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

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LITTLE SEEDS OF FAITH: GROWING INTO THE EASTER STORY

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

He is risen! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the proclamation that rouses us from our Lenten slumber each and every Easter Sunday. As a pastor, it is a joy to be able to speak these words after the hard work of Lent.

But – these words aren't just for Easter Sunday. As Christians, we proclaim our risen Lord and Savior each and every time we gather. Even during the 40 days of Lent, each and every Sunday is a "mini-Easter" – a proclamation of the promise of new life, hope and rebirth. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

During our Lenten season at Roseville Lutheran we engaged each and every worshipper with questions about their faith, life, insecurities, and other concerns. Participants were invited to write their responses on pieces of paper, which were then placed upon the altar during our offering time. We received many responses:

- *Let go of insecurities.*
- *Trust more.*
- *Study more so I can get my grades up.*
- *I would like to find peace with some relatives that I find difficult to like.*
- *Let go of worry and anxiety and let God; put my faith in him – don't go it on my own.*
- *I would like to become more focused on taking care of myself so that I can better take care of my loved ones.*
- *I'm tired and worn out.*
- *Worry.*
- *Alcohol.*
- *Pride. Vanity.*
- *I want to let go of my daily sorrow.*

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Thank You!

pRAISE RLC Generations

Find out the results of our campaign on page 5

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP:

TRADITIONAL - 9:00 AM
PRAISE AND WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

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These words are just examples of the hurts, worries and concerns that we carry around with us every day. If you look at this list, it is almost as if we live our daily lives in a perpetual time of Lent.



Lent is meant to be a time of reflection, yes. But we are called to live our lives in the present. The present reality of a God who loves us so much that each and every day is filled with the promise of hope, new life and rebirth.

At the end of the Lenten season, we took all of those little pieces of paper and tore them up, mixed them and then invited all members to make seed paper out of the prayers and concerns. On a busy Sunday at the end of April, over 100 children and adults gathered to create new life out of our hurts, disappointments and worries. The paper was recycled, made into new paper and then seeds were added. Seeds of hope and seeds of promise of a new day.

These seeds papers were then given to our children during our pRAISE RLC – Generations – One Worship event on Sunday, May 19.

There is good news for us here!

Good news that we are not alone in carrying these burdens.

Good news that we are claimed and called as children of God and no one has to carry these worries alone.

Good news that new life can come from even the hardest of struggles. Sometimes unknowingly. Sometimes organically. Sometimes under the care and keeping of the work of the Holy Spirit.

All of those cares and worries? Well – they are now fostering a place for seeds to grow. Seeds of faith have been planted and the Holy Spirit is at work.

Isn't it amazing to think that a concern or hope that you wrote down during the Lenten season is now being fostered into a new life? That someone is tending to it, caring for it and watering it?

This is the Easter message! This is the Easter hope!

Christ is alive! We are not alone! Christ is present!

May you grow into the Easter story – each and every day.

Thanks be to God.

Lauren J. Wrightsman
Senior Pastor

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First Communion participant:

The Seder meal was special to me because of the symbolism of everything we did and ate. It was the fact of how it is so interactive between my family at the table and everyone in general at the celebration; we were all happy to have a meal as reminder of how the Egyptian slaves ate before they would flee from Pharaoh

From the Roth Family:

First Communion is a special ceremony for young Christians. Our family embraced this tradition for the second time, this year with our son. We participated in the First Communion Workshop on the Saturday prior to the main event. It is a time for reflection on what it was like for the people in Jesus' time, leading up to his final days. We discussed what Passover is and how it originated. We went over what The Last Supper was for Jesus and his disciples. We also got to make the bread that was then used for their First Communion. I feel that is a nice extra touch, that really allows them to feel a special connection to the ceremony they are getting ready for. They of course, were able to practice what they needed to do at First Communion. On Thursday evening, we partook in the Seder Meal. It is a nice way to have a visual representation of that Last Supper. We also went over what everything on the plate was, along with the ceremony of eating it all in a certain order and in a certain way. After the meal, we then went down for worship. The First Communion ceremony took place at this worship service. It is a good way to tie everything together.

Our experience with these events has always been a positive one. Our son is a 4th grader with autism, so we especially questioned if it was the right time for him to do this. One take away I got this year, was Pastor Sara reassuring everyone not to worry if your child doesn't fully understand everything. Maybe this was said to us two years ago with our daughter, but I don't remember. Either way, I heard it and embraced the thought that we weren't the only parents wondering if our kid really "gets it" or not. That we are all still learning how to "get it" and fully understand what it all means. But that is a part of faith, learning and growing through Christ. He is always there for us whether we "get it" or not, He will continue to guide us into understanding.

Another reflection:

The First Communion Workshop was fun, interactive and very engaging for the parents and children. There were so many hands-on activities that made for such a fun morning. Not only was it educational for our kids, but I was reminded of so many details I had forgotten about the Last Supper and Holy Week.

The Seder Meal was outstanding this year. Again, the whole program was interactive and hands on which always makes for a better learning experience. We sat with the absolute nicest people. I had seen them around the church and the community, but had never had the opportunity to meet them. It was such a pleasant evening.

