



THE MANY MEANINGS OF “LIVE!”

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When talking about our 2024 theme for *pRAISE*, we realized that the word “live” is a homonym and could be taken multiple ways. It could be a verb, an adverb, or an adjective. We were originally looking at highlighting our livestream services and taking “live” as an adverb, meaning at the actual time of occurrence. However, when we started talking about our theme in depth, we realized that our theme is more expansive and should actually have all three meanings. Not only a time of occurrence, but also the meanings of living, and to be alive.



Abundant Life

John 10:10 talks about this with Jesus saying “I came so that they may have life and have it abundantly.” We normally look at this and take it to mean eternal life, and a life that can only occur hereafter. When we focus on eternal life, we often forget about the life that is present now. About the life that is happening at the actual time of occurrence. What it means to be alive and living.

What does abundant life mean for us today? What does abundant life mean for Roseville Lutheran Church? When Jesus spoke these words to his disciples, he was doing so in a time where there was great division between two parties that caused a great deal of harm to Jesus and his disciples and followers that included food shortages, slumped economic security, and decreased health opportunities. Jesus was speaking to both those present day challenges as well as pointing toward the future.

We have seen Roseville Lutheran Church at work in this abundant life. We have seen it through Faithful Hospitality, through the tutors who work with Central Park Elementary, through partnerships with local schools and organizations, through opportunities for family and intergenerational connection, through worship, and the list goes on and on. It will continue to go on and on.

Your Support Is Needed!

There are many ways you can join in the abundant life here at RLC during the week of *pRAISE*. We will have many ways to engage in community events that are highlighted throughout this special edition of the Table. We also encourage you to give generously to the *pRAISE* campaign. This fundraiser makes it possible for us to continue to support the programs and ministries that we cherish at RLC and in the community. You can give to the campaign online or by bringing a check to the church office during the week of *pRAISE*.

“Live!” or is that “Live?”

This 2024 *pRAISE* we are asking you to be a part of this abundant life with us. To participate “live” and to “live” in it. Join us either online or in-person for a **ONE Worship service on Sunday, April 28 at 10:00 am**; and join us throughout the week with both online and in-person events to hear more about how we are a community united by grace, loving God and our neighbors, and leaning into life abundantly, in the future, yes, but also right now. Join us for *pRAISE 2024: Live!*



pRAISE WEEK TRANSITIONS UPDATE

Val Velde, RLC Council President

During this year’s *pRAISE* week at RLC we have a lot going on! Our new interim pastor has started with us right after Easter. Eric Leshner will be a great addition and will help us navigate the process of hiring a new senior pastor. For a full bio on Eric please visit the transition page on our website: www.rosevillelutheran.org/pastoral-transition.

Additionally, I’m excited to announce that we’ve selected a Transition Team that will complete the Ministry Site Profile. This team will complete a document that will be visible for all candidates that will consider RLC. Trupti Storlie, Andrew Olson, Joe Ziegler, Kevin Miller, and Sara Mohn will work with Pastor Eric to complete this document and submit it to the ELCA. This is a talented team that will represent RLC well in completing this documenting and getting it submitted on our behalf. Each of these candidates bring assets to the team. Kevin Miller was part of the last MSP Transition team so can help the group leverage the documentation used when Pastor Marty was hired. Sara Mohn is a Past President of RLC so has deep history of RLC. Joe is also a Past President and is also a professional editor which will come in handy on this project. Andrew Olson is currently serving on Council so will serve on the committee but also keep Council up to date on the progress of this team’s work. Trupti led RIC work here at RLC and is currently heavily involved in website development. It’ll be key that how we present ourselves to the world matches how we represent ourselves to our new potential senior pastor. Thank you in advance, to all these lay leaders.



After the Transition Team has completed its work, we will be forming the Call Committee. This will be the committee that will be selecting and hiring the new senior pastor. They will be selecting the final candidates and interviewing them. They will then make the difficult decision of deciding which to bring in front of the congregation for you to vote on. We will be posting a process soon for you to submit your name if you’d like to be considered for this committee. It’s a large time commitment for a few months’ time but an incredible way to get to know fellow members of RLC and the church hiring process.

Thank you for engaging with Roseville Lutheran Church with your time and finances – you are a blessing!



JOIN US APRIL 28 – MAY 2 FOR PRAISE RLC: LIVE!

Linda Werner, *pRAISE RLC: Live!* Council Liason

Mark your calendars, and save the date! We have many great things in store for our upcoming *pRAISE RLC: Live!* campaign. I hope you will be able to join us throughout the week as we come together to celebrate our work as a community united by grace. Our chosen scripture is, John 10:10 "I came so that they may have life and have it abundantly."



