

THE TABLE

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

December 2019 • January & February 2020

MAGNIFICENT HOPE: NO LONGER STRANGERS

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

When you think about the Christmas story and all of its characters I, for one, am struck by the way God's hands move and shape a people whose story is disparate to one another. Each character is living their own lives, but through the working of God's spirit, are pulled into the company and embrace of the other.

*And the hope
of God was born.*

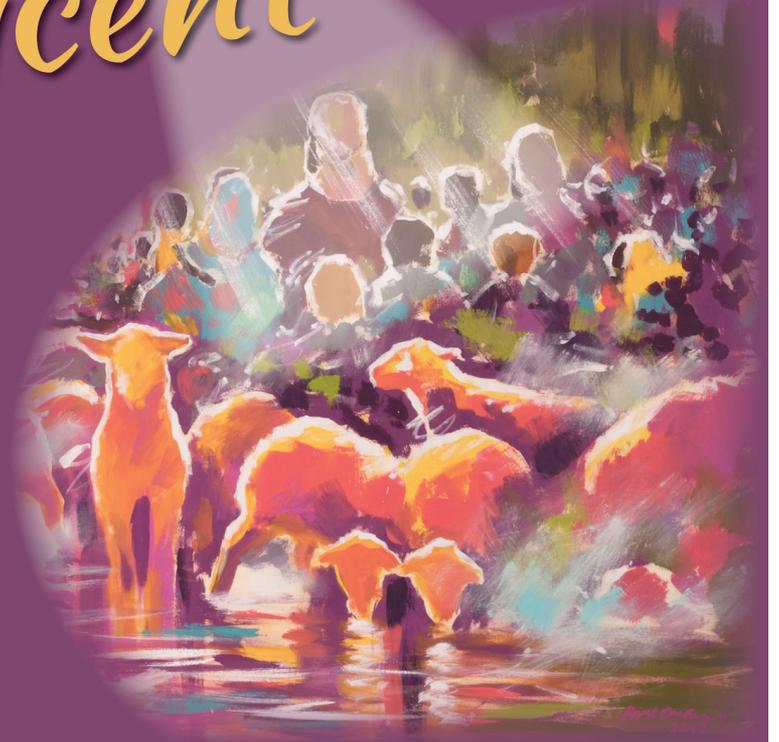
Take Mary. She is a young teenager, not quite wed, when the angels appear to her and tell her that she is to bear a child who will redeem the entire world. The awesome news fills her with anxiety and she quickly sets out, per the angel's instructions, to go live among her relatives – namely, her cousin Elizabeth. We don't know how well Mary and Elizabeth knew each other before this visit, but their stories become entwined. And the hope of God was born.

And then there is Joseph, the one who is betrothed to Mary, caught off-guard by the news that his fiancé is bearing a child, not his own. There were many reasons why Joseph could have turned away from Mary but, through the messengers sent by God, he is reassured that he, too, is going to be a part of God's miraculous story playing out in the hillsides of Galilee. And the hope of God was born.

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Magnificent Hope

No Longer Strangers



Christmas Eve 2019 Family Friendly Worship at 3:00 and 4:30 pm
Candlelight Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 pm

WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

CONTEMPLATIVE - 8:00 am • TRADITIONAL - 9:00 am
PRAISE AND WORSHIP - 11:00 am

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And one cannot forget the shepherds – those who worked up on the hillsides. Suddenly, out of a sleepy slumber, they were awakened and called forth to witness the birth of Christ. As they gathered in that humble dwelling they looked upon the Christ child and God's hope, again, was born.



Consider the man (and his family!) who welcomed Joseph and Mary in. There was no room at the inn, and yet, the work of God was among God's people and it is in his abode that the Christ child, this hope for the future was born.

Later on in the narrative, the Wise Men show up with their gifts. Royalty, for sure, among the paupers and the peasants, who bow down before this little babe. The story goes that they knew the powers that reigned wished to extinguish the life of this hope, and they went home by another way; bearing the news of a miraculous God and God's hope that was born among all people.

What a motley crew! A young teenager, an uncertain bridegroom, a distant cousin, smelly shepherds, a bleary-eyed inn owner, and royalty – all in one place! One thing is certain in this story – when God's hope comes among God's people, they are no longer strangers. They are part of the greater story of God coming among us with grace, mercy, and hope - uniting us all as people of God.

There is a magnificent hope for all of us born this Advent season - the hope of the Christ child who comes to all of us; the young, the old, the rich, the poor. We all come to the manger from different places, but we never leave as strangers. This is the good news of Christ born among us!

Advent blessings,

Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

3:00 and 4:30 pm - Family Worship
9:00 and 11:00 pm Candlelight Worship

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am - Worship w/Holy Communion

This Advent season, it is our prayer that you will find God's hope being born among you: that God's hope, born to us this season, will provide for you a sense of belonging, an encouragement of grace, and a call to join the motley crew of God's beloved to receive not only the Christ child, but one another.

SUNDAYS DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT

During the season of Advent, Roseville Lutheran Church invites you to be part of God's story as we hear the stories of others. Join us on Sunday mornings at our regular worship services Sundays at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., as we gather in Holy Anticipation at the manger where Christ is born.



WEDNESDAYS DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Worship at 6:00 pm
Holden Evening Prayer with Communion
Education at 6:45 in Room 40

Join us as we explore how we, as a community united by God's grace, come together, no longer as strangers, but as a people of God, bound together by the magnificent hope of Christ born among us.

Dec. 4: *Remembering the Stranger.* Loving the Stranger – Professor Jim Boyce

Dec. 11: *Welcoming the Stranger* – Mark Prokesh, Immigration Attorney

Dec. 18: *Engaging the Stranger in Lutheran Witness* – Pastor Kristie Hennig and Nancy Olson

A JOURNEY FOR THE HEART

Diane Sell, Director of Volunteer and Care Ministry

As I have dipped into the waters here at RLC I have met and gotten to know so many amazing God-centered members! Thank you for taking time to introduce yourself to me and help me remember your name (even if it is more than once)! As I learn what is important to you and the life of this congregation and to God's position for me here I am excited to partner with you in Volunteer, Care and Life giving ministry.



Some things I have my fingers in will include Care Ministry, new member assimilation, Sunday morning volunteers, and funeral assistance. Some new projects and added pieces that I will be coordinating for 2020 will include GriefShare and Life Groups.

I am looking for those who are willing to partner with me in these new projects and would welcome your energy and ideas! I would love both Task driven and relationship driven people to assist. You can email me at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org or you can call me at the church office. Friday's will be my day off during the week so other than that you should be able to reach me!

A.W. Tozer has a great quote that I want to leave you with as we begin this journey together at RLC.

“Faith is not merely a journey for the feet, but it a journey for the heart.”

God's peace to you new friends,

Diane C. Sell
Director of Volunteer and Care Ministry

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26

Worship at 5:00 and 7:00 pm
Soup Supper from 4:30 - 7:00 pm

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Michael Dolan, Congregational President

I've heard it said, as you likely have, that things aren't what they used to be. On one hand I think change is inevitable and even necessary. However, one thing we likely all can agree on is there seems to be less caring for others, less kindness toward others in our world today. I'm sure that our connectivity with more people than ever, through internet access and all forms of media, may make it only seem like there is less caring and kindness, but I tend to think perhaps there is some truth to it. There is irony, in the fact, that we are more connected, at least superficially, than ever but the simple kindness of a spoken word or held hand seems more lacking than ever.

