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THE TABLE

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

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CONGREGATION VOTES TO CALL MARTY WYATT

RLC to Welcome New Associate Pastor

After prayerful consideration and with the presence of the Holy Spirit, it is with great joy and excitement that the RLC Call Committee introduced Marty Wyatt as our final candidate for the position of Associate Pastor. At the February 20, 2022 congregational meeting, RLC voted to extend a call invitation to Marty Wyatt.

A FEW REASONS WHY WE SELECTED MARTY

- Marty is simple and direct in his encouragement for all to follow Jesus' example while carrying others in their heart, or as he put it, "to do God's work in the world using the gifts that God has given us."
- Marty has experience with Children, Youth and Family ministry most recently during his internship, as well as the Program Assistant for the Youth Theology Institute at Augsburg University. Marty freely shares and teaches that God's love has no boundaries or limits.

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"I AM... YOU ARE..."

Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

One of the first steps in learning a new language is to learn the "to be" verbs. If you were to learn the basics of Spanish, "I am" = "yo soy" and "You are" = "usted está". In Danish it would be "jeg er" and "du er" respectively. These are both languages that I have learned throughout the years, but I am undergoing the task of relearning them and while I would like to think I can just skip over the first and most basic lessons, I am finding I cannot. There is something to be gained by starting at the beginning.

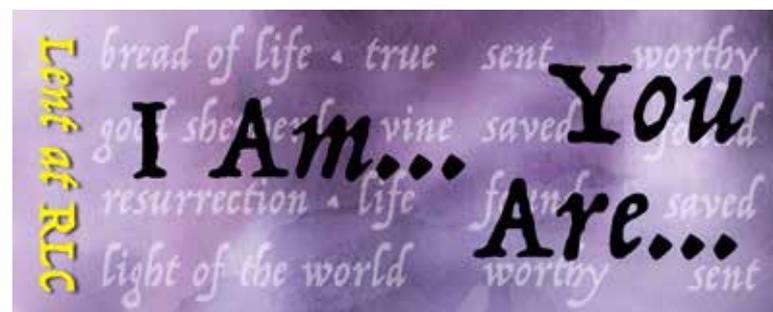
Over the season of Lent, we will be stepping back and relearning some of the basic tenets of our faith and our belief in Jesus Christ. Using the "I am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John we will hear each Sunday morning in worship the declarations of Jesus as he proclaims "I am the bread of life. I am the good shepherd. I am the resurrection." Wednesday evenings during Lent we will explore what each of these statements means to us - beginning with the declaration we hear on Ash Wednesday, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

It is our prayer that as we gather together throughout the season of Lent we will come to better know the magnificent gift of Jesus within our lives and our world; as well as learn how Jesus not only declares who he is, but also helps us better understand who we are as brothers and sisters in Christ.

May you come to know Jesus this Lent. May you come to know who you are as children of God.

Lenten blessings,

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman



The Season of Lent at RLC



WORSHIP AT RLC

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AND 10:30 AM
Lenten Wednesdays AT 5:00 AND 7:00 PM

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- Marty has a passion for building community which begins with listening and understanding where people are at so he can meet them there.
- Marty has shown that he is able to connect well with people of all ages, from youth to seniors.
- Marty not only has the traits that reflect who RLC is, but more importantly, he will walk beside us, guide and lead us in who we aspire to become.

Marty has accepted our call; and is ready to be ordained and walk with us as we endeavor to "Love God, Love Our Neighbor." Welcome, Marty!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD FEB. 20

The RLC Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 11:30 am in the Worship Center. At this exciting and Holy Spirit-filled meeting, the congregation voted in the affirmative on both questions before it.



CONSTITUTION APPROVED

The congregation voted to approve our Church Constitution 202 - 2 -5.

RLC TO CALL MARTY WYATT AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The congregation voted to extend a call to Marty Wyatt as Associate Pastor 186 - 14 - 8.



MY SECOND YEAR AT RLC!

Rebecca Bedner-Faris, Director of Development

As I am writing this table article, I am just finishing up my first year at RLC. And what a year it has been-for all of us! I have enjoyed getting to know the members, friends, and staff. I have tried my best to match faces with names despite having masks on, masks off, and then back on again as we came together through online worship, outdoor worship, in-person worship and of course, Zoom! I am excited to get started on my second year and to see what is in store for us here at RLC.

