



RLC WELCOME STATEMENT

*Called by Jesus,
Roseville Lutheran Church
welcomes you with open arms,
minds, and hearts.
We are all beloved children
of God, and we celebrate
each other completely:
all ages, abilities, races and
ethnicities; all sexualities,
gender identities and
expressions; all family
circumstances, and
experiences.*

*RLC pledges our authentic
welcome and hospitality.
We commit to learn, to grow,
and to undo oppressive
norms that divide us,
while we humbly strive
to dismantle barriers to racial,
social, and economic justice.*

*Following Christ's example,
let us love God and
our neighbor together.*



A TIME OF GRATITUDE AND TRANSITION

To Our RLC Family,
It is with mixed emotions that we share what many of you already know. Our Senior Pastor, Lauren Wrightsman, has accepted a new call to serve at Bethel Lutheran in Madison, Wisconsin. Her last Sunday with us will be on March 3. We want to assure you that this decision was made thoughtfully and prayerfully, and we support her as she embarks on this new journey.

Over the past eight years, Pastor Lauren has provided steadfast leadership, guidance, and spiritual care to our congregation. Her dedication and love for our community have touched the lives of many, and she will be deeply missed. While we are sad to see her go, we are heartened to know that she will be closer to her family in Madison, including her sister and parents.

As we prepare for this transition, please know that the Executive Council and Pastors are in close communication with Bishop Lull of the St. Paul Area Synod and are working closely with our dedicated church staff. We are committed to keeping you all informed and involved throughout this process. Our church community has always thrived on the foundation of grace and the mission to love God and our neighbors, and this will continue to be our focus as we move forward.

This period of change will undoubtedly bring challenges, but it also presents us with opportunities for growth, reflection, and renewal. Together, we will navigate this transition and emerge as a stronger, more resilient community.

We want to express our gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our church family. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to connect, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your input and are here to listen.

May God's grace continue to shine upon us all, especially Pastor Lauren and her family as they embark on this new chapter.

With warm regards, Members of the RLC Executive Council:

Val Velde, President
Erik Storlie, President Elect
Jim Stark, Vice President
Rebecca Field, President Pro Tem

**Join us for ONE Worship on at
10:00 am, Sunday, March 3
as we bid Farewell and Godspeed
to Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman.**

You may also learn more about the
next steps for RLC on the web page
[www.rosevillelutheran.org/
pastoral-transition](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/pastoral-transition).



HOLY WEEK AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24 AT 9:00 AND 10:30 AM
- MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 AT 7:00 PM
- FAMILY GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT 10:00 AM
- GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

- MARCH 31 - 7:30, 9:00, AND 10:30 AM

Wilderness

WILDERNESS WONDERINGS

Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor

Our Lenten series this year is “Wilderness.” Each week we will explore a different theme related to the wilderness and what we experience there: the wilderness is somewhere we’ve been before, the wilderness is a place of new beginnings, the wilderness is a place of isolation and also a place of connection. There are many more. As we explore the wilderness together, I invite you to be open to the possibilities. In scripture, there are so many miraculous things that happen in the wilderness – God meets Moses in a bush that burns but isn’t consumed, the Israelites are sustained with bread from heaven as they journey to the promised land, Jesus goes to the wilderness to pray and rest.



The wilderness can be a place of both fear and great growth- both fear and great calm can live together in the wilderness. But the most important thing to remember is that God with us through each feeling, every step of the way, through every wilderness journey we go on, God goes with us. Whatever wilderness you journey through this in Lenten season, know that you do not journey alone. We journey together as a community, grounded in the love of Christ, always striving to love God and love our neighbor together, and be a community united by God’s grace.

My prayer for you in this season is that you are able to use this time to connect with God. Connect with community. Connect with yourself. Reflect, steal a few minutes for yourself, breathe. Take in the complexities of the wilderness you find yourself in, and then let yourself be wowed by God’s presence with you in that wilderness moment as you remember God’s promise to never leave nor forsake us. Come to worship. Connect with those around you. Engage with someone new. Say hi to someone you don’t know. And remember God is with us, Christ is with us, even through and past death-this is what we look forward to as an Easter people. We cannot skip Lent, or Holy Week to get there, we must go through the wilderness first, but the promise of Easter is what we cling to in the midst of the wilderness, in the midst of the unknown, we cling to the hope that we have in Christ that the unknown does not have the final say, but instead we know that God does.

In Christ,

Pastor Marty



STRATEGIC PLANNING

RLC Executive Team

In 2023, RLC created a Strategic Plan which identified actionable goals that further our mission and vision as a congregation. Included in the Strategic Plan was the annual process and timeline for reviewing and updating, including feedback-gathering activities to occur in the January – March timeframe. Sticking to this timeline serves as a valuable way to gather feedback on the current plan and shape it as we approach the new fiscal year.

We understand that the search for a new Senior Pastor will be a significant focus in the months ahead. Many of the information-gathering activities that will inform our community discernment process for selecting a new Senior Pastor coincide with the feedback process for the Strategic Plan. Therefore, the Council is planning to host these feedback-gathering activities in March.

Rest assured, we are committed to keeping you informed and maintaining transparency throughout the interim and call process. We will make every effort to provide timely updates as we navigate these important transitions together.

PASSION WALK

11:45 am, Palm Sunday, March 24

Pastor Tori will be leading us in a Passion Walk around the Roseville Lutheran Church area. Passion walks are NOT “stations of the cross” but rather a guided reenactment of the last hours of Jesus’ life through local streets. We are invited to “walk” Jesus’ final hours, from the last supper to questions before the council and Herod and Pilate, and finally to Jesus’ crucifixion and death. You may have a small part to read throughout our walk.

We will meet at the Roselawn entrance of Roseville Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 11:45 am, right after the second worship service. All ages are welcome! It will be roughly 2.5 miles and will take about an hour, so just be sure you can walk that far and stand for that long.



Lent 2024 - The Wilderness

Sundays (9:00 and 10:30 am) and
Wednesdays (5:00 and 7:00 pm)

Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are. The wilderness can become sacred even if it remains dangerous. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God’s love.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 24

*9:00 and 10:30 worship
11:45 am - Passion Walk

Maundy Thursday, March 28

*7:00 pm worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 29

10:00 am Family Good Friday
*7:00 pm worship

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30, *9:00, and 10:30 am worship

* Livestreamed Services

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

WILDERNESS

Tori Kraus, Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Engagement

In scripture, the wilderness is a place that is often scary and unknown. There is no certainty in the wilderness. Wilderness is often a place of learning and a place of growing. The Israelites wandered throughout the wilderness, and learned to trust God in it. Jesus spent forty days and forty nights in the wilderness, and was shaped and formed for ministry. It also shows that the wilderness is a place and a time where you have to surrender to the Spirit and surrender to where she is leading you.



In wilderness times, I remember the story from Exodus 13:21-22, where the Israelites only have a pillar of fire by day, and pillar of smoke by night. They cannot see ahead, only what is front of them. Sometimes I wonder if we too get caught up in what is ahead. The lists that need to be made, the things that need to be done. In all of the planning and focusing on what is to come, we often forget that the Spirit is right with us - guiding us, one pillar at a time.