*Special, Unique,
and Loved...*

Those of my generation can readily pick out one person in the media who really did teach us the importance of kindness. Fred Rogers of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" is reported to have said that the three ways to ultimate success were to be

kind, to be kind and lastly to be kind. For decades, Mr. Rogers spoke to children and parents alike in a calm, loving manner. His message was always clear: we are all special, unique and loved. Maybe that message seems a bit dated in today's world but it's more needed than ever. I can't think of a better reflection of our Mission to love God and our neighbor than through this message of kindness to each other, in and beyond our church.

We in Roseville Lutheran strive to make our Mission come to life. Our message isn't just shared by our Pastors to us in the church Sanctuary. We move out to feed children at packing events and house those without a stable home each year. We support those in shared faith here at home and abroad in places as diverse as Tanzania and Slovakia. What better expression of our Mission than our devoted Care Team who, by definition, provide a kind word, a held hand and share a prayer to those under strain in their lives. Kindness isn't forgotten but sometimes the world is too loud to hear the kindness of a supportive word, the warmth of a held hand. The kindness of making room for strangers, both today and many years ago with Mary, Joseph and our soon to be born Savior. Take a moment to tell, and show, someone how special and loved they are. We ARE a community united by God's grace and love. Let's show it! Won't you be my neighbor?

Best wishes to you all for a kind and loving Christmas and Holiday season.



ATTENDER TO MEMBER CLASS

12:00 - 1:30 pm, Sunday, February 16 in Social Hall (Lower Level)

Are you interested in hearing more about Roseville Lutheran Church? Have you been attending but want to find more ways to become involved with our mission and vision? Please join us for the next "Attender to Member Class" We will welcome new members at the 9:00 service on Sunday, March 8. Please contact Diane Sell for more information at 651-487-7752 or dsell@rosevillelutheran.org.

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Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor
Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

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Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager
Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant

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Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs

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Jenifer Johnson, Director
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FINANCIAL REPORT

RLC September 2019 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2019-2020						Prior Year	
	September Actual	September Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2018 September Actual	2018-2019 YTD Actual
Offering	91,844	111,149	287,555	310,513	-22,958	106,763	293,335
Other receipts	9,186	16,610	31,705	36,530	-4,824	9,479	28,180
Total Receipts	101,030	127,759	319,260	347,043	-27,782	116,242	321,514
Expenses	152,105	146,203	424,690	425,505	-815	108,520	348,210
Net	-51,075	-18,443	-105,430	-78,462	-26,968	7,722	-26,696

Number of Givers 2019-2020				Prior Year		
	September		YTD through September		2018-19 YTD Thru Sept	
	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving
General Fund	427	\$ 223	510	\$ 547	545	\$ 504
Bldg Designated	62	\$ 82	78	\$ 176	87	\$ 183
Mission & Outreach	15	\$ 144	18	\$ 550	31	\$ 188
Memorials/Estate	25	\$ 2,658	26	\$ 2,560	6	\$ 423
Other Designated	10	\$ 213	44	\$ 224	15	\$ 877
Endowment Fund	6	\$ 76	8	\$ 98	2	\$ 60
All Other	1	\$ 10	2	\$ 33	3	\$ 36
Total	457	\$ 375	545	\$ 697	564	\$ 554

Fund Balances 9/30/2019		
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments		389,139
Designated/Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund		40,793
Mission & Outreach		47,197
Kitchen Fund		23,430
Memorials		39,529
Matching Funds		14,183
Estate Gifts		105,492
Other Funds		132,720
Total Designated/Restricted		403,343
Child Care:	Current Yr	-2,392
Preschool:	Current Yr	619
Operating Fund:	Current Yr	-105,430

Endowment Fund		
	Cash	461
	Investments	513,901
	Total	514,362

FINANCE OFFICE

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data

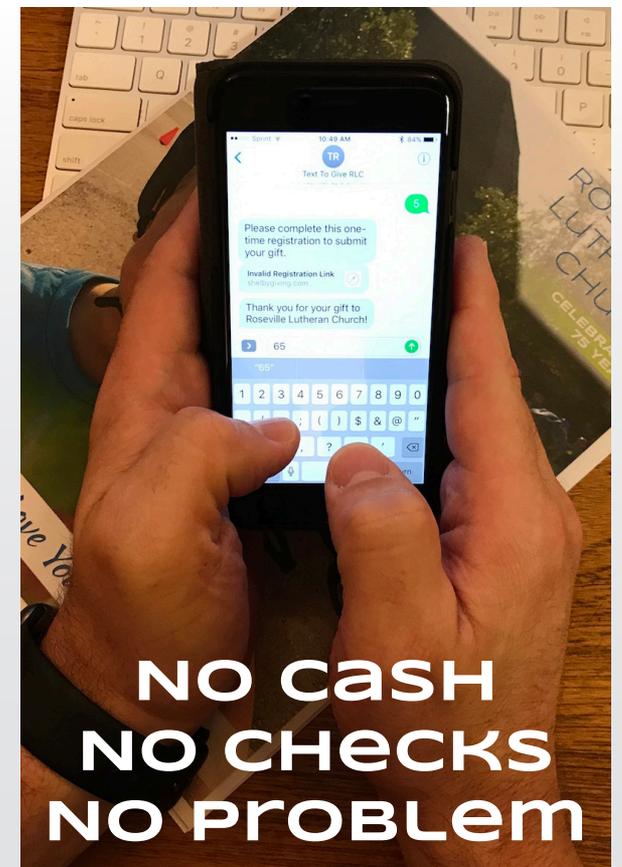
Over 95% of RLC's day-to-day ministry is funded by your financial gifts. Thank you for your generosity!

Offering was \$22,958 less than budgeted as of September 30, 2019, the end of the 1st quarter of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Total year-to-date expenses exceeded receipts by \$105,430. The budgeted year-to-date deficit is \$78,462, meaning we are \$26,968 below our budgeted position at the end of September.

Monthly financial summaries are available by calling the Finance department at 651-487-7752 or emailing lhofeldt@rosevillem Lutheran.org.

To learn more about becoming a Sustainer, go to www.rosevillem Lutheran.org/sustainer. If you have additional questions please contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data at lhofeldt@rosevillem Lutheran.org.

GOD'S GIFTS OUR GRATITUDE



**NO CASH
NO CHECKS
NO PROBLEM**

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WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

Maginificent Hope: No Longer Strangers
6:45 PM Adult Education Opportunities

Wednesday, December 4
Remembering and Loving the Stranger
Professor Jim Boyce

In Baptism God has chosen and renamed each one of us: "No longer a stranger." Called to remember, now every act of service to the stranger, in every corner of life, can flow from a living and daring confidence in God's mercy and grace. This session will examine a biblical basis for acts of service to the neighbor.

Wednesday, December 11
Welcoming the Stranger
Mark Prokesh, Immigration Attorney

Marc will explain the current situation at the border, describing the U. S. immigration process and recent changes to past practices. In addition, he'll discuss why current Central American asylum seekers Seek protection here.

Wednesday, December 18
Engaging the Stranger in Lutheran Witness
Pastor Kristie Hennig and Nancy Olson

We begin with historical foundations of Lutheran care for the stranger leading up to the 2019 ELCA assembly vote to become a "sanctuary denomination." The primary focus will explain the church wide AMMPARO ministry and St. Paul Synod responses. Lastly, we will discuss local church responses to immigration needs and ways to engage at Roseville Lutheran Church.



December 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Roseville Lutheran Church,

The season of Advent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year as it offers a time to be aware that, even in the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas, Christ is not only reborn at the stable in Bethlehem, but in our homes and daily lives. So for this Advent season I pray that you and your family will take time to slow down, be still, and be awake to the work of God within and among you.

As I reflect upon all that I have to be thankful for this Advent Season, the people and the ministry of Roseville Lutheran are at the top of my list. RLC is a congregation that participates in Christ's work in the world on a daily basis, either in the sharing of spiritual gifts; providing comfort to those in need; reaching out to the community through countless ministries; or in worship and fellowship.