I have a few projects in the works that you will learn more about in the coming months:

- I am working with the RLC Leadership Team on a project to update our database. We are putting together a plan that will include multiple ways to reach you, our members and friends, to ensure we have the most current information about you and your family. Visit www.rosevillelutheran.org/contactinfo for more information.
- I am excited to start planning for our upcoming pRAISE campaign which will take place May 1-5. Please Save the Date(s)! I am looking forward to the ways in which we will come together to celebrate all that we are doing here at RLC and in the community.
- Finally, I am working with the Endowment Committee on a larger plan to talk more intentionally about planned or legacy giving at RLC. Stay tuned for more information!

If you have questions about any of these upcoming projects, or would like to connect with me in-person (if COVID guidelines allow) or on Zoom, please reach out to me at rbednerfaris@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752 ext. 226



ACTION IS A VERB!

Diane Sell, Director of Community Engagement and Care

Our theme this year has centered around the words Connect, Explore and Act. I have reflected on Connect and Explore in previous Tables.

Did you know that the book of **Acts** in the Bible is about the "acts" of the apostles? These disciples took what they learned from Jesus and they moved forward. They ventured out to new places. They went out on Jesus command, received the power of the Holy Spirit and became witnesses of Jesus. They went to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and beyond! They acted in Jesus name. They healed in Jesus name. They addressed the crowds in Jesus name and they converted the first Christians in Jesus name.

To **act** is to move, to make effort, to undertake to maneuver. We are now coming out of a pandemic and I don't know about you but we have a lot of angry pent up people out in the world right now. I'm not suggesting to get out on the corner or even go door to door and preach the good news of Jesus Christ! Unless of course that calling is on your heart. How do we **act** as Christians in Jesus name in a world that has seemingly gone mad? How do we Love God and Love our neighbor? Mother Teresa would say that it starts at home. It then spreads out in my opinion to those we encounter every day. To our coworkers. To the person that is in that right lane on the freeway and wants to merge on top of you RIGHT NOW. It's to the Starbucks worker that got your drink wrong. It is to the person in the Cub Food aisle that has taken up the whole lane and you can not pass. You get the idea. You could share your examples with me because we have those encounters every day. We get to choose how we are going to **act** in every situation.

The apostles had Jesus as their living example and He showed them how to **act**.

In the coming months you will see ways that you can become involved at Roseville Lutheran. Some of those ways are included in this newsletter. But there's more. I encourage you to come back to church. Sit in the pew, look around and see your neighbors at RLC again. Look and see who is not there. Then **act**. Reach out to them. Find out how their life is going. Join a Bible Study. Offer yourself as a Lenten mentor to one of our youth who is trying to figure out their place in this world. Attend a Prime-Time Luncheon and connect with your friends from church. Encourage your Pastors and leaders in the church with a note or a good word. This pandemic took a lot of time away from us as a community. It is now time to re-engage. To **act**. In Jesus name.



WHAT'S NEW AT RLC? PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING!

Joe Zeigler, RLC Council President



As I write this, your vote is pending on a newly proposed constitution for Roseville Lutheran Church and on the Call Committee's recommendation for associate pastor. As you read this, those votes have already been counted, with the results impacting the course of our congregational journey for both the near and long terms.

Changes are coming fast for our 75-year-old church.

The pandemic continues to alter our lives in unpredictable ways. Quarantines, mandates, school closings, work-from-home, ... just when we think we have our bearings the landscape shifts.

The past two years have demanded that we constantly rethink how to stay connected and grow as a community, with health and safety protocols erecting barriers to physical contact. These challenges will continue and evolve for the foreseeable future.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Executive Committee for the last two years. During this time, most decisions faced by Council have been impacted by ever-changing "COVID rules." I expect this will continue to be the case through the end of my term in August.

Leadership will continue to seek guidance from recognized authorities—including the CDC, the Minnesota Department of Health, and health

professionals within our RLC community—as we reformulate plans and policies to best protect our staff and members.

It is frustrating when these policies interfere with our mission. Connectedness is vital to our church community. However, worship is split between remote video streams and onsite attendees who are masked and social-distanced. Our tutors have had to suspend efforts to assist the students at Central Park Elementary. Children and young adults are missing out on valuable lesson time and social engagement opportunities as programs are curbed. The list is long.