This year, we again have a goal of raising \$110,000 in 100 hours. Donating to our *pRAISE* campaign will support our shared ministries, and help ensure we remain a strong and vibrant church. There will be opportunities to give throughout the campaign as we highlight all of the abundant life at RLC with a special focus on our online engagement.

In addition to raising funds, *pRAISE RLC* is also a time to highlight the work of our shared ministries. We will kick off things with **ONE Worship at 10:00 am**, and an **RLC Jazz concert**, both on **Sunday, April 28**. There will be several opportunities to volunteer with Lively Landscapers and you won't want to miss our **Wednesday, May 1 Block Party**. We hope to have something for everyone.

The upcoming *pRAISE RLC: Live!* campaign will be a way that you can share your gifts and support the work that we are doing, help further our ability to meet our strategic goals, and take the action needed to support our mission and vision. I invite you to join in on the fun – this year's *pRAISE RLC Live!* campaign packed full of events that are sure to be a great time.



LIVING ABUNDANTLY THROUGH FAITHFUL HOSPITALITY

Val Velde, RLC Council President

Welcome to *pRAISE* week at RLC! We are so blessed to live abundantly here at RLC. I was reminded of abundant living recently when my son and I volunteered as overnight hosts for Faithful Hospitality. Roseville Lutheran Church stepped up when local shelters reached 400% capacity. You signed up to help host families seeking a new start from Latin American countries. These families have very little including no place to live. Adjusting when you don't know the language, you don't have a job, or savings, or have an extended family – it's difficult – but organizations like ours partnering with Faithful Hospitality make the transition easier.

Your giving allows Roseville Lutheran to be generous, so when opportunities like this pop up we can say YES! Did you know that we were the first church that signed on? That's because your generosity. Give so we can multiply that giving abundantly together.

*"I came so that they may have life
and have it abundantly."*

– John 10:10



Food Trucks at the Block Party!



RLC Jazz Leads Music at
10:00 am ONE Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 ONE WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

Kick off for *pRAISE RLC: Live!*

We will kick off our *pRAISE RLC: Live!* campaign with **ONE Worship on Sunday, April 28 at 10:00 am**. Join us as RLC's Jazz Band leads the music at this special service. Stick around after worship to mingle and enjoy a few snacks.

Come back at **7:00 pm** that evening to enjoy an **RLC Jazz Concert**. This event will take place in the RLC Worship Center. Invite a friend!

MONDAY, APRIL 29 Hymn Sing!

In addition to all the online excitement during the campaign, join us on Monday evening at **6:30 pm** for a **Community Hymn Sing**. RLC Director of Music John Helgen will lead us in many familiar hymns and take requests for your favorite hymns. Ice cream sundaes will follow!

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Volunteering Opportunities!

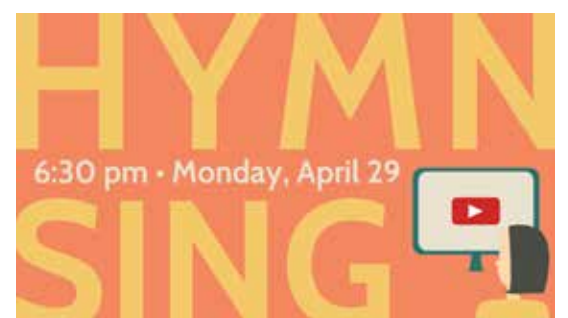
Volunteer with RLC Lively Landscapers from 4:00 - 7:00 pm as they come together to clean up our grounds in preparation for our Block Party on Wednesday. Contact KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com or the church office for more information and to sign up! And join us online as we share more stories from RLC members about their experience loving our neighbors in this community united by grace.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 Family Friendly Block Party!

Join us for our **Annual Family Friendly Block Party!** This will take place on Wednesday, May 1 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in our south parking lot. And if it rains, we will take it inside! All are invited and encouraged to attend this **free event**. We are arranging to have food trucks (including Egg Roll Queen and El Mercado Burrito), if you want to purchase dinner, and there will be **free ice cream for all**. There will also be free family friendly activities for both adults and children, and a surprise fundraising challenge this year. Previous years have had Ice Bucket Challenges, Pie in the Face, and more. Join the fun and find out!

THURSDAY, MAY 2 Bringing it Home!

Tune in online on Thursday as we wrap up our campaign and share our highlights. We will also be holding up all the ways that volunteers help us to live out our mission and vision at RLC! Thank you for giving at www.rosevillelutheran.org/praise.



A LIFE FULL OF JOY, LOVE, AND PURPOSE

Kailey Swanson

Why are you a member of RLC?