Roseville Lutheran means different things to different people. RLC may be the place where you were baptized and raised, a place where you received comfort in a time of need, or a place where you have rejoiced at the altar in marriage or the baptism of a child or grandchild. Maybe RLC is the place where you come for worship and inspiration. Whatever RLC means to you, we thank you for your continued gifts and contributions.

Over Ninety percent of our ministries are funded through individual gifts. As we come to the end of the year, we ask for you to consider a special gift to support and sustain our ongoing ministries. You can go online to www.rosevillelutheran.org/givenow, or mail your gift to the church at 1215 Roselawn Ave. W. Roseville, MN 55113. Advent/Christmas envelopes will also be available weekly in worship. *Please note: for tax purposes, all year end gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31.*

Blessings to you this Advent Season,

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

Hello Roseville Lutheran church,

It has been a very busy fall in Hospitality, we have continued to keep our existing events and have added new ones to the calendar.

Jazz for the Generations was a huge success and I will try to come up with something just as fun for our next venture. Children's ministry and Hospitality partnered for a very fun event for the children and the special people in their life, our *Candy Cane Breakfast*. This event was very well attended last year and is a great kick off to Christmas. Read more about it on page 9 of this newsletter. Tickets are required and seating is limited.

Here are just a few examples of events hosted by the Hospitality Ministry of Roseville Lutheran Church:

- Veterans Day Service • ADK • Luther College Alumni
- Rebecca Circle Bible Study • Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social
- Pastor's Bible Study • Prime Time • Candy Cane Breakfast
- Desserts for the Festival Concert • Outside Event Catering

These events would not be possible without the rockstar volunteers that work side by side with me. If you would like to work in the kitchen for any of these special events please contact Colleen Hopple for dates and times you would be available. Once again THANK YOU for letting me serve you and this very busy church.

Sempre Famiglia (always family)
Connie Marchio



GIFT CARDS COUNT TOWARDS SUMMER TRIPS!

Scholarships Also Available

Gift Card Fundraiser: Families can continue to use our Gift Card Fundraiser to raise money towards summer trips. This year you have the option of paying for the cards online with your credit card! Contact Audrey to get started. Scholarships are available for all trips.

CYF STAFF CONTACT INFO:

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Deacon Abby Matter, Director of Faith Formation
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Audrey Dontje Lindell, Director of Youth Ministry
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LOOKING TO SUMMER

CYF Summer Activities at RLC

Vacation Bible School

Grades: 3 yrs. old - 4th grade
Date: June 15 - 19
Cost: \$25
Contact: Julie Hanson

Camp Hiawatha

Grades: 4th - 9th
Date: June 21-26
Cost: \$440
Contact: Abby Matter

Camp Salie

Grades: Completion of 2nd - 4th
Date: July 7-9
Cost: \$125
Contact: Julie Hanson

Urban Servant Adventures

Grades: 9th - 12th
Date: July 10-19
Cost: \$550
Contact: Audrey Dontje Lindell

Summer of Service

Grades: 5th - 8th
Date: July 13-17
Cost: \$200
Contact: Abby Matter

Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA)

Grades: 9th - 12th
Date: July 26 - July 31
Cost: \$600
Contact: Audrey Dontje Lindell

CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening this Winter at RLC

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Sundays – Little Lambs, Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts (2 yr. olds – 8th Grade)
Tuesdays – FLOCK (High School) 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Wednesdays – Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade)
Thursdays – Bagels @ Dawn (High School) 6:45 – 7:45 am
Beginning Sunday, January 5:
Sundays – 11&Lunch (High School and Young Adult) 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS AND RETREATS:

Dec. 1	10:00 am	Advent Activity Day for kids ages 2 years -6th grade
Dec. 7	9:00 - 11:00 am	Candy Cane Breakfast
Dec. 8	10:00 am	Silly Sock Sunday!
Dec. 11	7:00 pm	Confirmation 9th Grade Parent Meeting
Dec. 13	5:15 - 6:00 pm	Dinner before Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal
Dec. 13	6:15 - 8:00 pm	Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal for ALL
Dec. 15	10:00 am	Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal
Dec. 15	11:00 am	Cornerstone Christmas PROGRAM
Dec. 18	7:00 pm	Confirmation and 10th Grade Fellowship Night
Dec. 22 – 28		NO Sunday or Weekly Programs
Dec. 29		NO CYF Sunday Programs
Dec. 31		NO FLOCK
Jan. 1		NO Confirmation
Jan. 2		NO Bagels @ Dawn
Jan. 4		RECHARGE Conference
Jan. 5	10:00 am	Sunday CYF Programming Resumes
Jan. 5	11:00 am	11&Lunch begins
Jan. 7	7:30 pm	FLOCK resumes
Jan. 8	7:00 pm	Confirmation Service Night – Dresser Build for Bridging
Jan. 9	6:45 am	Bagels @ Dawn resumes
Jan. 12	10:00 am	Serve Sunday – Big Wrap & Dresser Build for Bridging
Jan. 24-25	8:00 pm - 7:00 am	Confirmation Lock-In
Jan. 26	10:00 am	Camp Sunday
Feb. 2		Summer Youth Trip Registration Forms Due
Feb. 2	10:00 am	1st Grade Prayer Workshop
Feb. 5	7:00 pm	Lenten Mentors Meeting
Feb. 9	9:00 & 11:00 am	Youth Led Worship Services
Feb. 9		Holy Hoops begins
Feb. 12	7:00 pm	Council Night at Confirmation
Feb. 19	7:00 pm	Faith Papers Night at Confirmation
Feb. 21 – 23		9th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Feb. 23	11:00 am	Cornerstone Kids Sing in Worship
March 1	10:00 am	Serve Sunday - Keystone



BLESSINGS FROM "SHAMA RICE"

Jenifer Johnson, Director of Preschool and Childcare

This summer I gained a new title at RLC, I became the Director of the Preschool and the Childcare. When Sue Menier retired, I was honored to take over as the administrator for the Childcare House along with leading the preschool. My first goal was to gain the trust of the childcare kids and their families, as well as the staff.

I soon learned that the children adored one of the Childcare Providers and it was Shama. She is a Rockstar Grandma figure to these kids. The first few times I was at the childcare house, several of the kids would lean on her, prefer to sit on her lap, or would run and hide behind Shama and cling to her legs. And then I kept hearing the kids say, "I want Shama Rice!" And Shama would reply, "OK. I will make "Shama Rice" for lunch."

I was curious to know what this "Shama Rice" was all about, and couldn't believe kids were begging for this instead of chicken nuggets. I soon got to try the "Shama Rice" and it was very good. Actually, it was better than good – it was amazing!

But what I witnessed is that Shama has a way of building lasting relationships with children and their families from the food she makes for the kids. Shama is originally from Nepal, and much of the food she makes either includes rice or beans, and special spices that she learned to use from her homeland. She not only has current children asking for the "Shama Rice" or her bean soup, but students who are now in college, and past families still ask Shama to make it for them too. And Shama graciously makes it for all of them, young and old.

Sometimes she accepts donations for her amazing dishes, and gives that back to charities in Nepal. I am amazed how God has called Shama to simply feed our hungry bodies with rice or beans, but specifically to feed our souls.

As I learned to gain the trust of the kids at the childcare house this past summer, I have learned that the mission of our church is carried out through our childcare and preschool in many ways. May you find ways of sharing a simple meal with others to help you, "Love God. Love Your Neighbor."



RLC PRESCHOOL

Enrollment Opens in January

Please note: Enrollment for 2020-21 Preschool year will begin the end of January 2020, please go to our website at: <https://www.rosevillelutheran.org/ages-and-stages/rlc-preschool/>. If you would like a tour, or more information about the childcare and/or preschool you can contact Jenifer Johnson at 651-488-6887 or jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.

