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THE TABLE

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

Chris Hagen, Interim Associate Pastor

Three years ago, on a Sunday I had off from my usual pastoral duties, my wife and I visited the church where our neighbors attend. It is not far from our home and I would drive by it often. It's a lovely church and very active. The church has a solid, good reputation in the community. It has many members with many connections, a large and impressive church. And my neighbors are wonderful.

The Sunday we visited, we entered the well-furnished gathering area. Our neighbors were greeters that day and welcomed us with happy surprise. We spoke a few pleasantries, but they had their task and went on to greet the next coming in. I noticed that they spent more time talking with their friends who were next in line.

We looked around for the entrance to the worship space. No one else came up to greet us. No one took us to the coffee and refreshments. No one offered to escort us to the worship area. No one introduced us to their worship protocol or hymnal. Afterward, while others chatted with friends, we were left to guess what to do. So we left. We have not been back.

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OUR SHARED "YEAR AWAY"

Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

One of the most influential years of my life was spent as an exchange student in Billund, Denmark during my senior year of high school. It was a complete "immersion" experience. I didn't know a lick of Danish when I boarded a plane that would take me from Minneapolis to Copenhagen.

Those first few months were difficult. I look back on my journal entries and what I speak about mostly is how everything was new. A new language. A new culture. A new daily routine with my host families.

When I think back on this past year that we have shared as a people of Roseville Lutheran, I would have to admit, there have been a lot of new learning opportunities as we learned new ways of being Christ's people in the world.

- We have learned a new language of pandemic and vaccines (Interestingly enough, NPR recently wrote a story that the pandemic inspired 1200 new words in the German language! <https://www.npr.org/2021/03/06/974179580/pandemic-inspires-more-than-1-200-new-german-words>)
- We have learned a new culture. A culture where we're socially distanced, masked and 6-feet apart.
- We have learned new ways of how to speak of Christ's hope, mercy, grace and love.

Yes, we have been apart – but we have also grown in so many ways! You, the people of Roseville Lutheran Church, continue to inspire and encourage me. From those first early days of the pandemic where we were collecting food and resources for people who were in need, to the creative ways you have lived out your calling as children of God in your own neighborhoods and places of work and study. You have embraced the hard work of learning new words to speak about race and justice. You have taken Bible studies online, engaged in online and outdoor worship, and helped us celebrate our successful pRAISE campaign! Thank you! (See some great pictures on p. 5-7)



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NEW Worship Schedule • In-Person and Drive-In

WORSHIP AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN

NEW 9:00 am sundays • Drive-In (1st sunday/mo.)
NEW 9:00 am sundays • In-Person (OTHER sundays/mo.)

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NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-Person Worship Begins June 13

As we look forward to the summer, we are excited to announce that we will begin hosting in-person, indoor worship on Sunday, June 13th at 9:00 a.m. Our full summer worship schedule is:

- **1st Sunday of the month: Drive-in worship at 9:00 a.m.** (Join us Sunday, June 6th for our blessing of this year's high school senior class).
- **All other Sundays, 9:00 a.m. indoor, in-person worship** (Registration required. Please go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/in-person to learn more and to sign up).
- Online and cable TV broadcast continues.

THINGS HAVE CHANGED

When I was an exchange student, I always knew I would be coming home. The place where I was living in Denmark was only a temporary place in my life. And, I'll be honest with you, re-entry was hard! I had changed. My family had changed. My friends had changed. There were so many things I wanted to share. So many things I had also missed.

I've been thinking, recently, about how this year of pandemic has in many ways been like a shared experience of one shared "year away."

When we return to in-person worship, education, ministries and activities, all of us are coming with the experiences of the past year – and, I do believe, that re-entry will be a unique time for the ministry of RLC. We have all learned a new language. A language of longing. A language of loss. A language of hope. A language of resiliency. We have also learned a new culture of how to be "the church" while we haven't been able to gather in physical community.

We have all changed. The world has changed. Our families have changed. Our congregation has changed.

- We have experienced the death of some of our members.
- We have greeted the birth of new children and rejoiced in their baptisms.
- We have seen two graduating classes of seniors set off on their journeys and two confirmation classes rejoice in their baptisms.

OUR MISSION HAS NOT CHANGED

But the mission of our church has not changed. We continue to live into our mission to "Love God. Love your neighbor" and to be a "community united by grace." The essentials of who we are and who we are called to be haven't changed. We are called, as a people of God, to be a people of grace, of love, a people who strive for justice on behalf of all.

