

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS "THANK YOU"

We had just over 40 kids attend our Youth week and Seeds weekend at Camp Wapo this summer. The theme was "always" about how God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



Kids who attended Youth week are going into 4-9th grade, and those who attended Seeds are going into 1st-3rd grade.



They all had so much fun playing games, swimming in the lake, doing bible studies, and deepening relationships with each other and God.



Thank you for supporting our campers through donations, scholarships, and prayer! RLC kids and youth would not be able to go to camp without your support!



STEP THREE: THE CALL PROCESS

Eric Leshar, Interim Senior Pastor

Starting in September we will be entering Step Three of the Call Process. This step oddly enough is called "The Call Process" because in this stage we are focused on calling our next Senior Pastor.

In September, you the congregation, will have the opportunity to recommend pastors who you think might be good candidates for the Senior Pastor position here at Roseville Lutheran.

There will be a sheet with the top five ministry tasks required for our next Senior Pastor on the Welcome Center. Next to this document will be a nominating form for you to fill out if your candidate meets these task requirements. Do not contact the candidate before or after your nomination. The Synod Office will do that.



HERE IS THE TIMELINE FOR STEP 3:

- Congregation council provides for selection of the call committee in accord with congregation's constitution.
- Church leadership installs call committee during worship service(s).
- Synod staff orients call committee at the committee's first meeting.
- Call committee chooses leadership roles including: chair, communicator and chaplain.
- Call committee communicates with the congregation and council about their progress throughout the process.
- Call committee reviews Ministry Site Profile and invites conversation with other congregation leaders to understand the needs and story of the congregation.
- Call committee invites pastor candidate nominations from the congregation and shares them confidentially with the synod staff person.
- Call Committee prepares interview questions and process.
- Synod staff meets with call committee to share candidate names.
- Call committee conducts interviews and gathers other information (observing preaching, calling references, etc.).
- Call committee continues to communicate with the congregation and council about their progress (without details about the candidates).
- Call committee communicates progress updates with synod staff and candidates.
- Call committee discerns final candidate through a process of consensus decision-making.
- Call committee informs council and synod staff that a decision has been made and the candidate has agreed to move forward in the process.

This is an exciting time in the Call Process! Pray that God leads us and keeps us faithful to the Holy Spirit at work in this important process.

Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Eric Leshar
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FALL THEME: WALK IN LOVE

Our fall theme and annual campaign will be "Walk in Love". The Gospel invites us to Walk in Love with our neighbor in their footsteps, with the outcast and the marginalized, with those who need us. As we spread the Good News in our world, we carry the love and support of our congregation and our prayers into our communities. When you share your many gifts with your neighbors, every step is walking in love. Look for more about this theme in the coming weeks ahead. In the meantime, ponder how you walk in love with God and others in your daily life and how that is making a difference in your life and the life of others.



Welcome Weekend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00 am ONE Worship
Blessing of the Backpacks
Ministry Fair • Food and Fellowship

WORSHIP AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN

Regular Sunday Worship Times at 9:00 and 10:30 am

CONTEMPLATING FALL

Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor

It has been a busy summer here in Roseville and at RLC and I can't believe we are already here gearing up for Fall yet again! As we get ready for Fall and all the routines that come with it, I can't help but think about how our routines change from season to season. We often tell ourselves that summer is the time to relax and recharge, but it often ends up being just as busy as other seasons with trips and vacations, activities, and jamming all kinds of fun into three months of nice weather and no school. Even so, I hope you've found some time to be contemplative this summer, and I hope our summer series has helped you find new ways to engage with the Divine-to engage with God in the everyday moments of life and in everyday ways. Knowing we don't have to sit in quiet meditation for hours each day in order to connect with God is such a powerful realization, and so I hope you each carry this with you from our summer together into the sometimes busy and even hectic time of fall.

Contemplation helps us to remain grounded in the midst of busyness and change, of which there always seems to be plenty. And at RLC, we continue to remain grounded in the promise of Christ's resurrection. We are a resurrection people. We know that new life comes from death, that God's promises remain true, and that God always keeps God's promises. It is exciting to be a part of God's work in the world, even when we don't know exactly where that work is leading and even when that work is a bit scary, pushes us outside our comfort zones, or leads into the unknown. We must go where God leads us, trusting in the Holy Spirit and Jesus' example to guide us, knowing that wherever we go, we go as a community united by God's grace that strives to extend that grace and love to each other and their neighbor.

In Christ,

Pastor Marty

Pastor Marty



EVERYTHING YOU DO MUST BE DONE OUT OF LOVE

Tori Kraus, Associate Pastor

For one of my favorite Bible verses is 1 Corinthians 13:13: "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." At the time, Paul was writing to a Corinthian community to remind them of how to be a community together and to uphold the characteristic that makes them different from other communities. That to be followers of Christ is to be rooted in love. Everything you must do, must be done out of love.

That does not negate the other two of faith and hope. Faith is seeing how God is at work in the world through Christ's presence. Hope is the reception of Christ's presence in your life and understanding what comes next for you upon that reception. Love is just that faith and hope fulfilled within us.

Love is continuously being nurtured in my relationships with others. It is connecting with others and listening to their own stories, how they view and understand the world, and being able to remain open and curious with them. It is remaining rooted in love, allowing me to have open and honest relationships with others all because of God's abiding love for me. It is being centered in Christ's love so that I can live into who God calls me to be.

For this fall, let us lean into and walk in love and remind ourselves that we are a community united by grace. Paul was right in saying "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." Through faith, hope, and love, let us experience the divine promises and gifts given to us as the community of Christ and the community of RLC.