CHECK IN KIOSKS IN USE

We implemented a new Check In System this fall for all CYF programming. New beautiful wooden Check In Kiosks were beautifully built by Terry Woeltge. His woodworking skills were shared to build 3 wooden kiosks that are mounted in the lobby when the check in system is needed on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Thank you all for sharing your time and talents with us! Your generosity touches many!

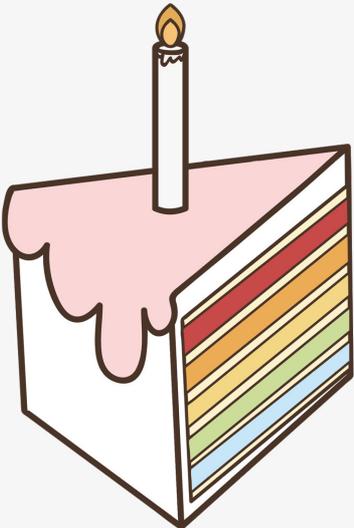


CONVERSATIONS AND CARMEL APPLES

A Fun Time to Connect!

In response to the parent survey we took last spring in Cornerstone, we invited parents, grandparents and any special adults in the lives of our Cornerstone kids to join us in the Social Hall for caramel apples and conversation on Sunday, Oct. 27. Our goal was to encourage families to get to know one another and also to get to know your child's Cornerstone Shepherd. Our church family is big, and we wanted it to seem smaller by making connections with one another! This was a lot of fun! Look for a family picnic this spring to build on the conversations that were started!

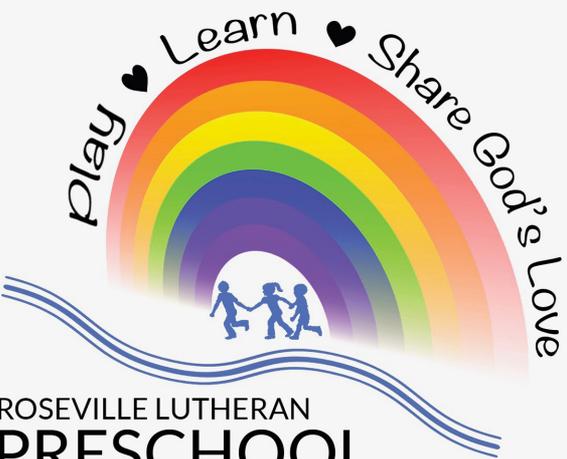




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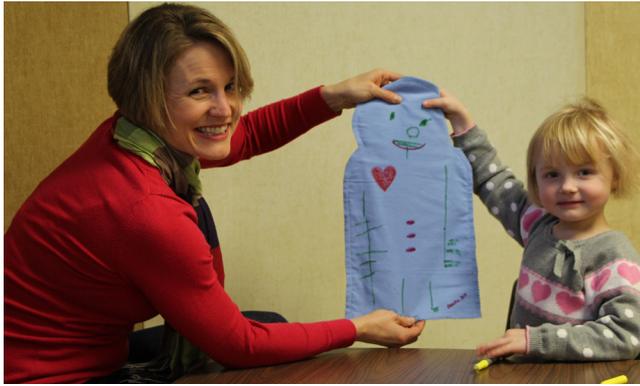
Play ♥ Learn ♥ Share God's Love



**ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL**
Celebrating 40 Years 1979-2019

RLC Presechool 40th Celebration Continues

Roseville Lutheran Church Preschool is still celebrating 40 years of service to our community! We hope you can help us continue serving young students and their families by contributing to our fundraiser of "40 Wishes for 40 years." If you would like to give us a monetary donation you can pick an envelope from our display in the Commons or go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/40 by December 10. We appreciate your support! God bless.



ADVENT ACTIVITY DAY

Sunday, December 1

"We bring out all the different Advent Activity crafts each year – it's delightful, and my kids are now in high school!" "These crafts and decorations remind us of our kids when they were little." "What special memories these crafts bring back!" The 30 year tradition of Advent Activity Day is a special one! All Cornerstone and Luther League students participate in creating a craft or decorative item to be used in the home during the Advent season. These will last for several Advent seasons and you will want to use them year after year as you focus on the true meaning of Christmas. December 1 is Advent Activity Day at RLC.



Because the cost of these items is not part of the Children's Ministry budget, we ask that each child bring \$2.00 with them on Sunday, Dec. 1, to help defray the materials cost. Please place the \$2.00 per child in the offering baskets by the doors to the Activity Center and Room 45A.

Preschoolers will start with music in Room 45A and then do their projects in the same rooms that they meet in for Cornerstone Small Groups. Little Lambs will be in Room 66, 3 Year Olds will do their activity in Room 45B, 4 year olds will be up in in Room 45A. Kindergarten – 4th grades should meet in the Activity Center on Dec 1st at 10:00 to rehearse their Christmas music before doing their Advent Activity Day projects. 5th and 6th graders should go directly to Heritage Hall at 10:00 to work on their projects.

Extra hands will be needed to assist the students in completing their projects, especially at the preschool and early-elementary level. Please talk with your child's Small Group Shepherd and offer to join your child's small group on December 1st, to provide an extra set of hands. It is very important that all the children have the opportunity to complete their project on Sunday, Dec 1st. Please help to make this a wonderful experience for all kids participating.

LOOK FOR THE HELPERS

Cornerstone Christmas Program
11:00 am, Sunday, December 15

Sunday, December 15 is the Cornerstone Christmas Program during the 11:00 worship service. Kids ages 2 – 6th grade have been working hard to learn lyrics, memorize their parts and fun dance moves to make this program fun for everyone. Hear the story of Jesus birth in a new way. God sent his Son to help the world, we can be helpers too!

Christmas Program Special Rehearsal

Our big full rehearsal will be on Friday, Dec. 13 from 6:15 - 8:00 pm in the Worship Center. Dinner for the kids will be served from 5:15-6:00 to make this rehearsal easier for families to attend. All those involved with the program are expected to be at this final rehearsal. Preschoolers will be excused at 7:00, others at 8:00 if things go well! Parents are needed to help serve dinner to the kids and set up the Worship Center after our rehearsal for the concert Saturday evening. Please let Julie know if you can help on Dec 13.

Props and Costume help needed!

We need to create a few props and costumes for our Cornerstone Christmas program this year. If you are able to help with this fun, let Julie know at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752.



SERVE SUNDAY IS JANUARY 12

Dresser Build and Big Wrap for Bridging

All are invited to participate in Serve Sunday to benefit clients of Bridging. Bridging is a local organization that helps people get back on their feet and into homes of their own by supplying home furnishings and things many of us take for granted. We will be assembling dressers for Bridging, collecting blankets and kitchen linens and utensils. On Sundays, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 we will have Fleece Tie Blanket Kits available for people to pick up in the Commons and assemble at home. People can also purchase their own fleece to make blankets – watch for sales! These blankets can then be brought back to RLC on Jan. 12 to add to the new and/or gently used blankets we are collecting.

On Jan. 12 at 10:00 the whole congregation is invited to help with this project! Instead of regular programming, kids and their families are invited to assemble a dresser in the Activity Center and/or bundle kitchen towels and utensils and cleaning kits for the clients of Bridging on the mezzanines. Serving side by side to be a blessing to others is meaningful for all that participate.

Donations are needed to make this project successful. We are collecting new or gently used blankets of all sizes, kitchen towels, dish cloths, and hot pads, basic kitchen utensils (can opener, spatula, wooden spoons and pancake flippers). If you would like to donate to the cost of a dresser, please make a check to RLC with "Bridging" in the memo line. Dressers cost \$90 each. Bring your blanket and linen/utensil donations to the bin near the Children, Youth and Family desk in the Commons or the CYF desk in the lobby upstairs. Join us as we assemble dressers and pack bundles for Bridging clients!