We rarely enter into the wilderness willingly, most of the time we are thrust into it. These next few months will be a time of wilderness for Roseville Lutheran. However, the wilderness can be a sacred time even if it seems scary and unknown. In the wilderness, we remember who we are and whose we are. Even in the wilderness, God still provides us with what we need.

In this season, continue to look for signs of God’s grace and love. Find your own pillars that will guide you throughout your own wilderness times. We may go through it having our faith challenged, nurtured, and eventually resurrected. Yet, there is no space too terrifying or harsh for God’s love and guidance.



Pastor Tori

LIVE at RLC! pRAISE 2024

\$110,000 in 100 Hours
April 28 – May 2

Join us in person and online
for this end-of-(fiscal) year
annual campaign!

ONE Worship at
10:00 am Sunday, April 28

RLC Jazz in a free concert at
7:00 pm, Sunday, April 28

RLC Block Party from
5:00 - 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 1
Food Trucks
Games

BECOMING A VITAL NEIGHBOR

Riverside Innovation Hub (RIH)

The fall of 2023 was Roseville Lutheran Church’s first season with The Riverside Innovation Hub, an initiative of Augsburg’s Christensen Center for Vocation, to pursue God’s call to become a vital neighbor in our community. We do this by working through the public church framework which has four phases: accompaniment, interpretation, discernment, and proclamation. This process is challenging to explain because it is a process of learning, listening and responding.

Meet the RIH team!

Learn why team members were drawn to participate in this journey.

Kris Olsen: A vibrant church community is one where the members and friends are in close relationship with each other, and know and understand each other. The Public Church Framework challenges us to find ways to have this kind of knowing, understanding and relationship with our greater community. To go beyond the walls of our church and walk alongside, observe, and listen to our neighbors and be open to interpreting our mission in new ways. To take some risks! I am excited, but humbled by the possibilities.

Pastor Marty Wyatt: At RLC we proclaim our mission and vision is to “Love God and Love our Neighbor.” In order to love our neighbor, we must know our neighbor and the Public Church Framework challenges us to do just that. Through learning this framework and model, we will be able to truly get to know our neighbors in different, deep ways, guaranteeing that we are church for and with our neighbors together for the good of the whole community.

Mary Peterson: RLC is a source of faith, comfort and community to me. The turmoil of the past years both locally and globally has caused me to reflect on the need to overtly extend kindness to one another. Learning about and actively engaging in the public church framework is a way to demonstrate my commitment to being open to thinking about our neighbors in a new way. “A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions”, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.



Tanner Wyatt: I am excited to be a part of the Riverside Innovation Hub team because I think the most important part of church is being a part of our community and serving others. We are at our best when we serve others and use our resources in order to make things better for everyone. We can only do this when we actually know our neighbors-what they’re good at, what makes them happy, and what keeps them up at night.

Trupti Storlie: I’ve come to appreciate the way faith institutions have previously woven the tapestry of a community together. I hope that the public church journey teaches our congregation to: engage with neighbors in Roseville to understand the common ways we are broken and beloved, witness the ways that God is at work through each of us in the Roseville area, and create a community that helps us to support one another and thrive.

Alice Neve: The public church framework calls me to examine my faith and relationships that have developed growing up and living in the dominant culture. Learning to see, hear, and serve the people in our church and diverse neighborhoods while being fully present, requires me to develop new skills and a deeper understanding of the word, “listen”. I am thankful for this challenging opportunity.

Leon Neve: As I reflect on the rich heritage that I have received from my family through the generations, the message of the gospel from the church, and the opportunities open to me through education and a career, I am thankful for all these blessings beyond words. With that being said, it is easy for me to just associate with neighbors with a similar background. But the command of Jesus is beyond my comfort zone. Public church is about neighbor, neighbor and neighbor. I am humbled and honored to be part of the RIH group to learn and serve.



SUNDAY, APRIL 28 • ONE WORSHIP

pRAISE RLC Kick-Off Sunday
10:00 am ONE Worship Service

Join us as we kick-off our “Live at RLC!” pRAISE RLC 2024 Campaign. On Sunday, April 28, there will be ONE worship at 10:00 am, followed by some food and fellowship. Come back that evening at 7:00 pm for the free RLC Jazz Concert, too! More activities through the week, and our BLOCK PARTY returns on Wednesday, May 1. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to learn more about RLC hospitality!

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Join us for worship on Wednesdays in Lent through March 20 as we explore the theme of “Wilderness.” 5:00 pm Worship includes the celebration of Holy Communion and will be live-streamed. 7:00 pm worship is a somewhat shortened version, without Communion.

RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

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Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Music Ministry

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Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs
Lucas Carlson, Worship Leader

Hospitality Ministry

Will Flores, Hospitality Coordinator

Children’s Ministry

Jenna Baccam, Dir. of Children’s and Family Ministry

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Tori Kraus, Pastor of Youth/Young Adult Engagement

RLC Prechool and Child Care Ministry

Sher Noot, Director
Rachel Anderson, Preschool Teacher
Karen Sundeen, Preschool Assistant Teacher
Rachel Nentwig, Prescool Assistant Teacher
Charlotte Kasal, Preschool Aide
Laurie Miller-Hedeen, Childcare Teacher
Krystina Eliason, Childcare Teacher
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Shelton Ingram, Custodian
Dustin “Bean” McDonough, Custodian

A COMMUNITY
UNITED BY GRACE

THANK YOU, LAUREL HOFELDT, AND BLESSINGS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

Director of Finance to Retire March 15, 2024

This information was emailed to the congregation on Thursday, February 15, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Roseville Lutheran Church,
Over the past twenty-seven years, Laurel Hofeldt has served Roseville Lutheran Church in a variety of positions. She began at Roseville Lutheran Church as a part-time employee in children's ministry. Most recently she has served as the Director of Finance and Data.

It has been a personal pleasure to work alongside Laurel as she has served this congregation. She has served faithfully, with a generous heart, and a great eye for detail!

Laurel has announced that she is beginning her retirement this coming spring, with her last day as Director of Finance being March 15, 2024. We celebrate with her and her family and give thanks for her faithful service and commitment to the people who call Roseville Lutheran Church their home.

As she has reflected on her time spent with us, Laurel remarked, "It has been my privilege to work with outstanding staff and to serve the mission and ministry of Roseville Lutheran Church for over twenty-seven years. RLC has not only been my work home, but our family's church home. I am so thankful for the people and the relationships built over the years. As I move into retirement, I am looking forward to more time with family and friends, traveling to new places, and tackling some of those projects on the 'When I Have More Time' list."

We will be celebrating Laurel and her ministry with us on Sunday, March 10th with a reception between services.

Please take a moment to send Laurel a note of "thanks" as she moves forward with her retirement. You are welcome to send cards to:

Roseville Lutheran Church
Attn: Laurel Hofeldt
1215 Roselawn Ave
Roseville, MN 55113

Blessings,

Lauren J. Wrightsman
Senior Pastor

Val Velde
RLC Council President



JUST MOVE

RLC to Host Joe Davis and Dave Scherer

6:30 - 8:30 pm, Mondays • Septemer 30 – November 4

This fall, RLC will host Joe Davis and Dave Scherer for Just Move. This is a 6 week course on Monday nights where Joe and Dave will use music, poetry, and storytelling to inspire people into deeper conversations about race and culture. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn alongside folks from RLC and other area churches in order to develop intercultural humility and anti-racist practices. Registration and cost will be available early this summer, but save the dates now for this exciting opportunity! Mondays September 30 – November 4 from 6:30-8:30 pm. More information on their website: www.justmoveculture.com/church.