I recognize that members have differing views on the best way to balance individual safety with the need to gather for worship, education, and community outreach. I invite your continued feedback and ideas to help RLC navigate this era of change. Your ongoing support ensures we will emerge stronger than ever to continue building a community united by grace.

I also want to extend a huge "thanks" to the staff, whose ability to pivot has superseded their commendable skills in planning and execution.

Be well. Stay safe. Get vaccinated.

LEGACY GIVING

Please prayerfully consider leaving a Legacy Gift to the RLC Endowment Fund in your Estate Plan. With each contribution, members and friends leave a legacy and entrust their dollars to help meet the future needs of RLC and our community. For more information about how our Endowment Fund works, contact Rebecca Bedner-Faris at 651-487-7752 ext 226.

RLC ENDOWMENT FUND

RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

Pastors

Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor
Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor
Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Music Ministry

John Helgen, Director
Martha Mutch, Organist
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs
Lucas Byl, Worship Leader

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

Ministry Support Staff

Dave Booms, Church Administrator
Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data
Diane Sell, Director of Community Engagement
Rebecca Bedner-Faris, Director of Development
Daniel Pederson, Communications Manager
Mary Johnson, Receptionist/Admin. Assistant
Kelly Birkmaier, Financial Assistant
Tammy Swanson, Financial Assistant

RLC Preschool

Sher Noot, Director
Lori Kristiansen, Preschool Teacher
Debbie Strobeck, Preschool Asst. Teacher
Rachel Lawson, Preschool Asst. Teacher
Shana Pearson, Preschool Teacher
Katie Gerhz, Preschool Asst. Teacher
Renee Olson, Preschool Asst. Teacher
Laurie Miller, Childcare Teacher

Child Care House

Sher Noot, Director
Shyama Dahal, Childcare Teacher
Laurie Miller-Hedeen, Childcare Teacher
Melissa Kidd, Childcare Teacher
Krystina Eliason, Childcare Teacher

Hospitality Ministry

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

Facilities Ministry

Ian Agner, Campus Manager
Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer
Shelton Ingram, Custodian
Greg Saiko, Custodian

Endowment Committee

Mike Dolan, Chair
Judy Ekern
Kevin Peterson
Audra Engebretson
Carrie Hefte-Hanton

Nominating Committee

Randi Lundell, Chair
Dave Werner
Randy DeJong
Rich Straumann

Congregation Council

Joe Zeigler, President
Rebecca Field, President Elect
Val Velde, Vice President
Mary Peterson
Kevin Hanson
Heidi Larson
Linda Hanson
Kris Olsen
Bill Metzger

Ministry Team Chairs

Sharon Swiglo, Adult Ed
Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry Advisory Board
Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach
Lilian Wassell, Youth & Family

RESCHEDULED: CELEBRATING VISION SLOVAKIA

Saturday, May 14 Luncheon

Sunday, May 15 Guest Preacher, Adrian Kacian at 9:00 am Worship.

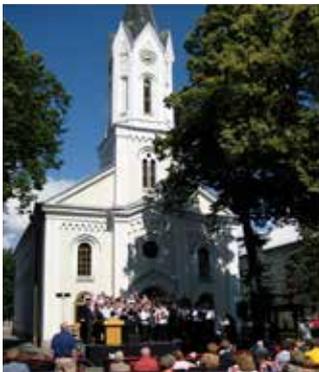


The Celebrate Slovakia Luncheon originally scheduled for January 16, has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Roseville Lutheran Church. Invitations will be emailed closer to the time.

On Saturday, May 14, former Vision Slovakia Builders, Vacation Bible School Teachers and English Teachers and those who have visited the school and hosted will join together with Adrian Kacian, Center for Christian Education (CCE) Director of Development, for a time of sharing a meal and celebrating this partnership of over two decades!

The following day, Sunday, May 15, Adrian will be preaching at the 9:00 service. We look forward to this time to worship together.

RLC is no longer financially supporting the CCE in Martin, Slovakia. The goals of seeing the school move from an infant to a thriving part of society have come to fruition. It is time to come together and celebrate these years and to thank God for the blessings of this partnership.



DATABASE UPDATE

We are updating our database of members and friends of RLC. We will be reaching out to you to ensure we have the most current information about you/your family. Look for more information to come and visit our website at www.rosevillelutheran.org/contactinfo.

A STORY OF VOLUNTEERISM

Dave Booms, Church Administrator, and KJ Bach, Kathy Pedersen, RLC members

In 2018 Council formed a Capital Improvements Taskforce whose mandate was to assess the current state of the building and the grounds. Using a combination of volunteers, staff, and contractors, we conducted a number of assessments including but not limited to: inspection of the lighting, checking the status of Fire Life Safety, inspection of the parking lot, inspection of the main electrical rooms, inspection of the structure in general and a complete electrical survey. We cataloged all mechanical equipment, pumps and compressors associated with mechanical equipment.

Some 34 items were identified as needing upgrades or replacement. (A number of these items had been noted in inspections done in 2005 and 2011). Committees, Teams, and Staff were brought in to provide feedback, from which a priority list was developed. Needs were categorized in order of immediate, 1-2 years, and 3+ years. Council approved action on the immediate needs and vendors were called in to provide bids and do the work. The most noticeable of the changes, I believe, have been the roofs, carpeting, vinyl/tile flooring, windows and lighting throughout the campus.

NETWORK UPGRADES

One of the areas of improvement is Roseville Lutheran's network infrastructure. Whether for presentations (by both internal or external groups), educational, or personal needs, our array of routers were not adequate. One of the contractors we brought in for assessment was Success Computer Consulting. They provided an analysis and a job bid. End result \$20,000 would be needed to purchase parts and for labor. One of the members of the task a force was KJ Bach, herself a retired IBM'er and active member of the RLC Builders Group and after some conversation we believed we could tackle this with inside resources and volunteers. KJ Bach (with some edits) picks up the story from here.

"I.T. needs have been historically supported by a number of volunteers, RLC members who have IT backgrounds. Currently, Joseph Husby, a RLC member, is the key IT support person for RLC. In late 2019 Joseph and KJ Bach talked about 'cleaning up' the hodge-podge of network boxes and wires in the Phone Room (in addition to the WiFi upgrade). What started out to be a simple cleanup project morphed into A COMPLETE NETWORK UPGRADE PROJECT. In April 2020, KJ and Joseph mapped out where existing WiFi Access Points needed to be mounted and where additional WiFi Access Points were needed. Also, several network repairs were identified. Most of the work was done between Nov 2020 – Mid-March 2021, with KJ Bach and Kathy Pedersen working 1-2 days a week. Frankly, this was a disaster waiting to happen with little knowledge or documentation of what cable went to what office/room and would ultimately make troubleshooting outages extremely difficult and time consuming.

Project goals: Ensure stable, reliable, scalable, and secure internet capability to all offices and key meeting rooms, whether through WiFi access or hardwired ethernet jacks. (WiFi capability is now a general public expectation). Identify, trace, test, label and document all ethernet cables runs. Provide digital & hardcopy documentation of network architecture, hardware, & installation standards. Gather & test unused equipment for onsite inventory or to dispose of appropriately."

KJ and Kathy were the core of the team, with the grateful assistance from Don Patnode (a friend of KJ's from Target Corp) who helped get this project started. "Joseph Husby provided equipment recommendations and purchases, as well as his phenomenal IT Support to this project. Perhaps the most challenging phase of this effort was with the cabling. They found themselves crawling in and out of places we never knew existed. More often than not KJ and Kathy would be seen with their heads in the ceiling. They had to be very flexible as exploring where new cable runs could go was, at times, a mystery." As the project went along it soon intersected the efforts to develop a live-stream studio and the inclusion of Jeff Bowar. (Which is future article!)



JOIN US IN THE JOURNEY FORWARD

Trupti Storlie, RLC Inclusion Task Force

Hello Friends! The Inclusion Task Force was approved by Council and Pastor Lauren in the Fall of 2020, and we kicked off in January 2021. I want to share our work so far and where we are headed in the coming year. I specifically want to invite congregation members who identify as *LGBTQ+ to share their ideas and join us in the journey moving forward.