LENTEN MENTORS NEEDED

6-week Commitment to a Confirmation Student

This year we are looking for 36 adults in the congregation to be mentors to our 9th grade confirmation students during Lent. It would be a 6-week commitment beginning with a Mentor Meeting on February 5 at 7:00 pm. As a mentor, you would attend the 7 o'clock worship with a 9th grade student and then meet with them afterwards one on one for five weeks in Lent (February 26, March 4, 18, 25 and April 1. Students have Spring Break March 11 so you would not meet that week). You will be given all the materials you need including discussion questions and talking points for your time together. Please contact Abby Matter at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org if you are interested in being a mentor. The idea is to connect these students with members of the congregation who can get to know them and call them by name!



CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN

7th – 9th Grade Lock-In is January 24-25

The Confirmation Lock-In is coming soon! As always, it will be an all-night event of fun, fellowship, and games. Youth will have a great time with giant inflatables, movies, games, midnight worship, pizza party, laser tag, and much, MUCH more! The Confirmation Lock-In is open to 7th through 9th graders and their friends. It begins Friday Jan. 24, at 8:00 pm and will end on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7:00 am. The cost is \$25 per youth and the deadline to register is Sunday, January 15. Registration forms will be available online beginning in December. Contact Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org with any questions.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

9th Grade Retreat is February 21-23

This year the 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat is Friday February 21st through Sunday February 23rd. We will be heading to Urban Immersion in Minneapolis for a weekend of fellowship and service. It will be a hands-on experience for students and leaders as they work alongside one another to serve their neighbors in their own backyard. Online registration will be available in December, but until then mark your calendars as this will be a weekend you won't want to miss! If you have any questions, please contact Abby Matter at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org.



Candy Cane Breakfast

9:00 - 11:00 am, Saturday, Dec. 7



We are having a Special Christmas breakfast for kids ages 2-10 years and the special adults in their life on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Fun, Food and Fancy are not usually used in the same description as kids, but this breakfast will be memorable! Invite your friends and neighbors to join you! Wear your Christmas best and dine at our fancy tables. Enjoy fun activities in addition to the special breakfast designed with kids in mind! Limited seating, reservations required! Reserve your place at the table online, on the RLC website. Tickets are \$8 each. Reserve by December 1!



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GIFTS CARDS SHARING TREE STOCKING STUFFERS

As we look forward to the upcoming holiday season, 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! If you choose to participate in the Sharing Tree this year at RLC, or if you're looking to use gift cards as stocking stuffers or presents this year, please consider purchasing a gift card through our youth program to pay for the gift.

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!

Stop by the Children, Youth and Family desk in the Commons or contact Audrey (adontjelindell@rosevillelutheran.org) to learn more and purchase your gift cards.

SILLY SOCKS SUNDAY

Sunday, Dec. 8

This year we are asking kids and adults to wear silly socks on Sunday, Dec 8th and bring a package or two of new socks to donate to kids that need them! Silly Socks Sunday will be a fun and silly way to worship and praise God! Bring your donated new socks to the bin in the Lobby! Elementary sizes especially, but all will be used.



INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

Envelope Fundraiser Starts February 9

If you ask anyone involved in our youth program who's been on one of our summer trips--as I've learned since I began here at RLC in August!--they're delighted to share stories and fun memories of laughter, encouragement in the midst of challenge, and lessons learned about God, themselves, and the world around them. And as a former camper and camp counselor, I know the lasting impact a summer camp experience can have on the faith journeys of our youth.

However, without the support of our congregation, summer camp would not be possible for many of our youth. This year on Feb. 9, in anticipation of the upcoming summer, middle- and high-school youth will be leading worship during the 9 and 11 o'clock services and kicking off our annual February fundraiser to help send more children, youth, and families on summer trips through RLC.

The Invest in Our Youth initiative will be hard to miss! You'll see red envelopes in our Commons area labeled with their own number between 1 – 144. We're seeking donations in each of those dollar amounts to help offset the cost of our summer trips for RLC families. If each envelope is returned with a donation equal to the number on the envelope, from \$1 to \$144, our youth will receive over \$10,000 in support for their summer trips!

Every dollar counts toward making a summer trip possible for every child at RLC. Thank you for investing in our youth!

– Audrey Dontje Lindell,
Dir. of Youth Ministry

HOLY HOOPS

Our winter youth basketball league is back again! Scrimmages are held Sunday afternoons during February and March. Keep an eye out during December for more information about the RLC team schedule. Registration will open online in January. Contact Audrey at adontjelindell@rosevillelutheran.org with questions.



11&LUNCH

Beginning Jan. 5, high school students and young adults are invited to join Audrey in the balcony during the 11 a.m. service on Sunday mornings, followed by a chance to dig deeper into the day's readings and sermon over lunch out. Contact Audrey at adontjelindell@rosevillelutheran.org with questions.



SUMMER TRIPS 2020

Summer trips offer incredible opportunities for growing in faith and fellowship, and are a highlight for both youth and adult leaders each year at Roseville Lutheran! Registration forms will be available online in the beginning of 2020 and will be due February 2 for all trips, except VBS and Camp Salie. All of these opportunities are available to RLC members and their friends!

To read more about these trips and start planning, pick up a copy of our summer brochure at the Children, Youth, and Family desk or find it on our website online (www.rosevillelutheran.org).

VOLUNTEER CORNER

10 Encouragements to Serve at Your Church

- To grow in your relationship with Christ. When someone serves on your team, they are surrounded with other believers that can encourage and strengthen their walk with Christ. They are hearing and seeing the Gospel lived out.
- To help discover purpose and feel fulfilled. When you serve and give up your time and energy for someone else, you get emotionally and spiritually recharged. It gives more meaning to your life as a servant of Christ.
- To use your skills and talents for God's Kingdom. Each one of us have incredible skills, talents, and abilities. A lot of us are in day jobs that for one reason or another aren't allowing them to use all the gifts they have.
- Out of obedience to Christ. Mark 9:35 – "And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, "if anyone be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" Jesus commands us to serve others. When your volunteers serve the local church through your team, they are being obedient to what Jesus has called them to.
- To follow Jesus example. Philippians 2:5-7 – "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of all."
- To join the mission of your church. *Love God, Love your neighbor.* If we know and believe the mission of our church, we give of ourselves toward seeing the mission accomplished.
- The Vision is compelling. *A Community United by Grace.* No one likes to be guilted into serving. We want to serve because we want to contribute to something meaningful.
- To find community in relationships with others. People want to belong. They want to feel part of a group. They long to be cared about, served, and loved. When you create an exciting culture, people want to be apart of it.
- There is joy in loving people and giving back. When we love others through serving, it is natural for us to feel a 'spiritual tingle' – you're being Jesus to others! We feel joy when we give. That's why the giver feels more blessed than the receiver most of the time.
- Serving can be fun! Are you having fun? If it's fun for you, people see that and feed off of that. Create an environment where it is fun to serve!

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Is God Nudging you to help out? Do you have the gift of hospitality? Do you see a need?

The holidays are around the corner and we are in need of Sunday and special services Worship Volunteers! Those jobs will include: Greeting, ushering, Communion servants, readers, tech booth help. We have some wonderful faithful volunteers who serve every week but we also have had some turnover and are looking to add to our volunteer group. We would LOVE families to serve together at a service as ushers/greeters/communion servers. Can you commit to 1 Sunday? 1 service? If you are interested in hearing more about how you can serve please connect with Diane Sell on a Sunday morning or email her your interest at dsell@rosevillem Lutheran.org.