Thank You for all of the hard work that RLC put into the experience for our family.

LOVE GOD
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR

Summer Worship Schedule

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Sunday, May 26 – Sunday, September 1

Planning to be out of town? It's easy to set up automatic giving at **rosevillelutheran.org/givenow**

NEW MID-WEEK SUMMER WORSHIP AT 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 10 and Wednesday August 14

Worship, Storytime, and Holy Communion. Join us!

IN A GOOD PLACE

John Shardlow, Congregational President



As my term as Council President and three years on the Executive Committee draws to a close, it seems like a good time to reflect on the state of our church. I believe Roseville Lutheran Church is in a very good place and growing stronger. There is a palpable energy evident in our worship services, our Youth ministry, volunteer activities, adult education and music offerings.

There isn't enough space in this short article for all the acknowledgement and thanks I would like to express. It has been wonderful to witness the many ways in which our congregation has responded to the stability of having a senior pastor, after such a long interim period. Pastor Lauren has been our Senior Pastor for four years now. We are blessed by the wonderful worship planning that she, Pastor Sara and others have provided. Her strong support for our strategic plan has invited the participation of many, guided significant change, and established a strong framework for future decisions.

Love God, Love Your Neighbor can seem like a simplistic slogan, until one realizes that everyone is our neighbor. This North Star has guided our Mission and Outreach, with greater emphasis on our immediate community. Our members are serving as mentors at Central Park Elementary, serving at Loaves and Fishes, Bridging, Keystone and our Project Home ministry has changed the conversation about homelessness in Roseville.

I am proud of the fact that we are a church that seeks to welcome everyone and doesn't shy away from difficult conversations. We have acknowledged the painful realities surrounding racial injustice. Thank you to the Our Neighbors and Me committee (ONAM) for leading these important discussions.

Thank you to all of those who provide financial support to our ministries and leadership in the management of our financial resources. Thank you for the great response to the ***pRAISE RLC*** spring fundraising campaign. Our finances are stabilizing, and we are attending to many deferred maintenance needs. We have a steadily growing number of members who are automatic online givers. If you have not yet explored this option, I strongly encourage you to do so. Just go to **www.rosevillelutheran.org/givenow** to set up your automatic giving. The predictability and stability of this base supports our ministry when many members go south for the winter, or up north for the summer, not to mention during our frequent major weather events.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers in so many ways at RLC. It has been a privilege to serve on the Council with many wonderful members and friends. It has been inspiring to see all the members who have said yes when asked to serve on committees and ministry teams. We are blessed to be part of Roseville Lutheran Church.

RLC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall to Discuss and Vote on Nominations

Nominations of council and committees will be voted on and approved at this meeting on Sunday, June 23. All RLC members are invited to attend and vote.

The **Annual Meeting** *of the congregation will be held on Sunday, September 22 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall.*

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Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor
Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor
Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Hospitality Ministry
Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager
Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant

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John Helgen, Director
Martha Mutch, Organist
Maddie Giordana, Music Associate
Ariel Wilberg, Children's Choir
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs

RLC Preschool
Jenifer Johnson, Director

Child Care House
Sue Menier, Director
Shyama Dahal, Assistant

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Michael Tostengard
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Jim Maahs, CYF Co-Chair
Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry Advisory Board
Roxanne Schultz, Christian LIFE
Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach
Greg Johnson, Mission Advancement
Lillian Wassell, Youth & Family

FINANICIAL REPORT

RLC April 2019 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2018-2019						Prior Year	
	Apr Actual	Apr Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2018 Apr Actual	2017-2018 YTD Actual
Offering	136,839	135,627	1,229,636	1,255,913	**-26,277**	218,138	1,251,771
Other receipts	18,701	7,335	115,327	101,250	14,077	10,225	98,546
Total Receipts	155,540	142,962	1,344,963	1,357,163	-12,200	228,364	1,350,317
Expenses	149,045	146,478	1,369,761	1,400,669	-30,908	147,447	1,351,529
Net	6,495	-3,516	**-24,798**	-43,506	18,708	80,917	-1,212

Number of Givers 2018-2019	Apr		YTD through Apr		Prior Year 2017-18 YTD Thru Apr	
	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving
General Fund	453	$ 226	747	$ 1,520	778	$ 1,396
Bldg Designated*	67	$ 70	117	$ 471	182	$ 402
Spring Campaign	5	$ 980	8	$ 843	284	$ 254
Lent/Easter Offering	284	$ 99	297	$ 113	307	$ 106
FMSC	64	$ 172	95	$ 191	89	$ 179
Other M&O	13	$ 110	153	$ 244	153	$ 199
Memorials/Estate	0	$ -	57	$ 180	33	$ 2,150
Other Designated	111	$ 36	247	$ 204	263	$ 414
EF/Love Lights	0	$ -	97	$ 51	113	$ 51
All Other	2	$ 10	16	$ 58	6	$ 91
Total	603	$ 260	872	$ 1,552	929	$ 1,635

*2017-18 includes 75th Anniversary/Roof Fund special ofering

Fund Balances 4/30/2019			
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments		489,794	
Designated/Restricted Funds:			
	Building Fund	38,591	
	Mission & Outreach	32,875	
	Kitchen Fund	27,468	
	Memorials	36,874	
	Matching Funds	10,717	
	Estate Gifts	109,843	
	Other Funds	179,647	
	Total Designated/Restricted	**436,014**	
Child Care:		Current Yr	**-330**
Preschool:		Current Yr	**6,424**
Operating Fund:		Current Yr	**-24,798**

Endowment Fund			
	Cash	6,006	
	Investments	504,398	
	Total		**510,404**

FINANCE OFFICE

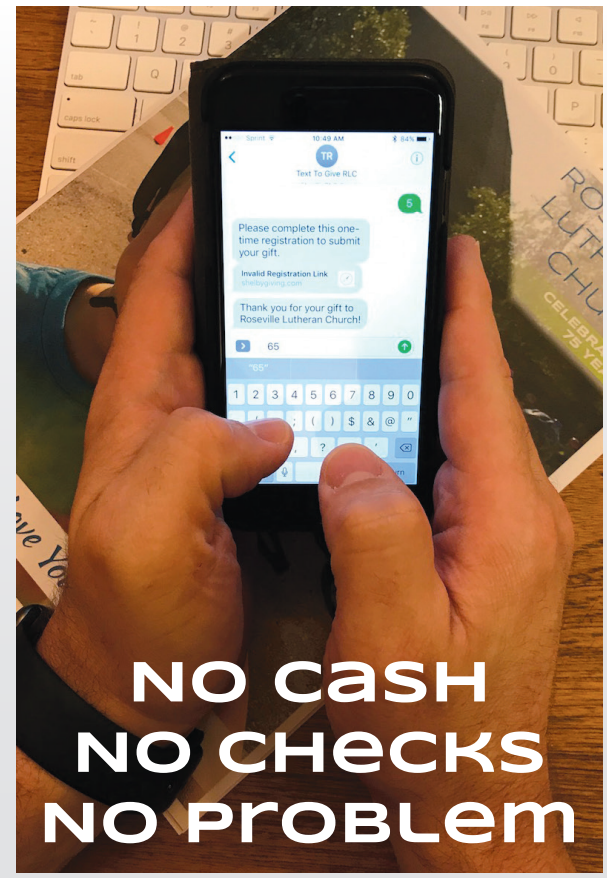
Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data

Over 95% of RLC's day-to-day ministry is funded by your financial gifts. Thank you for your generosity!

Offering is $26,277 less than we had budgeted as of April 30, 2019. Total year-to-date expenses exceed receipts by $24,798. The budgeted year-to-date deficit is $43,506, meaning we are $18,708 above our budgeted position at the end of April. Monthly financial summaries are available by calling the Finance department at 651-487-7752 or emailing lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Please prayerfully consider what the ministry of RLC means to you and your family and how you will continue to support our vision to be ***A Community United by Grace*** and our mission to ***Love God. Love our Neighbor***. To learn more about becoming a Sustainer, go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer. If you have additional questions please contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Thank you for your tremendous response to our ***pRAISE RLC: Generations*** campaign! As of May 22, we have received gifts of $67,873!





DRIVERS NEEDED

We have a devoted group of drivers willing to reinforce our commitment to provide transportation to the attendees of our church and community so that they may participate in church activities. Each Sunday morning we need people that will provide a ride to and/or from church for the 9:00 am Worship Service. Please read on to see how you can be a part in our Ride Ministry.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you would like to volunteer to drive for the Ride Ministry, please call (651) 487-7752. On Sunday mornings we pick up between 8:00 and 8:30 am.

Each driver must have:

- A clean driving record
- A willingness to use your own vehicle
- Submit a copy of your driver's license.
- Submit a volunteer application or have one on file at RLC.

DRIVER EXPECTATIONS:

- Provide a safe and comfortable commuter experience
- An attitude of serving
- Be consistent in our operation
- Walk in love
- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Keep commitments
- Be flexible and understanding

Questions, please contact Dave Booms, Church Administrator, at 651-487-7752 ext 257 or at dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org.

Blessings,
Dave Booms, Church Administrator

pRAISE RLC: Generations

THANK YOU FOR THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSE!

From Sunday, May 19 through Wednesday, May 23 the RLC congregation participated in 75 hours of giving with our pRAISE RLC: Generations campaign. The fundraising effort kicked-off with a wonderful ONE Worship Service with participation from all generations of leaders at RLC, recognition of our graduating seniors, a Generations Choir, faith statements shared, wonderful music and the celebration of Holy Communion. Delicious food followed, and excitement held throughout the next three days. We met most of our daily challenges, and with a preliminary goal of $60,000, we ended the campaign at 3:00 pm on Wednesday with **a total of $67,873!** Thanks to all who participated. You may still give to the campaign at *rosevillelutheran.org/praiseRLC*.



SPECIAL MID-WEEK SUMMER WORSHIP

Celebrate summer and join us for two weekday summer worship services.

Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 pm

Worship, Storytime, and Holy Communion. Join us!

RLC IS FORMING A GREEN TEAM

Love God and Neighbor

Through Caring for Creation

Calling all Teens and Adults interested in making a difference right here at RLC!

Sustainability!

Alternative Energies!

Environmentally Ethical Choices!