Tori Kraus

Pastor Tori



A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE

SUPPORTING OUR FAITH JOURNEYS

Jenna Baccam, Director of Children, Family, and Youth Ministry

We have had a lot of fun this past summer in children's ministry, and we have so much more coming up this fall! We are going to start off September with a Blessing of the Backpack's during our Welcome Sunday worship Sept. 8. This is where we welcome back everyone from the great summer they had and celebrate as a community! Stop by the children, youth and family booth on this day to grab a calendar for all CYF activities! We also start Crash Course again on September 11th! Join us the second Wednesday of every month for a quick "crash course" on a topic or book of the bible.

In October we will be continuing our Crash Course curriculum along with our Confirmation students as they start up their year. Our first Serve Sunday of the year will be taking place that month where we will be packing care packages for the high school seniors who graduated this past spring. These students get so excited to receive these gifts and it reminds them they are still an important part of the community! Our 3rd graders will take the next step in their faith journey by receiving a new bible. This is a bible that will slowly progress them to one for Confirmation and beyond. Finally, our biggest October event is Trunk or Treat! We are so excited to continue providing a place where kids can come trick or treating early in our parking lot. We will be needing lots of volunteers so if you are interested please let me know and keep an eye out for announcements!

We are so excited for all of these fall activities coming up and more! Thank you for continuing to show up for RLC's youngest members and supporting them in their faith journey.



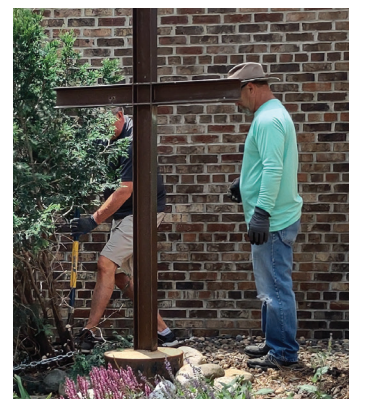
RLC GARDENS CONTINUE TO BLOOM!

Julie Wendland and KJ Bach

Lively Landscapers continue to put their energy into maintaining & renovating the RLC Gardens. The RLC Gardens are thoughtfully planned with the plants that are donated or are purchased with Thrivent Team Action Grants. The South Entrance Terrace started its renovation in 2020 during COVID and now brings a variety of color and texture throughout the growing seasons. The Parking Lot Islands grasses were started in 2021 and now give the islands a bit more interest vs simply river rock. It takes time, energy, planning & patience to renovate the 13 gardens and 3 rain gardens around the RLC Campus to invoke SMILES and JOY to those who come into RLC or pass through our parking lots. Our neighbors are very appreciative of having a cared-for RLC Campus. Here's a short list of the summer activities:

- A thank you to the Eagle Scout project to install a concrete pad & friendship bench outside of the preschool entrance.
- That along with the new flower bed that was implemented this summer will give the preschool a refreshed & welcoming entrance.
- Fourteen folks from Lively Landscapers and RLC Choir cleaned up Ada Kirscher's yard for her family. Ada passed away earlier this Spring and her yard needed a lot of TLC. This is the outreach LL does along with caring for the RLC Gardens.
- New fence posts have been installed at the Child Care House backyard fence. Thank you to the Endowment Fund for the funds to buy the materials needed for the new fence. And a huge thank you to Mike Dolan for all of his volunteer work for the implementation of the new fenceposts and the removal of the old fence.
- The ongoing work this summer to work on the North Slope outside the Worship Center. Thank you to Green House Village and Kathi B for the redistribution of hydrangeas to add more color to the slope. The Rose Begonias from the Easter Garden flowers are adding great color to the North Slope. Maintenance work to replace the edging at the top of the North Slope to help manage the soil erosion. New ground cover plants added to also help with the soil erosion (thank you to Julie Henry).
- The new plantings in the Cross Garden near the North Entrance (Door2) have taken hold. That along with the new pots and plants at the Door 2 have provided a much-needed inviting entrance.
- Thanks to those who help water, weed the areas & pickup sticks around the campus to provide an inviting environment.

We can always use a few more hands to help around the campus. Contact Julie Wendland (wendland8120@msn.com) or KJ Bach (k-j-o@msn.com) to be added to the team.



SEE YOU ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 ONE WORSHIP/WELCOME WEEKEND

RLC Fall Kick-Off Sunday

10:00 am ONE Worship Service

Food, Fellowship, Ministry Fair, Blessing Backpacks

Plan to attend Welcome Weekend on Sunday, September 8th! We will have **ONE Worship at 10:00 am** as we get ready for another wonderful school year and all the things that fall brings. There will be a Blessing of the Backpacks, a Ministry Fair, and a time for food and fellowship you won't want to miss. See you on Sunday, September 8!

YOUR ROLE IN THE RLC COMMUNITY

Erik Storlie, RLC Council President

As I write this, July is turning to August and I'm struck by how RLC is impacting the lives of my daughters. Priya has just returned from the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Asha is at Camp Wapo for the third time with a big group of kids from RLC. Through experiences like these, they deepen friendships, grow in faith, develop as leaders, and learn how to participate in a thriving community.



In the Annual report last month, I shared how important community is for people. Beyond these events, our children experience community in the investment of adults in our congregation: prayer partners, group leaders, caring relationships and a church home in which they can learn faith. For Trupti and myself, the last few years have been a time of deepening relationships with so many people across the church.