CARE TEAM

Encourage Others in Need

We have a wonderful program led by dedicated volunteer leaders. We just celebrated this past year of ministry together. Are you someone that would like to help out by encouraging others in need? Do you have a little time in your week to help give a ride to someone that needs to get to appointments? Could you grocery shop for someone who is homebound? We have different levels of Care that is needed for our older congregational members. You can get involved "ankle deep", "knee deep" or "heart deep". We are looking for Task driven and Relationship driven people like you! If you would like to learn more about how to become involved please contact Ken Groth, Carol Solie or Linda Hetland through the church office. You can also speak with staff member Diane Sell at 651-487-7752 or dsell@rosevillem Lutheran.org.



GRIEF SHARE

Support Group Begins January 7 at RLC

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you feel alone. Often friends and family want to help you, but don't know how. That's the reason for GriefShare. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have rebuilt their lives. They understand because they have been in a similar place.

What to expect: Griefshare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. Whether its new grief or old grief that you feel hasn't been fully processed this may be a group for you. Trained facilitators from Roseville Lutheran church will lead the weekly gatherings. There are 3 key parts to your GriefShare experience:

- Video Seminar: featuring leading grief recovery experts.
- Support Group: small group discussion about the weekly video content
- Workbook: Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

If you have an interest in signing up for this please go to our website www.rosevillem Lutheran.org Registration goes live November 1. There is a cost of \$15.00 for the workbook. Classes will begin Tuesday January 7 in room 40. This course runs 13 weeks. After week 3 it will become a closed group. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Diane Sell who is our Care Ministry Director at 651-487-7752 or dsell@rosevillem Lutheran.org.

Griefshare is a network of 15,000 churches equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. To learn more about this organization visit www.griefshare.org

LIFE GROUPS IN 2020

Christian Life will sponsor a new program in 2020 called "Life Groups." Diane Sell is looking for interested people to partner with her in this. IF you have an interest please reach out to Diane or contact her at dsell@rosevillem Lutheran.org

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Ed Committee invites you to come and hear a variety of diverse educational sessions planned for this fall. We meet Sundays at 10:10 am in Room 40. Bring your coffee and join us.

Finding God in the Ordinary

Dec. 1 with Pastor Rollie Johnson

Most of us race through our days at a hectic and frantic pace oblivious to the Godly and divine in our midst. We are tuned in to the latest electronic gizmos and out of tune with the holy and sacred that moves in and around us throughout our days. Journey with Author Rollie Johnson who has a most unique gift for observing and sensing, and recognizing Godly movements and spiritual truths in our ordinary day to day lives. His observations and unique insights from the natural world of creation and ordinary encounters will inspire you to new depths of trust and intimacy in your walk with God.



Gun Violence and What We Can Do About It

Dec. 8 with Pastor Rolf Olson

Since Pastor Olson's daughter was murdered in 2007 he has volunteered in the effort to prevent other senseless deaths by gun. Currently he chairs the Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety with Protect Minnesota. This presentation is an overview of our gun violence problem with suggestions for ways to lessen the carnage that currently takes the lives of over 400 Minnesotans each year. Join the conversation with Pastor Olson and others about how we can make our society safer.



Reflections on Psalm 98

Dec. 15 with Pastor Michael Dobbins

Pastor Michael Dobbins, a retired ELCA Lutheran Pastor, will present a program entitled "Reflections on Psalm 98 in word and song." Pastor Dobbins loves to sing, play the guitar and preach. This program will include all three venues.



Adult Education Winter Break

There will be NO ADULT CLASSES on Sundays December 22 and 29. Please join us when classes resume on Sunday, January 5.

Mission Month 2020 During the Adult Education Hour in January

During this month long focus on RLC Mission and Outreach opportunities, we invite you to learn how you can be involved ankle-, knee-, or heart-deep in serving people in our local community through our partners: Feed My Starving Children, Bridging, Catholic Charities – Dorothy Day, and Meals on Wheels.

Feed My Starving Children

January 5 with Dave Gunnlaugsson

Dave Gunnlaugsson, MobilePack development advisor at Feed My Starving Children, will tell his story working with this Christian nonprofit organization called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. Dave says, you will hear us say this again and again: "We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed." We truly mean this. This means reaching the hard-to-reach people and places, the "least of these." They will be found, and they will be fed.



Serve Sunday in Support of Bridging

January 12 - Dresser Build and Big Wrap



On this Sunday morning, join Cornerstone, Youth and RLC families in The BIG Wrap and Dresser Build for Bridging, a local organization founded on one simple, yet powerful idea – that together we can create a bridge between those in need and those with excess. Since the first donated item, Bridging has provided the basic home essentials to over 90,000 families.

Dorothy Day Loaves and Fishes

January 19 with Mary Langfeldt



Come learn about the newly opened Dorothy Day Place, where people will find a healing, supportive place equipped to provide the care, training and services they need to get out of crisis and on to better days. Mary Langfeldt,

Catholic Charities, Dorothy Day Loaves and Fishes explains that with permanent homes and support, people will work to achieve and maintain stability.

Dorothy Day Place provides services each day to more than 1,000 people who have nowhere else to turn, and its impacts are felt statewide, serving residents from nearly every county in Minnesota.

Meals on Wheels

January 26 with Norm Kunselman

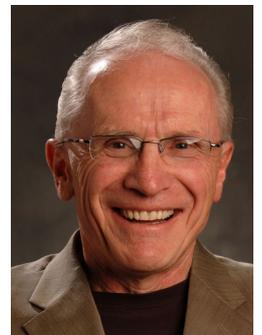
January 26, 2020, Norm Kunselman, Coordinator of the Roseville Area Senior Program at Roseville Area Schools will share information about Meals on Wheels, an integral part of Roseville Area Senior Program's mission committed to serving adults in our community. It is more than just a meal; Meals on Wheels is a critical wellness visit by volunteers, a nutritious hot or frozen meal for homebound older and disabled adults, and a means of connecting older adults to other community services



Campus Ministry Matters...A Lot

Feb. 2 with Dr. Roland Martinson

Campus Ministry impacts students, their universities, local congregations and the larger Church. Roland Martinson, Co-Director of a national study on Lutheran Campus Ministry will explore seven characteristics of these campus ministries that make a real difference.



Campus Ministry Matters...A Lot

Feb. 9 with Dr. Roland Martinson and Pastor Kate Reuer Welton

Campus Ministry is vital and influential at the University of Minnesota. Pastor Kate Reuer Welton and Roland Martinson will explore the life and mission of Campus Ministry at the university and its relationships and implications for area congregations, including RLC.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26

Worship at 5:00 and 7:00 pm

Soup Supper from 4:30 - 7:00 pm

SHE: Why Women's Voices Matter in God's Church

Feb. 16, 23, March 1 with Dr. Karoline Lewis

2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the American Lutheran church, but women still face many challenges when it comes to ministry. These three sessions will focus on the nature of these persistent challenges, how we can support women in ministry, and why women's leadership in the church is important for ALL of us who are committed to bringing about the Kingdom of God here and now.



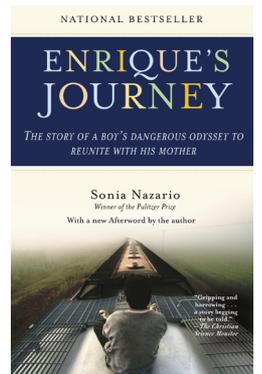
READERS, JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

Enrique's Journey – Book Discussion in January

Enrique's Journey
by Sonia Nazario

7:00 pm, January 27 at Heidi Larson's Home

Heidi Larson will be hosting the RLC Book Group event on January 27, 2020. The book is "Enrique's Journey", by Sonia Nazario. The group will gather at 7:00 pm at 1358 Shryer Ave W, Roseville Minnesota 55113. If you have questions or want to let Heidi know you're coming, contact her at 651-587-2352 or hklarson@yahoo.com.



