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Kent Claussen Gubrud, Senior Pastor

At Roseville Lutheran Church, we are Growing Together through our faith in God in Jesus Christ.

We are Growing Together in loving God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

We are Growing Together in loving our neighbors, and one another, through Christ.

We are Growing Together in using our gifts, talents, time, and energy to serve the Lord through serving and caring for our neighbors - here at RLC, in our daily lives, in our community, and around the world.

"[S]peaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."
(Ephesians 4: 15-16)

We need your support in Growing Together! Your church is counting on your financial support of the ministry and mission of the church! Your faithful and generous financial support is needed to equip the church with the necessary resources for our ministries to work together properly for all of us to Grow Together in loving God and loving our neighbors, becoming a community united by God's grace in Jesus Christ.

pRaise has been and continues to be an important and necessary opportunity for you to help us meet our mission and ministry budget and cover our mission and ministry budget deficit.

Your church needs \$110,000 to fill the budget gap! Your church is counting on your faithful generosity!

This is not fundraising, this is STEWARDSHIP! We give because God has first given to us. Faithful, generous stewardship is our response to all of the blessings from the Lord. All that we are and everything we have is a gift from God: our very selves, our talents and skills, our time, and all our possessions. Signs of God's gracious love and blessing.

God is calling and inviting you to respond with grateful and generous hearts of thankfulness and pRaise as we continue to Grow Together in Christian love and faithfulness!

Your's in Christ's Service,

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



A Message From Your Council President

Erik Storlie, RLC Council President

RLC Members and Friends,

Spring is in the air and planning for our annual pRAISE RLC campaign is underway. I would like to highlight in this special Table edition why your participation in this campaign is so important.

SO MUCH GOOD IS HAPPENING AT RLC! You can feel it, right? As Pastor Kent begins his ministry at RLC, and as our new organ takes form in our worship center, there is a sense of gathering energy. And this is in large part due to YOUR faithful care and stewardship of this community grounded in Christ. Thank you!



Our financial position going into the end of this fiscal year is much better than last year. Our expenses are less than projected. With the help of a generous RLC donor, we sold the childcare house at 1200 Ryan Ave to Habitat for Humanity which paid back money that was borrowed against our Dedicated Funds with significant money to spare. Though our property and liability insurance premiums remain high, they are much improved from the astronomical increase we experienced last year. We received the Employee Retention Credits related to Covid recovery that we were expecting from the IRS.

To ensure that RLC continues to play its important role in the social fabric of Roseville through faith formation and maintenance, we need to have an investment mindset. Our Campus and Facilities Task Force (CFTF) is working diligently to identify the most pressing needs of our physical spaces and develop a plan to address these needs. The Early Childhood Programming Task Force along with CFTF are actively exploring a potential partnership with Lake Area Discovery Center to return childcare and preschool to RLC.

All of this is predicated on stable finances. pRAISE is the final push in our fiscal year to make sure we end the year on (or better than!) plan. As our community united by grace works together to build our capacity as a source of hope and renewal in Roseville, please consider how your time, your abilities, and your financial resources can contribute to that story.



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MAY 18-22, 2025

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FOR PRAISE RLC: GROWING TOGETHER

Naomi Tetzlaff, pRAISE RLC Council Liason

It is almost time for pRAISE RLC. Mark your calendars for May 18th - 22nd.

Growing Together is the theme this year. At RLC we are working and growing with our community partners in many areas - Central Park elementary, Keystone Community Services, Bridging and Dorothy Day to name a few. We also have global outreach in Guatemala and through Feed My Starving Children. Through these and other RLC programs we are growing in service and relationship with those around us.



We will start with one worship service at 10:00 am on May 18th. In addition to kicking off the pRAISE campaign, we will be celebrating the graduates. Also on May 18th, the Jazz Band will have a concert at 7:00 pm. On Wednesday the 21st from 5-7:00 pm we will have our Family Block Party. There will be free games, ice cream and food to purchase from Food Trucks.

During the week there will be highlights of RLC groups and what they are doing in our local and global communities. Whether you are new to RLC or have been members/friends of the church for years, there are many groups to join and ways to participate in the life of our church. I hope you will be able to join us throughout the week for these fun events!.

This year we again have a goal of raising 110,000 dollars in 100 hours. This is an important part of our funding for ministries here at Roseville Lutheran Church. As part of the budget, the pRAISE campaign has a crucial role for bridging the gap between our expected and actual giving. All gifts are greatly appreciated!