What is a Green Team? A Green Team is a core group of people in a congregation who are committed to raising awareness about the urgent need to protect God's Creation and to work for environmental sustainability and responsibility. Green Teams develop sustainability in church life by increasing energy efficiency and conservation, decreasing consumption and waste, and encouraging the use of clean, safe, renewable energy.

The Church Council has identified a need to create a committee to promote and help provide thoughtful leadership. We are looking for at least five (5) people to act in this capacity. They will, of course, engage the entire RLC Congregation to join in. The Church Administrator, Dave Booms, will be the staff liaison for this committee. If you are interested, please contact him at dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752, ext. 257.



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NOMINATIONS

Elections Slated for Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall

These members of RLC are candidates for elected lay leadership roles. As a way to introduce these candidates to you, we asked them to reflect on how they have experienced RLC as a community united by grace, and how they hope to show love for God and neighbors through their upcoming leadership roles. Elections will take place 10:00 am, Sunday, June 23.

Lillian Wassell – Chair, Youth & Family Ministry Team

How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

I experience our community most often when I'm working with our youth and with other adults who are working with youth programming. I see grace when I see adults meeting our youth where they are at, and building meaningful lessons and experiences for their kids. I see grace in our youth as I see them volunteer, connect with peers with whom they didn't initially want to connect, and accepting their leaders as imperfect people, but beloved mentors.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

I hope to show the love and passion that our youth have for Christ and for this community.

Carol Solie – Nominating Committee

How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

I see God's love shared openly and generously through the work of the Care Team. The Care Team ministers are always willing to make a visit, lend an ear, provide transportation, and do what is needed by our care partners.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

As a member of the Nominating Committee I hope to seek out candidates that will best serve RLC and our neighbors.

Jake Von De Linde – Nominating Committee

How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

I continue to find ways to connect with members in RLC through worship, being a part of the Our Neighbors and Me group, and as a part of the Youth and Ministry team.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

I hope to connect with the RLC community by finding new and experienced lay leaders to help serve our church.

Dave Tetzlaff – Mission & Outreach

How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

Through the Mission and Outreach team, I see great opportunities for RLC members to connect with our community. I want to continue my work on the Mission and Outreach team, as we increase our engagement and involvement for all RLC members.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

I hope to increase the great work RLC is doing with Central Park Elementary, Keystone Community Services, FMSC, Project Home and Bridging. RLC's partnership with these community groups, emphasizes the ways we as an RLC community can show God's love and grace.

Kris Olsen – Mission & Outreach

How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

I think I experience grace most fully when I attend worship. As young and old, we gather together to be forgiven for our sins, hear the gospel, sing and hear music, partake in communion, pray over small things and great tragedies - that is when I most feel the power of community and acceptance, and the love of Christ.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

One objective of Mission and Outreach is have more RLC members/friends be inspired to engage in volunteer activities and giving opportunities. As a Mission and Outreach leader I see my role as helping achieve this goal. We already have many great people leading and participating in programs like Project Home, Feed My Starving Children and many others. It is my hope that I show love for our neighbor by inspiring more people to be involved in small or big ways.

Alicia Sandy – Mission & Outreach



How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

Throughout my family's years at RLC, we have seen and been a part of countless opportunities for folks to come together for the common good. We have packed meals with FMSC, assembled sandwiches, built dressers, organized Sunday School materials and taught confirmation classes, all side-by-side with other members of our community. There are so many other volunteer opportunities, both big and small, that make our church a well-oiled machine of volunteerism! This obvious love of our neighbors is a great way to see we are indeed a community united by both grace and love.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

Working with the Mission and Outreach team will give me a chance to help motivate others to unlock their kindness potential! We all want to do good deeds and help others in some capacity; I hope to help people find just the right niche in which to do that.

Heather Awad – Council Member



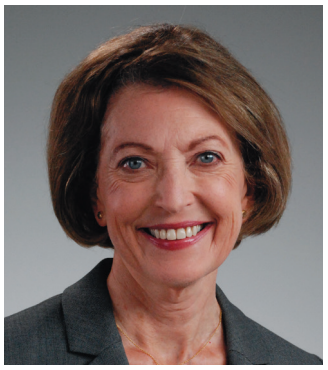
How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

I am always heartened in the way that our church responds to God's love for us by the many ministries and events that serve others, such as the Feed My Starving Children and Bridging events. I've really enjoyed these events with my teenagers. I'm happy to be a part of Our Neighbors and Me this year as well, which has given me a deeper sense of community at our church.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

We don't have a lot of diversity in our church, but I hope to show love for God and my neighbor by continuing to keep our church as an inclusive space and community. I would like to see us grow to become even more welcoming of our local neighbors.

Carrie Hefte Hanton – Council Member



How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

I love seeing all the young children rush up front for story time each Sunday. My children, now in their 20s and 30s, received wonderfully solid Christian foundations for life through their participation in all RLC offers its youngest members. Growing up at RLC gave them a sense of love and belonging that only a church family can give. "And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." – Acts 20:32. I feel welcomed and part of the RLC community when I step in the door and I hope that every person (member or first-time visitor) who steps in the door feels the same welcome and embrace that I feel.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

I will listen. There are members on the Council with many more years of RLC history than I have and so I first need to listen in order to learn and understand. Only then will I be able to add to the conversation. I'm hopeful that being on the board of Operation Bootstrap Africa for nine years has honed my board member skill of listening so that I will be an asset to the RLC board.

