hosted homeless families for the entire month. The families are selected by Project Home, a ministry of Interfaith Action. Each month, two faith-based organizations in Ramsey County host approximately 20 people nightly. When it is our turn, each guest family is given one of the Cornerstone rooms in Ark Alley. The Heritage Hall is converted to a large Family Room with couches and comfy chairs. Although the space was never meant to house people, we do our very best to make it homey.

We send a huge thank you to everyone who makes the ministry possible. Our move-in crew does a fabulous job of unloading the truck and lugging everything down the stairs into the classrooms and common space. Generous donations of fresh fruit, homemade treats and birthday cakes put smiles on our guests' faces. Each evening, folks from age 2 to 92 spend time with the guests, playing with the kids, helping with homework, or providing a listening ear. And the overnight volunteers see everyone off to bed, are available overnight in case of emergencies small or large, and set out a simple breakfast. And finally the move-out crew packs everything up and lugs everything back up the steps and into the truck to see it off to the next host congregation. All told, over 150 volunteers contribute to making this such a success!

Thanks are also due to the Life Ministry team and the Hoppin' Helpers who provided socks, hats and mittens as well as a wonderful donation. Special music was provided by a group of talented individuals. Another volunteer provided chair massages. The Prayer Shawl Ministry spent an evening helping the guests make hats and mittens. Many folks contributed money, which allowed us to put together a special valentines meal, to allow our guests to enjoy Wednesday night Lenten Soup Suppers, and a pizza party for guests and volunteers as a farewell.

Our nursery school students made valentines and put together gift bags of personal hygiene items. Cornerstone students left welcoming signs and notes in the classrooms. The Luther League decorated the Heritage Hall with posters.

The pastors and staff have been so supportive and encouraging of this ministry, and have coordinated preparing the space, handling administration, finances, communications, a beautiful web page, maintenance, cleaning, and a million behind the scenes activities. Thanks to the Mission and Outreach team for their generous support. And to the various ministries who put up with the disruptions caused from yielding so much space to us throughout the month. And finally – to Steve Henry and the custodial staff – YOU ROCK!



THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE TO SHARING TREE!

YOUR GIFTS REACHED MANY IN THE COMMUNITY



Thank You from the RLC Mission and Outreach Team to everyone for your generous donations to the Sharing Tree. The Sharing Tree has been a great tradition at Roseville Lutheran Church. Your gifts were sent to these partner groups:

Hospitality Center for Chinese in St Paul

– A community of Chinese and American people passionate about serving each other and exchanging culture, friendship, and faith.

Bridging in Roseville

– Reuses donated items to improve the lives of others by providing quality furniture and household goods to those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty.

Sheridan Story

– Financial support will aid our RLC members volunteering at Central Park Elementary School each week to distribute food to students. The food is distributed discreetly, typically into the kids' backpacks while they aren't in the halls each Friday.

MORE Community

– A multicultural community-based organization providing refugees and immigrants with the education and support they seek to become fully engaged members of our community.

Plymouth Christian Youth Center

– A voluntary health, education, and welfare organization that was founded in 1954 to serve children and youth in the inner city of Minneapolis.

Project Home

– Engages area faith communities to provide emergency shelter space and volunteer support for Ramsey County families facing homelessness.

Banyan Community

– A service group rooted in the Phillips neighborhood to transform lives by developing youth, strengthening families, and creating community

Through your donations, RLC disturbed gifts and 70 gift cards to these groups. Thank you for your support for those in need in our community through the Sharing Tree.

Special thank you to Kirsten Morse, Heidi George and their families for their work on the Sharing Tree this year.

THANK YOU FROM M & O!

SHARING TREE BRINGS SMILES AT "MORE"



Many RLC members generously placed gifts under our Sharing Tree last December. In this way they participated in RLC's ongoing outreach into the community. One of the organizations receiving these gifts was MORE, a nonprofit agency that provides refugees and immigrants with the education and social support they seek to become fully engaged community members. The new rice

cookers, dish sets, cookware, blankets, sheet sets, laundry detergent, and other practical items were distributed to and received by many grateful and smiling families right before Christmas.

Cathy Rucci, Executive Director of MORE Empowerment, spoke at RLC's 10:10 adult education hour on Sunday, January 28. She acknowledged the important relationship RLC has with MORE. In addition to the sharing tree gifts, RLC provides annual financial support and volunteer opportunities, particularly in teaching basic English language skills to new arrivals. "Learning English," Cathy said, "is the single most important thing MORE does to give refugees and immigrants the educational skills they need to gain employment and live successfully in the United States." In addition, MORE provides social services to help participants understand and navigate American medical, welfare, housing, legal, educational, and other systems.

To find out how you can help refugees and immigrants by volunteering at MORE, contact Cathy Rucci at 651-487-2728, or visit the MORE website, www.more-empowerment.org

Dear Gift Giveaway Partner:

We at MORE send a deep thank you for your participation in our Gift Giveaway program this past month. Your generosity enabled MORE to give new basic need gifts to 236 families in two days! Due to a higher volume of donated items this year we were able to give slightly more to each of these families. There were lots of happy faces and many grateful, "Thank you," messages were said. We wanted to pass along these messages and some photos of the people who received the gifts you donated. Thus, from all of the staff here at MORE and the refugees and immigrants who you helped this holiday season, "We thank you very much."

Patrick Robbins
Social Services Program Manager

DRESSERS, BATH BUNDLES, KITCHEN BUNDLES, BLANKETS AND CLEANING KITS... OH MY!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Serving Others at RLC was the theme during the week of January 21! Through the generosity of many, staff and high school youth assembled 8 dressers that Tuesday, Confirmation kids built 23 dressers during their time together on Wednesday, and congregation members and friends helped construct 20 more dressers on Sunday during the 10:00 hour. People worked side by side to assemble 51 dressers, 120 Bath Bundles, 163 Kitchen Bundles, 21 Cleaning kits and 13 Kitchen kits to benefit the clients of Bridging. This year we included blankets that are much needed, and collected 57! We handed out 30 fleece blanket kits to be completed at home, and received many more in return! The clients of Bridging will enjoy these warm cozy blankets in their homes. Special thanks go to the confirmation families, Rich Straumann, Tim Hanson, Erik Wolhowe, Dave Werner and others who helped set up for the different dresser builds and helped with the dresser delivery and pick up! Your help was much appreciated!



Bridging is a local organization that helps families and individuals move into a home for the first time by supplying donated furniture, household goods, bedding, towels and now cleaning kits. Wendy Erickson, volunteer coordinator from Bridging talked to the congregation to share her appreciation for the wonderful partnership RLC has had with Bridging. The clients of Bridging will be blessed by RLC generosity! Thanks to all who participated or donated funds and supplies toward this project!

If you would like to volunteer at Bridging, or support them with your donations, find more information on their website:

<http://www.bridging.org>

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RLC: A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE