

THE TABLE

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

SEPTEMBER • OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • 2016

**GAMES & EVENTS!
PASTA IN THE PARK!**

GAMES INCLUDE
KICKBALL, VOLLEYBALL,
ULTIMATE FRISBEE,
RELAY RACES &
MORE!

**SUNDAY
SEPT. 11
10AM - 1PM**

**FREE!
ALL ARE
INVITED!**

**NEIGHBORHOOD
BLOCK PARTY!**

**ROSEVILLE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

A NEW LOOK FOR RLC

With the debut of a new website, we have taken the opportunity to present a fresh look for Roseville Lutheran Church. This was developed over the summer months with input from our communications staff (Chris Beck and Daniel Pederson), Pastor Lauren Wrightsman, our Design Team, and other staff.

The open cross with flowing wave draws on features of our worship center and commons. The scriptures written on graceful curves, the colorful and dynamic banners in the commons and the triptych behind the altar, along with our new baptismal font are echoed in our new design. The flowing wave is blue, in remembrance of the promises made to us in our baptism. There are three strands in the wave, symbolizing the Holy Trinity, with the different sizes emphasizing the dynamic nature of the Holy Spirit. The arms of the cross are open, like the love of God that flows through us. The strong lines of the cross are curved, showing how we are changed through our encounter with Christ. The wave continues beyond the arms of the cross, without beginning or end, reminding us of the Alpha and the Omega.

The typeface is distinctive, modern, and crisp, and has a width that coordinates with the horizontality of the flowing wave. A new color palette of dark blue, light blue, light green, and medium red is demonstrated in the above image. The new look will debut with our website and extend to other print and communications media, giving a cohesive and consistent look to all our messaging within the congregation and in the broader community.



NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY!

Games/FOOD: 10 a.m. - 1 P.m.

All is ready, and we're celebrating with a Neighborhood Block Party! Come on Sunday, Sept. 11 and enjoy "Pasta in the Park" as well as live music, and games for all ages! We've invited the whole neighborhood with a targeted, direct mailing (4 zip codes!) so introduce yourself (or re-introduce yourself!) and make a new friend.

This will be a great time to learn more about all of the exciting educational opportunities planned for our children, youth, and adults.

Menu: tortellini alfredo w/sweet peas and bacon, penne pasta with red sauce, sausage with green peppers and onions, spring mix salad, bread, and spumoni ice cream!

Get ready for a great new year at RLC, and invite a neighbor, make a new friend!

WORSHIP WITH US EACH WEEK!

TRADITIONAL: 5:00 P.M. SATURDAY • CONTEMPLATIVE: 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY
TRADITIONAL: 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY • PRAISE AND WORSHIP: 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY

HOSPITALITY and welcome

WELCOME BACK!

Connie Marchio,
Hospitality Manager

The summer has been filled with excitement and wonder. Most important to me is family (*Sempre Famiglia* in Italian means *always family*). My beautiful daughter gave birth to my 3rd grand baby girl. She was 7 weeks early and weighed 4.6 pounds. She is a little fighter, and like her mother will finish strong thanks to all the prayers and the kind people that have touched my life.



Now back to business! We have been working on the kitchen to get it up to date and up to code. The first item on our agenda is the flooring, which has been torn out and replaced with new tile. Thanks to our Kitchen Fund, we will be able to start replacing our aging appliances.

We look forward to all the fun and exciting things coming up this year, including: Roseville Lutheran's kick-off Block Party I am calling *Pasta in the Park*. It's a little different but is a great way to get families together and enjoy music and food and a lot of fun!

I am grateful that we have returning events that we had from last year and hope to make each and every event specially tailored. As we move through the year I plan to post to our new web site so you can watch the progress.

I can't end without telling all the volunteers that I am so grateful for all they do here at the church, not only for me and Colleen but for the ministries as well. We could not do it without you.

- Ciao! Connie

DREAM WITH ME

Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

Children and youth have the pleasure of their age when it comes to dreaming. Dreams are born simply in the breath they breathe. A CD playing in the disc player, arms and legs dancing to the music; and they are transported to another world – a world of stages, audiences and appreciative applause. A lap or two in the pool, their breath ragged at the end, feeds the dream to be an Olympic swimmer. A fly ball caught out on the ball field, the wind blowing across their face – and they are reborn as world class athletes. I love how children dream their futures. There are no limits. There are no restrictions. Everything is wide open to them.

I truly believe that dreaming and imagining are gifts from God. As adults, however, we tend to stifle our dreams. In the words of Walter Brueggemann:

We children of the Enlightenment do not regularly linger over such elusive experiences as dreams. We seek to "enlighten" what is before us and to overcome the inscrutable and the eerie in order to make the world a better, more manageable place. We do well in our management while we are awake, and we keep the light, power and control on 24/7.

Except, of course, that we must sleep. We require seasons of rest and, therefore, of vulnerability. Our control flags. We become open to stirrings that we do not initiate. Such stirrings come to us in the night unbidden. Dreams address us. They invite us beyond our initiative-taking management.

The Bible is full of dream sequences where the will of God was revealed. Consider Jacob, Pharaoh, and Joseph – in their dreams they were shown what was to come; whom they were to be; and all of their dreams came true!

Too often, however, we think of our dreams as being nothing more than fantasy – having no relation to the real world we occupy when our eyes are wide open and we're no longer asleep. But by doing so I truly believe we nip the flower in the bud and deprive ourselves of a new way of approaching life.

What are your dreams? What do you dream about? For yourself? Your family? Your work? Your church? What if we bundled all of these dreams together and started talking about them? What if we talked about them unabashedly and with no inhibition? Like children, sharing their dreams out on the playground. No regrets, just wishes and dreams.

You have a dream! In fact, you might have a whole storehouse of dreams that you keep coming back to. Maybe it's time that you examined those dreams a little more closely. Maybe, instead of letting them break apart and disappear into the atmosphere of the real world, you study them a little longer and try to figure out which part of your dream should take on flesh and bone and be allowed to live.

Jesus said, "With me, all things are possible!" All things! Even those things that seem far-fetched and fanciful. Even those things that come to you in the middle of the night and would take on life if you gave them half a chance.

Think about it! Maybe the key to the next chapter of your life is just waiting to be born. Maybe it's through dreams that God is attempting to get through to you. May you find time this season to dream!



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Dick Carlson, Visitation Pastor

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RLC NEWS AND NOTES

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Sara MOHN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Each year my teaching colleagues and I wrap up summer with a New Year's Eve party. As August winds down my internal clock shifts with excitement and anticipation to the promise of a new year even more so than during the depths of winter. This year at Roseville Lutheran is no exception. We are poised for an especially exciting fall as we emerge from a period of transition and turn to sharpen our focus on deepening our faith, building our community, and serving as Christ's hands.

As I begin my third year on the executive team, I am even more grateful for the passion and commitment of our members and staff. This summer found our youth serving and growing their faith in our own backyard and on our first international youth service learning trip to Slovakia. Plans are being formulated for our continued service in Project Home, Feed My Starving Children, and the Bridging Build a Dresser project. This fall will offer new 10:10 hour opportunities to learn, grow and engage with our RLC family. And we are kicking off the year with a block party! (see front page)

At the annual meeting in June we celebrated the accomplishments of the past year and outlined our goals and challenges. We will continue to focus this year on building our identity as a welcoming home for our current members and friends, as well as the visitors who enter our doors. The best way to do this is from the inside out. Our engagement as a congregation will add vibrancy to our faith and energy to our outreach. I encourage and challenge you to connect, deepen your engagement and feed your soul here at RLC. We offer so many ways to engage more fully: worship, events, musical offerings, 10:10 hour sessions, breakfasts, service opportunities, team-teaching Cornerstone, ushering, the list goes on and on. Perhaps the best way to strengthen our family is to extend invitations. Make this the year that you commit just a bit more. The rewards will be rich.

We will also continue to build regular conversation into our life at RLC. After a summer of bewildering tensions and violence, plans are in the works for dialogue regarding our role in building bridges and racial equity. We will also keep talking about our giving in response to our faith so we can sustain financial stability and grow our ministries. I am looking forward to a fantastic year together worshipping, deepening our fellowship, and embracing the challenges and opportunities before us.

In Christ's love,



Sara Mohn

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Care Team MINISTRY AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Since 1998 Roseville Lutheran Church has had a Care Team as part of its ministry. The team is made up of volunteer members of RLC who are committed to work together to keep the lines of communication open with those in our community of faith who are in need of support and assistance. The Care Team functions as extended family members serving individuals and families through friendship and practical support.

RLC's Care Team ministry is a joint partnership between Twin Cities-area Christian congregations and Lyngblomsten – a social ministry organization in St. Paul under the auspices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Care Team ministry contains the precious gifts of friendship and faith. Our volunteers nurture relationships with members of the congregation, and out of that demonstration of kindness and compassion, faith grows and the community is strengthened.

The team approach gives Care Team members flexibility. This allows volunteers to serve in ways they feel called – and to give the time they are able to give – and in so doing, Care Partners (individuals being served) feel the support and love of the congregation.

Presently there are 22 members on RLC's Care Team. Linda Hetland, Ken Groth and Carol Solie are the leaders for the Care Team which meets regularly during the year.

In my role as Visitation Pastor I serve as the Staff Liaison to the Care Team and inform them of the needs I am exposed to from those I am visiting. In the large congregation of Roseville Lutheran Church there will always be the ebb and flow of needs and request for pastoral care. I seek to keep up-to-date accurate records of those in need of pastoral care and contact. This facilitates keeping the lines of communication open with Pastor Lauren, Pastor Sara, the Care Team and the Prayer Team as we work together to 'keep in touch' as God's ambassadors of love to those in need.

On Sunday, October 9 at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, the Care Team will be "re-commissioned" for its calling. There will be time to talk that day with members of the Care Team about people you know who have needs that could be addressed, and also if you might be considering being a volunteer in this important ministry of "keeping in touch."

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him...

if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

– 1 John 4: 9,12b

Thank you.



Dick Carlson, Visitation Pastor

THANK YOU!

CINDY LASZEWSKI

RLC PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
TAKES MEDICAL LEAVE

In July, Cindy Laszewski went on indefinite medical leave. For 27 years she has been the Director of the RLC Preschool. We give thanks for her loving and dedicated service to the children and families over the years, and pray God's blessings upon her health.



Below are some reflections by Cindy.

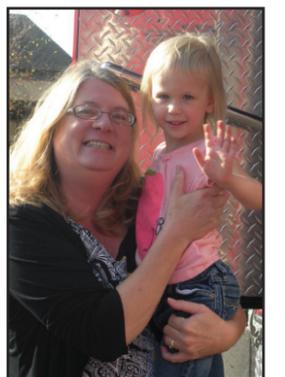
27 years ago, I became the director of Roseville Lutheran Preschool and it was the beginning of a wonderful journey. The first year I was there, five of my students' mothers were women I went to high school with. These last years, many of our students grandparents were friends of ours.

Our teaching staff have been stellar over the years and we worked hard and had so much fun making school a great experience for our students and their families.

One of my favorite memories is of the love and support from the congregation. For example, the Tuesday Work Crew: Bud Helmen, Roger Marks, John and Virginia Sandholm, John Manges, Dick Stucky, Arlo Runge, Don Lark, and others. They repaired, built, painted, and even knocked down walls for us.

I loved selling poinsettias in the Commons at Christmas time as a fundraiser for the school. So many beaming former students standing in front of me asking, "Do you remember me?" I usually did, because they were all so unique.

Many students came from the University of Minnesota and Luther Seminary's married student housing. We had students from Korea, China, Hungary, Columbia, Nepal, and India. It was amazing to watch these 3-4 year olds learn English so quickly. I remember a little girl from China who had only been in school for three weeks. She was coloring when someone took the marker she wanted. She looked at the child and said, "Stop!" then looked at me and said, "Help!"



By the time they were 4, they had a good mastery of the language. Mary Adams, a 4-year teacher, would have students teach her a word a day in their language. Two boys from Korea would teach her a word and then dissolve into giggles when they taught her the word for "cat" instead of "dog."

These last two years have been difficult years for me medically. I'll spare you the details and leave you with a last story.

The first time I had to use a cane at school, one of our students said, "Teacher Cindy, are you old?!" I started to reply with a chuckle that I was indeed old, but then I noticed tears in his eyes. He had two grandpas and the one with the cane had died. It reminded me children aren't just cute, but have feelings and worries just like anyone else.

I am truly honored that thousands of parents entrusted their children to our care. I will miss RLC preschool.

– Cindy Laszewski

MUSIC AND ART

GET CONNECTED WITH MUSIC AT RLC

If you have a musical gift you'd like to share in worship at RLC, or want to get involved in one of our many vocal and instrumental ensembles, we welcome you! Pianists and accompanists are especially needed, as well as other instrumentalists and vocalists. If you like to sing but can't commit to weekly rehearsals, consider the Festival Choir (see Music Calendar). Contact John Helgen, Director of Music at 651-288-4236 or email jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org.



MADDIE GIORDANA TO JOIN RLC MUSIC STAFF

We welcome Maddie Giordana to the RLC staff as our part-time Music Associate. Maddie will be a familiar face to many at RLC due to her participation in RLC bell choirs and also as the accompanist for the Cornerstone musical.



Message from Maddie:

"I am very excited to be coming on board the RLC music team as the new Music Associate, with a focus on serving the musical youth of our congregation. If you would be excited to ring bells, play your instrument, sing in worship, or have other ideas for ways you would like to bring your musical gifts to RLC, please email me at mgiordana@rosevillelutheran.org.

Starting this September, come and make a joyful noise on Wednesday nights as we respond to God through music! Over the course of the year, we will explore many different forms of music and music-making, with the intention of sharing our gifts in worship every other month.

I look forward to making music with you! Let us make a joyful noise!"

Welcome, Maddie!

ATTENTION MUSICIANS! TIME TO CONNECT FOR FALL REHEARSALS

It won't be long until summer ends (sigh!) and we begin fall rehearsals for all the RLC musical ensembles – watch the RLC UPDATE or contact ensemble directors for dates of first rehearsals.

Senior Choir (choral music for worship)
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
John Helgen, director, 651-288-4236

Youth Praise Band (grades 6-12)
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Kristina Olson, director, 651-485-9196

Children's Choir (grades K-5)
The Children's Choir director position is open.
Watch for upcoming announcements about rehearsal dates/times.

Worship Ensembles (lead 11:00 a.m. worship)
Thursday evenings by schedule
John Helgen, director, 651-288-4236

Handbell Choirs
Wednesdays: Bells of Praise at 6:25 p.m., Jubilate at 7:30 p.m.
Lori Haaland, director, 651-631-9092

Brass Ensemble
Wednesday evenings by schedule
John Helgen, director, 651-288-4236

Share your talent as we praise God through music! If you want more information or if you have any questions, call John Helgen, Music Director, at 651-288-4236, or email: jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org.

MUSIC calendar

Festival Choir Rehearsals Begin Nov. 12

It's never too early to start making plans to sing in the Festival Choir for the Christmas Festival Concert on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 7:30 pm. There are five rehearsals leading up to the day of the concert. It's a great way to get connected with singing at RLC! Rehearsal schedule:

Saturday	Nov. 12	9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 16	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 30	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 7	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 14	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 17	9:30 to 11:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m. concert

Upcoming Music Events at Roseville Lutheran Church

Get out your calendar and mark down these exciting concert opportunities at RLC for the coming year – concert times and more details will be available as the dates approach.

Saturday	Oct. 29	Centennial Singers
Sunday	Oct. 30	Minnesota Chorale
Saturday	Nov. 5	Hennepin Chamber Singers
Friday	Dec. 9	VocalEssence – Welcome Christmas
Sunday	Dec. 11	Greater TC Youth Symphonies
Saturday	Dec. 17	RLC Christmas Festival Concert
Wednesday	Dec. 31	RLC Jazz in Concert

follows New Year's Eve Worship

DESIGN + GOSPEL PROJECT

SKETCHES OF "ARCHITECTURE IN MISSION"
AN ARCHITECTURE DESIGN EXHIBIT
OPENING RECEPTION - OCT. 15 AT 3:00 P.M.
ADULT EDUCATION - OCT. 16 AT 10:10 A.M.

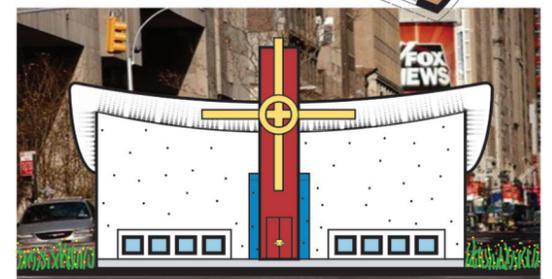
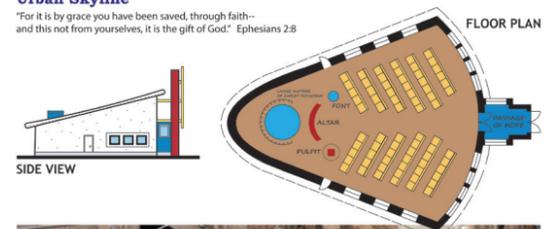
During September and October RLC member Dorothy "Dot" Probst is exhibiting her architecture show of theoretical designs for new contemporary trends among innovative churches. These designs are now showing in the hallway just off the Commons. Dot is a graduate of Luther Seminary and Principal of local firm, nGc Associates, "nature God community."

Since her time in seminary, Dot has studied and pondered the emerging church movement within the ELCA and other mainline denominations. While she was studying the collection of essays in *The Evangelizing Church: A Lutheran Contribution*, numerous images of buildings flashed through her mind. The subject of the book is the theology of Lutheran mission and the proclamation of the gospel in our emerging postmodern society and church. After giving thought to these images, she engaged in further theological study and reflection, sketching building designs that respond to this theology of mission and its diverse proclamation. The *Design + Gospel Project* is the result of this study and design process.

Dot will be speaking about these designs and new movements within the ELCA and other mainline denominations during the Adult Education hour on October 16. There will also be an opening reception for the show on Saturday, October 15, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and all are invited to attend, (please RSVP to Dot at dorothy.probst@comcast.net by October 11).

The Prairie Chapel of Grace "God's Rest" Urban Skyline

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8



STEWARDSHIP

RLC STEWARDSHIP



MINE! TEACHING GENEROSITY IN A BUSY WORLD

Look at any child tightly holding a toy and loudly proclaiming, "MINE!" – it's obvious generosity isn't a virtue we're born with.

Generous stewardship is transformative when we embrace the reality that God has entrusted us with his resources. We, his children, have a responsibility to manage and to take care of these resources, his gifts to us.

We all have gifts to share: money, time, compassion, knowledge, talents. Unfortunately, our own lives feel stressful and demanding. It's a challenge to be generous with our family and friends, and even more so with strangers.

Yet, generosity enhances our individual lives. Research has shown generosity lowers stress, improves relationships, and makes you more satisfied with life. This truth is born out in the Bible. We read in 1 Timothy 6:18-19:

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

You've met generous givers: They have rich relationships. They exude optimism and joy. They speak with a sense of abundance and gratitude. If they speak about giving or volunteering, they speak compassionately about their privilege to serve.

But, our survival instincts are bred to need security. The threat of a "what if" life experience lies in the back of our minds. However it's easy to forget that transformation happens when we go beyond a gift to the offering plate. It begins on a daily basis when we pursue opportunities to serve others using our blessings.

The stewardship team believes that Christian stewardship teaches generosity. It encourages us to fulfill God's mission to serve the world, to make choices as trusted managers of his resources, and to live with gratitude for the gifts and grace we have been given.

Stewardship at RLC is a ministry that provides perspectives, practices and skills to develop and grow individual generosity beyond the offering plate, and to take hold of that which is truly life.

REINVENTING STEWARDSHIP: TEACHING GENEROSITY

Our stewardship team wants to reinvent stewardship at RLC. We believe stewardship can be a ministry that provides perspectives, practices and skills to develop and grow individual generosity, beyond the offering plate, to take hold of that which is truly life.

We need people to brainstorm with us about new programs at RLC to encourage us to serve, to live with gratitude, and to share our gifts. Please consider sharing your talents by leading or participating in one of these areas. All these groups are startups and schedules can be adjusted to fit the needs of the group.

Storytellers

Love your goPro or Snapchat? Love writing, taking photos, making videos, scrapbooking? Our volunteers and donors create meaningful ministry that impacts many lives inside and outside the walls of RLC. We want to share these stories so that we can appreciate together how God is working through our congregation. If you are interested in communication, journalism, or photo/video/written editing, this is a great way to develop or share your skills. Middle schoolers through senior citizens welcome. Contact Trupti Storlie (truptistorlie@gmail.com)

Gratitude Team

Receiving a heartfelt thank you for a thoughtful act or gift always brightens a person's day. Writing a heartfelt thank you note lets you experience gratitude, and transforms your day. Volunteers and donors provide so many resources to enable the ministries at RLC serve the congregation and the community. We want to be more diligent about saying thank you. If you enjoy thanking people and writing thank you cards, or have ideas about how to organize this ministry, please contact Trupti Storlie (truptistorlie@gmail.com). All ages welcome, please consider volunteering with your young children.

Stewardship Education

Many great workshops, speakers, and books help people become better stewards of their resources: time, money, talents, health, environment, and more. We are looking for a team to curate opportunities and potentially create a "stewardship curriculum." If you would like to be part of developing the plan, leading a workshop/group, or know of an opportunity we should consider hosting, please contact Trupti.

Ambassador Team

RLC is a busy place! For visitors, new members, or even long-time members, it's hard to keep up with the different opportunities and take part in all we offer. We've heard from people who are involved, that they got started with a personal invitation from another member of the congregation. We'd like to create a way to help people get connected. If you'd like to brainstorm how we could do this, we would appreciate your ideas, please contact Trupti.

We want to look beyond the offering plate, and we are hoping you will join us in that journey to invent new ways to be stewards in God's world.

GENEROSITY: STORIES OF GIVING

STEWARDSHIP LEADERSHIP EVENT - SEPT. 25 AT 5:00 PM

Please join us for our Stewardship Leadership Event on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 5:00 p.m. as we talk about the transformative power of generosity on our lives. Please contact the church office at (651) 487-7752 to RSVP. Dinner and dessert will be served.

A TIME OF GRATITUDE

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS OCTOBER WEEKENDS 1-2, 8-9, 15-16

Give thanks for all the gifts that our congregation has shared to fulfill God's mission through RLC! Look for a mailing in September, and plan now for the weekends of October 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



CORNERSTONE: SEPT. 18

SUNDAYS FOR KIDS AGES 2 THROUGH 4TH GRADE

We're ready for the start of a wonder-filled year in Cornerstone! Kids ages 2 (by Sept. 1) through 4th grade gather Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:55 a.m. to learn about the powerful love of God and his son Jesus Christ.

Praise God and move during our Elementary Large Group time together, and meet our puppet friends, Roger, Kevin, and Maria who will introduce the message each week. Preschool kids and parents will enjoy Gena and Squiggles as they sing and tell of God's love. We are excited to begin another year of faith and fun!

Register at www.rosevillelutheran.org. Click on the *Children's Ministry* under the *Ages and Stages* tab and reserve your spot today so we know you're joining us!



THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

Workshops, October 2 and 9

It is very exciting to be a third grader at Roseville Lutheran Church! Each fall we give our third graders a Bible of their own as a gift from the congregation. This also gives us the opportunity to learn more about this amazing book, the everlasting love of God, and the tremendous life lessons it contains even for today!

If you have a third grader, you are invited to attend two Bible Workshops with your student on Sundays, Oct. 2 and 9 at 10:00 a.m. By attending both of these workshops, you will learn together about the Bible and how to use it. We will share with you the importance of making the study of God's Word a part of daily life. There will be fun activities to do together, and some great take home surprises.

The students will receive their Bibles during Worship on Oct. 9 at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service, whichever you normally attend. Parents will be asked to come forward with their student and present their child with their own Bible.

More information will be going out to each of our third grade families in early September. Any questions, please contact Julie Hanson or Pastor Sara via the church office: 651-487-7752

SERVE SUNDAYS

During the school year, we take 3 or 4 Sundays to offer our families, students and members of the congregation the opportunity to work side by side to benefit others. It is a way to infuse service into our curriculum, and offer the joy of giving! Our first Serve Sunday will be Nov. 20. On Serve Sundays there is no regular Cornerstone, Luther League or Devos & Donuts. ALL families are encouraged to participate, as are any others that want to join us!

On Sunday, Nov. 20 we will be putting together care packages to send to RLC College students. Packages will be assembled and participants will be asked to mail them to the students. It will be a fun and meaningful experience for all! Look for more information in the Update and eBlast as the date nears!

CALLING 3RD AND 4TH GRADE KIDS!

If you are interested in being a part of our Christmas program as a narrator or an actor, please contact Julie Hanson at church! We will be organizing and rehearsing starting in Oct. Contact: jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org.

HELP PREPARE FOR CORNERSTONE!

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29

If you can help us get ready for Cornerstone during the week of Aug. 29, please contact Julie Hanson at 651-487-7752 or jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org. Open to all! Other times available.

ORIENTATION for Parents new to Cornerstone: Thursday, Sept. 15 from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

If you are new to Cornerstone this year, we have a fun and informative orientation for you to make this experience familiar for you and your child.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, your child will enjoy music, storytime and fun with Gena, our Preschool Large Group Leader in Room 66 while parents meet in Heritage Hall with Julie Hanson to learn more about Cornerstone. If you have not registered your child yet, please do so today at www.rosevillelutheran.org.

2-YEAR OLDS: Cornerstone 2-Year-Olds and Parents Together!

We offer an *Intro to Cornerstone* for our (by Sept. 1) 2-year-olds. This class is changing to offer a more comfortable atmosphere for our little ones! Since family time is often limited, we're inviting parents to stay with their 2-year-old during the Cornerstone to learn side by side. This includes joining our Large Group, storytime, craft time and snack. It's our goal to make the introduction to Cornerstone easy. 2-year-old class registration is limited to 15 students.

After this year side-by-side, kids can then transition to our 3-year-old Cornerstone where the kids meet with their Shepherds in small groups. Don't miss our orientation to Cornerstone on Thursday, Sept 15!



PRESCHOOL: Parents of Preschoolers to JOIN Cornerstone Large Group Opening

We are stepping it up a bit in our ministry to Preschoolers in Cornerstone! Parents and Kids **together** for Opening Large Group time! Parents will join their preschooler at 10:00 for Music, Movement and the Message for the day in Room 45A with Gena and Squiggles. When this fun is over, parents will bring their child to their 3-year-old, 4-year-old, or Pre-K class groups upstairs in our RLC Preschool area where the message they just heard will be reinforced by their Cornerstone Shepherd with a craft, snack and story time. Our RLC Preschool area has a lot to offer these little ones so we are moving upstairs and Stepping It Up! Opening together will allow parents to know the words to the songs their little one is singing, and know the message they received to foster conversation and interaction at home! We can't wait to see you all on September 18!



CORNERSTONE BEGINS WITH YOU!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Cornerstone offers opportunities to get to know others through serving and sharing your time. Our ministry couldn't exist without many helping hands! Here are some of the ways to get involved!

- **Prayer Partners:** Pray with Shepherds before Cornerstone begins at 9:50 on Sunday morning. If you can't pray with our Shepherds in person, please pray for them where you are!
- **Large Group Team:** Share only 20 minutes of your time on a Sunday morning to change the way kids see the Bible! Puppet plays, active storytelling, skits, and music... if you love any of these, this is the team for you!
- **Admin Team:** Helps with 1 or 2 others one Sunday each month with administrative duties during the Cornerstone hour.
- **Toy Team:** help to organize and wash the toys in our 2 year old Room (Room 66).
- **Supply Team:** helps prepare supplies used in Cornerstone for future weeks' lessons during the Cornerstone hour on Sunday morning. Works one or two Sundays each month, or during the week if that is easier.

Share a little of your time to make a BIG difference in the lives of the kids at RLC! Contact Julie Hanson today for more details and lend a helping hand in Children's Ministry at RLC: 651-487-7752 or email jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

NEW SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Sunday mornings are going to look a little different for middle school students this year. Luther League, our 5th and 6th grade Sunday morning ministry, will be moving downstairs to Heritage Hall and will include large group (now moved to the Activity Center) and small group discussion which will allow youth to dive deeper into the bible text that is introduced in worship. As always, we will have a lot of fun, play games, perform skits, and make crafts that help us understand and most importantly remember the message of the day. Registration forms can be found online. Email Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org with any questions.

Devos and Donuts is a new Sunday morning program for 7th and 8th graders taking the place of RAW. Youth will meet upstairs in the Great Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday beginning with a time of fellowship and some donuts and ending with highs and lows, a short devotional, and closing prayer. If you are interested in leading a devo once a month or even once, contact Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org

Both Luther League and Devos and Donuts will begin Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

CONFIRMATION 2016-2017

Confirmation 2016-2017 is right around the corner. It is an opportunity for youth at RLC to learn and grow in their faith and at the end of three years, affirm their baptism. It is for students in grades 7 - 9 and meets throughout the school year on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. This year we are excited to try something new! Instead of all three grades meeting in the Great Hall for large group, the 9th grade students will meet in the Social Hall for their own large group that will give them an opportunity to dig deeper into their faith and ask questions. There will still be fellowship nights, service nights, prayer stations, and small group. Large group will just look and feel a little different. Additionally, this year we added confirmation retreats. The 7th and 8th grade retreat is October 28-30 and the 9th grade retreat is January 6-9, both at Camp Wapo in Amery, WI.

Registration and Fee: All students must be registered EACH year they participate in Confirmation. Please have your child registered online by Sunday September 11. At the time of registration, we require a \$75 payment per student. This fee helps cover the cost of supplies and leader training as well as special activities and events. The fee can be paid online or a check can be dropped off at RLC with "Confirmation - (Child's Name)" in the memo line. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please email Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org.

Confirmation Commencement: Our first night of Confirmation will be Wednesday, September 21. BOTH parents and students are required to attend this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Small group leaders will also be there so parents can meet their child's leader. Once students are dismissed to small group, parents will stay and hear Jenny Hanlon, teacher, consultant, and author talk about gratitude and generosity in an overindulged society.

Get Involved! There are many opportunities for parents and adults to be a part of this important stepping-stone of our youth's faith. If you are interested in helping out in any way, contact Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY FOR FALL 2016

All High School programs are open to RLC students and friends!

11 & Lunch will continue from last year. On Sundays, come for the 11 o'clock service, sit as youth group, and then we'll either go out to lunch or have a member of RLC provide us a meal. We'll use that time to talk about the morning's lesson and grow in our faith. This is a great way to get connected for those of you that are busy during the week.

FLOCK will remain our weekly Tuesday night hangout from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The majority of our FLOCKS will be planned by our Youth Leadership Team and will focus more on fellowship and service. These will be a relaxed atmosphere for youth to come and share highs and lows and talk about life.

Bagels @ Dawn is our weekly devotion at the St. Paul Bagelry on Thursdays from 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Come for a great breakfast, get help from others on last night's assignment, and start your day off with a great devotion. If you need a ride to school, MJ will drive you in the church van!



MEA Getaway is our annual fall retreat to Camp Castaway. Come for four days of fun, fellowship, and faith formation. This continues to be a highlight of our youths' fall year after year! Registration forms for the Getaway will be available by mid-September.

GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY IN AN OVERINDULGED SOCIETY

SEPT. 21 AT 7:30 P.M.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, we invite all parents to join our confirmation parents to talk about the important topic of gratitude and generosity. In America we're bombarded with messages touting materialism and instant gratification. What is this doing to our kids? How does this impact our parenting and families? Come for a discussion on teaching children gratitude, generosity and what it means to have "enough." We will hear from teacher, consultant, and author, Jenny Hanlon about the difference between wants and needs and how allowance fits in with this as well as introduction to a tool called "The Family Reality Check." Join us in the Worship Center at 7:00 p.m.



GIFT CARDS - FUNDRAISE BY SHOPPING

RLC youth are raising funds by selling gift cards to popular retailers through a program called Great Lakes Scrip. We are able to continue this fundraiser year round. Anyone can purchase gift cards to popular stores like Target, Chipotle, Cub and hundreds more! For example, someone pays \$50 for a Target gift card and they will receive a \$50 Target gift card. When gift cards are sold, a percentage is given back to the youth in the form of a rebate. The average rebate is 5%. The gift cards can be used nationwide. This is a great opportunity because youth can use the money raised towards church trips. Informational meetings about this fundraiser will be held Sundays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will occur in the lounge. Families of youth wanting to participate in this are asked to attend one of these meetings before they start fundraising. Please contact Michael Jordan, Director of Youth Ministry, with any questions.

CALLING ALL COOKS

Last fall, we started a new program for our High School Youth called 11&Lunch. This was an opportunity for them to attend the worship service together and share in a meal afterwards. It was such a huge hit that we are continuing it this year. Last year, we had many parents and members provide meals for the lunch. I would love to continue that tradition again this year. If you're willing to prepare a meal for our youth, we ask that you plan for 20 people. Church will have the paper products (plates, napkins, forks, spoons, etc.) along with the drinks (pop). I ask that you provide the food and serving utensils for the meal. If there is something else you want to bring (specialty drink, dessert, etc.), please feel free! Please have the lunch ready to serve by Noon on your Sunday. You are then invited to join us for the meal and discussion if you want. If you're interested in partnering with our youth in this delicious way, please contact Michael Jordan, Director of Youth Ministry.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

CYF SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

It was another packed summer for our Children, Youth, & Families. We all grew in faith, friendships, and had a ton of fun! Over 280 children, youth, and families participated in these transformational camps, mission trips, service opportunities, and high adventure through RLC. These experiences are a vibrant and vital part of our ministry here, and it is so wonderful to see such a large participation in them! Of course, none of these trips could have happened without volunteers choosing to take time out of their lives to lead these trips, and we thank them immensely for making this possible. Thank you to everyone who partnered in prayer with our trips this summer too. The outpouring of your support through prayer was huge! Be on the lookout in early October for dates and information regarding our 2017 camps and adventures.

VBS – Kids enjoyed Deep Sea Discovery

Over 110 kids attended Vacation Bible School at RLC in June this summer. Deep Sea Discovery curriculum taught us each day that “God is with me where ever I go!” God knows us, God hears us, God strengthens us, Jesus loves us, and he sends us into the world! VBS participants shared non-perishable food items to benefit Second Harvest, and also colored lunch bags for Meals on Wheels. VBS at RLC could not happen without the wonderful help of over 60 volunteers! Thank you to all that shared their time with us; and thank you to all that shared their kids with us!



Camp Salie—a LOT packed into two days!

Parents dropped off their 2nd-4th graders at Camp Salie, near Wyoming, MN and headed home to terrible storms! Camp Salie kids however were safe and only heard raindrops on the roof of their cabins. 11 kids enjoyed campfires, swimming, hiking, crafts and songs in addition to opening their Bibles! With the help of parents Kate Snavely and Bob Blat, and our awesome youth counselors Erin Beer and Pauly Soulia, the kids learned about how we get to know one another better and how to know God better. This short, 2-day camping experience is the perfect way for first time campers to get a taste of what Bible camp is all about! The facilities at Camp Salie are a perfect setting to learn about God and his love for us!



Camp Hiawatha – Having a Faith that Matters

We had yet another wonderful time at our week-long Bible camp! 66 campers, 3 youth leaders, and 7 adult leaders spent their week enjoying God’s Great Northwoods. As followers of Jesus, we are challenged to live out his example in the world. Sometimes this is in the form of words, but more often it is through our actions and how we treat others. During our week, campers were challenged to explore and identify the specific things each of us can do to share God’s message of love with others. We looked at how serving others can change us, and began to realize how our attitude really does affect those around us.



Summer of Service – Making an Impact

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.”

– 1 Peter 4:10

Thirty 5th - 8th graders did just that this summer. They used their gifts to make an impact by serving all around the Twin Cities at places like Feed My Starving Children, Roseville Parks, Keystone Food Pantry, Banyan Community, and Roseville Lutheran Church. We all make footprints on this earth, the footprints we physically leave but also the footprints we leave on people’s hearts. Youth pondered what impact they want to make in the world. What impact do you want to make?

Slovakia Service Learning Trip – Global Partnerships

Our high school youth went international this summer to our partner congregation in Martin, Slovakia. Throughout the week, our 19 youth and 5 adults worked alongside the high school students there doing work projects around the church and school as well as learning more about their culture and history. It was exciting to see and work on their new physics and chemistry labs as well as doing site beautification. Our 12 days went by way too fast, but the memories will always last.

Family Mission Trip – Live Like Jesus

Four families traveled north to serve the Duluth and Superior area as they learned to live just like the Good Samaritan from Luke 10. It was a wonderful extended weekend of service, smiles, laughter, and community as both families and our church group grew closer together. We look forward to bringing more families on next summer’s Family Mission Trip! Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to participate.



BWCA – Escape, Explore, Experience

Our high school youth seeking high adventure had the opportunity to discover nature’s wonders while experiencing all of the benefits of living in a faith community. Our week in the Boundary Waters was filled with exciting adventures, pushing ourselves further, and growing deep with our faith.



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR

Weekly:

Sundays	Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts, 11 & Lunch (2 yrs thru High School)
Tuesdays	FLOCK (High School)
Wednesdays	Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade)
Thursdays	Bagels @ Dawn (High School)

Special Events & Retreats:

Sept. 11	10 – 1 p.m.	Block Party
Sept. 13	7:00 p.m.	FLOCK begins
Sept. 14	7:00 p.m.	Small Group Leader Training
Sept. 15	6:45 a.m.	First Bagels @ Dawn
Sept. 15	6:15 p.m.	Parent Orientation to Cornerstone
Sept. 18	10:00 a.m.	First Day of Cornerstone, Luther League, and Devos & Donuts
Sept. 18	11:00 a.m.	11 & Lunch Begins
Sept. 21	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting Guest Speaker: <i>Gratitude & Generosity in an Overindulged Society</i>
Sept. 25	10:00 a.m.	Gift Card Fundraiser Intro
Sept. 27	6:00 p.m.	Gift Card Fundraiser Intro
Oct. 2	10:00 a.m.	Gift Card Fundraiser Intro
Oct. 2	10:00 a.m.	Bible Workshop for 3rd Graders and their parents (Part 1)
Oct. 9	10:00 a.m.	Bible Workshop for 3rd Graders and their parents (Part 2)
Oct. 9	9 or 11 a.m.	3rd Graders receive Bibles in Worship
Oct. 14-15		Peer Ministry Leadership Training
Oct. 20-12		MEA Getaway
Oct. 28-30		7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Nov. 20	10:00 a.m.	Serve Sunday – College Care Packages
Nov. 27	10:00 a.m.	Advent Activity Day
Nov. 30	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Fellowship Night
Dec. 4		Pajama Day
Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.	Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal
Dec. 11	11:00 a.m.	Cornerstone Christmas Program

ADULT EDUCATION

ROOTED IN GRACE

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. We will be continuing the tradition this fall with the theme "Rooted in Grace". The 10:10 Faith and Fellowship hour will kick off this fall with –

**Rooted in Grace – Growing in Faith:
A Look at What's Coming in 10:10 at RLC!
Sept. 11 in Room 40
Led by Dr. Jim Boyce**

Come, hear about the themes and programs for "10:10 at RLC" for the coming year! We kick off the year with a quick taste of the two themes that will focus and shape our worship and reflection at RLC for the coming year: "Rooted in Grace" (Fall offerings) and "Growing in Faith" (Winter and Spring offerings).

**The Book of Revelation: Final Tribulation or Testament to Hope?
Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2 in Room 40
Led by Dr. Karoline Lewis**

The book of Revelation has long been the source for determining the end of the world, the great apocalypse, or the date of the final battle between good and evil. Yet, for its first readers, Revelation was a book of profound faith and encouragement. We will dispel the myths and misinterpretations that surround the last book of the Bible and help us to hear Revelation as a message of hope even today.

**The Quanbeck Library
October 9 in the Russell Quanbeck Library
Led by Dr. Vicky Jacobson**

This presentation will be held in the newly remodeled Quanbeck RLC Library for all ages.

We will look at books, famous quotations, mixed media and art to name a few. Time will be provided for questions and audience participation. Come and see what the Library has to offer.

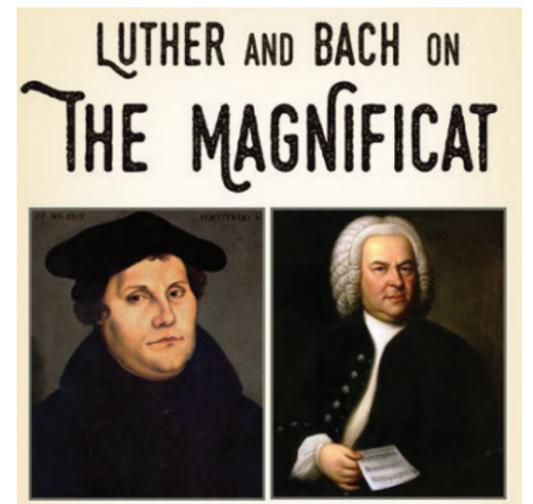
**The Design + Gospel Project: Journal Sketches of "Architecture in Mission"
Oct. 16 in Room 40
Led by Dot Probst**

Architect, designer, Luther Seminary graduate, and RLC member Dot Probst will present her architecture exhibit of theoretical designs for contemporary Christian congregations. Now showing in the corridor off the Commons, this displays building concepts for emerging Christian ministry trends within our society. Dot has developed a basis for these creative conceptual responses, a design process called, "Architecture Theology." She will also discuss this theological process in relation to these ministry trends. (See more on page 5 of this newsletter).

**Martin Luther on Romans:
The Shaping of a Reformer
Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13 in Room 40
Led by Dr. Jim Boyce**

Martin Luther called Paul's letter to the Romans "the most important document in the New Testament...the gospel in its purest expression...a brilliant light to illumine the whole Bible." Through Luther's comments in his Lectures on Romans these four sessions explore Luther's approach to interpreting the scriptures and this letter's important themes of law, sin, grace, faith, righteousness, flesh, and spirit, a message which so deeply shaped Luther and the Reformation, and which still has the power to shape our lives as people of faith today.

**Luther and Bach on the Magnificat
Sundays – Nov. 20, 27 at 10:10 a.m.
Tuesdays – Nov. 29, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Led by Dr. Randi Lundell**



Lutherans all over the world are looking forward to the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017. Luther and Bach on the Magnificat, combines Martin Luther's Commentary on the Magnificat—a spiritual classic—with Johann Sebastian Bach's musical masterpiece, Magnificat, in a unique and inspirational Advent/Christmas resource. Participants will be led through Luther's commentary as they listen to Bach's musical masterpiece on DVD. Books can be purchased through Amazon.com or directly from Wipf and Stock publishers (see: <http://wipfandstock.com/luther-and-bach-on-the-magnificat.html>). About the authors: Dr. Randi Lundell has translated Luther's Commentary for this book, Rev. Brad Jenson has contributed the Bible Study format, and Dr. Peter Hendrickson has written the background on Bach's work. RLC Music Director John Helgen will also be on-hand for this course to provide his musical wisdom and insight on Bach's Magnificat.

WEDNESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY FALL SERIES

LED BY PASTOR LAUREN WRIGHTSMAN
WEDNESDAYS: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

All Bible studies are free and meet in the Social Hall. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles and pen and paper. Join us for great conversation, Bible study and fellowship. No sign ups required. Come when you are able!

Session 1: In the Beginning. A look at the book of Genesis. (September 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12)
Using the Bethel Bible study method, participants will explore the promises first given to us by our God and creator. History, culture and literary method will be part of our conversation during these five weeks.

Session 2: Half-truths. What is truth and how do we speak of truth? (Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 16, 30)
"God helps those who help themselves." It is a phrase we here often. It sounds like something you may find in the Bible. Phrases like this one capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. In this study we will look at the truth comparing common Christian cliches with the wisdom found in Scripture.

MEET OUR MISSIONARY!

Come meet our missionary on **Aug. 22 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 40.** Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson is visiting RLC to share her work in Cameroon, her challenges and her joys. Come hear her story, chat with her and have a time of prayer. She is a professor at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga, preparing students for service as leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon and other countries in western Africa. She also assists in providing continuing education within the church in Cameroon and in creating networks and connections between the Theological Institute and other global theological institutions.

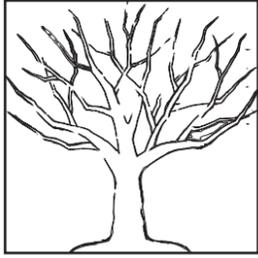


ADULT EDUCATION

ROOTED IN GRACE

PASTOR SARA SPOHR

Trees impress me: their height, their beauty, their color. Also impressive when it comes to trees, what we don't see. We don't see their roots. We can't see this deep system of roots that feeds, nourishes, and stabilizes such a mighty plant. We know the health of these roots and their ability to access water and nutrients directly impacts the life and health and stability of the tree itself.



It is the same with people of faith. We may look impressive. We may sing and pray and speak with eloquence, but what about our roots? Are we rooted in grace? Do our roots have the depth to ground us when things don't go our way? Do our roots reach wide to give stability for new experiences and challenges?

Jeremiah 17:8 reads:

*"They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit."*

This Fall we're going to talk about being *Rooted in Grace*. As people of faith, we trust that God's grace is the foundation of our whole lives. With a foundation of grace in place we can live and grow to be people of depth and stability and service.

Join us this fall for worship, where the image of the tree will be central, with all of its height and depth and beauty.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

GRIEF SUPPORT

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 on Mondays at Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview, beginning Sept. 19.

Fall 2016 Series: Sept. 19 - Oct. 24

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Incarnation Lutheran Church
4880 Hodgson Road, Shoreview

Registration takes place at 6:45 p.m. each night, and presentations begin at 7:00 p.m. 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://www.growingthroughloss.org/> or call their hotline at 763-755-5335.

BRAT-XIT

MEN'S EVENT: SEPT. 30 AT 6 P.M.

In this year of elections, here and around the world, it seemed only fitting that the RLC Men's Group would join the party with "Brat-xit." We'll be serving a variety of sausages and German beers. Vote for your favorites!

Contact Tim Bergman mn_bergman@msn.com or Steve Mumm sroymumm@gmail.com for more information.

OPEN HOUSE SET FOR RLC LIBRARY

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 9

The RLC/Quanbeck Library will have an Open House Oct. 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. with refreshments. You are invited to explore what is available in the library, and enjoy a presentation there at the 10:10 Hour. We hope to see many of you at the Open House! Pictured to the right is our Library team: Wanda Fingalson, Sharon Boyce, Beth Jacobson, and Victoria Jacobson.



RLC BRIDGE GROUP RESUMES

The RLC bridge group starts soon and we have openings! We play six times a year: Oct., Nov., Jan. - April. Each couple is scheduled to host another couple 3 of the 6 times at their home and are guests the other 3. It's a great way of getting to know fellow members and having some fun. For more information, call Emmy or Del Kulenkamp 651-484-0035 by mid-September.

DANCE THE BALKAN WAY AT RLC

OCT. 21-22 CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Balkan Institute for Balkan Art, Culture and History (BIBACH) invites the RLC community to *Dance the Balkan Way*, an opportunity to learn Bulgarian, Greek, Romanian, Serbian and Turkish dances from some of our best local dance instructors and visiting guest instructors. There are many workshops and two performances open to all: **Fri. Oct. 21**, 8:15 - 10:30 p.m. Community folk dance concert with Bulgari, Turkish Dancers, Izvorasul, Greek Dancers. **Sat. Oct. 22**, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Reception with food from the communities, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Gala performance. Modest fee for classes and concerts. Register at: <http://www.bibach.org/index.php/en/performances/upcoming-events/17-dance-the-balkan-way>.

HOLY ROLLERS!

PIZZA AND RETRO BOWLING NIGHT

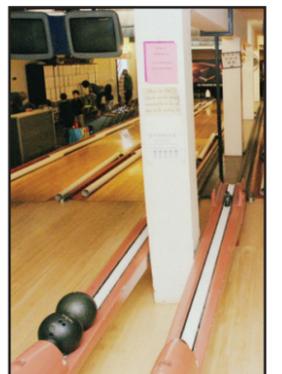
ALL-CHURCH EVENT: FRIDAY, NOV. 18, 6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Join us for a fun night of old school bowling at St. Francis Bowling Center, a hidden "church basement" gem in St. Paul. Once common throughout the Midwest, St. Francis is one of last remaining holy bowling alleys left in the Twin Cities.

We are renting the whole facility (6 lanes!) for our event and there's lots of seating. Sign up now...just 50 spots available (if more sign up, we'll set up some additional hours, or another day). All ages are welcome. A few lanes will have gutter guards ready for the kids. Pizza and soda will be provided. You are welcome to bring your favorite beverage (beer and wine are welcome in this facility). Wear a retro outfit or bowling shirt and earn a special treat!

The St. Francis Bowling Center is located in the St. Francis school building at 426 S. Osceola Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102. One block north of Randolph and West 7th.

Suggested donation at this all-church event is \$5 to help us cover costs. There is shoe rental available at St. Francis for \$1 cash. Register now on the church website: www.rosevillelutheran.org/bowling.



TANZANIAN STUDENTS NEED RLC SUPPORT IN 2017

For more than a decade RLC has sponsored secondary school students from our companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange Tanzania. This support is important to the families and the students themselves. These students are able to get an education because a scholarship has been given.

Several of the students RLC has sponsored in past years have gone on to complete their teacher training. For example, Gadi Sala is teaching at a primary school, and both Daudi Mbogo and Tunes Lvinga have become secondary school teachers. None of this would have been possible without RLC tuition support.

These scholarships are a part of the *Bega Kwa Bega* program of the Saint Paul Area Synod. In addition to secondary schools, support will also be offered for vocational training, nursing training, and college level education. Students will have a wide selection of educational opportunities.

We are so grateful to so many people from Roseville Lutheran who have in the past and continue to support this ministry. The deadline for receiving these sponsoring funds is November 1, 2016. The cost to sponsor each student varies, but on average we are asking for \$380. Partial or multiple sponsorships are gratefully accepted.

As we at RLC raise sponsorship funds, our companions in Ng'ang'ange are busy identifying children in their village who have the potential to succeed in school but whose families may not be able to afford school fees. By sponsoring a students, we walk shoulder to shoulder (*bega kwa bega*) with these young Christians into a brighter future.



RLC NEWS and NOTES

FINANCE OFFICE

Laurel HOFELDT, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & DATA

Thank you for your generous giving to RLC. Over 95% of our ministry is funded by free-will offering. Your gifts make sharing the message of Christ's salvation possible. Thank you!

Giving to our ministry plan is \$60,163 less than we had budgeted as of May 31, 2016. Total year-to-date receipts exceed expenses by \$8,477. The budgeted year-to-date surplus is \$18,232, meaning we are \$9,755 below our expected position at the

end of May. Please prayerfully consider what the ministry of RLC means to you and your family and how you will continue to support the vision God has laid before us.

The fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 will be closed out in early September and the Annual Financial Report will be available at that time on the website or in the RLC office. In addition we have engaged an external firm to audit the financial

statements for 2015-2016. The audit report will be presented to Council in late November and available to the congregation thereafter.