MORE DIRTY HANDS NEEDED

RLC Lively Landscapers

KJ Bach, and Julie and Rich Wendland continue to put together plans for more changes to the landscaping around RLC in 2024. The Preschool, ChildCare House, and north slope are a priority this summer. Are you interested in getting your hands (and knees) dirty occasionally and make a difference in the welcoming environment of our church home? Or spend a couple of hours to help with the Spring Cleanup group event. More info is coming on that event in April. Your helping hands and a bit of energy makes a difference for our church community, our neighbors and those who visit our church. Shake your dirty hands with KJ at k-j-o@msn.com or Julie or Rich at wendland8120@msn.com for more information.

THE 'PACK IS BACK' APRIL 24-28, 2024

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

All Hands on Hope Feed My Starving Children MobilePack partnership with Incarnation Lutheran Church is back again in full force. RLC has partnered with Incarnation Lutheran of Shoreview, MN for several of their MobilePack events. Mark your calendars for April 24-28, 2024. Let's blow past this year's goal of 614,304 meals. This event is hosted by Incarnation Lutheran, Shoreview, MN.



APRIL 24-28 AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN, SHOREVIEW

WWW.ROSEVILLELUTHERAN.ORG/FMSC

Here's a note from the 2023 MobilePack Action Team at Incarnation Lutheran:

"We believe RLC's involvement was a key factor in the success of the 2023 MobilePack – both in terms of volunteers and financial support. There were RLC members packing meals and/or working behind the scenes to support FMSC staff at almost EVERY shift! We were able to meet our financial obligation of \$180,000, which provided more than 600,000 meals for hungry children. Incarnation's FMSC Action Team is incredibly grateful for the partnership and support of Roseville Lutheran members in our efforts to end global hunger. We would love to have you join us in future efforts, as we are stronger together."

Pass the word amongst your circle of RLC Friends, your school or work mates, or neighbors, other friends and family to come for a two-hour shift (or maybe more than one shift!) to help end global hunger. Your financial support and your presence are greatly appreciated by those around the world who receive these life-changing meals!

For more info, sign up, or make a donation, go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/fmsc. You'll hear more about this way to LOVE GOD and LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR in April. If you have other questions, please contact KJ Bach (k-j-o@msn.com) or Kathy Miller (Kathy.a.Miller@comcast.net).

APRIL FOOD DRIVE FOR KEYSTONE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Food and household supplies will be collected for our Mission and Outreach Partners at Keystone Community Services in the month of April. Watch the weekly communications for more information in the coming weeks.



GUATEMALA SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

February 2024 Service Learning Trip

As this TABLE newsletter goes to press, our team is in Guatemala right now! Pray for their safe travels and for this experience to help grow our faith and connections with our siblings in faith. Look for updates soon!

MISSION AND OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS TEAM

Volunteering Opportunities

Roseville Lutheran's Mission and Outreach Partnership team coordinates giving and volunteer assistance for the eight local and global organizations RLC supports through our annual budget. The team is structured in a "hub and spoke" model with a small coordination team that supports the work being done directly with the non-profit organizations.



Your Help Is Needed! Volunteers, and Coordinating Team Members

While we have many dedicated volunteers already involved with these ministries, we are always looking for more volunteers if you are curious and want to know more! We are also looking for one or two additional members to join the coordination team. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, contact the church office at 651-487-7752 or email MO@rosevillelutheran.org. If you are a currently volunteer with any of these organizations, thank you for your commitment! See the table below for more information on our partnerships, and volunteer opportunities.



RLC Community Partner	What They Do	Volunteer Opportunity	Frequency, Upcoming Dates
Bridging	Provides furniture and household goods to create a functioning and comfortable home	Build dressers, assemble household kits	Yearly, 01/18/2024
Central Park Elementary	Multicultural elementary school learning in Roseville district	Tutor children, serve annual back-to-school breakfast	Weekly, October - May
Dorothy Day Center	Provides shelter, meals, mental health services and medical care, showers to help people experiencing homelessness	Food preparers and servers	Monthly, year round
Every Meal	Provides backpacks to school children to help address food gaps that children face on weekends, extended breaks and summer	Distribute backpacks at area school	Bi-weekly on Fridays during the school year
Feed My Starving Children	Empowers volunteers to pack meals for the malnourished in nearly 70 countries	Pack meals	Yearly, April 24-28, 2024
Mission Guatemala	Working alongside local partners, improve learning conditions in Guatemalan schools	Travel to Guatemala to build basic equipment for food preparation.	Yearly trip, Feb. 17-26, 2024
Keystone Community Services	Provides youth programming, senior services, food shelves and distribution, and crisis support to neighborhoods surrounding St. Paul	Pack hygiene items, hold food drives	Yearly Serve Sunday, 02/14/24
Meals on Wheels Roseville	Provides hot meal delivery to individuals homes	Pick up and deliver meals to senior adults.	3rd Friday of the month

LOVE GOD • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

RLC MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers Needed
3rd Friday of the Month

RLC partners with the Meals on Wheels program to deliver noontime meals to folks in the Roseville area who need an extra hand with meal preparation. Every third Friday a friendly group of RLC volunteers meet at the Antepu Teca Community Center where they gather up the prepared meals and head out to the homes and apartments of folks who welcome you and very much appreciate your volunteerism.

We are in need of a couple more volunteers to help with deliveries. Please contact Erik Wolhowe if you would like to help: 651-235-5077 or erik.wolhowe@gmail.com.

Delivery times are from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm on every third Friday of the month.

Also, if you know of someone who could use this service, please call the MOW office at 651-604-3524.

RLC Endowment Grant Application Deadline is Wednesday, May 1

www.rosevillelutheran.org/endowment-grants/

MAY 1 • ENDOWMENT GRANT DEADLINE

Roseville Lutheran Church (RLC) Endowment Fund provides funds for projects that fit within one of the following ministry areas of RLC • Faith, Worship and Prayer • Discipleship • Service and Stewardship • Evangelism.

Examples of projects that might fit within these ministry areas include: Seed money for new missions/ministry • Educational programs, sponsorship, scholarships, camperships • Funds for church capital projects not normally funded by the RLC budget • Local, regional or world mission projects • Support for natural disaster relief • Worship and music

Grants are considered twice annually, and Grant requests must be received by May 1 or October 1 in order to be considered at the ensuing meeting. To apply for a grant, complete and submit the online application form by May 1, 2024 at www.rosevillelutheran.org/endowment-grants.

CONNECTING WITH RLC STAFF

If you are in need of connecting with an RLC staff member we invite you to call the church office at (651) 487-7752, or reach out to them via email. Staff contacts can be found at: www.rosevillelutheran.org/welcome/staff-andleadership. RLC office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We respectfully ask that you do not use text or cell phone as a primary way of communication with RLC staff. We wish to honor staff members day's off and vacations. Cell phone and text communication can often interfere with scheduled time away. We thank you!

If you hear a busy signal when you call, it means our phone system is disabled. Please email staff or call 651-488-5705.

PIZZA, PLANTS, AND PRESCHOOLERS – OH, MY!

Sher Noot, Director of RLC Preschool and Child Care House

Did you know that you can support RLC Preschool and Childcare by eating pizza and buying plants?

The fourth Tuesday of the month, Parkway Pizza in Roseville supports RLC Preschool and Childcare with “Dine Out for Schools”. We receive 5% for every purchase, whether you dine in or take out, lunch or dinner for the entire day. They have sandwiches and salads too! No need to mention RLC Preschool and Childcare.

This is a great opportunity to partner with a local Roseville business! “Dine Out for Schools” dates:

- February 27th
- March 26th
- April 23rd
- May 28th
- June 25th



Gertens Online Plant Sale

Orders Close 10:00 pm, March 28, • Pick up on Monday, May 6

RLC Preschool and Childcare will receive 30% of all Plant and 15% of all Plant Card (gift card) sales. What could be better than having gorgeous plants AND helping our preschool and childcare raise funds for education equipment and supplies!



FAMILY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

10:00 am, Friday, March 29

Join us on Friday, March 29 from 10:00 - 11:00 am to learn about Good Friday in a kid-friendly way! This is an hour of time just for kids and their families to learn about what Good Friday means. Last year, we went through all 5 senses to explore and learn about this day and why it is important. Come back this year to keep learning more and bring your friends!



SERVE SUNDAY

Supporting our Partnership with Keystone Community Services
Sunday, April 14

For our Serve Sunday this spring, we will be partnering with Keystone again! Keystone is a community service that serves the Ramsey county area, working with individuals, youth, families, and seniors to improve their quality of life. This could be through their food shelf, tutoring sessions, hygiene supplies and more. We are excited to continue in our partnership with one another on Sunday, April 14th during our regular worship services in RLC Kids.



GLIMPSES OF GOODNESS IN THE WILDERNESS OF OUR LIVES

Jenna Baccam, Director of Children and Family Ministries

There’s a place in Montana that I hold near and dear to my heart called the Jewel Basin. It’s where I had some of my first backpacking experiences within the mountains and where I think I truly fell in love with the wilderness. I fell in love with the quiet, with the conversation on a long hike, with the fact that the outside world couldn’t get in. It’s a place of solitude and peace for me.

But don’t get me wrong, there are many aspects of being in that space that were stressful. Not getting to our campsite before sundown, not having enough drinkable water, tending to injuries along the trail; honestly the list of how many things went wrong is endless! However, my memories from this place are mainly positive. I look forward to telling others about my experiences and showing them pictures that simply never did it justice.

In the wilderness of our lives, when nothing is going to plan and life seems to be spinning out of control, where are the areas where we can see glimpses of goodness? Focusing on the negative seems natural in situations where nothing is going right. How can we alter our mindset, and see all the goodness that God is doing during those chaotic moments? I’m not going to lie, it’s hard, and it takes practice. But seeing the messiness, taking a deep breath, and inviting God into those wilderness moments just might make the uncomfortableness bearable.



LAST DAY OF RLC KIDS

**** Sunday, May 19 ****

RLC Kids will have its last day of programming on Sunday, May 19. We would love to see all of our kids there to celebrate the fun year we have had together!

CRASH COURSE

Our monthly Crash Courses have been a hit this year! On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Marty and Director of Children’s ministry Jenna have been engaging our elementary students in an educational hour to learn about many staples of the bible. Kids have come with all the questions and it has been wonderful to dive deeper into our topics. Please join us for our last couple Crash Courses of the year on **April 3 and May 1**. Stay after for pizza with our Confirmation students! Registration is online. **Intended ages for the Crash Course will be 2nd - 4th grade, but other grades are welcome if they are interested.**

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

April 21 from 10:00 - 10:30 am

If you have children in preschool or elementary school, we would like to invite you to Family Fellowship! This is a quick half hour about once a month of families coming together to meet, do an activity, and spend intentional time together. Parents and families seemed to be seeking a way to get to know other families in our congregation, and we are hoping this can fill that gap. Join us on April 21 from 10:00-10:30 AM in Room 40.

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 17 at 11:45 am

Is your child interested in starting to receive communion? Do they want to learn about why we receive communion? Then join us on Sunday, March 17th at 11:45AM for our Communion Instruction Workshop! This is a time where kids will learn about why we receive communion, how to serve communion, and baking bread together! Any child of any age is welcome to join us, just please have a conversation with them beforehand to discuss if this is something you both are interested in. Registration is online!



CAMP WAPO ICE CREAM SOCIAL

11:45 am, Sunday, April 7

Opportunities at Camp Wapo are coming this summer, and so far we have about 50 students registered! If you or your children would like to meet other people who will be attending Wapo this summer, please join us for an ice cream social after church on Sunday, April 7 at 11:45 am. Come socialize, listen to camp music, and maybe even play a few camp games together!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: CAMP FIRELIGHT

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, June 24-28

Registration Opens in March!

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! Come to RLC from June 24th-28th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for CAMP FIRELIGHT! Kids will be going through a camping adventure throughout the week and learn how to put their trust in God when they are afraid. Look for registration coming at the beginning of March!



SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP WAPO!

You can still sign-up for summer camp! Make plans to join other RLC children and youth at summer camp in July and August for fun, faith and friends!

CAMP WAPO SEEDS Weekend (completed 1st-3rd grade) August 2-4

This action-packed session for our youngest campers is the perfect introduction to camp. Knowing that this may be some kid's first camp experience or even their first time away from home, the counselors will spend every moment with these campers. They will provide a safe and caring environment filled with music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water activities and tons of games.

CAMP WAPO YOUTH Week (completed 4th-9th grade) July 28-August 2

Campers will experience a place of grace to meet new friends, experience new activities, and make memories that will last a lifetime. The week is packed with a variety of activities that are meant to impact kids in a meaningful way, taking them higher, wider, longer and deeper into the love of God and community with each other. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games and campfire. Summer youth camp at Camp Wapo is a week you will never forget!



CAMP WAPO ROOTS (completed 10th-12th grade) June 16-21, June 23-28, or August 4-9

This unique program is designed for high school campers, to grow deeper roots in faith development, friendships, and their relationship with God, in a small group setting. The Roots program is focused on developing leadership skills, community building, digging deep into faith, personal reflection, and building confidence. Roots campers will enjoy all of the traditional camp activities at Wapo, in addition to some day trips to Ox Lake for low ropes challenge course, and to the St. Croix River for a canoe trip.



SIGN UP NOW

Go to our church website for more information and the link to register for these camps. RLC children are encouraged to attend on the dates mentioned above, but can attend any of the dates available. Go to <https://lakewapo.org> for more information about Camp Wapogasset near Amery, Wis.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Jenna Baccam, jbaccam@rosevillelutheran.org

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Don't let the cost prevent you from any experience! We have funds available to offset this cost for all families registered for camp or other activities. PLEASE do NOT let money be the reason your child cannot attend. Email Pastor Tori to let her know if you would like to apply for a scholarship at tkraus@rosevillelutheran.org.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AT CAMP WAPO

Camp Wapo is looking for full summer and short term positions at its Camp Wapo and Wilderness Canoe Base sites. This is a great way to give back if you have been a camper previously! Questions? Contact suzio@campwapo.org or call 715-268-8434. You can also explore the summer staff job descriptions here: <https://lakewapo.org/employment>

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

We have a lot of faith filled, fun, and service events in this season of Confirmation! Confirmation is for those in 7th-9th grades, and we meet weekly on Wednesdays. Specific dates below:

- March 2 & 3 – 9th grade retreat
- Maundy Thursday, March 28
- Good Friday, March 29
- Easter Sunday, March 31
- April 3 – Ask a Pastor!
- April 10 – Local author and pastor Meta Herrick Carlson is coming to speak with us about blessings and prayers
- April 17 – Fellowship Night
- April 24 – Prayer Stations
- May 1 – Block Party and last night of Confirmation

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 19 at 10:30 am

On Sunday, May 19 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will witness 15 ninth graders publicly affirm their faith, and we want to support them in that affirmation. We invite you to attend this worship service and celebrate these ninth graders in this huge faith milestone!

Share your Encouragement!

For those who have journeyed with any of these youth, we invite you to write letters of encouragement and congratulations. All letters must be submitted or mailed by Saturday, May 4 to the RLC office clearly labeled with the confirmand's name and will be included with each confirmand's certificate packet.

Thank you for uplifting and surrounding these students with your support and prayers!



OTHER ELCA SUMMER CAMPS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND EVENTS

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AT CAMP WAPO

RLC Has Scholarships Available

Roseville Lutheran Church will assist with the cost of any of the camps below. Reach out to Pastor Tori, tkraus@rosevillelutheran.org, for more information on any of these camps!

Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science, and Ethics | June 15-21

If you have ever wondered how science and faith fit together, this camp is for you! It is for youth who are currently in grades 9-12. The theme for this year is How and Why We Sleep: Revelations in Rest. It will be a week of diving deep into this theme, how faith fits into science, getting to know others from around the country, and having time for fun and games!

The Confluence at Augsburg University | June 23-28

If you are in 9th-12th grade and have asked the questions, what's next? The Confluence is for you! The Confluence is June 23 – 28, 2024 at Augsburg University and is a week of discovering who you are and how God is calling you to make our world more just and sustainable for all. Together in community, you will engage in vocational discernment through a variety of experiences including – daily spiritual practices, small groups led by college mentors, tasty and meaningful meals together, thoughtful conversations with peers and mentors, and experiential learning around the Twin Cities.

The Naming Project Summer Camp | July 28-August 2

The Naming Project Summer Camp is for those currently in 8th-12th grade, who are of any sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, and who are interested in discussing and understanding sexuality and gender in terms of their own spiritual journey and are excited to spend time with other teen campers and staff while canoeing, swimming, hiking, singing, doing arts and crafts.

GATHER TWIN CITIES

An ELCA Young Adult Ministry

Gather Twin Cities is an ELCA ministry for young adults in the Twin Cities inviting people into community for meals and for worship and other events. They meet about once a month at various churches and locations around the Twin Cities. Follow them on Facebook for more information! <https://www.facebook.com/gathertwincities>

If you want to be added to our young adult email list, please contact Pastor Tori at tkraus@rosevillelutheran.org



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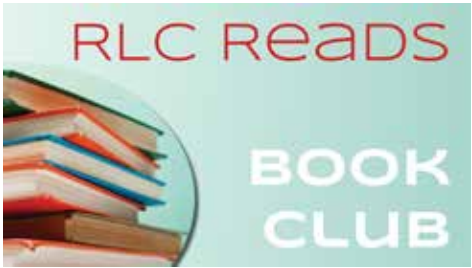
Thanks to All Who Helped

Thanks to all of those that helped assemble a dresser or contribute financially to dresser build at Roseville Lutheran in January. We were able to complete 40 dressers this year for the clients of Bridging! Dressers are a huge need for the people Bridging serves. It was a great partnership between children, youth, and families and the Mission and Outreach committee. Thank you to all those who participated!

RLC READS

2024 Book List

All are welcome, whether you come once, twice, or eight times! Even if you didn't quite get to finish the book, come anyway and share your thoughts (and feel free to bring a friend). We'll be meeting on the **THIRD** Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the "coffee area" lounge between the church library and the office just inside the north entrance. Hope to see you there!



MARCH 18: *Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora* Named one of the best books of the year by several reviewers and winner of multiple awards, *Solito* will immerse you in the migrant experience like no other book. Nine-year-old Javier takes a harrowing 3,000-mile trek from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and into the United States. Traveling to be reunited with his parents, he's alone on this two-month journey with a group of strangers, facing pointed guns, arrests, and dangerous desert crossings. Javier's treacherous trip also reveals unexpected kindness and love in this gripping memoir. The LA Times says, "You will be changed by this extraordinary book." (2023, 416 pgs) (suggested by Dana Ochocki)

APRIL 15: *Disability Visibility: First Person Stories from the 21st Century* edited by Alice Wong With 37 powerful narratives by people living with a disability, Alice Wong shows us the depth of everyday courage and their extraordinary capacity to face life's adversities. 15% of people around the world have a disability, yet their stories are rarely told. This collection celebrates and documents the lived experiences, power, and culture of the diverse disabled community. This book will educate and inspire you. (2020, 336 pgs) (suggested by Paula Olander)

MAY 20: *We Should Not Be Friends: The Story of a Friendship by Will Schwalbe* This is a "warm, funny, irresistible memoir that follows an improbable and life-changing college friendship over the course of forty years." Will is an artsy Latin and Greek major who avoids "the jocks" at his college, but somehow he meets Maxie, the school's star wrestler and ultimate jock. The two form an unlikely friendship that takes them through marriages, divorce, triumphs, and devastating losses. This book tracks their challenges and changes over the years, and artfully shows us how we may find some of our greatest friends if we can just get over our preconceptions. (2023, 336 pgs).



RLC TO HOST FAITHFUL HOSPITALITY

Overnight Housing at Roseville Lutheran Church

About the time you receive this newsletter, this project will be getting started right here at RLC! We have been asked by Interfaith Action to partner with them in a new program called Faithful Hospitality, similar to Project Home, a mobile shelter that houses families at area churches.

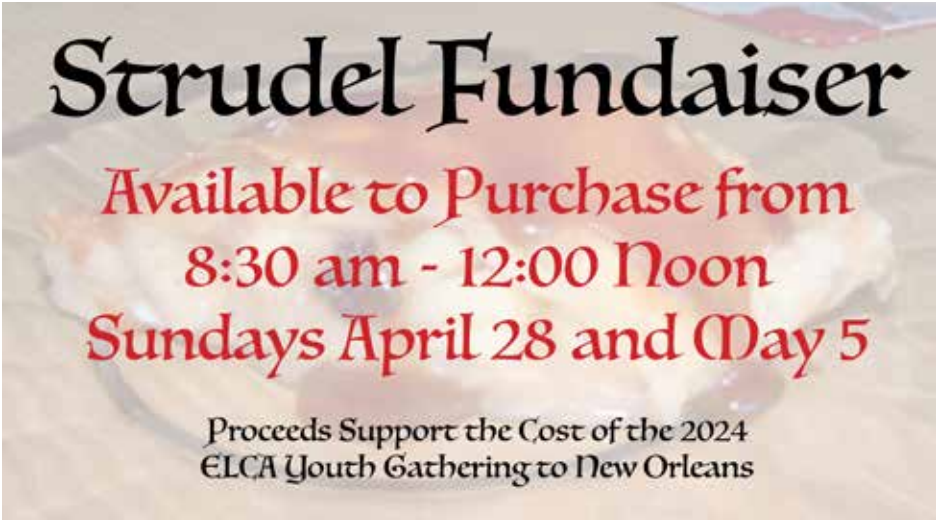
We will be one of the first places to host, and are thankful for your help! Guests will stay overnight but meals will be off-site. We will host families from 7:00 pm – 7:00 am during the month of March and will have two overnight volunteers to stay with them each night.

Read more about this at www.rosevillelutheran.org/faithful, and see how we can act as a community united by grace and show love to our neighbors.



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STRUDELS ARE BACK

Available on Sundays April 28, May 5

Strudels are coming back this spring! On Sunday, April 28 and May 5, strudels will be available to purchase through Ruhland's Strudel Haus. A percentage of the proceeds will go toward the cost of the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering to New Orleans. You can pick from a variety of savory or sweet strudels. These are a perfect treat or an easy meal to have on hand for Mother's Day, Confirmation Sunday, and during the graduation season!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

10:30 am, Sunday, May 5

On Sunday, May 5, we will be recognizing all of our graduating high school seniors. Many of them have helped with RLC kids, participated in youth events and activities, and volunteered countless hours here and on service trips through RLC. We invite all of you to join us at the 10:30 am worship service to celebrate these students!

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY CLASSES AT 10:00 AM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Adult Ed opportunities are held at 10:00 am most Sundays in the Social Hall. All are welcome to bring a cup of coffee and engage with the topic of the day.

MARCH 3 - 9:00 AM IN ROOM 40

Organ Project Update

The Organ Project Team will provide an update on the organ replacement project. We'll discuss progress on the new organ, plans for the uninstal of the Holtkamp in Birmingham in June 2024, next steps, timelines, and upcoming volunteer opportunities to help with the project. We also hope to have a small demonstration pipe organ for those interested in how this amazing instrument works. We encourage your questions!



MARCH 10

The Letter of Paul to Philemon: An Appeal to Do the Right Thing with James L. Boyce

In this shortest of his letters, Paul appeals to Philemon on behalf of Onesimus, Philemon's runaway slave, who has arrived where Paul is imprisoned and has come to faith in Christ. Now Paul sends a "cover letter" along with Onesimus' return to his owner. Through careful rhetoric and irony Paul relies on themes of the partnership of faith and the mutual love of Christian community to encourage Philemon to do the right thing and receive Onesimus back as a brother in Christ. As we read its brief words we will see an amazing illustration of Paul's person and skill in pastoral care from a distance.



MARCH 17, 24

The First Letter of John: Christian Faith Wrestles with Issues of Life in the World

with James L. Boyce

This sermon or letter by an anonymous author is likely one of latest writings included in the New Testament. It reveals a Christian community that is wrestling, often with deep disagreements, about what it means to follow Christ in the world, not least being what to do about those who were saying that Jesus did not really come in the flesh. Reading carefully between the lines, in our two sessions we will explore what insights we can gain from a church that by the beginning of the 2nd century is struggling with threats to unity and with what lies at the center of what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

MARCH 31

No Adult Ed Class - Easter Sunday

APRIL 7

Financial Solutions for New Immigrants-How Can the Church Help with Roberto Valdizan

Have you ever thought how would you feel about suddenly moving to another country and not being able to communicate or to express yourself? Did you ever consider what it takes to be an immigrant and the barriers that you would need to tear down to finally feel at home? What does it really mean to start all over? Are you aware that immigrants make substantial contributions to the Minnesota economy?



APRIL 14

Ashes to Action with Shari Seifert

Shari will read some excerpts form her book *Ashes to Action: Finding Myself at the Intersection of the Minneapolis Uprising* including from the chapter on her racial justice journey. She will discuss why and how Calvary was ready to meet the moment by being a good neighbor and the opportunity to "be church" when George Floyd was murdered one block from her church. There will be time for discussion and questions.



APRIL 21

Bible Women by Women Artists with Kristin Anderson

Although often indistinguishable from similar portrayals by their male colleagues, the images of Biblical women by female artists are sometimes distinctly different. In this slide presentation, we will see how the particular vision of women artists created fascinating perspectives on familiar religious characters and stories.



APRIL 28

No Adult Ed Class - ONE Worship at 10:00 am this Sunday.

MAY 5, 12

Divine Laughter: Humor, Theology, and Christian Faith with Rolf Jacobson

Comedian Bill Callen said, "I've been to church, I've read the Bible, never laughed once." Many Christians have agreed. The Rule of St. Benedict stated, "buffoonery or words which are useless and provoke laughter—these we condemn with a perpetual ban." But for many other Christians, laughter and humor are central to the life of faith. As Will Willimon writes, "the very essence of sin is to take ourselves too seriously.... If that be true, then the very essence of grace is to receive the gift of laughter." In these sessions Rolf Jacobson, author of Divine Laughter and the Rogness Chair of Scripture, Theology, and Ministry at Luther Seminary, will explore the role of laughter and humor in the Christian life.



MAY 19

In Focus: The Sistine Chapel with Kristin Anderson

One of the best-known spaces in the Christian tradition, the Sistine Chapel is recognized for the famous paintings done by Michelangelo. Yet the ceiling and the Last Judgment projects were only two parts of a more complex design, done by multiple artists over a few generations. This presentation looks at the entire plan for the Sistine Chapel's floor-to-ceiling decoration.



MAY 26

No Adult Ed Class - Memorial Day Weekend

A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE

PROVIDING A CONTINUUM OF CARE

More Information at www.lyngblomsten.org

Rev. Ruth Sorenson, Director Spiritual Care, Lyngblomsten gifted us with an interesting Adult Ed. In January. She presented Spirituality and Aging in the context of courage to find the meaning of our own life and curiosity that keeps us learning and asking questions in later life.



Roseville Lutheran Church has been a partner congregation of Lyngblomsten since 1975. Lyngblomsten provides senior housing, healthcare and community services to older adults at two campuses. You can get involved through donation, volunteering or through a business sponsorship.

Here are two of many community offerings:

- They offer a memory collective online that enriches adults with memory loss. Check it out at www.lyngblomsten.org/MemoryCollective
- Free wellness screenings will be available for adults over 60 on Thursday, April 25 at the Roseville oval. Appointments are available now. Call 651-632-5330 or email communityservices@lyngblomsten.org

– Jan Abell, RLC liaison to Lyngblomsten



LIVE at RLC! pRAISE 2024

Raising \$110,000 in 100 Hours • April 28 – May 2

Join us in person and online for this end-of-(fiscal) year annual campaign!

- ONE Worship at 10:00 am Sunday, April 28
- RLC Jazz in a free concert at 7:00 pm, Sunday, April 28
- RLC Block Party from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 1
 - Food Trucks
 - Games



LENTEN SOUP AND SALAD SUPPERS

Wednesdays through March 20

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers are back at RLC. Join us Wednesdays February 14 – March 20 from 5:00 until 6:45 pm in the Social Hall. Along with the soup choices there will be butter and bread as well as an assortment of desserts. Salad will be Caesar or House (Spring Mix, Shaved Parm, Carrot, Mushroom, Tomato, Herbs) as well as a weekly Chef’s creation.
Cost is: Adults – \$10, Children 6-10 years old – \$8.00, Children 5 and under – Free. We will accept cash or check as payment at the soup suppers.