I've been attending RLC for as long as I can remember, so initially I was a member because my parents brought me. As I got older, I wanted to continue to be involved because of the amazing community RLC provides; and our mission to "Love God • Love Your Neighbor" has always really resonated with me. During high school, youth programs gave me access to new friendships and a broad support system. Even when I moved across the country for college and now for work, I've still been able to stay connected to RLC through virtual opportunities.



What does abundant life mean to you?

Very literally, abundant life means a life full of joy, love, and purpose. To me, that means taking advantage of and learning from all the diverse opportunities life has to offer, creating strong relationships, and sharing God's love as widely as possible. To live an abundant life is to be continually improving yourself and the world around you.

How have you seen or experienced abundant life at RLC?

I have seen and experienced abundant life at RLC in probably too many ways to fully describe here, so I'll just give you the highlights. First, RLC gave me so many leadership opportunities that helped me grow as a person and grow my faith alongside those I was leading. Second, the opportunity to explore thought-provoking topics like how science and faith fit together and racial reconciliation deepened my faith and my understanding of the world around me. Finally, my experiences traveling internationally to spread God's love through service have been some of the most meaningful and joyful times in my life. My involvement at RLC has truly been one of the things that has made my life most abundant.

How are you involved at RLC?

Why do you financially support RLC?

Over the years I've been involved at RLC in a variety of ways. Growing up, I attended Sunday School at RLC and once I was old enough I transitioned to being a leader. I was also a leader at VBS, a youth representative on the CYF Ministry Team, and worked in the nursery on Sundays. I also had the opportunity to participate in youth-led worship services and even deliver a sermon! I attended Camp Hiawatha as both a camper and junior counselor and participated in Boundary Waters trips. During the pandemic, I was able to be a virtual Lenten mentor from college in New York. In 2019, I went on the youth service-learning trip to Slovakia and, in February 2024, I went on the adult service trip to Guatemala. Both of these trips were amazing opportunities to experience a different culture and spread God's love through service and relationship building.



I have very directly experienced the transformative impact of the various programs RLC offers, often made possible by the financial support of the RLC community, and am proud to be able to help continue to provide these opportunities for future generations.



LIVING WITH PURPOSE AND INTENTION

Kyle and Annalisa Rudser, Bjorn, Soren, and Haakon

Why are you a member of RLC?

We joined in 2012 when we were expecting our first child because we wanted to raise our children in a church community. We both grew up in church communities that we continue to feel connected to and wanted the same foundation for our children. At this point our three children feel so comfortable and welcome at church that they run around and play hide and seek.

We have chosen to continue to be part of RLC because we support the direction the church is heading with becoming a Reconciled in Christ church, continuing social justice work, and community outreach.

What does abundant life mean to you?

Abundant life means living with purpose and intention, and serving and giving to support our community.

How have you seen or experienced abundant life at RLC?

Our experience at RLC has been enriched recently by being part of a small group with four other couples. It started as we emerged from COVID and had a desire to reconnect with other members in person and with meaning. We were initially guided by a faith workbook which prompted discussion and helped us develop relationships. It has become a meaningful group of support and joy in our life.

How are you involved at RLC?

Why do you financially support RLC?

Our three children are involved in RLC kids and the two oldest will attend Camp Wapo this summer. Annalisa has been involved in the Children's Ministry task force as well as the pRAISE committee. We have hosted an annual pRAISE event called *Braised RLC* to celebrate the giving campaign. We have also hosted celebration events for pRAISE at our home which has been a great way to meet other members. We have chosen to be Sustainers because we support the church's activities and mission in our community and the values it promotes for our children and other members.





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WHAT IS pRAISE RLC?

\$110,000 in 100 hours

RLC has a history of holding “end-of-year” appeals to raise awareness of our ministries and increase financial support. This fun, community-building giving campaign helps us bridge the gap between our expected annual income and actual offerings and gifts.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

pRAISE RLC began in the spring of 2018 as a celebration of RLC’s 75th anniversary and continues to be a time for us to lift up and support our shared ministries.

SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRIES

In years past, our *pRAISE RLC* campaign has supported specific ministries such as the construction of our online studio booth, RLC’s organ repair fund, air ionization unit and live streaming, and our community partners Feed My Starving Children, Bridging, and Keystone. *pRAISE RLC* is also an important part of financially supporting our annual budget.

LIVING OUT OUR MISSION

pRAISE RLC: Live! will support our continued and budgeted ministries that help us to live out our mission and vision through worship, education, hospitality, mission and outreach, and so much more. We hope you will join us throughout the campaign as we highlight our work together, and raise funds to support our annual budget at www.rosevillelutheran.org/praise.



Sharing Tree