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Pastor's Bible Study

**Wednesdays at 9:30 in Room 40
Dec. 4, 11, 18 • Resumes Jan. 8**

Join Pastor Lauren in Room 40 on Wednesdays. No signups required. Dec. 4, 11, 18 – Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

No classes Dec. 25 or Jan. 1

Starting Jan. 8, 2020:
An Exploration of the book of Job

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT

See the Star Shining Bright – 7:30 pm, Saturday, December 14

The choirs, brass, handbells and instrumental musicians of Roseville Lutheran will gather to present our Christmas Festival Concert at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 14. This year we welcome a guest choir from St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Mark your calendars and plan to attend – and invite a friend!

MUSIC EVENTS AND CONCERTS AT RLC

Mark Your Calendars for these events at RLC in December

Sunday	December 1	2:30 pm	Northstar and Lake Country Choruses (tickets sold at door)
Sunday	December 8	4:00 pm	Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies (free concert by youth musicians)
Saturday	December 14	7:30 pm	RLC Christmas Festival Concert (free-will offering)
Sunday	December 15	4:00 pm	VocalEssence - "Welcome Christmas" (tickets through VocalEssence website)
Tuesday	December 17	7:00 pm	Roseville Area High School choral concert (free concert by youth musicians)
Tuesday	December 31	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve with RLC Jazz - Big Band Vocal Extravaganza!

NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH RLC JAZZ

7:00 pm Concert – Tuesday, December 31

All are invited to come once again and hear the sounds of RLC Jazz at the RLC New Year's Eve concert at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31. This year's concert will feature numerous vocal classics, performed by solo singers as well as groups, backed up by our 17 piece band! Bring the whole family, and invite your friends too!

WIDOW SUPPORT

Monthly Rose Enkas Luncheons

The Rose Enka widows' organization meets monthly, on a selected Saturday at 11:30 am, at area restaurants to provide support and fellowship for each other. All widows are welcome to join. Call Kay Shurson at 651-766-6930 or Lori Bergman at 651-635-9563 for more information.

December 14 (Note: 2nd Saturday of month)
Olive Garden
1525 County Road C, West, Roseville

January 18
LaCasita Mexican Restaurant,
1925 Perimeter Road, Roseville

February 15
House of Wong
1162 Larpenteur Avenue W., Roseville

DOROTHY DAY CENTER

Help Needed on the 2nd Sunday of Each Month

Roseville Lutheran has served a meal at the Dorothy Day Center for many years. On the 2nd Monday of each month our volunteers prepare, cook, and serve brats and potatoes, veggies, fruit and homemade cookies. More than that, they are living out the RLC Vision, a community united by grace.

One of these servants recently reflected on his homeless neighbors saying:

"Their lives are in so many ways foreign to us: some carry their few possessions in backpacks and damaged duffle bags. The 'hoarders' use shopping carts. (I think of all the 'stuff I have crammed into our garage and basement and realize my shopping carts would form an impossible-to-move caravan.) They shuffle from place to place seeking shelter while we, for the most part, are comfortably rooted in secure homes."

Even with so many differences, he also writes about similarities saying: "Like we, they find meaning in friendships, share laughter, tears, stories, and fragile hopes with others."

The Dorothy Day Center has opened a new building downtown St. Paul. With this new facility will come more guests for each evening meal. The Roseville Lutheran team will continue to serve on the second Monday of the month, but they need more servants. Will you join us? You can sign up for 2 shifts each month, you can serve from 2:30 until 4 pm or from 4 until 5:30 pm. The first shift will prepare and cook the meal, the second shift will serve and clean up. Sign up one time, or sign up for a monthly commitment. Come and use your time to love and serve your neighbors in need. Find a link to sign up at www.rosevillelutheran.org/Day.



BUILDERS GROUP PLANS TRIP IN 2020

Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia

The next builders' trip is tentatively planned for May 29 - June 13, 2020 including a one night stay in Bratislava and 3-day extension to London!

A minimum of ten builders is needed to make definite travel arrangements.

Typically the price for past trips has been in the range of \$2800-\$3400. The extension to London will meet up with the Roseville Festival Singers (Roseville Lutheran and St. Michael's Lutheran joint choirs) for a day before the choir heads off to Bristol, York and Edinburgh. The current plan is to leave Martin on Monday June 8 for a one night stay in Bratislava, then depart from Vienna to spend 3 full days in London, departing on Sat June 13 for Minnesota.

If you have any interest in joining this trip, please contact KJ Bach (k-j-o@msn.com) or Paul Berge (pberge@saintandrews.org) by December 20, 2019. A down payment of \$250 (payable to St. Andrews Lutheran) will be due by Dec 31, 2019.

Pass the word to your friends, neighbors and other churches! It would be great to have a multi-church Builders Group Team once again! With prayers of praise and thanksgiving for the opportunity to serve and to build community, we invite you to join us.

Čau..... a d'akujem! (Bye and Thank you!)



OUR NEIGHBORS AND ME

The Our Neighbors and Me (ONAM) group consists of seven RLC members (along with Pastor Sara) who are passionate about social justice in our Roseville and Falcon Heights communities. As a subcommittee of Mission and Outreach, this group has been busy planning upcoming events at RLC that will educate, empower, and challenge members of our congregation to explore issues of racial inequity, as well as related issues such as hunger, homelessness, and political engagement. As always, ONAM seeks to be "God's hands and feet" in our community.



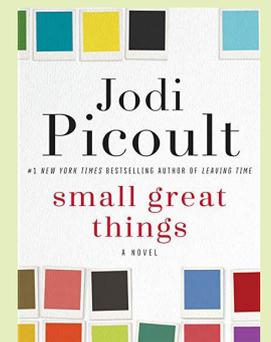
ONAM leaders met with Dr. Karen McKinney on October 13, to discuss potential ways for RLC to strategize and formulate its goals and strategies for authentic diversity and inclusion. Dr. McKinney, an Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Community Liaison for the Office of Diversity at Bethel University, has served as a presenter and consultant at RLC since ONAM's inception in the fall of 2016. Her expertise and strong Christian faith have been invaluable in sharpening our notions of "next steps" for RLC. ONAM has also been guided by the policies on racial justice as articulated by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly and the World Council of Churches.



Book discussion groups continue to be a significant part of ONAM's role at RLC. Heather Awad and Dot Probst will be leading a two-part discussion on Jodi Picoult's most recent book, *Small Great Things*, during the Adult Ed 10:10 hour on February 23 and March 1.

Jodi Picoult Fans! Book Discussion February 23 and March 1

Cozy up with *Small Great Things* this winter, and come to a book club style discussion on this terrific book! Ruth, an African American labor and delivery nurse, begins a routine checkup on a newborn, but is reassigned because the parents are white supremacists and don't want her to touch their baby. The next day Ruth is alone with the baby in the nursery, and there is a medical emergency--what she does leads to her arrest! Come discuss this page-turner about racism, family, medical care, and the justice system at the 10:10 hour. ONAM members Dot Probst and Heather Awad will lead the discussion. Watch for sign up information in the church bulletin in January.



Sacred Sites Tours in April

Another important focus of ONAM this year will be understanding the history of the lands we inhabit. On Saturday, April 25, ONAM will be offering an opportunity to visit and more fully comprehend the important locations of Native Peoples in the Twin City area. Called "Sacred Sites," this event is a guided tour from 10 AM to 2 PM and can include up to 45 RLC members and friends. The tour will be led by Jim Bear Jacobs, a local leader and member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation. Sign up information will be in the bulletins during January and February.