**TASK
FORCE
UPDATE**



TASK FORCES UPDATE
CCTF & ECTF

KJ Bach

Last Fall, the Council approved the formation of two task forces, primarily as a result of the closure of the Childcare and Preschool ministries, and the sale of the ChildCare House (1200 Ryan). The Campus & Facilities Task Force (CFTF) has been assessing the condition of our entire facility and campus, and developing a report on the needed repairs and possible improvements, along with estimated costs. A few of the needed repairs include Preschool Boiler, drainage/water infiltration redesign, parking lots, windows/doors replacement, roofs, and a potential Solar system. CFTF will present their report to the Council in June.

CFTF has also been working with the Early Childhood Task Force on what building changes are needed to support a potential re-opening of a Preschool ministry and Childcare Ministry within the church building (vs. in the now sold Childcare house). This has been a complicated process in understanding what is needed and feasible to renovate/create a code compliant space for children who may spend their day at RLC. Both task forces have been in conversation with a childcare/preschool management company, Lake Area Discovery Center (LADC), about the possibility of them renting space within RLC for a Childcare & Preschool in the NE Metro area.

Please continue to pray for the work of these task forces and Council as they continue to explore and discern upcoming discussions and decisions.



RLC Jazz Leads Music at 10:00 am ONE Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 18
ONE WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM
Kick off to pRAISE RLC - Growing Together

We will kick off our pRAISE RLC - Growing Together campaign with ONE Worship on Sunday May 18th at 10:00 am. Joining 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 is free and will take place in the RLC worship center. A great chance to enjoy some wonderful music. Invite a friend.

MONDAY, MAY 19
Focus On Local Outreach and Community Volunterring!

On Monday we will highlight the work being done at RLC with our local community partners.

Help Us Write Letters of Appreciation
As a part of pRAISE this year, we will be continuing our effort to write 600 cards to the staff of Roseville Area Schools to show our appreciation for how they show up for our young people and our community. Join us for a pRAISE themed writing time on Monday, May 19th from 6-8pm. Come when you can, leave when you must!

TUESDAY, MAY 20
Focus On Global Outreach and Community Volunterring!

On Tuesday, we are uplifting our global partnerships by featuring our partners in Guatemala. We will be talking about the work and ministry we have done and are hoping to continue to do there. You can read more about it and the impact it has had on our youth froms James Velde on the next page.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
Family Friendly Block Party!

Join us for our Annual Family Friendly Block Party! This will take place on Wednesday, May 21st from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in our south parking lot. In case of rain we will take the fun inside. All are invited and encouraged to attend this free event. Bring friends to enjoy the evening. We are having the Eggroll Queen and El Burrito Mercado food trucks that will have food to purchase, and there will be free ice cream for all. There will also be games and activities for the entire family!



THURSDAY, MAY 22
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 to the pRAISE campaign!



PRAISE RLC SPOTLIGHT

JEFF BOWAR’S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Jeff joined RLC in 1988 and has seen many fresh faces and growth and change in our church community over the years. Our music ministry has deepened and expanded through his creative partnership with John Helgen, our Music Ministry Director.

In his 37 years as a member of RLC, Jeff has found our church to be welcoming and concerned about meeting the needs of our community of Roseville. Through our Reconciling in Christ designation, the Central Park Elementary School tutoring program,

Bridging, and our support of immigrants, Jeff believes the outreaches of RLC are doing God’s work among our neighbors.

God has given Jeff Bowar the gifts of music ministry and lay leadership, and he offers those gifts back to God through serving our congregation, the Roseville, and Twin Cities communities, and serving musically throughout the Midwest. He is accomplished on the trombone, tuba, and guitar, and his voice and music composition talents often contribute to the choir and brass ensemble during worship services in partnership with John Helgen. He also can be found behind the sound console most Sunday mornings mixing for the congregation and the live stream.

Jeff is a member of the RLC brass ensemble and the RLC Jazz big band. The brass ensemble plays in our worship services. RLC Jazz also plays during worship services and reaches out to our surrounding community through performances at the Taste of Rosefest for the last 8 years. RLC Jazz is a unique Christian band throughout the Twin Cities area and the Midwest. The group has rented buses, traveling to churches in Lincoln, Nebraska, Rochester and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. There they entertained and spiritually uplifted local congregations.