One question that has arisen is "Why are you focusing on a specific group? We should be including all people." We acknowledge that there are many people and groups (including diversity of physical or mental abilities, race, financial resources, ethnicity, family status, citizenship status, or personal struggles) who need a clear invitation to learn and experience God's love for them within our faith community. As a first step, our task force examined the historical and theological perspectives of the Christian faith generally, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and of Roseville Lutheran Church specifically regarding the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people. Unfortunately, previous teachings and experiences in church actively tried to push LGBTQ+ people away from church and away from God's grace. As a result, for LGBTQ+ people, especially older adults, a general statement of welcome at a church is often heard as "everybody but me." Christ sacrificed his life to reconcile and bring all people back into relationship with God; the process of becoming a "Reconciled in Christ" congregation affirms this idea, while specifically addressing LGBTQ+ people to counteract the past exclusion by Christian churches. By learning to authentically welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, our congregation will also learn how to welcome other people or groups.

In 2021, the Inclusion Task Force began conversation in our congregation regarding how we include people, and particularly LGBTQ+ people. Confirmation small groups spent two weeks discussing this topic and now our youth and their families explicitly know that our church welcomes and loves

* Learn More

Having questions is to be expected! We have gathered some resources on our church website to help navigate terms like LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning) to hear from other folks at RLC, and to learn about available resources, books, and links.

www.rosevillelutheran.org/lgbtq-inclusion

LGBTQ+ people as God's people. During the same period, Jim Boyce held an 10:10 Adult Ed seminar to share his experiences and theological perspectives on inclusion. Over 50 people attended, and we were grateful to those who came to learn and to Jim for sharing his experience. Alongside these larger groups, we piloted small groups with staff, Council, and other church leaders in the summer and fall to discuss what it means to be a welcoming or inclusive congregation. People were vulnerable and shared stories about the exclusion they had been taught growing up in the church, their individual processes of reconciliation, and the pain or fear that church had caused to friends and family who were not heterosexual. People have also reached out to task force members in one-on-one conversations to ask questions.

To be designated as a "Reconciled in Christ" church requires an official vote. Even without a label, most people have told our task force that they want our church to be inclusive, yet this requires some change. It requires visibly communicating to visitors, in this instance LGBTQ+ people, that they are safe and welcome in our church. It requires a non-discriminatory hiring policy that chooses the best, most qualified people to serve in our church. It requires understanding unfamiliar terms and acknowledging the ways the church has previously shut out some people. We are doing some of these things already and we are finding ways to do more. In this process, we are acting as a community united by grace calling others to experience God's love.

I want to recognize this change feels like one more in myriad of changes inside and outside of church, and changes are overwhelming. The Inclusion Task Force is here to support you. We will make learning materials available, as well as have speakers on April 24, May 1, and May 22 to talk about LGBTQ+ inclusion during our 10:10 Adult Education; please check out the Adult Ed article (on page 8) for details. We recognize that sometimes it can be difficult to ask questions in large groups, so our team is available for small groups: gather your friends, reach out to me (Trupti Storlie, truptistorlie@gmail.com), and let's take time to learn together.

Other lay members of the Inclusion Task Force include:

Marj Bergstrom
Bob Bergstrom
Linda Eldred
Beth Jacobson
Jill Peterson
Trupti Storlie
Val Velde



WELCOME, MARY JOHNSON!

New Receptionist/Admin Assistant at RLC

We are delighted to welcome Mary Johnson to the staff of Roseville Lutheran Church. Let's hear a little bit about Mary:

"Hello my name is Mary Johnson and I am excited to tell you I am the new receptionist/administrative assistant for RLC! My husband, Jeff, and I have been members of Roseville Lutheran for over 20 years. We have four children, 4 grandchildren and a rescue dog named Sam.

I was born and raised in beautiful Ely, MN where our family still loves to vacation in the summer. I graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College which is located in St Peter, MN. Definitely the opposite end of Minnesota from Ely!

I love spending time with Jeff and our kids and grandkids. God has truly blessed us!

So remember, when you call Roseville Lutheran Church I am the person answering the phone! God Bless!"



RLC SCHOLARSHIPS AID TANZANIAN STUDENTS IN 2022

Classes have begun at Dabaga Secondary School in Tanzania for the 2022 school year. Several of the students who receive scholarship support from RLC attend this government school. These students are all members of RLC's companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange.