As we exit summer and establish new patterns heading into Fall and the school year, please consider your role in our RLC community:

- Make a habit of welcoming someone you don't recognize on Sunday morning, particularly someone of a different generation. Maybe they're long time members, maybe they're brand new. Go out on that limb and introduce yourself.
- Plan to connect with people on Sunday mornings (10:00 to 10:30). On your way in or out of service, this is an easy opportunity to socialize with folks, and a good excuse to grab a donut.
- Get ready for Oktoberfest!! Do you really want to miss the accordionist's rendition of Purple Rain? Our social events are time for our community to have fun together. And Oktoberfest is really fun.
- Are you interested in being part of a small group? Contact Pam McCollough, our Care and Small Groups council liaison to start one.
- Consider involvement in confirmation this year. We are always in need of leaders (or co-leaders) and Lenten mentors. I know it's early to be talking about Lent, but it would be a lot less stressful for Pastor Tori if names started trickling in now!
- Can you volunteer for a lay leadership role this year? The Nominating Committee will be starting their work. Reach out to Naomi Tetzlaff, Beth Jacobson, Kevin Miller, Brad Mennicke, or Bob Bergstrom!
- Our preaching, teaching, and community building opportunities face financial pressures, but you can help. Become a sustaining giver with a regular, recurring gift; it's easy! Or if you're already a sustaining giver, instead of waiting for the fall campaign, increase your giving now to help us continue growing as a church community.

Thank you RLC for getting this fall season off to a great start!

RLC Endowment Grant Application Deadline is Tuesday, October 1



www.rosevillelutheran.org/endowment-grants/

ENDOWMENT GRANT DEADLINE: OCT. 1

The Roseville Lutheran Church (RLC) Endowment Fund provides funding through grant requests 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
- Educational programs
- Sponsorship and scholarships for youth camps and retreats
- Funding for church capital projects not normally funded by the RLC budget
- Local, regional, and world mission projects
- Support for natural disaster relief
- Worship and music

GRANT DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1

Grant applications are reviewed twice annually and applications need to be received by May 1 or October 1 in order to be considered at the ensuing committee meeting. To apply for a grant, completed and submit an online application form by **October 1** at www.rosevillelutheran.org/endowment-grants.

Ongoing financial support for the Endowment Fund comes from donations and fundraisers like the Love Lights Campaign that occurs during Advent. The Fund accepts gifts of money, securities, and properties, both real and personal. Gifts to the Fund are exempt from federal and state inheritance taxes and capital gains taxes. Gifts given individually qualify as deductible for tax purposes.

Please consider leaving a Legacy Gift to the Endowment Fund as part of your estate plan. With each contribution, members and friends leave a legacy and help meet the needs of RLC and our community. Contact Kevin Peterson, Endowment Committee Chair, at rkevy@aol.com for more information.

RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

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 Nancy Brown - CYF Ministries
 Pam McCulloch - Care & Small Groups
 Andrew Olson - Justice/Congregational Learning
 Sarah Richter - Endowment

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 Erik Wolhowe, Adult Ed Co-Chair
 Kris Olsen, Outreach Partnerships
 Julie Henry, Organ Project Team Co-Chair
 Scott Henry, Organ Project Team Co-Chair
 KJ Bach, Lively Landscapers
 Sue Metzger, Design Project Team

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 Mona Lackore
 Bill Metzger
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Beth Jacobson-Co-chair
 Kevin Miller-Co-chair
 Bob Bergstrom
 Brad Mennicke

Finance Committee

Nick Velde - Chair
 Merle Gaedy
 Rebecca Field

Pastors

Eric Leshner, Interim Senior Pastor
 Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor
 Tori Kraus, Associate Pastor
 Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Music Ministry

John Helgen, Director
 Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs

Hospitality Ministry

Will Flores, Hospitality Coordinator

Children's Ministry

Jenna Baccam, Director of Children, Family, and Youth

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Tori Kraus, Associate Pastor

RLC Prechool and Child Care Ministry

Vacant - Preschool and Child Care Director
 Cindy Kage, Preschool Teacher
 Karen Sundeen, Preschool Assistant Teacher
 Rachel Nentwig, Preschool Assistant Teacher
 Charlotte Kasal, Preschool Aide
 Laurie Miller-Hedeen, Childcare Teacher
 Krystina Eliason, Childcare Teacher
 Angie Koeck, Childcare Teacher
 Leah Nentwig - Childcare Teacher

Ministry Support Staff

Vacant - Church Administrator
 Vacant - Director of Development
 Kathy Arveson, Interim Director of Finance
 Daniel Pederson - Communications Manager
 Nick Clausen, Lead Live Stream Tech
 Mary Johnson, Administrative Assistant
 Tammy Swanson, Financial Assistant

Facilities Ministry

Bob Zismer, Campus Lead
 Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer
 Dustin "Bean" McDonough, Custodian
 Jay Newman, Custodian

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY FORUMS

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am

Join others for a weekly adult education forum held Sundays at 10:00 am, generally in the lower level Room 40. No preparation or materials necessary, just bring your coffee and join the conversation.

SEPTEMBER 15 – Responding to Christian Nationalism
with Dr. Darrell Jodock, Emeritus Professor of Religion,
Gustavus Adolphus College

We will do a brief review of Christian Nationalism and its problems. Then we will explore the place Christianity should and should not occupy in our national identity and in the U.S. political process. As part of the discussion, we will identify some ways in which our Lutheran heritage overlaps with our nation's commitment to freedom of religion and the free exercise of religion.



SEPTEMBER 22 – Exploring Christian Guidelines for Political Involvement with Dr. Darrell Jodock

We will explore our calling/vocation as Christians in the wider community. What values should guide our decisions about where and when to be involved and about choosing which proposals and which community leaders to support? As part of this discussion, we will examine how Luther understood and lived out his own role in public life. And we will explore how the Lutheran idea of vocation finds support not only in other mainline denominations but also in other religions.

SEPTEMBER 29 – Faithful Hospitality: Welcoming our New Neighbors
with Pastor Marty Wyatt and Jim Boyce

In March of this year volunteers from Roseville Lutheran joined those from other neighboring churches to partner in a program organized by InterFaith Action of Greater St. Paul to provide overnight housing for new immigrant families. During the month of March a number of RLC volunteers hosted families at RLC overnight with welcome and assistance. Come and hear more about this project: A leader from InterFaith Action will be with us to tell us more about this program; and a panel of the March RLC volunteer hosts will share some of their experiences as participants.



OCTOBER 6 – Meeting the Economic Challenges of New Immigrants: How Can the Church Help? Part 2 with Roberto Valdizan

What are the barriers that new immigrants must overcome as they start over and seek to feel at home in their new surroundings. In April's Part 1 presentation, Roberto shared the moving personal story of his own experience of civil war and family suffering that led to his finding a new home in the United States. In this Part 2 session, he will focus on some the unique barriers that immigrants face in accessing and trusting the financial institutions and products in their new home. He will share some of the ways that he along with his employer Sunrise Banks are helping immigrant families to meet these needs.



Fascinating Christian Literature of the Early 2nd Century
with Jim Boyce (Oct. 13, 20, Nov. 3):

OCTOBER 13 – Discipleship: The Way of Life and the Way of Death
OCTOBER 20 – A Short Manual on Baptism, Lord's Prayer, Eucharist

It is early in the 2nd century. The Apostles are all dead. The church is under heavy persecution. And early Christians struggle with many devisions or even with giving up the faith to save their skin. How will the church survive? In the mix there appears this anonymous "handbook" describing itself as "the teaching of Jesus to his disciples," giving instructions for discipleship in changing and desperate times. In two sessions we will explore some of fascinating insights, both ancient, and yet seemingly very modern found in this fairly brief document, long lost to the church, but then discovered again in the last couple centuries.



OCTOBER 27 – From Soil to Soul with Jim Roste

Jim will share his personal reflections on nature's influence on faith through story, lyrics, and verse, using Listen to the Moon, Cloud of Tears, War Eagle and the Dove, and It Doesn't Make Sense to be Born Again. "Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made."



NOVEMBER 3 – Ignatius of Antioch: Bishop, Writer, and Early Christian Martyr with Jim Boyce

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, is a fascinating church leader, martyred at Rome in the early 2nd century. A clear admirer of the Apostle Paul, he imitates him in his own "seven" letters to the churches he leads in Asia Minor, written while he is being "dragged" to Rome on the way to being martyred there in the Roman arena. On the way he reflects on key aspects of Christian faith: on the reality of Jesus humanity, on the meaning of the cross, and on the nature of Christian discipleship and community, even in the midst of the risks of contemporary life in his time. We will explore aspects of his deep faith, his testimony to important theological commitments about the humanity of Christ, and his wit evident in the ways he expresses that commitment and its importance for Christian life.

NOVEMBER 10 – Organ Project Update

January 2025 will mark a visual launch of RLC's pipe organ replacement project when our organ is removed from our worship center. Please join the Organ Project Team for an update on the project. We will share information from the Holtkamp uninstal in June, and discuss progress on our organ, project timelines, next steps and upcoming volunteer opportunities.



NOVEMBER 17 – Martin Luther and the Psalms with Dr. Mary Jane Haemig

Martin Luther loved the Psalms and used them frequently. We will look at how he taught pastors and laity to use the psalms: as proclamations of God's work among us, as prayers, and as encouragement.



NOVEMBER 24 – Lutherans in Colonial America: a Forgotten but Important Story with Dr. Mary Jane Haemig

Did you know that Lutherans have been in North America over 400 years? The early years have some surprises as well as some memorable personalities. We will reflect on how these early years have influenced Lutherans today.



Info/Registration



If we can't talk about racism in our churches, where can we talk about it?

MONDAYS FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM
SEPT. 30, OCT. 7, 14, 28, NOV. 4, 11
Meeting at Roseville Lutheran Church
www.RosevilleLutheran.org/JUSTmove



JUST MOVE

RLC to Host Joe Davis and Dave Scherer
6:30 - 8:30 pm, Mondays • Septemer 30 – November 4
Register Online at www.rosevillelutheran.org/JUSTmove

Roseville Lutheran Church is presenting an exciting community event this fall! Along with St. Timothy's Lutheran, St. Michael's Lutheran, and Prince of Peace Lutheran, we will be hosting the dynamic duo of Dave Scherer and Joe Davis, as they present "JUSTMove."

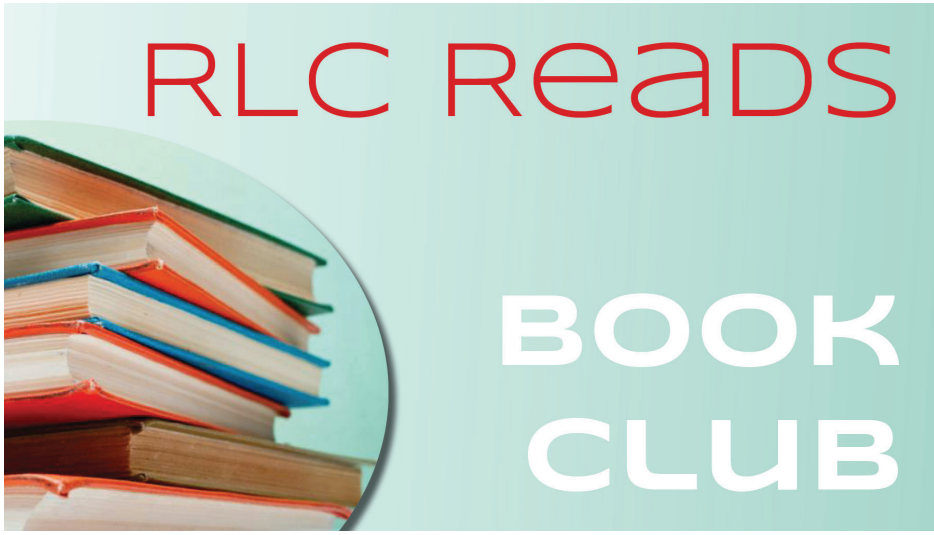
Scherer and Davis are well-known spoken word artists whose mission it is to create better racial understanding between groups by bringing humor, storytelling, and candid conversations to the forefront. They bring a distinctively Christian viewpoint to a topic which has too long been ignored by mainline Protestants. This program is appropriate for both young teens and adults. They have recently presented at Synod gatherings, other local churches, and to the Multicultural Youth Leadership Experience (MYLE) at the 2024 ELCA youth gathering in New Orleans – to great success.

JUSTMove will be presenting on Monday evenings throughout the fall, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Childcare will be available, and delicious refreshments will be served. The dates of this series are as follows: September 30th, October 7th, October 14th, October 28th, November 4th, and November 11th.

Register online: www.rosevillelutheran.org/JUSTmove
Please sign up by September 15.

This exciting program is sponsored in part by the Roseville Area Community Foundation, the Roseville Lutheran Endowment Committee, and St. Timothy's and St. Michael's Lutheran Churches.

Save these Monday nights this fall – 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.
September 30, October 7, 14, 28, November 4, 11



RLC READS

Meeting Monthly on Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Announcing the books that we'll be reading and discussing and enjoying this year, Sept. Thru May. It's an exciting and diverse collection that will be fun to read and talk about. Which one will be your new favorite? Circle the dates on your calendar and plan to join us for one, some, or all. 7:00 PM on the dates indicated, in the "coffee shop" area near the church office just inside the north doors. All are welcome, the more the merrier, whether you've read the whole book or not. Please plan to join us!

Questions? Email Bob Bergstrom: rcbergstrom@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 12: *Where Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life*
by Kao Kalia Yang

Many readers believe that this third memoir by the much-acclaimed St. Paul author is even better and more moving than her first two. We know you'll enjoy this powerful book about a mother's love. (306 pgs, recommended by several who have read her other books)

OCTOBER 10: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*
by Sherman Alexie

This 2007 National Book Award Winner tells the story of a Native American boy who attends an all-white high school near Spokane. Trying to fit in, he faces cultural issues, racism, bullying, and poverty. The book is full of humor and insight, yet it's our "banned book" for this year. (288 pgs, recommended by Bob Bergstrom and Alice Neve)

NOVEMBER 14: *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*
by Sandy Tolan

Tells the story of a Palestinian and an Israeli who share a house in the town of Ramla in the 1960's. Gives a human dimension to the ongoing conflict and explores the hopeful possibility of reconciliation. (368 pgs, recommended by Dave and Karen Dudley)

(No book in December)

JANUARY 9, 2025: *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin*
by Erik Larson

Known as a master of narrative non-fiction, Larson tells the story of Hitler's rise to power by focusing on the family of Ambassador William Dodd in 1933. It's a true story of excitement, intrigue, romance, and violence. (464 pgs, recommended by Denny and Paula Olander)

FEBRUARY 13: *James*
by Percival Everett

It's a unique, imaginative re-telling of Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from the perspective of the enslaved character, Jim, who'd rather be called James. Even if you've never read Huck Finn, you'll enjoy this action-packed, darkly humorous book by one of today's most revered authors. (320 pgs, recommended by Bob Bergstrom)

MARCH 13: *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness*
by Simon Wiesenthal

If you were a prisoner in a Jewish concentration camp in WWII and a dying Nazi soldier asked you for forgiveness, what would you do? You can read the surprising and thought-provoking responses of over fifty distinguished men and women from all walks of life in this book that is one of Bud Helmen's all-time favorites. (289 pgs, recommended by Bud Helmen)

APRIL 10: *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*
by Richard Rohr

We pray to Jesus, and we think we know Him, but why do we call Him "Christ"? Is it just a last name? Richard Rohr, one of the world's most influential spiritual thinkers, draws on scripture, history, and spiritual practice to show us how Christ can restore hope and meaning to our lives. (260 pgs, recommended by Heidi Larson)

MAY 8: *Dinners With Ruth: A Memoir on the Powers of Friendship*
by Nina Totenberg

The famous NPR correspondent details her nearly fifty-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. These two ground-breaking women share their experiences through success and grief. If you're interested in a tantalizing mixture of history, politics, law, and media, you'll want to read this compelling book. (320 pgs, recommended by Nancy Olson)



GUATEMALA

Next Trip Planned for March 2025

We are planning our next trip to visit our partners in Guatemala for the Spring of 2025 and now is the time to consider whether you are able to join the trip! The trip will be March 8-March 16, 2025. The start and end dates might change slightly depending on travel costs, flight availability, etc, but we wanted you to have the approximate dates in order to start planning! This trip will include working alongside community members on a building project at a local school, meeting with the students we are providing scholarships for at the Christian school in Santa Apolonia, and of course site-seeing in the beautiful country of Guatemala. If you are interested now, please email or call Pastor Marty. Otherwise, watch for upcoming information sessions in September and October.

CONTEMPLATIVE AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES GRANT RETREAT RECAP

Wanda Fingalson

As a participant in RLC's Contemplative Practices this past year, I attended a summer retreat for the twenty-five congregations of the Initiative for Contemplative Discipleship at St. Catherine University in July with the theme *Laying Down the Burden of Hate: Spiritual Practices for Our Time*.

Our keynote speaker was Laurence Freeman, an English Benedictine monk and Catholic priest. He is the director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, and led us through a short practice of Christian meditation with the word Maranatha as our mantra. Meditation creates community, and the first fruit of meditation is the fruits of the Spirit.

Two other presenters were Rev. Dedra Herron-Slack, (Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Minneapolis), and Rev. Dr. Janet Johnson, (Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church, Minneapolis). Their topic was *Rest As Resistance: Sabbath Keeping*. Resting is counterculture in our society, but we need to rest before we can get into the presence of God. The day was very enjoyable, enlightening, and informative!



OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS!

HELP NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 27 EVENT

We are looking for a fine few folks to come together and help coordinate the efforts for this year's Oktoberfest, planned for Friday, September 27 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. We need a team of dedicated volunteers in order to make this community event a reality. If you are excited about community, fellowship, and Oktoberfest, please contact Pastor Eric at elesher@rosevillelutheran.org to let him know that you're interested in serving on this team.

A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE

CONFIRMATION

Adult Leader Training – Sept. 18
Parent/Student Orientation – Sept. 25
Small and Large Group Begins – Oct. 2

Confirmation is for youth currently in 7th through 9th grades. Typically, youth join in the fall of their 7th grade year and continue until spring of their 9th grade year. However, all are welcome at any time – we would love to have you join us! There is a \$75 fee to help cover the cost of supplies. The fee can be paid online with a credit card or a check can be mailed to our church office with “Confirmation - (Child’s Name)” in the memo line. We also offer scholarships to those who are in need of financial assistance.

Important Upcoming Confirmation Dates:

- Sept. 18 - Adult Leader Training at 7pm
- Sept. 25 - Student & Parent/Guardian Orientation at 7pm
- Oct. 2 - Confirmation Large & Small Group Begins at 7pm
- Nov. 8-10 7th-8th Grade Retreat

More dates and information about the year will be presented at the parent/guardian and student orientation on September 25.

CONFIRMATION LEADERS AND GUIDES

Our confirmation ministry is only as strong as it is because of leaders and guides God’s call to walk with our middle and high school students.

Brand new this year, we will have Confirmation Guides. Confirmation Guides is for anyone who is 15-18 years old, still in high school, and has gone through the Confirmation program. If you are looking for more volunteer opportunities, weekly connection with friends, and developing skills in leadership, you should consider being a Confirmation Guide!



Pastor Tori will provide you with all the information you will need throughout the year at the Confirmation Leader and Guide Training on September 18 at 7:00pm. She will also send out weekly emails, and there will be leader and guide meetings 15 minutes before Confirmation weekly. You will have lots of support!

Being a Confirmation Leader or Guide is for anyone who...

- cares deeply about our youth at RLC
- wants to give back and volunteer their time
- loves God and their neighbor
- willing to meet youth where they are at
- 16 years and older, or has gone through the Confirmation program

If you have any questions on being a Confirmation Leader or Guide, please reach out to Pastor Tori.

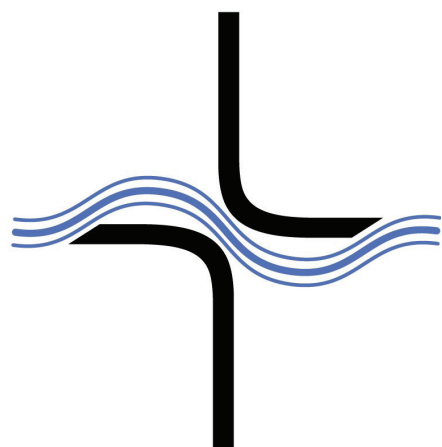


RLC WELCOME STATEMENT

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.



RLC
Mission:
Love God
Love Your
Neighbor

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

November 8-10 for 7th and 8th Graders

Our 7th & 8th grade retreat at Camp Wapo will be the weekend of Nov. 8-10. This will be a weekend of fun, team activities, bonding, and growing in faith together! It is FREE for families registered for confirmation. We will leave Friday, Nov. 8 at 6pm from church and will return Sunday, Nov. 10 at 1pm. The registration deadline is Sunday, October 27. You can register online.

MEA YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Oct. 17 at 8:00 pm for 7th-12th graders

Join us on Thursday, October 17 at 8pm in the Activity Center for a movie night. We’ll have some games, popcorn, cotton candy, pop, and of course a movie! You can bring a friend, blankets, pillows, and dress in pajamas. This event is for 7th-12th graders. Hope to see you there!



STRUDEL SALES THIS FALL

We are still confirming dates, but strudels will be available to purchase through Ruhland’s Strudel Haus again later on this fall. A percentage of the proceeds will go toward the cost of our summer youth activities including the high school trip, a middle school service trip, and camps. You can pick from a variety of savory or sweet strudels. These are a perfect treat or an easy meal to serve guests over the holidays! Here is more info on the strudel partner: <https://thestrudelhaus.com/>

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

We all want to get the most out of the money we spend and make sure our dollars have the largest impact when we donate. Our Youth Gift Card Fundraiser does both! The money raised will go toward our high school youth trips and help our other youth with the cost of camp.

If you choose to participate in the Sharing Tree this year or are getting ahead with your Christmas shopping, please consider purchasing a gift card through our youth program. We provide gift cards to hundreds of large retailers nationwide, and we receive a rebate on all the gift cards. The rebate from each purchase goes directly into our scholarship fund to send more youth to camp each summer. The face value of the gift card stays the same, which means you pay exactly for what you’re getting. It’s as simple as that! Contact Pastor Tori (tkraus@rosevillelutheran.org) to learn more and purchase your gift cards. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



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.





MAJOR MILESTONES MET FOR RLC'S PIPE ORGAN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Julie Henry, RLC Pipe Organ Project Team

This summer, RLC's Pipe Organ Replacement Project shifted from planning, designing and educating to the active stage of moving, cleaning and packing pipes, demolition and refurbishing organ components!

MOVING ORGAN PIPES THIS SUMMER

In May, ten RLC Pipe Organ Transplant Team volunteers assisted the J.F. Nordlie crew to remove the 85 pipes of the Contre Trompette 16' rank from our current organ.

These 10 volunteers used their new skills again in June when they traveled to Birmingham, Alabama by car, plane and even a Harley motorcycle to help the Nordlie crew uninstall, pack, and load up the Holtkamp organ. It was six full days of joyful work to build 86 pipe trays, clean, pack and load 3000 pipes ranging from pencil size to 22 feet and 120 pounds, and clean up for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal church.



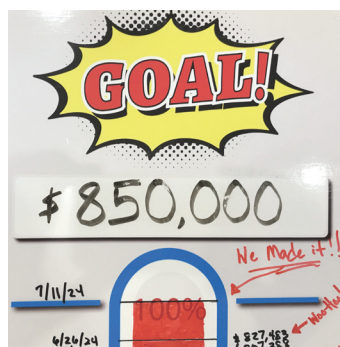
Volunteers donated their time and energy, and paid their own expenses as a contribution to the new organ. The team assisting with organ removal were: KJ Bach, John Helgen, Scott and Julie Henry, Julie and Rich Wendland, Dave and Linda Werner, Jan Abell and Erik Wolhowe.

The Holtkamp organ was trucked to Nordlie's shop in Sioux Falls where RLC Transplant Volunteers Jeff Bowar, Jim and Lorene Roste, Scott Roste, Rane Roste, and Scott and Julie Henry helped unload the 26-foot truck.

Nordlie has begun rebuilding the Holtkamp wind reservoirs and work continues on the new organ console that will reuse the Holtkamp keyboards and pedal board.

FUNDRAISING GOAL MET!

The organ project fundraising goal was met in early July - Thank You RLC for your generosity and on-going support! This wonderful new organ will anchor and enrich our worship services for decades to come, provide new possibilities to enhance our music ministry, and offer more occasions to invite our neighbors into our worship center for recitals and concerts.



REMINDER: HOW TO FULFILL YOUR INTENT TO GIVE

- For 2024 gifts: Please send your donation, designated to the Organ Fund, to the church office. To help with cash flow, please consider fulfilling your commitment before the end of the year.
- 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.
- If you have questions or have forgotten the amount of your Intent to Give, please contact the RLC Finance Office.
- Remember, to maintain our current RLC ministries, all gifts to the organ fund are over and above your regular giving. Thank you.

The Organ Project Team will provide a project update at the Adult Ed session on Nov. 10. Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities in January 2025 when our organ is totally removed, and again in March 2025 when our new organ is delivered!

To learn more about this project, visit the Organ Project webpage at 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 and organ consultant Dr. Greg Peterson.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

John Helgen, Director of Music

It won't be long until summer ends (sigh!) and we begin fall rehearsals for all the RLC musical ensembles.

RLC CHOIR

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning September 4
John Helgen, director - 651-288-4236

HANDBELL CHOIRS

Wednesday evenings beginning September 4
Lori Haaland, director - 651-631-9092

RLC BRASS ENSEMBLE

Wednesday evenings at 5:45, by schedule
John Helgen, director - 651-288-4236

RLC JAZZ

Thursday evenings by schedule
First rehearsal date to be announced

Share your talent as we praise God through music! For information/questions, call John Helgen, Music Director, at 651-288-4236, or email to jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

It's never too early to start making plans to sing in the Festival Choir for the Christmas Festival Concert on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 7:30 pm. The Festival Choir joins with our brass ensemble, handbell choirs, and chamber orchestra in a concert of choral music with congregational singing. 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 is as follows:

Saturday, Nov. 9	9:30 to 11:30 am
Wednesday, Nov. 13	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 20	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 4	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday Dec. 11	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 14	9:30 to 11:00 am 7:30 pm concert

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS 2024-2025 AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN

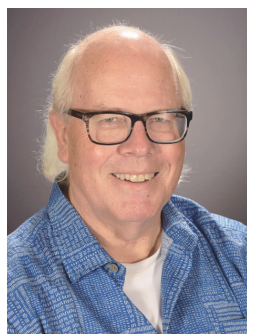
Get out your calendar and mark down these exciting concert opportunities at RLC for the coming year - concert times and more details will be available as the dates approach. Most events are free concerts with the opportunity to make a free-will donation.