Other potential ONAM events in 2020 include the following: a return visit from the RAHS Leaders in Training students, speakers on racial reconciliation, History Theater outings, and training sessions on how to connect your Christian faith to participation in the upcoming election year.

PROJECT HOME NEEDS YOU

This Year, the Need Is Greater

Additional Help Needed at Day Center

Project Home is a program of Interfaith Action of St Paul which serves homeless families in the St. Paul Area. Each month two faith communities open their doors to provide overnight accommodations for six or seven homeless families. Once accepted into the program, the families receive financial and career assistance that will lead to permanent housing. Roseville Lutheran has been hosting during the month of February for several years, and will be doing so again.

Perhaps you have read in the paper or seen on TV reports on the recent closing of The Family Place. The Family Place was a drop-in center where families could go to receive support. This support included child care, hot meals, showers, and counseling. This program was critical to the success of Project Home. So critical in fact that Project Home wouldn't be able to exist without it.



Additional Help Needed at Project Home Day Center

As a result, Project Home has now taken on the operation of this program, now called the Project Home Day Center.

So, in addition to our regular volunteer needs at Roseville Lutheran in February, Project Home could use your help at the Day Center.

As always, we will be recruiting volunteers to be evening hosts at RLC, interacting with our guests from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and serving a light meal. We also need people willing to stay overnight, from 8:00 pm until 7:00 am, to be available and to serve a light breakfast. We willingly accept donations of fresh fruit and homemade treats. Watch for our signup table in the commons on Sundays in January and online.



The biggest need at the Day Center is for Weekend Meal Teams to provide, prepare and serve a meal for approximately 40 people. They need providers for a noon lunch and a 4:30 pm evening meal on Saturdays and Sundays. Each team prepares the menu, provides the food, cooks, serves, and cleans up.

There is more information as well as the opportunity to sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4fa8ad22a3ff2-project>

Volunteers are also sought to do laundry for program participants. The Day Center has very limited laundry facilities. You will go to the Day Center to pick up laundry from one family, take it home to launder and return it clean within 24 hours.

Additional programs are in the planning stages, and will also require volunteers. These will include children's activities, arts and crafts, and large group activities.

To volunteer at the Day Center, please contact Wade Piper at wpiper@interfaithaction.org.

For additional information, please contact Kevin Miller at kevin.j.miller@comcast.net, or 651-324-6834.

DEC. 14 - BLOOD DRIVE

This Christmas, Give the Gift of Life

Wouldn't it be great to give a much-needed gift for Christmas that costs nothing, and takes less than an hour of your time? This gift will not be returned or exchanged. It will be exactly what somebody needs. And you get to put your feet up and rest while giving it!

You can provide the Gift of Life by donating blood at the Roseville Lutheran/American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, December 14, between 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. This lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. There is no substitute for human blood. It cannot be manufactured. Scientists have been trying to create artificial human blood for decades without success.

Only about 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood. Yet only 3% of eligible donors actually donate.

Please take an hour of your crazy busy life to give the critical gift of life.

To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code 'Roseville Lutheran'. For additional information, please contact Kevin Miller at kevin.j.miller@comcast.net or 651-324-6834.

RLC'S GIFT OF EDUCATION CONTINUES IN TANZANIA

Thank You for Your Gifts in Support of Scholarships

Recognizing the importance of education worldwide, RLC will continue providing scholarship support for students in Tanzania again in 2020. Many are members of RLC's companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania, who are attending secondary schools in nearby villages.

A portion of RLC's scholarship funds will also support some post-secondary students from the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. Altogether, we anticipate that well over fifty students will be able to continue their education with scholarship help from RLC.

On behalf of students like Emmanuel Mpagama, Happiness Msamba, Lightness Nyengo, Praise Mang'ulisa, Prosper Bimbiga and their classmates, the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team extends a sincere "THANK YOU" to each of the generous RLC members who made this possible by contributing scholarship funds during October.

This Gift of Education to our friends in Tanzania helps fulfill RLC's vision to be A Community United by Grace on a truly global scale. We continue to hold these young scholars in our prayers throughout 2020.



RLC CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT

7:30 PM, Saturday, December 14

Don't miss this free concert! The choirs, brass, handbells, and instrumental musicians of Roseville Lutheran Church, welcoming our guest choir from St. Michael's Lutheran Church, will present our Christmas Festival Concert, "See the Star Shining Bright" at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 14. Mark your calendars and plan to attend – and invite a friend!



THE CHOIRS OF ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH and ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

3:00 and 4:30 pm - Family Worship
9:00 and 11:00 pm Candlelight Worship

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am - Worship w/Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT

7:30 PM, Saturday, December 14, 2019
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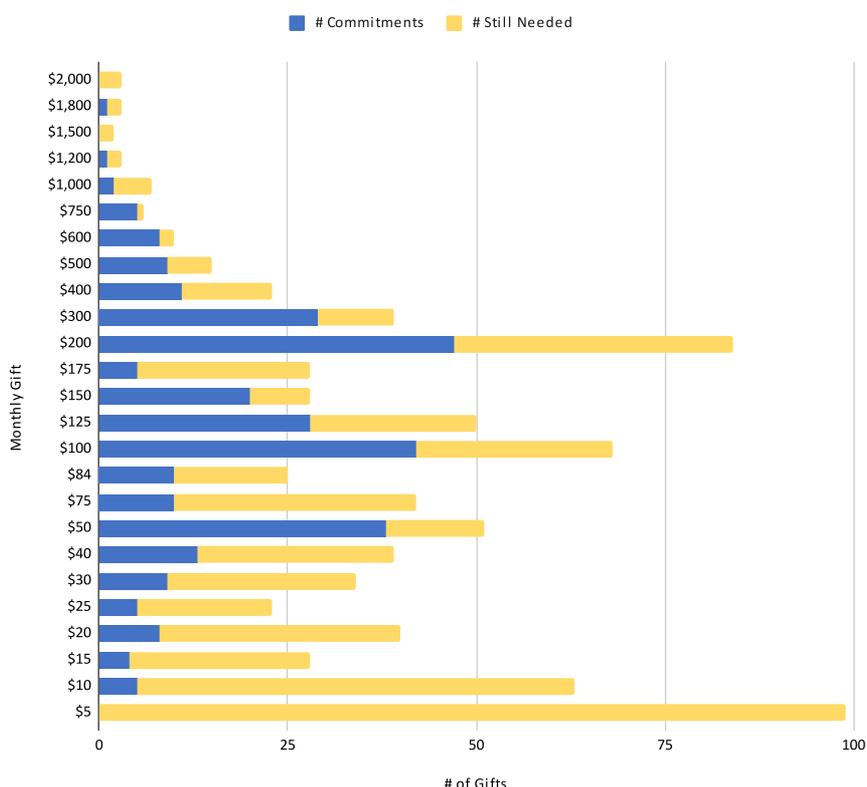
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The graph to the left indicates a model of the number of monthly gifts needed to fully fund RLC's ministry. The blue bars show current online donations and Intent to Give cards turned in as of October 31. If you are already an online sustainer or have turned in an Intent to Give card for the current ministry year, **THANK YOU!** Every gift, no matter the amount, is essential for the continued support of our mission and ministry.

The yellow bars indicate the number of monthly gifts still needed to fully fund our \$1,699,000 operating budget for the 2019-2020 ministry year. If you have not yet had the chance to become an online sustainer, please prayerfully consider how you can financially support RLC's mission to "Love God. Love your Neighbor." To set up or increase your sustaining gift, visit www.rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer. Intent to Give cards are available in the worship center, the church office or at the welcome desk.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of Roseville Lutheran Church!

Blessings,

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