Jeff’s leadership talents are not limited to his music ministry. His interests in supporting homeless work with Project Home and Bridging, and his asylum seeker support sleeping overnight in our “old” church building with the Interfaith Action program this past winter also demonstrate his commitment to the gospel and to Jesus, “I just think this is what we are supposed to do.”

PRAISE RLC SPOTLIGHT

THE DICKENSEN FAMILY MINISTRY



children, Thomas age 12, and Ella age 10, to play and make friends with their peers and with adults.

Thomas and Ella are accomplished pianists and received help from John Helgen when performing their piano duet during worship last summer. Both children are avid downhill skiers but are now looking forward to all things summer, especially Camp Wapo. Thomas is also looking forward to joining other middle schoolers from RLC on a mission trip to Duluth in June.

The entire Dickinsen family, Scott, Rachel, Thomas, and Ella, usher twice a month at either the 9 am service or the 10:30 am service. Thomas thinks we have a great chef leading our hospitality ministry, “Great snacks!” he says. Ella thoroughly enjoys the faith challenges of our Vacation Bible School and will be attending that program this summer.

Rachel and her son Thomas participated in our “Just Move” social justice series last winter and they found the experience enlightened and enriched their faith. The whole family supports RLC’s willingness to search out the complex faith and social questions of our world, a process that guides us as we serve others. They advocate for the actions our RLC community of faith is undertaking to “look outside the box” for innovative solutions to meet the needs of hurting people just as Jesus’ ministry with his disciples met the needs of the marginalized and hurting people of their times.

Scott and Rachel Dickinsen and their children, Ella, and Thomas joined RLC in 2015. They were initially attracted to our strong Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. Their school mates from our surrounding schools participating with Ella and Thomas in RLC’s CYF programs is a bonus.

PRAISE RLC SPOTLIGHT

JAMES VELDE’S GLOBAL MINISTRY

Jesus stood for helping the poor and disenfranchised. He stood to help people in places we do not typically think about. When I went on a trip to Guatemala in January 2022 I saw firsthand, and for the first time, the needs and suffering Jesus asks us to heal.

I worked on the Minnesota construction team. Together we built a three-room brick house for a family. Their current house had cornstalk walls and dirt floors. The family could not afford anything else because they had only one income from the father’s labor in the corn fields. He earned \$4.00 per day. The wife needed to stay home to take care of their four children.

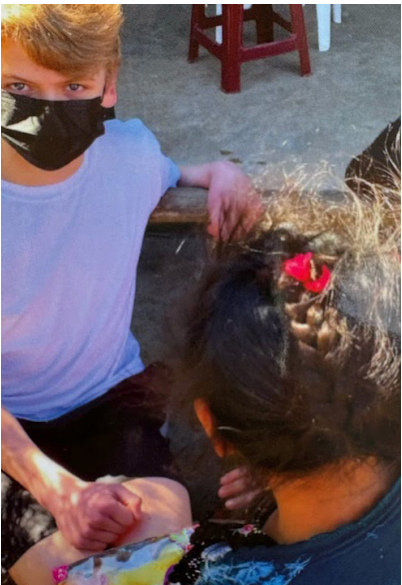
My realization that 100’s of millions of people are condemned to living on first world pocket change, and seeing how for a low cost it does not have to be like that, has led me to stand strongly with Jesus’ teachings. Jesus taught those who are financially blessed have an obligation to help those without the means to meet their own living needs.

One thing that really stuck with me when I went to Guatemala was hearing the parable of the starfish for the first time. It goes like this, “An old man walks along the beach every day and throws all the washed-up starfish into the ocean. A young man comes up to him and asks, ‘What difference can you make throwing them back into the water?’

It does not matter if you throw the starfish into the ocean because they will continue to wash ashore.” The old man picked up a starfish and he threw it as far as he could into the ocean and he said, ‘It mattered to that one.’”

This story stuck with me because it really helped me change some of my nihilist thinking patterns. Even though I could not help all the homeless people in Guatemala, I was still able to make the lives of one family much easier. Even if I could not fix all the problems of that one family, that one village, or the whole country, I could still fix one problem for a family in need and I realized that was enough.

I could not spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to feed everyone, but together we were able to donate a small amount of two hundred dollars to build a kitchen for the family and significantly ease their lives and improve



James grew up here at Roseville Lutheran and his faith has been nurtured by his parents, our pastors, teachers, as well as our youth and confirmation leaders and programs.



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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!

pRAISERLC 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.

LIVING OUT OUR MISSION

pRAISE RLC: Growing Together 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 financial shortfalls for budgeted ministries.