TO GO ORDERS AVAILABLE

You may also order (ahead of time) to pick up Soup and Salad Suppers to go! Register and pay by the FRIDAY BEFORE the Wednesday it is served. Online registration/payment link and menu is at www.rosevillelutheran.org/soup. Each week’s menu description below:

MARCH 6 (Order “to go” by March 1)

- Butternut Squash Curry - Roasted butternut squash, onions, carrots, lemongrass, ginger, garlic and Red curry simmered with coconut milk. (V, VN, GF,)
- Chicken Dumpling - My Grandmother’s dumplings are the highlight of this traditional chicken soup. Made from scratch, the way it should be!

MARCH 13 (Order “to go” by March 8)

- Minestrone - An Italian favorite with a medley of vegetables and pasta simmered with tomatoes and Italian seasonings. (V, VN)
- Reuben - Corned beef, kraut, and creamy potatoes get together for a satisfying take on the classic sandwich.

MARCH 20 (Order “to go” by March 15)

- Philly Cheesesteak - Peppers, mushrooms and onions simmered with cheese and beef.
- Calabacitas - Roasted peppers, corn and a medley of squash simmered in chicken broth, tomatoes and Mexican herbs. (V, GF)

RLC WELCOME STATEMENT

Called by Jesus, Roseville Lutheran Church welcomes you with open arms, minds, and hearts. We are all beloved children of God, and we celebrate each other completely: all ages, abilities, races and ethnicities; all sexualities,gender identities and expressions; all family circumstances, and experiences.

RLC pledges our authentic welcome and hospitality. We commit to learn, to grow, and to undo oppressive norms that divide us, while we humbly strive to dismantle barriers to racial, social, and economic justice.

Following Christ’s example, let us love God and our neighbor together.

GET CONNECTED WITH MUSIC AT RLC

John Helgen, Director

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 vocal and instrumental ensembles, we welcome you! Vocalists, instrumentalists, pianists and accompanists are all needed. If you like to sing but can’t commit to weekly rehearsals, consider the Festival Choir (sings for special events at Christmas and Easter – see notice below). Contact John Helgen, Director of Music at 651-288-4236 - jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org.



JOIN THE FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Plan now to join the Festival Choir and sing for worship on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday – rehearsals begin on Saturday, March 9. It’s a great way to get involved in singing!

Wednesday	March 13	7:45 - 9:15 pm (follows mid-week worship)
Wednesday	March 20	7:45 - 9:15 pm (follows mid-week worship)
Sunday	March 24	8:15 am vocal warmup 9:00 am Palm Sunday worship
Wednesday	March 27	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Friday	March 29	6:15 pm vocal warmup 7:00 pm Good Friday worship
Saturday	March 30	9:30 to 10:30 am
Sunday	March 31	8:15 am vocal warmup 9:00 am Easter Sunday worship

2024 Upcoming Music Events at Roseville Lutheran Church

Get out your calendar and mark down these exciting concert opportunities at RLC for the coming months – concert times and more details will be available as the dates approach. Most events are free concerts with the opportunity to make a free-will donation. *Concerts with an asterisk are ticeted events, with tickets available from the group at the door.

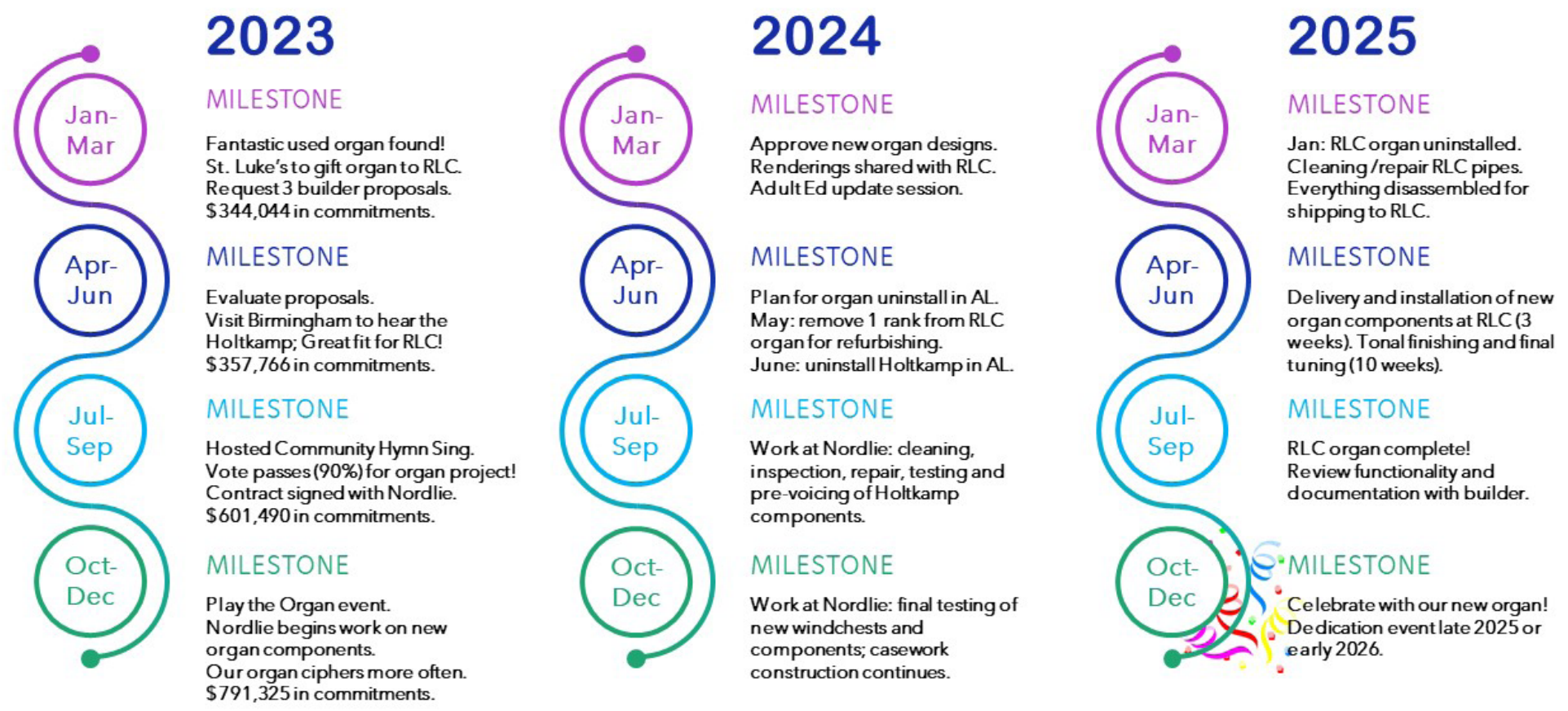
7:00 pm, Friday	Feb. 9	Minnesota Sinfonia – Jay Fishman
3:00 pm, Sunday	Feb. 25	Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies
7:00 pm, Sunday	April 28	RLC Jazz
7:00 pm, Friday 4:00 pm, Saturday	May 3* May 4*	Twin Cities Women’s Choir Randi Rexroth, conductor



CONSIDER A LEGACY GIFT TO RLC ENDOWMENT FUND

Please prayerfully consider leaving a Legacy Gift to the RLC Endowment Fund in your Estate Plan. With each contribution, members and friends leave a legacy and entrust their dollars to help meet the future needs of RLC and our community. For more information about how our Endowment Fund works, please visit www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/endowment.