Scott Roste – Council Member



How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

Through shared experiences and service. Coming together as a community for worship, for music, for volunteering, and for other events is a great way to experience grace. Also serving both our church community and our broader neighborhood through donations and service events brings us together in grace.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

To help make the best use of our resources in serving our community and finding new creative ways to draw others into our community of faith.

Joe Zeigler – Council Vice President



How do you experience RLC as a community united by grace?

I sense a renewed energy at RLC, as the congregation works together to bring about our vision of a community united by grace. Certainly, our community is growing in diversity and complexity – here in Roseville and globally. I am energized by the honest discussions we are having regarding issues facing us and our neighbors, and excited to see our members using these discussions to explore how we can better serve one another as God intends.

What is one way you hope to show love for God or neighbor in your leadership role?

As a member of the executive council, I hope to help enable opportunities for continued outreach in pursuit of the RLC vision.

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FIRST COMMUNION AND SEDER MEAL WERE AMAZING!

Reflections on This Year's Experience



Each year on the Saturday before Palm Sunday we hold a workshop for parents and kids in 3rd-6th grade to help them understand what communion is all about. This workshop prepares them to receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.



Families are invited to a sample Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday where we talk about how the Passover and Jesus' Last Supper are connected, and what the foods on our plate represent. This candlelit gathering makes the First Communion experience very special. Here are a few comments from families that participated in our Seder Meal this year:

The De Jong Family:

The Seder Meal was a great way for our family to celebrate Stella's First Communion. It is always memorable to have your first communion but by having a special celebration with the meal and the corresponding program Stella will always have the memory of her parents, sister, grandparents and godmother all celebrating with her while remembering our ancestors and all they endured. The program with the table leader was a nice addition as we all had discussions at the table with the encouragement of the table leader.

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ROARING ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

VBS at RLC is June 10-14 from 9:00 am – Noon

June 10-14, from 9-noon RLC is rocking with kids learning that when life is wild, God is good! ROAR is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Kids ages 3 years through completion of 4th grade enjoy our high energy opening and closing each day. Register online today (www.rosevillelutheran.org) to reserve your spot! Cost is $25 per child- friends welcome! Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org



CORNERSTONE WRAP UP

What a Great Year!



We have completed another year of Cornerstone and it was filled with special moments!

Relationships between students and their shepherds were fun to watch. Our little ones gained confidence and learned how much God loves them with the encouragement and reassurance of their Shepherds. Gena introduced them to fun songs and story time in Large Group with Squiggles being his silly caterpillar-self! *Taking It Home* cards helped parents learn what we talked about and could reinforce these messages at home.

Elementary kids learned how to Live Love and share Jesus' love with others! These kids learned the same lessons that are introduced in Worship, which makes a big impact. ***Why Jesus? Because Jesus is…*** was meaningful and thought provoking. Advent Activity Day, Christmas program, Bible workshop, Lord's Prayer workshop, First Communion workshop and Seder Meal, Family Good Friday worship, and Inter-generational gatherings are just some of the fun this year! Our 4th graders painted beautiful canvases sharing what their most meaningful part of Cornerstone was.



Serve Sundays

Serve Sundays continue to bring families together to serve side by side and impact our community. Care packages sent to recent RLC graduates, building dressers, Cleaning Kits and Kitchen Linen bundles for Bridging clients, and caring for our neighbors with donations of peanut butter and pasta, Hygiene kits and packaging 1000 lbs of rice into family packets for Keystone Community Service are some of the ways we Love God and Love Neighbor. Learning to be generous and thankful for our blessings was a focus in Cornerstone. Living a generous life by being kind is something we all can do!

Thank you for sharing your kids with us each Sunday! We have the privilege of introducing God's love and life lessons to these young people, and it is a joy!

RLC Sunday School Was Messy and Fun!



This year we invited EVERYONE in CYF ministries and members of our congregation to gather together to learn about the Great Commission and about the first Christians; how they ate together, prayed together and served God together. At these inter-generational events we made paper infused with flower seeds from pulp that was bits of the prayers, stories and concerns written on colored paper during Lent. We turned these prayers and stories into flowers! We also made bread in a bag and shared cinnamon rolls together to share Jesus' love. From youngest to the oldest we shared in these activities together.

PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Jenifer Johnson, RLC Preschool Director

RLC Preschool is celebrating 40 years this year! It is amazing of how many young students and their families have come to this school in the past four decades. Many of our students are children of past students, and soon we will have the third generation attending. Yet one of the greatest things is that RLC Preschool reflects the changing diversity of the surrounding community, and opens their arms to everyone with dignity and grace.

Did you know for the 2018-19 school year we have had seven other languages, besides English that was spoken by students? These languages include: Amharic, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Oromo, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Several of the English Language Learners (ELL) never spoke English before they attended our preschool. Our teachers are amazing and have done wonders at providing visuals, simple phrases, and individualized experiences for them to excel not only at learning English, but learning preschool concepts in general.

Play ♥ Learn ♥ Share God's Love

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PRESCHOOL
Celebrating 40 Years 1979-2019



Most ELL students go through four phases of communication before they can speak it fluently which includes: (1) Native Language Stage (speaking their language and recognizing their culture); (2) Non-verbal Stage (recognizing and pointing to familiar objects); (3) Short Phrases Stage (saying single words or phrases); (4) Oral Production Stage (speaking sentences and understanding what others say).

Ms. Jen, the Preschool Director, most recently completed her Masters of Educational Leadership and did her action research project on "The Impact of How Teaching Strategies Affect the Relationship Between Preschool ELL Students and Preschool Teachers." Ms. Jen found that RLC Preschool Teachers use many teaching strategies that benefit the relationship between the student and the teacher. There are some teaching strategies they can still learn more about to provide additional support in the future, and plan to do at staff development. However, the greater finding in the research was that the teachers not only built relationships with the students but they built strong relationships with the family as a whole.

RLC Preschool over the years has been blessed to serve thousands of students, along with their families Due to this, RLC Preschool has lived out the current mission of "Love God. Love Your Neighbor," and the vision "A Community United by Grace." This has been reflected in the preschool logo over the years. A rainbow has always been present in the logo. In Genesis the rainbow represents a promise that God made to us – which gives us hope. A rainbow can also reflect that we are accepted for who we are, just as Jesus stated, "Let the little children come to me…for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:13-14)

A children's song states, "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; Red, Yellow, Black or White – we are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."

You are all welcome to celebrate with us this year, and years to come! Come slide down our rainbow, run through our rainbow, or wrap it around you…RLC Preschool loves you! Come learn, play and share God's love!

To enroll in the Preschool you can register at: http://bit.ly/RLCPreKRegister. For more information contact the preschool at 651-488-6887 or email jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY WORSHIP WAS COLORFUL

The Colors of Holy Week was the title of our Good Friday Family service, where we used colored ribbon to tell God's story. From creation to Jesus death on the cross, God is good and we celebrate that. Many different generations attended this kid-friendly worship time and made a craft afterwards.



WHAT IS CAMP SALIE?

First Camping Experience for Kids



Camp Salie, July 10-12, is an introduction to Bible Camp for kids that have completed 2nd - 4th grades. This action packed 2 days are close to home, in the woods of the Anoka County Parks system, near Wyoming MN. Do your kids love smores? Do they like hiking and outdoor activities? Camp food, crafts, songs around the campfire and digging into our Bibles make Camp Salie an awesome experience! The cost is $100 per student. Go online to register, under the Ages & Stages tab, click on Children's Ministry, then Summer Opportunities. Our youth counselors make this a really fun 2 days! Bring a friend and join the fun! Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org

GARAGE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS THANKS TO YOU!

Thank you to the many people that helped sort, organize and work at the RLC Garage Sale in May. This venture was truly an intergenerational one that needed many hands! Thank you to all who donated items to sell! Proceeds from this sale went to the Youth Scholarship fund to help kids go to summer camps and on mission trips. We raised almost $15,000!

Items that were not sold were given to organizations that could use them. Others that benefitted by your generosity were Bridging, Union Gospel Mission, the Humane Society, Crisis Nurseries, Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, Thrift stores and Goodwill.



YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS AND PRAYER PARTNERS

Please consider partnering in prayer with our youth again this summer. Over 170 of our youth will be attending RLC's various summer camps and mission trips. This summer, they have seven different trips and camps that they are participating in. As a youth staff, we look forward to spending time with so many youth as we grow in faith and fellowship through service, Bible studies, and just being present with one another in God's awesome creation. During our weeks at camp and on mission trips, we rely on your prayers and support to help ensure that we all have a safe and Christ filled week. Sign-ups for prayer partners as well as information on our trips are available in the Commons. Being a prayer partner is really simple. Pick a youth and write your name next to them on the sign-up sheet. Repeat this for as many youth as you wish to pray for. Then during the week they are on their trip with RLC, pray for that youth so that they may have a wonderful, safe, Christ-filled week! You can stay up-to-date with all of our trips by following RLC Youth on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

CORNERSTONE IS AMAZING THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



A big Thank You to the over 50 people that share their time and talent with the kids of RLC on Sunday mornings! We have a dedicated group of people that serve as small group leaders, music leaders, large group presenters and puppeteers, administrative team, supply prep etc. Their dedication and commitment is admirable. These volunteers sharing their time make our ministry on Sunday morning possible!

If you want to join the fun and help us next fall, please contact Julie Hanson. The prep is easy and the time spent with the kids is immeasurable! There are few ministry opportunities that allow you to impact the future in such a direct way. When you love and teach kids on Sunday, you are influencing generations to come. These kids will one day become parents and church leaders themselves. If you want to change the world long-term, then you should serve in Children's Ministry! If leading kids isn't your thing, we have other ways to help, like prepping supplies or helping with special events. Contact Julie Hanson and learn more about sharing your time with the kids of RLC! Julie is happy to share the joy this opportunity gives! Our kids deserve the best, and you can help!