See you in church!

Blessings,



Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

LAUNCHING PLACE continued from Page 1...

Churches today are at a decision moment. Attraction no longer is an effective evangelism method (and most congregations have lost the art of hospitality). Being a large, pretty church is not enough to "bring in new members." Being nice, wonderful people is not enough. Current generations are expecting more. God is expecting more.

The very last instructions Jesus gives to his followers in the Gospel According to Matthew is, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." The direction is outward. The sense is "as you go about your life in the world, make disciples." The church's purpose occurs as it interacts with the community beyond its members. The main work of the church happens outside the building.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TASK FORCE

The Constitution and Bylaws Task Force has completed a draft of updates for council review and congregation amendment. The updates will be brought to RLC members this early fall. The one area still uncertain is how RLC should be organized for ministry. A church organized around activities depending on "attraction," no longer works. It is not yet clear how bylaws should be written to structure a church "sent," a church in this new era existing for the sake of those beyond our membership.

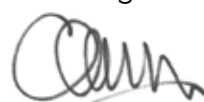
MINISTRY SITE PROFILE TASK FORCE

The Ministry Site Profile Task Force is nearing completion of its work on describing RLC's near future and what role the next Associate Pastor will have in it. The larger question for the task force has been the nature of RLC's purpose and place in a world where attraction evangelism no longer works.

LGBTQ+ INCLUSION TASK FORCE

The Inclusion Task Force has begun exploring the place of LGBTQ+ in this congregation. An "attraction model" of evangelism has always been about who gets to be "attracted." The task force's question is whether RLC is a church also for queer folk.

The church of first century Christians did not have a building dedicated for worship and programs. It was a church sent into communities where ordinary people lived by different rules than the prevailing culture, a way of life that blessed and honored and made safe places for everyone to be. RLC is at a decision moment of how to effectively "love God and love your neighbor" in a changed world. The church of the future will no longer be so much a gathering place but that of a *launching place*.



Pastor Chris



NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE • In-Person Worship at 9:00 am Begins June 13

- **1st Sunday of the month: Drive-in worship at 9:00 am (only)**
- **All other Sundays, 9:00 am (only) indoor, in-person worship** (Registration required. Please go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/in-person to learn more and to sign up).
- Online and cable TV broadcast continues.

WOW! RLC!!

Jessica Henry, Congregational President

A grammar nerd I know feels that exclamation points (!) are over-used. In fact, he only allows himself to use four such exclamations per year. When he does use one, I immediately know that he feels very strongly about whatever he has written. I generally agree with him about over-use, but I have not imposed such strict limitations on my own writing – and good thing, too – writing about pRAISE RLC would take up 75% of the annual allotment. It would be worth it, though; WOW, RLC.

In this moment, we are just wrapping up the *pRAISE RLC: Love Lives!* campaign. It is abundantly clear that Love Lives! at Roseville Lutheran; thank you to the team of staff who facilitated the campaign and thank you to the people of RLC – your generosity will help our ministries thrive!

Summer will be a busy time for RLC. A new budget will be drafted for the upcoming fiscal year; look for a chance to preview it ahead of August’s annual meeting. Summer camps will bring kids together for some much-needed fun. Preparatory work to support the search for and placement of an Associate Pastor will continue. The exploration of topics related to inclusion and reconciliation will also continue, as we seek to be a community united by grace. And the examination and revision of our constitution and bylaws will continue, as we document an operational structure that supports RLC’s current state and can flex to meet our future needs, as well.

Look for more opportunities to gather for block parties, for worship, and other occasions, too – I am looking forward to SEEING you soon!

Blessings, hope, and peace to all of you,

Jessica Henry



pRAISE RLC GRATITUDE

Rebecca Bedner-Faris, Dir. of Development

As we wrap up our 2021 *pRAISE RLC: Love Lives!* campaign, I am taking a moment to reflect on the experience. Working on this campaign has been wonderful. I have enjoyed the opportunity to learn about our different ministry areas including what members are doing within the church and in the community. I loved watching the videos and seeing pictures that members shared showing how Love Lives at RLC. It is inspiring to hear member’s share their story about their connection to RLC and the things that make them excited about belonging to this church.

I have appreciated the opportunities to gather in person. The drive in worship was amazing. It was my first time worshipping in person at RLC and it was powerful. I had a blast at the Family Fun Night Block Party event on Wednesday. It was a great opportunity to connect with members and watch children and families having fun. It was also great fun to show up with purple hair and to watch Abby Matter, Audrey Dontje Lindell, and Pastor Lauren Wrightman have their hair dyed wild hair colors too. Finally, I am filled with gratitude by the generosity of this congregation. Together, we beat our goal of \$100,000 in 100 hours and raised over \$115,000! Thank you to everyone that participated in our pRAISE RLC campaign this year. (Look for some great pictures and stories on pages 5-7).

I am excited to see what is next for us at RLC. I am hopeful that we will have more events where we can gather as I would love to connect with you. I am looking forward to our work together as a community united by grace.

Rebecca Bedner-Faris



RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

Pastors

Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor
Chris Hagen, Interim Associate Pastor
Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Hospitality Ministry

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

Music Ministry

John Helgen, Director
Martha Mutch, Organist
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs

RLC Preschool

Jenifer Johnson, Director

Child Care House

Jenifer Johnson, Director
Shyama Dahal, Assistant
Laurie Miller-Hedeen, Assistant

Children’s Ministry

Julie Hanson, Director of Children’s Ministry
Tammy Heiple, PMO, Nursery Coordinator

Student Ministry

Audrey Dontje Lindell, Director of Youth Ministry
Abby Matter, Deacon, Director of Faith Formation
Jamey Johnson, Transformational Life Coach

Facilities Ministry

Open, Campus Manager
Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer
Shelton Ingram, Custodian
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Rebecca Bedner-Faris, Director of Development
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Tammy Swanson, Financial Assistant

Endowment Committee

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Nominating Committee

James Stark, Co-Chair
Sharon Boyce, Co-Chair

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Heather Awad
Carrie Hefte Hanton
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Lillian Wassell, Youth & Family

FINANCE OFFICE UPDATE

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data

THANK YOU, DIANE DAULTON!

Diane Daulton has left her position as Financial Assistant to enjoy retirement. Diane came into the office faithfully every Monday morning for over 10 years to coordinate the counting teams and process the weekly offering. In addition, she entered contributions and other deposits into the database, balanced monthly account statements, sent contribution statements, and handled numerous details in the finance office. Thank you, Diane, for your service, caring spirit, sense of humor, and skilled handling of all things accounts receivable at RLC!!

WELCOME, KELLY BIRKMAIER!

Kelly Birkmaier began as RLC's part-time bookkeeper on May 3rd. She will be taking over accounts receivable and cross-training in accounts payable and payroll processing. Please give Kelly a warm welcome!

"Hi, I am Kelly Birkmaier and am very excited to be joining your RLC team as a part-time bookkeeper. I have an accounting and finance background and was a CPA (2001 - 2010). For the past 20 years, I have been a member of the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Eagan where I have served as Finance member, Treasurer and President. My husband and I live in Lakeville. In my spare time I enjoy visiting our 3 grown children and their families, gardening, golfing, quilting, reading, volunteering and traveling. I look forward to meeting and working with you."



RLC NEEDS YOU

The Time Is Now - Members Needed to Serve in Leadership Roles

Never has our mission been more relevant. Love God. Love your neighbor. As we explore new ways to build a community united by grace, RLC members are rolling up their sleeves and getting involved. Share your unique gifts and talents, as together we do God's work in Roseville and across the globe. If you're interested, please let Diane know by June 12.

We currently need RLC members to serve on church council, nominating committee, endowment committee, and to lead or serve on our ministry teams. Whether your passion is worship and prayer, children's and youth programs, adult education, council, or local and global mission and outreach – please **contact Diane Sell, before June 12 at dsell@RosevilleLutheran.org**. Experience the rewards of giving!

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

- 1 Peter 4:10

TASK FORCE UPDATES

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TASK FORCE

KJ Bach

The Constitution and Bylaws Task Force (CBTF) has completed its proposed Constitution and Bylaws updates as of the end of April. The next step in the process is to review and discuss this draft with the Congregation Council.



Once the Congregation Council approves the draft, Congregation members will have an opportunity to review and discuss the draft document. A special congregational meeting will then be called for the congregation to approve the draft document. Further communication will be forthcoming on when the draft will be available for Congregation review.

Once the congregation approves the draft document, it is sent to the St Paul Area Synod for approval. Also, a Summary of Changes document will be available online and in hardcopy.

Further information about this can be found at www.rosevillelutheran.org/cbtf. Thank you to the CBTF members for their work: Pastor Lauren, Pastor Chris, KJ Bach, Dr. Chris Gehrz, Carrie Hefte, Greg Johnson, Stacey Nealy, Scott Roste, and Diane Sell.

LOVE GOD
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR

MINISTRY SITE PROFILE TASK FORCE

Val Velde

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Task Force is a group of RLC members working together to complete a formal profile document on Roseville Lutheran Church. This document will help our potential future associate pastor know who we are as a Church and Community. The profile will include demographics of our church and neighborhood as well as our church mission, history, and future.

At this point, the task force has completed a high-level draft of the profile. They are now pausing that work to complete a RLC member survey. The results of this survey will guide how the team answers some of the questions within the MSP. The survey is coming out soon, please help us out by completing the survey.

Thank you MSP members: Amy Schell; Chris Smedsrud; Kevin Miller; Val Velde; Chris Hagen; and Abby Matter.



“pRAISE RLC: Love Lives” Special Insert





THANK YOU!
We Met Our Goal!

\$115,985



THESE ARE THE
MINISTRY AREAS
WE CELEBRATED
AND HIGHLIGHTED
EACH DAY MAY 2-6:

- Sunday, May 2

Monday, May 3

Tuesday, May 4

Wednesday, May 5

Thursday, May 6
- Worship and Music Ministry

Drive-in Worship

Made Kitchen Bundles

Hospitality and Care Ministry

Mission and Outreach Ministry

Special Highlight: Feed My Starving Children

Children’s, Youth, and Family Ministry

Family Fun Block Party at RLC

Adult Ministry





We met our goal, so Pastor Lauren got a new hair color! Love Lives throughout RLC, but it really shines with Vern and Virginia! On May 2 we made 150 kitchen bundles for Bridging, thanks to all your help!





Thanks to the Hofmeisters who were the “face” of the campaign. Staff model the RLC face masks. RLC Child Care gets in the spirit! We enjoyed all the food trucks at the Block Party! We even had a pet photo booth. Who can resist a Bubble Dance Party?



UPDATES FROM MISSION & OUTREACH, ONAM, KEYSTONE, AND OTHER FUN!

Diane Sell, Volunteer and Care Ministry

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mission and Outreach is meeting in the month of June to discuss future opportunities in partnerships and 5- to 10-year goals. All current partnerships including Keystone, Central Park, Feed My Starving Children, Dorothy Day, Project Home, and Bridging will be considered. Look for future events to come and ways to continue to participate.

We are in conversation with Keystone about two RLC onsite pack and deliver food drives that will favor food from the Latino and Asian communities. These events will take place in June and August. See below for more information.

OUR NEIGHBORS AND ME (ONAM)

Our Neighbors and Me has some exciting educational opportunities for the fall of 2021.

- Two-week series on Monday nights (time to be determined later)
- September 20 and 27 Speaker: Dr Karen McKinney

Topics to include: Biblical underpinnings of white supremacist ideology, and on how RLC can become an actively anti-racist institution.

A 4-session class will be offered in September and October centered on the 2020 book, *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad. In this book and its companion workbook, recommended by Dr. McKinney, Saad lays out a 28-day program of self-examination, reading, journaling and discussion. All of which ask the participants to consider how their racial conditioning has led them to certain beliefs and opinions. Sunday morning study groups supporting this book will be led by Marilyn Shardlow and Alice Neve.

KEYSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER

Food Pack and Distribution on June 30 and Aug. 18

Join us in our Summer dates with Keystone at RLC to pack and distribute food that will favor food from the Latino and Asian communities. These events will run from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Wednesdays June 30 and August 18. If you are interested look for a sign up on our Website beginning June 1 or contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org

COOKBOOK IN THE WORKS!

"The Unprecedented Year of COVID" Cookbook

How many of you had to brush up on your baking and cooking skills this past year? How many of you had to dust off your pots and pans? What was your new favorite meal that you made during COVID? What was your "stand by" meal? What was something new you made and liked? Where did you get your favorite takeout food? And what was it? WE WANT TO KNOW! We are taking your best recipes and putting together "The Unprecedented Year of COVID" Cookbook. You will have from June 1 to August 15 to send these great recipes to dsell@rosevillelutheran.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL 2021

September 12 Rally Sunday and Great Chili Cook-Off!

Clear your schedule for this event! We need your best chilli! But WAIT! Who has the best Chili? Look for more details coming on this event this summer!

OcktoberFest on Friday, Oct. 15 at RLC

"Ja, we love Jesus and we gonna polka!" Attention all beer brew masters we need you! Contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org. More information coming this summer!



STRENGTH FOR TODAY. BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

Diane Sell, Volunteer and Care Ministry

As we venture out, navigating a post covid world, we look for today's strength and hope for a new day, or perhaps an old day before covid. Yes? But what does that look like? How have we changed in the past year and a half? How has our world, our country, our state, and our church changed? Are we comfortable with the change that has happened or continues to happen?

As a staff we are currently reading a book called "Canoeing the Mountains" by Tod Bolsinger

The author retells the story about the Lewis and Clark expedition and how they set out to find a water route that would connect the Pacific Ocean to the Mississippi river. By doing so, this would ensure our young nation's prosperity. For those of you who know this story you know that there was no Northwest passage, no river they could navigate, no water route. They thought the mountains they were to cross would be like the tree topped bluffs of the Appalachians, but what they came upon was the jagged Rocky Mountains of the west. Everything they assumed about their journey had changed. The author states "what lay before them was nothing like what was behind them."

How does this translate to the church today? To all of us? In the early 2000s I would hear stories about the beautiful churches in Europe. They are all magnificent structures, but all stand nearly empty now. So, is being part of a church a thing of the past? Can we get back what we once had? Did we fail as parents if our own kids don't go to church now as adults? All good questions. What if what lays before us is nothing like what was behind us? As Christians we believe that God's spirit goes before us and that we are not alone. I believe the mission of Christ will not fail, but perhaps we will need to navigate some uncharted waters together. I look forward to what God has in store for Roseville Lutheran moving forward!

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

— Joshua 1:9



GRIEF SHARE RETURNS

Sign Up Now for 13-week Session



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences: the death of a family member or friend. We understand that there are other losses in life; you might be experiencing a job loss, a divorce, estrangement from a child, or the loss of friends who moved. This grief is real, but it is not the kind of grief discussed in these sessions.

You are welcome to begin attending the group during any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next 13-week cycle and view any of the videos you have not seen.

We will begin meeting Monday September 13 and run from 6-8 pm in room 40. Sign-up is open online at www.rosevillelutheran.org/griefshare. The cost is \$15.00 for the participant's book.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org

A NEW NORMAL?

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

As we move toward our new normal, I am anxious to get back to everyday work life. Even though it may have looked like the church was at a stand still, the staff and I have been busy keeping up to date on all procedures and protocols to reopen. I personally have had a chance to do what I love, cooking for others that otherwise could not do this due to unfortunate circumstances.

Lenten suppers were a huge success, and were more challenging as I had no one to prepare them with me. Thank you to Julie Wendland for packing with me, and a couple of other volunteers for keeping me company during packing. I also delivered food to both Minneapolis and Roseville police departments to let them know we do appreciate all they do.

The May 5 Block Party with food trucks was a great way for us to slowly get back together again. Due to the rain it was not as well attended as we hoped, but those who did come enjoyed each other's company.

My hope is that we bounce forward and come together soon. *Sempre famiglia!*



OUR NEIGHBORS AND ME (ONAM)

Racial Justice at Roseville Lutheran Church



The past year has been filled with great turmoil as both political and racial unrest shook our communities and our nation. RLC's mission to "Love God • Love Your Neighbor" has taken on a new urgency as we try to build a more just and inclusive society right here in the Twin Cities. The ONAM Committee is planning to address these important issues in their upcoming fall programs.

In her book, "Me and White Supremacy," Layla F. Saad lays out the importance of educating yourself about what "white supremacy" actually means. Most Americans see it as a far right, neo-Nazi fringe designation. But, in fact, the phrase refers to an entire set of beliefs which posit the superiority of the white race and which are still perpetuated today to the detriment of people of color. Saad calls us to combat racist ideology as a path to becoming what she calls a "good ancestor" – a human being who works to leave the world a better place for those who come.

In September, ONAM will offer a four session class centered on Saad's 2020 book, which lays out a month-long program of self-examination, reading, journaling and discussion – all of which ask the participants to consider how their racial conditioning has impacted them. These groups will meet on Sunday mornings on the following dates: **September 12, 19, 26, and October 10**. Small group leaders will be Alice Neve and Marilyn Shardlow, and registration is limited to 20 participants.