Our monthly financial summaries and other documents are available on the RLC website at: www.rosevillelutheran.org/welcome/publications. If you have questions or would like any additional information, please contact Laurel Hofeldt at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Roseville Lutheran Church May 2016 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2015-2016						Prior Year	
	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2015 May Actual	2014-15 YTD Actual
Giving	108,379	119,736	1,269,633	1,329,797	-60,163	118,275	1,309,579
Other receipts	8,673	9,008	95,310	86,052	9,259	4,687	81,536
Total Receipts	117,052	128,744	1,364,944	1,415,848	-50,904	122,963	1,391,115
Expenses	128,272	132,002	1,356,467	1,397,616	-41,149	109,043	1,343,070
Net	-11,220	-3,258	8,477	18,232	-9,755	13,920	48,045

Number of Givers 2015-2016					Prior Year	
	May		YTD through May		2014-15 YTD Thru May	
	# Givers	Avg Gift	# Givers	Avg Gift	# Givers	Avg Gift
General Fund	522	\$ 208	964	\$ 1,319	930	\$ 1,399
Bldg Designated	91	\$ 69	160	\$ 461	170	\$ 458
FMSC	19	\$ 89	70	\$ 147	105	\$ 136
Vision Slovakia	4	\$ 123	41	\$ 580	2	\$ 550
Other M&O	7	\$ 89	125	\$ 215	191	\$ 150
Memorials/Estate	51	\$ 65	118	\$ 854	127	\$ 162
Other Designated	31	\$ 136	196	\$ 123	231	\$ 508
EF/Love Lights	3	\$ 107	79	\$ 65	169	\$ 71
Preschool/Child Care	1	\$ 30	13	\$ 286	3	\$ 158
Total	558	\$ 221	1,030	\$ 1,495	1,012	\$ 1,559

Fund Balances 5/31/2016	
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments	
Designated/Restricted Funds:	
Building Fund	43,079
Kitchen Fund	196,295
Memorials	42,933
Other Funds	267,770
Total Designated/Restricted	550,076
Child Care:	Current Yr 13,239
Preschool:	Current Yr -332
Operating Fund:	Current Yr* 8,477

*Note: Cumulative Operating Surplus as of 06/30/2015 = \$6,194

Endowment Fund	
Cash	8,074
Investments	421,136
Total	429,210

THRIVENT CHOICE MAKES AN IMPACT

Did you know that members of Thrivent Financial can help support our church and thousands of nonprofit organizations through the Thrivent Choice member-advised charitable grant program? Last year, Thrivent Choice distributed more than \$54.2 million to nonprofit organizations, including churches such as RLC. Each year, eligible Thrivent members are designated Choice Dollars based on their qualifying insurance premiums, contract values and volunteer leadership. When they direct Choice Dollars, they recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funds.

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct your Choice Dollars? Think of the impact that you – along with other eligible Thrivent members – can make by directing your Choice Dollars to Roseville Lutheran Church. It's easy! Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Together, we can do even more to help strengthen Roseville Lutheran and change lives.

CHURCH VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

DAVE BOOMS,
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Drivers are needed to pick up those who call for transportation on Sundays. Each driver must have a clean driving record, and a copy of your driver's license and an approved volunteer application must be on file at RLC. If you have questions, please contact Dave Booms, Church Administrator, at 651-487-7752 ext 257 or at dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org.



SIMPLY GIVING

An easy, generous choice

The Simply Giving Program is a simple, reliable way to make your regular contributions to the congregation through automated giving. Contact the church office for more information.

MISSION and outreach

TUTORING AT CENTRAL PARK ELEMENTARY

JILL LUND, TUTOR COORDINATOR



During the 2015-16 school year, 16 members of Roseville Lutheran tutored students at Central Park Elementary (near Dale Street and County Road B-2) and where RLC member Becky Berkas serves as principal. This tutoring program was patterned after a successful program that has been operating in Stillwater for many years. Last summer, as the program was getting organized, Pastor Steve concluded a sermon with this message. "This fall, RLC is partnering with Central Park Elementary School by providing tutors. Volunteers will be trained, teachers will provide lesson plans, and you will be salt and light for one student at a time. I know, I know; you never thought you would do something like this! But here it is, right in front of you. Will you go?"

Each tutor received training and was assigned to a particular teacher. Then, from late October through the end of May, the tutors spent one hour each week assisting students with reading, math or language. The tutors gathered weekly to share their experiences over coffee.

At the end of the year, all the teachers and tutors spoke very favorably about the program and their experiences. Tutors enjoyed getting to know their students and watching them grow and learn. Many tutors commented on the diversity of the student population at Central Park and on having a new appreciation for how hard teachers work. Teachers indicated that their tutors contributed to the students' successes and said that teachers and students alike felt the support and kindness of the larger community through the involvement of the tutors. Both teachers and tutors hope that the tutoring program will continue and perhaps expand for the coming school year.

We need more volunteers to join this wonderful community outreach program. Please consider becoming a tutor. Past tutors will be in the Commons after all worship services the last weekend of August and September. Come and talk to us about our experiences and learn how you can become involved.

THE SHERIDAN STORY: FOOD FOR HUNGRY KIDS

Many students at Roseville's Central Park Elementary School do not get enough to eat on weekends. Since proper nutrition is very important in the development of children, some folks from RLC are trying to address this problem. We have teamed with volunteers from area churches, with the school administration, and with an organization called The Sheridan Story to get food to kids who would otherwise go hungry on the weekends. A few years ago, The Sheridan Story recognized the problem and developed an effective program that puts grocery items in needy students' backpacks before they head home from school on Fridays. Last year was a pilot project for the program at Central Park and it was a huge success. This year it is expanding to include more grades.



But volunteers are needed to make this happen. The Sheridan folks deliver the food to the school but volunteers are needed to do the actual distribution to student backpacks. If you can help on Friday mornings (even if only occasionally) for about an hour, please contact Erik Wolhowe at erik.wolhowe@gmail.com.

Currently RLC is able to sponsor meals for 15 students for the coming school year. If you want to sponsor a student, the cost is \$130.

WARM TOES AND TUMMIES

Help the homeless keep warm this winter by donating white tube socks. Roseville Lutheran will be collecting socks for the homeless served at the Dorothy Day Center. The socks will be given out at the Dorothy Day Center on Monday, December 12 during Roseville Lutheran's monthly Loaves and Fishes dinner. Watch for the collection boxes in the Commons in late November and plan on helping with the gift wrapping on December 11th.

SHARING TREE

The Roseville Lutheran Sharing Tree will continue this Christmas season. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift, and place the unwrapped gift under the tree by December 11. Gift cards are encouraged and should be placed in the lock box next to the tree. The gifts will benefit children and adults served by the organizations that RLC supports. Please note that the December 11 deadline allows the organizations to deliver your gifts prior to Christmas. RLC volunteers are needed to help with this rewarding activity. Please contact Dave Tetzlaff at tetzl001@comcast.net to help with setting up the tree, placing the ornaments, or organizing the gifts.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE
WWW.ROSEVILLELUTHERAN.ORG

PLANNING AHEAD TO FEED MORE STARVING CHILDREN

In the past two years, many of you were involved in the amazing work when RLC partnered with Incarnation Lutheran to pack meals with FMSC. In 2017, we will again partner with Incarnation. And we need you!

FMSC does more than provide meals to hungry children. I am not exaggerating when I say they change lives of individuals and communities around the world.

The dates are Monday, May 1 – Friday, May 5, 2017. While that seems a ways off, we need to begin planning this fall. We are recruiting members for the steering committee to help organize and plan our congregation's involvement in the event. Contact Jen Bergman mn_bergman@msn.com or 490-9839 or Kathy Miller Kathy.a.miller@comcast.net or 651-494-8639.