SAVE THE DATE

Cornerstone Registration Begins August 1 • Classes Resume Sunday, September 9

Cornerstone registration will be online beginning August 1 for the fall. Cornerstone will begin with Small Groups and friends on Sunday, September 9 at 10:00. Look for more information late July!

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Michael Jordan, Director of Youth Ministry

Thank you to all who participated in our One Worship: Generations service. It was wonderful to have all of you recognize, congratulate, pray for, and bless our graduating seniors. As we send our continued prayers and encouragement towards the graduating class of 2019, it is amazing to reflect on all that happened this past year. There were countless youth and adult volunteers that helped make youth ministry successful. A special thanks to the Youth Leadership Team: Kai Benson, Izzy Chavez, Caitlyn Doherty, Max Dukes, Max Maahs, Will Maahs, Chris Martell, and Brianna White for planning and leading FLOCK throughout the year.

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 19 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this summer possible through Invest in Our Youth, through prayer partners, through signing up for our trips, and for supporting our Youth & Families. We want to share with all of you the experiences and stories from this summer. You are all invited to our Summer Celebration Services at RLC on Sunday, August 19 at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS WRAP-UP

Deacon Abby Matter, Director of Faith Formation



What a wonderful year it has been! It is hard to believe that our weekly programs have concluded for the year and we're busy ramping up for summer trips. While there were many highlights from the past year from retreats and lock-ins to mentors to Lenten curriculum, what really stood out was the excitement and commitment that left this place buzzing with energy on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. You could see by sheer numbers that youth were excited to participate and be a part of the community here at Roseville Lutheran. And it was the same for the adult volunteers. Their commitment was high and so was their energy. They enjoyed being here and made meaningful connections with one another and the youth that they were working with. It was all I could hope for and more! All and all, it was a wonderful year that ended with 46 students celebrating their faith journey and affirming their baptism. We cannot wait to see what God and the Holy Spirit have in store for next year, but whatever it is, we are ready to embrace it. Our CYF staff wants to say a big thank you to all the amazing middle school ministry volunteers that made this year happen from Sunday morning Luther League and Devos & Donuts to Wednesday night Confirmation and Lenten Mentors. We appreciate the time and dedication you have given to our youth, to walk alongside them planting seeds of faith and helping nurture those seeds so they continue to grow and blossom. We couldn't do it without you!

Have YOU conisdered including Roseville Lutheran Church in your will or estate planning? Contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance, for more information at 651-487-7752.

SUMMER HELPING HANDS

If you have extra time this summer, please consider lending a hand at RLC. We always have sorting, cleaning and reorganizing in Children's Ministry, as well as other areas at church! We have a supply room that needs help! Contact Julie Hanson if you have free time that you want to share… we can help you find things to do! Email her at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org or call her at church 651-487-7752.

MID-WEEK SUMMER WORSHIP • 6PM WEDNESDAYS JULY 10 AND AUGUST 15

HOSPITALITY

Connie Marchia, Hospitality Manager

Greetings, Roseville Lutheran! Hospitality has had a busy and productive spring. Lenten suppers went well and adding the Ash Wednesday service made it possible for guests outside of our church walls to enjoy the Lenten Dinner.

Luther College Connection has signed up with us again to host their upcoming lunches in the fall. Rebecca Circle continues as does Prime Time, and the other ongoing events that we have been privileged to serve. We have also procured a U of M women's group that started meeting here for their upcoming gatherings and dining experience.

I continue to seek outside guests to have events at the church. Hospitality has so much to offer and I would like to continue to make this ministry grow and flourish.

By the time you read the table news, Hospitality will have had a very busy May – and a busier June – as we get ready for graduation parties and private catering events.

As always we are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen, this always brings me so much energy to see us all working together to accomplish great things for other people. Guests who have not been to RLC before often comment on how professional and kind the volunteers are, and "What company is catering these events?"

In closing, it is a privilege to work for Roseville Lutheran Church. Thank you for my dream job. Ciao!

Connie Marchio

SUMMER READING LIST

Digging Deeply This Summer

"Our Neighbors and Me" is a group that is committed to educating ourselves and the members of RLC on racial injustice, especially as it pertains to us as Christians and to us as good citizens of our local community. If you find yourself with a bit more time for digging deeply into these topics this summer, here are some suggested titles from our members:

Alexander, Michelle. *New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, 2010.
Beals, Melba Patillo. *Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High*, 1994.
Coates, Ta-Nehisi. *Between the World and Me*, 2015.
Desmond, Matthew. *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, 2016
Diangelo, Robin. *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, 2015.
Duncan, Lenny. *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* (Will be published in July 2019)
Helsel, Carolyn. *Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism*, 2018.
Irving, Debby. *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, 2014.
Katongole, Emmanuel and Chris Rice. *Reconciling All Things: A Christian Vision for Justice, Peace and Healing*, 2009.
Kendi, Ibram X. *Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, 2016.
Picoult, Jodi. *Small Great Things*, 2016.
Rothstein, Richard. *Color of the Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, 2018.
Shin, Sun Yung, ed. *Good Time For the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, 2016.
Taylor, Barbara Brown. *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, 2019.
Thomas, Angie. *The Hate U Give*, 2018.
Wilkerson, Isabel. *The Warmth of Other Suns:The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, 2010.
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*, 2016.
Yang, Kao Kalia. *The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir*. 2008.
Yang. Kao Kalia. *The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father*, 2016.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Ed Committee invites you to these educational sessions planned for early summer. We meet Sundays at 10:10 am in Room 40. Bring your coffee and join us.