RLC ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

2023 marked a big year in our pipe organ replacement project! The graphic above provides a summary of last year's milestones and what we have to look forward to in the coming months.

June 2025 seems like a long wait for our new organ, especially when the current organ has a tendency to misbehave! However, many things are happening behind the scenes as we prepare for our exciting new instrument.

- The Organ Project Team got the first look at Nordlie's renderings of the new organ console and pipework design in mid-February. The team is excited to share architectural renderings with the congregation soon. Once designs are approved, lots of construction at the Nordlie shop in Sioux Falls, SD begins!
- On March 3, the Organ Project Team will provide an update at the Adult Education session.

- Several organ-related events are planned for 2024, such as reprisals of the community hymn sing and play the organ events. Additionally, Nordlie has graciously agreed to loan RLC one of the **Orgelkids** organ kits they have recently built. An educational program founded in the Netherlands, Orgelkids (Organ kids) originated a traveling reusable kit that empowers children to adults to assemble a 133-piece, working 2-rank, 2-octave pipe organ with hand-pumped bellows. The kit provides hands-on exploration to introduce all ages to the King of Instruments and make the pipe organ, its heritage, culture and music accessible to all. Stay tuned for more information about events featuring the Orgelkids kit!



- In May, Nordlie will remove one rank of wooden pipes (Contre Trompette 16') from our organ. The pipes will be shipped to a company in Ohio that specializes in refurbishing these kinds of pipes. The rest of the pipes in our organ will remain in place until January 2025. The metal pipes that will be re-used in the new organ will be refurbished in the Nordlie shop.
- Plans are already underway for the uninstall of the Holtkamp organ in Birmingham this June! Shipping details to get the pipes from Birmingham to Sioux Falls have been worked out, and lodging arrangements made for Nordlie's 6-person crew and RLC's 10 volunteers who will travel to Alabama to help uninstall and pack up the organ. Work will begin June 10 and take approximately six days. The crew from RLC includes Jan Abell, KJ Bach, John Helgen, Scott and Julie Henry, Julie and Rich Wendland, Dave and Linda Werner, and Erik Wolhowe. Volunteers will pay their own expenses.
- RLC is making monthly payments of \$30,000 to Nordlie. Cash flow looks good well into this year.

FUNDING, AND HOW TO FULFILL YOUR INTENT TO GIVE FOR THE ORGAN

The organ project is funded solely by congregational donations. As of the end of December, commitments for the organ totaled \$791,324 or 93% of the \$850,000 project goal. We are on track to reach the project target well before the scheduled installation date. We will also lay the groundwork to establish a maintenance fund for the new organ.

The exceptional fundraising progress is a testament to the dedication and determination of RLC's members who believe in the power of music and worship. Every gift, regardless of its size, makes a difference and helps ensure the success of this legacy project.

To make a donation to the Organ Project, please fill out an Intent to Give form at RosevilleLutheran.org/organ or pick up a form and envelope in the Commons by the organ poster. You can also make a "noisy" donation to the organ by dropping your change in the organ donation pipe in the Commons.



Here's how to fulfill your Intent to Give:

- For 2024 gifts: Please send your donation designated to the Organ Fund. To help with cash flow, please consider making your donation early in 2024 or making quarterly payments.
- For 2025 gifts: RLC will continue to make monthly payments of \$30,000 to the organ builder with a final payment in June 2025. Please consider making your donation early in 2025 and complete your donation before June 1, 2025 to help with cash flow.
- If you have forgotten the amount of your Intent to Give, please email Laurel at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org and the Finance Office can assist you.

Thank you, RLC for your continued support and generosity for the beautiful new organ that will inspire and uplift our congregation for generations to come!

To learn more about this project, visit the Organ Project webpage at www.rosevillelutheran.org/organ. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to access several videos and a thorough FAQ section.

Members of the project team are KJ Bach, John Helgen, Julie and Scott Henry, Erik Storlie, Dorothy Tostengard, Pastor Lauren Wrightsman and organ consultant Dr. Greg Peterson.



RLC CALENDAR
HIGHLIGHTS

Find More Information at:
www.rosevillelutheran.org
(Or see listed pages in this TABLE)

- March 2-3
Confirmation Retreat (p.7)
- Sunday, March 3
Adult Ed - Organ 9:00 am (p.9)
ONE Worship 10:00 am (p.1)
Godspeed, Pastor Lauren!
- Wednesday, March 6
Lenten Worship (p.2,3)
Soup Supper (p.10)
- Sunday, March 10
Adult Ed: Paul's Letter (p.9)
Thank You, Laurel 10:00 am (p.4)
- Wednesday, March 13
Lenten Worship (p.2,3)
- Sunday, March 17
Adult Ed: John's Letter (p.9)
1st Communion Workshop (p.6)
- Monday, March 18
RLC Reads (p.8)
- Wednesday, March 20
Lenten Worship (p.2,3)
- Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday Worship (p.1,2)
Adult Ed: John's Letter (p.9)
Passion Walk 11:45 am (p.2)
- Thursday, March 28
Maundy Thursday
Thursday Worship (p.1,2)
Preschool Plant Sale Ends (p.6)
- Friday, March 29
Good Friday
10 am Family Good Friday (p.6)
7 pm Good Friday Worship (p.2)
- Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday
Easter Sunday Worship (p.1,2)
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am
- Wednesday, April 3
Crash Course (p.6)
- Sunday, April 7
Adult Ed: Financial (p.9)
Wapo Ice Cream Social (p.7)
- Sunday, April 14
Serve Sunday (p.6)
Adult Ed: Ashes to Action (p.9)
- Monday, April 15
RLC Reads (p.8)
- Sunday, April 21
Family Fellowship (p.6)
Adult Ed: Bible Women (p.9)
- April 24- 28
FMSC MobilePack (p.4)
- April 28 - May 2
pRAISE RLC (p.2, 9)
- Sunday, April 28
ONE Worship 10:00 am (p.3)
RLC Jazz Concert 7:00 pm (p.10)
Strudel Fundraiser (p.8)



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- Wednesday, May 1
pRAISE RLC Block Party (p.2,9)
Endowment Grant Deadline (p.4)
Crash Course (p.6)
Last Night of Confirmation (p.7)
- Sunday, May 5
Adult Ed: Divine Laughter (p.9)
Strudel Fundraiser (p.8)
10:30 am Grad Recognition (p.8)
- Sunday, May 12
Adult Ed: Divine Laughter (p.9)
- Sunday, May 19
RLC Kids Last Day (p.6)
Adult Ed: Sistine Chapel (p.9)
Confirmation 10:30 am (p.7)
- Monday, May 20
RLC Reads (p.8)
- June 24-28
Vacation Bible School (p.7)
- Sept. 30 - Nov. 4
Just Move (p.4)

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