ONAM will also be welcoming back Dr. Karen McKinney, Chief Equity Officer at the MN Department of Human Services, a familiar guest at RLC. Her first presentation on **Monday, September 20**, will focus on the Biblical underpinnings of white supremacist ideology and the second on **Monday, September 27** on how Roseville Lutheran can become an actively anti-racist congregation. Pre-registration will be offered in August. Dr. McKinney is a former Professor of Theology at Bethel University and has been an important resource for ONAM during the past five years.

ONAM is also sponsoring an event on **Saturday, October 2**, called the **Sacred Sites Tour**, which is sponsored by a local Native American organization called *Healing Stories*. With the knowledge that in many cases mistreatment of Native peoples was accomplished with the full participation of white religious institutions, *Healing Stories* brings together various groups to spread knowledge of indigenous histories and to build hope and healing for their futures. Led by local indigenous leaders, Mr. James Big Bear (Mohican) and Bob Klanderud (Dakota), it will focus on the significance of the area around the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. This event is open to 40-45 people and will require preregistration. The coordinator of this event is Heather Awad.

RECENT BOOKS ON ANTI-RACISM TO READ THIS SUMMER...

"To build a nation of equal opportunity for everyone, we need to dismantle the spurious legacy of our common upbringing. One of the best ways to do this is by reading books. Not books that reinforce old ideas about what we think we are, what we think America is, what we think racism is. Instead we need to read books that are difficult or unorthodox, that don't go down easily. Books that force us to confront our self-serving beliefs and make us aware that 'I'm not racist' is a slogan of denial." (Ibram X. Kendi)

- Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor (Layla Saad, 2020)
- How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice (Jemar Tisby, 2021)
- The Racial Healing Handbook: Practical Activities to Help You Challenge Privilege, Confront Systemic Racism, and Engage in Collective Healing (Annaliese A. Singh, 2019)
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness (Michelle Alexander, 10th edition, 2020)
- Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America (Ibram X. Kendi, 2016)
- Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent (Isabel Wilkerson, 2020)
- How to Be an Antiracist (Ibram X. Kendi, 2019)
- Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy (David Zucchino, 2020)

SPOTS AVAILABLE AT RLC PRESCHOOL

Register NOW for 2021-22

Looking for fun, faith-based and fantastic educational opportunities for your preschool age child...Join us this Fall 2021 at RLC Preschool! A child needs to be three or four years old by Sept. 1, and toilet trained to register for RLC Preschool 2021-22! To learn more about our preschool you can go to our webpage for more information at <https://www.rosevillelutheran.org/ages-and-stages/rlc-preschool/>. If you would like to schedule a tour or have further questions, please contact our preschool director, Jenifer Johnson, at 651-488-6887 or jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.



To register you can go directly to this link:

<https://bit.ly/PreKReg2021>

REGISTER FOR JUNE 21-24 FAMILY VBS

Get a Free T-Shirt If You Register by June 1

We are trying something different this year – Family Vacation Bible School in the evening!

Find out how Jesus' power can help us through the ups and downs of life June 21- 24 from 6:15-7:15 pm in the main parking lot. All Aboard for fun with incredible music, stories and activities with your family! Cost is \$25 per family. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and get ready for the best week of the summer! Register online at www.rosevillelutheran.org/vbs by June 1st to get a T shirt. All are welcome- tell your friends and neighbors! Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org



CYF SUMMER CALENDAR

June 21 - 24 Family Vacation Bible School 6:15 - 7:15 pm daily

June 27 - July 2 Camp Hiawatha Grades 4-9

July 11 - 14 Summer Festival Camp Grades 9 - 12

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- July 14, 6:30-7:30 pm: Summer Soap Scoop (hand out tie blanket kits)
- July 24, 9:00-10:00 am: Birthday Kit Assembly (collect completed tie blankets)

July 25 - 31 Boundary Waters Grades 9 - 12

August 8 (7-9 pm) Summer Bonfire Going into Grades 7-12

FAMILY RETREAT ON LAKE VERMILION

October 22-24 in God's Great North Woods



Over MEA weekend, October 22-24, come experience a weekend retreat at VLM's Camp Vermilion, located on Lake Vermilion outside of Cook, MN. Several families participated in this pre-Covid, in the fall of 2019 and LOVED this time to get away and enjoy the wonderful sights and sounds of this beautiful area.

We will be staying in the Bakk House Retreat Center, which has a total of 6 bedrooms: three with beds for 8, and three with beds for 4. There are indoor bathrooms and showers just down the hall from the bedrooms; a common area with sofas, foosball, fireplace, and wireless; cooking facilities; an outdoor fire pit; and a sauna 20 yards out the back door. Your family would spend a relaxing autumn weekend in the pine forests of northern Minnesota, hiking, canoeing, playing games, and spending quality time in God's great Northwoods.

Families of all ages are welcome, and we hope to offer parents with young children a couple of hours of quiet time for themselves while others watch over the children. Saturday brunch in Voyageurs Lodge is included, and we'll share common meals Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Final cost will depend on how many people register, but the TOTAL COST for a family of 4 will be approximately \$125 (yes, that covers the whole family for the entire weekend)! Questions? Contact Dave Hofeldt at 612-845-8401. Look for registration information on the church website.

VLM stands for "Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry" which is the organization that runs Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion; the former hosts our 5th-9th graders for summer camp and the latter hosts our 9th-12th graders for canoe outings to BWCA. More information about Camp Vermilion and the Bakk House can be found online at www.vlmcamps.org/facilities.



SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

We are holding some outdoor service opportunities for families and others this summer as a way to gather together and show God's love! Mark your calendar for these service opportunities:

July 14 - Summer Soap Scoop, and pick up Tie Blankets

On Wednesday, July 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the upper (north) parking lot at RLC you can help repackage laundry detergent for clients of Keystone Community Services. Also that night, you can pick up a Tie Blanket kit to make a blanket at home for residents of an area nursing home.



July 24 - Assemble Birthday Bags, and return Tie Blankets

From 9:00 - 10:00 am on Saturday, July 24, you can assemble Birthday Bags for Keystone families in the upper (north) parking lot at RLC. Bring joy to a child by assembling a Birthday Party Bag that contains a box of cake mix, frosting, candles, and small toys. Help make a birthday card to include in the Birthday bags. These Birthday Party Bags will be distributed to clients at Keystone Food Shelves. Also, don't forget to drop off completed Tie Blankets for residents of an area nursing home. Thank You!



A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE



Welcome!

We're planning for indoor, in-person worship on Sundays at 9:00 am.

****Starting June 13****

Safety protocols will be in place.

Please register to attend!

rosevillelutheran.org/worship/in-person

CELEBRATING OUR CONFIRMANDS

48 Ninth Graders Affirmed Their Baptisms on May 23

On Sunday, May 23rd at 10:30 am, we celebrated 48 ninth graders affirming their baptism. They took this important step in their faith journey and were reminded that they are loved not only by the God who created them, but also by their family, small group leaders, mentors and peers.

Therefore, we pray that they go confidently in faith, not because they have it all figured out, but because they are a glorious masterpiece with unique gifts and abilities. We pray that they continue on knowing they have been put on this earth for a purpose, to do the good things God has planned for them.

May you continue to pray with me that these students know that God will protect them, Jesus will guide them and the Holy Spirit will work in and through them.