4:00 pm, Sunday, Oct. 6	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
3:00 pm, Sunday, Oct. 13	Encore Wind Ensemble
7:30 pm, Saturday, Nov. 16	Minnesota Oratorio Society *
4:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 1	Northstar Lake Country Chorus *
3:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 8	Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies
7:30 pm, Saturday, Dec. 14	RLC Christmas Festival Concert
7:00 pm, Tuesday, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve with RLC Jazz

*Events are free (with free-will donations accepted) unless noted with * (for ticketed events)*

GET CONNECTED WITH MUSIC AT RLC

If you have a musical gift you'd like to share at one of RLC's worship services, or would like to get involved in one of our many vocal and instrumental ensembles, we welcome you! Pianists and accompanists are 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 (sings for special events at Christmas and Easter - see article above). Contact John Helgen, Director of Music at 651-288-4236 - jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org.



RLC CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Wednesday, September 4

RLC Choir Begins (p.7)
Bell Choirs Begin (p.7)

Sunday, September 8

Welcome Weekend! ONE
Worship at 10:00 am (p.1, 2)

Thursday, September 12

RLC Reads (p.5)

Sunday, September 15

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
RLC Kids Begins (p.2)
Adult Ed (p.4)

Wednesday, September 18

Confirmation Leaders (p.6)

Sunday, September 22

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

Wednesday, September 25

Confirmation Orientation (p.6)

Friday, September 27

Oktoberfest (p.5)

Sunday, September 29

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

Mondays from Sept. 30 – Nov. 4

Just Move (p.4)

Tuesday, October 1

Grant Deadline (p.3)

Wednesday, October 2

Confirmation Lg/Sm Group (p.6)

Sunday, October 6

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

Thursday, October 10

RLC Reads (p.5)

Sunday, October 13

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

Thursday, October 17

MEA Youth Movie Night (p.6)

Sunday, October 20

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

Sunday, October 27

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

Sunday, November 3

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

November 8-10

Confirmation Retreat (p.6)

Saturday, November 9

Festival Choir Begins (p.7)

Sunday, November 10

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

Wednesday, November 13

Festival Choir Rehearsal (p.7)

Thursday, November 14

RLC Reads (p.5)

Sunday, November 17

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)

Wednesday, November 20

Festival Choir Rehearsal (p.7)

Sunday, November 24

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Adult Ed (p.4)



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ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2024

Pastor Tori Kraus

In July, Roseville Lutheran Church attended the ELCA Youth Gathering. We partnered with Christus Victor in Apple Valley, and we did stuff together as a large group as well as individually. The theme of the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering was “Created to Be,” to remind us that we have been created to be ourselves. Created by the Holy One, and created to be in relationship with one another. Each day centered around a theme. Below are the themes and its explanations:

We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.

We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

We are created to be free, to be transformed by the gospel.

We are created to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

The youth who went on this trip, truly leaned into who they are “Created to Be.” They participated in Synod Worship Day, went on a scavenger hunt throughout the French Quarter, explored and learned about the culture and history of New Orleans, learned about many different Lutheran organizations and where Lutherans are doing amazing work in the world, heard from speakers who put truth and experiences to the themes, and worshipped God through nightly Mass Gatherings and closing worship.

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering is in Minneapolis - if you are currently in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, you will be able to attend the next Youth Gathering and hope that you will join us in Minneapolis in 2027!

Here are more stories from the youth and an adult leader who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering:

PRIYA STORLIE, 10TH GRADE

The Gathering was held in New Orleans, and six kids from our church went down for it. I went down early for MYLE, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event. It was held in a convention center where we had workshops and worship. I really loved the MYLE band during worship, where they would invite us on stage to sing. I also loved this womanist workshop I attended, which was very interesting and really let me feel connected to the other people in the workshop.

After MYLE, we were joined by the rest of the group for the Gathering. Each day of the gathering had a theme, created to be brave, free, authentic, disruptive and disciples. I think the theme that resonated most with me was created to be authentic. I really loved the speaker who talked about how when he was who he truly was, he was able to connect with people. I loved a lot of other speakers and really liked worshipping with my 16,000 closest friends.

I really loved the Gathering and if anyone is thinking of going, you should. It was great to experience a new culture, and go on a trip with my friends. I felt like I deepened my existing connections and created new ones. It was a very rare experience, to be in a stadium full of other kids who are worshipping with you. It was a great experience, and I would love to go again!



KEVIN, ADULT LEADER, JUSTIN ROTH, 10TH GRADE

Wow, what a week. My son Justin and I were blessed to be able to attend the 2024 ELCA gathering with our youth group in New Orleans, and what a wild ride it was!

As Justin is a high school age youth with learning differences, Justin qualified to attend “the tAble”, a pre-event to the gathering for young people who live with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. We were able to fly down early and had a great time meeting other kids and parents from this group. There was so much encouragement, acceptance, advocacy, and emotional support from the group, not to mention fun! Highlights were the masquerade ball and also the variety show performed by the youth. Justin got to decorate his own mask and wear it to the ball, where he danced with many of his new friends.

The rest of the week was also very fun and exciting! The mass gatherings were filled with motivational speakers, dancing, bands, and praise. We got out and explored the town, including the French Quarter. We sampled some of the local cuisine - beignets were Justin’s favorite. The conference center was filled with things to do, see, and create. We played in bouncy houses, including life size versions of whack-a-mole and hungry hippo. We played giant Jenga and giant checkers. We rode tricycles back and forth across the nearly 1 km long building. We created our own fidget toys. And we even got to march in a parade with a local marching band!

Most importantly, we had an impactful spiritual experience as we worshipped with 16,000 other ELCA Lutherans, mostly youth. We formed tight bonds with our own youth group and also Christus Victor’s youth group, who we partnered with. We came back being stronger in our faith, and energized to carry out the gathering’s mission that we are “created to be” brave, authentic, free, and disruptive disciples.

We are so grateful to have been sent to have this experience. Thank you, RLC!