The Summer Psalms
Sundays, June 2, 9, 16, 23
Room 40 at 10:10 am

During the month of June, our programs center on the book of Psalms. We have titled these sessions, "The Summer Psalms" and members of our congregation will share insights from their favorite Psalm. Our June presenters are:

June 2	Lon and Mary Erickson
June 9	Trish Clifford
June 16	Steve Burwell
June 23	Al and Sharon Swiglo

There is no Sunday morning Adult Education during July and August. We will resume this educational hour (10:10 am) on September 8.

HELP WANTED

English Teachers for High School Students in Slovakia, Poland and Hungary Through ELCA Global Ministries

No TEFL / TESOL training needed.
Bachelor's degree required

ELCA Global Mission volunteer teachers serve in Central Europe in partnership with the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Slovak Republic, the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary. These national churches, as well as their national governments, have set English language learning as a high priority. In partnership with the national churches, the ELCA volunteer teachers prepare the senior high students for a future in the church and in society as well. Typical class size can range from 8 to 20 students. There are currently 3 small-town sites and 2 urban sites in Slovakia, and 1 small-town site each in Poland and Hungary.

Apply at:
http://elca.atsondemand.com index.cfm?fuseaction=512830.viewjobdetail&CID=512830&JID=659824

RLC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

10:00 am, Sunday, June 23

Vote on Nominations of Council/Committee Members

RLC ANNUAL MEETING

10:00 am, Sunday, September 22

HYMN SING AT OL'MEXICO

Wednesday, August 7

from 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Join your friends for this delicious and unforgettable combination: Mexican hospitality and Lutheran hymns! Enjoy the sounds of our very own John "Juan" Helgen while harmonizing to some of your favorite hymns, including favorites from the 11:00 hour, too!

Come Early!

Our party room is reserved from 5:00 – 10:00 pm, and there are food specials from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. (Food or drinks purchased in the party room apply towards our rental minimum)

The Hymn Sing is set from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. No pre-registration necessary. Come for all or part of the evening.

Ol' Mexico is located at 1754 Lexington Ave. N. in Roseville. Email Jane Lagerquist atjglager@gmail.com if you have any questions.



CARE TEAM LIVES OUT RLC MISSION

Interested in Serving? Need Assistance? Know Someone in Need?

During the past school year members of the RLC Care Team made 239 visits... reaching out to provide rides to medical appointments, run errands, offer a helping hand when needed, extend a listening ear, or bring Holy Communion to those who can't get out. It's simply part of the RLC mission of *loving God and loving our neighbor*. It's what followers of Jesus do.

- Are you interested in serving in this way?
- Are you in need of assistance?
- Do you have a loved one in need?

The job description varies with the people involved. Ken Groth (651-488-2649), Linda Hetland (651-633-0794), and Carol Solie (651-917-2386) are ready to help match needs with willing servants. Training for new care team members is provided. Please contact them for more information.

SIGN UP NOW!

Summer Musicians Needed!

Summer is a great time to share your musical gifts with your RLC family and friends. Most of the RLC choirs and ensembles will be taking a well-deserved break from regular rehearsing and performing, therefore vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles are needed for use in worship services starting in June. Call your friends, comrades, co-workers, neighbors, acquaintances, and family members, and make a plan! Check available dates with John Helgen at 651-288-4236 or jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org

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FMSC MOBILEPACK IS A SUCCESS

Thanks to our donors and volunteers!

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Mobile Pack was a success. Between April 29 and May 2, a group of dedicated volunteers from Roseville and Incarnation Lutheran Churches exceeded our goal of 750,000 meals, and packed 762,048 meals! Thanks to you, 2088 kids will be fed for an entire year. A huge ***THANK YOU*** to those who prayed, donated and volunteered.

Did you have fun packing meals for Feed My Starving Children? You do not have to wait for the 2020 Mobile Pack. There are more upcoming opportunities to pack at the FMSC permanent site. Details will be coming soon.





THANKS TO ALL OUR MUSICIANS!

John Helgen, Director of Music Ministry

Thanks to all the many and varied musicians of RLC for all their participation and dedication and good work in our worship presentations all year long - and especially through Lent and Holy Week: Ash Wednesday, Wednesday mid-week services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, our Easter Sunday celebrations, and Bell Weekend at the end of April – over 40 worship services!

During this time period, music was presented and led by ensembles compromising over 125 musicians - Senior Choir, Children's Choir, Brass Ensemble, Jubilate Bell Choir, Bells of Praise, Joyful Ringers, Praise and Worship Group, 11 AM Choir, Acoustic Band, as well as cantors, soloists and other ensembles.

Thanks to our custodians and musician crews who set up our worship space for many worship events and concerts - and thanks as well to the music staff for all their good work: Maddie Giordana, Martha Mutch, Lori Haaland, Ariel Wilberg, Cindy Laszewksi.