– Deacon Abby Matter, Director of Faith Formation



WE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH THIS SUMMER

Pray for Safety, Faith-Filled Fun

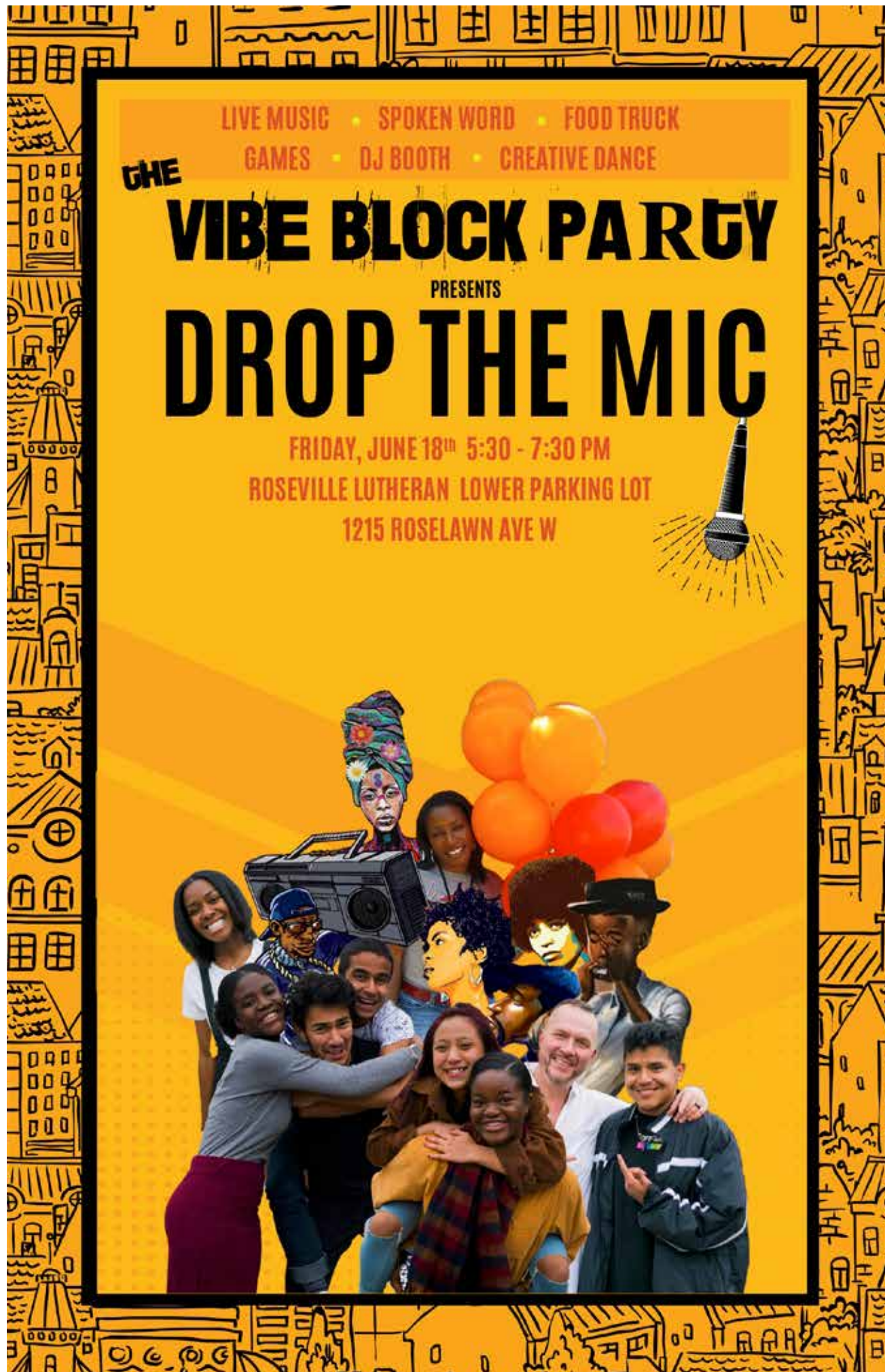
Please consider praying for our youth again this summer. Over 50 of our youth will be attending RLC's various summer camps and trips. This summer, they have four different trips and camps that they are participating in. As a youth staff, we look forward to spending time with so many youth as we grow 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 trips, we rely on your prayers and support to help ensure that we all have a safe and Christ filled week. You can stay up-to-date with all of our trips by following RLC Youth on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 13

We are excited to announce that we will begin hosting in-person, indoor worship on Sunday, June 13th at 9:00 am. Our summer worship schedule is:

- **1st Sunday of the month: Drive-in worship at 9:00 am.**
- **All other Sundays, 9:00 am indoor, in-person worship.** Register (required) at www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/in-person to learn more and to sign up.
- **Online and cable TV broadcast continues.**



THE VIBE BLOCK PARTIES

June 18 • Drop the Mic • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

The VIBE (RLC young adults) will host and present "DROP the MIC" a Block Party for all ages, at Roseville Lutheran south parking lot off Roselawn Avenue on Friday, June 18 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. This will be a multi-ethnic, artistic, creative environment, INTENTIONALLY designed to inspire connection, fun, community and encouragement. Open to the community... invite friends and neighbors!

SCHEDULE

- **5:30 pm:** DJ booth, music, food trucks, prize give-away, and games.
- **6:30 pm:** Live performance by reggae hip-hop sensation, Ryan Daniels.
- **7:00 pm:** Spoken word and inspirational message.



Plans Coming for August 13! 5:30 - 7:30 pm

The Vibe Block Party will also be held on Friday, August 13, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Look for more details to come... SAVE THE DATE!