Through these generous scholarship grants, RLC works with the Ng'ang'ange parish to help fulfill their highest priority -- to provide an educational opportunity for their young people. Together in this way, we become a global community united by grace. Thanks to everyone who contributed funds for this important ministry. Watch for special Tanzania emphasis at worship on June 12. Music, message, updates centered on our partnership with Ng'ang'ange congregation in the Iringa Diocese.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Julie Hanson, Director of Children's Ministry

DRESSER BUILD AT HOME WAS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of those that helped assemble a dresser, either at home or at Roseville Lutheran in January, we were able to complete 50 dressers this year for the clients of Bridging. Dressers are a huge need for the people Bridging serves, so even with the challenges of Covid, we did it safely!! Funding for these dresser kits was possible from the Mission and Outreach committee. Thank you to all those that participated!



RLC KIDS CHOIR TO START IN MARCH

Does your student like to sing? Starting Sunday, March 6th through April 10th kids in Grades 1-6 will sing and learn new songs to be sung on Palm Sunday, April 10th. Each Sunday from 10-10:30 in the choir room Joe Husby will welcome your student!



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP SET FOR APRIL 9

Registration Opens in March

To make this experience for young people in 2nd grade and older more meaningful, we will hold the First Communion Workshop and First Communion in person on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00-11:00 am. Online registration will occur in March.



PALM SUNDAY PARADE!

Join the Celebration on April 10

Let's celebrate the King by having a Palm Parade on Sunday, April 10 at both the 9:00 and 10:30 Worship services! Kids will process in waving palms and shouting their hosannas! It's going to be epic! Look for details to come!



FAMILY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

April 15 at 9:00 am

We will be having a kid-friendly Family Good Friday Worship on Friday, April 15th at 9:00 am. In keeping with our tradition, this service is meant to engage kids of all ages and will include a craft for you to make at home. More information about this will be available in early March.



VBS - MAKE WAVES

Save the Dates: June 13-16!

An experience full of fun, laughter and lots of God's Word! Learn what you do today can change the world around you- Make Waves! Mark your calendar for June 13-16! We think it's possible for kids and volunteers to create a ripple effect that can impact the world around them in ways they will never forget! God dropped you onto this planet to do the same thing- to make waves! More details will be sent to you this spring, as well as info on the RLC website.



RLC PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE HOUSE

Sher Noot, Director



Teaching and directing during covid is definitely different, but there are some things that no matter the situation stay the same. That is the resiliency of children. The resilience of children amazes me on a daily basis. I started in November and by mid to late November, RLC Preschool students were welcoming students that were displaced by the closure of my former preschool. When I walk into the classrooms now, you can't tell who started the year at RLC or started the year at North Como. The RLC students welcomed and embraced each and every student as if they started at the same time. Relationships have developed and new friendships have grown!

FUNDRAISERS: Many thanks to everyone that participated in the Poinsettia Fundraiser monies raised will help provide new equipment for the preschool.

We also have partnered with Parkway Pizza and "Dine Out for Schools." The fourth Monday of the month any purchase at Parkway Pizza results in 5% of total sales for the day being donated to RLC Preschool! It's a win/win by supporting two local businesses!!



Gertens Plant Sale will officially start February 14th and close on April 7th. Plants will be delivered to the Preschool on Monday, May 2nd. Plants make a great gift for Mother's Day (May 8th). Watch for more info to come.

Many thanks for sharing your children with us!
Sher Noot

CONFIRMATION LETTERS

Share Your Encouragement With RLC Youth

On Sunday, May 15 at the 10:30 am worship, we will witness 29 ninth graders publicly affirm their faith. For those who have journeyed with any of these youth, we invite you to write letters of encouragement and congratulations. All letters submitted by May 4 to the RLC office clearly labeled with the confirmand's name will be included with each confirmand's certificate packet. Thank you for your support and prayers!

SUMMER CAMP

Though our weekly programs will be coming to an end in a few months, summers at RLC are packed with exciting trips and camps for kids who have completed 1st through 12th grade. If you missed the registration deadline in February to attend Camp Wapo in Amery, WI, please contact Abby to see if there is still space available or go to lakewapo.org. Click on "My Account" in the top right-hand corner and then "Registrations" to see if there are still spots available for the week RLC is signed up to attend.

- Seeds (completed grades 1-3) - July 15-17
- Wapo Youth Camp (completed grades 4-8) - July 17-22
- Servant Leadership Camp (completed grades 9-12) - July 17-22

We're looking forward to making this a jam-packed summer filled with lots of great memories and faith formative moments.

SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP WAPO!

Sign Up Soon!

Make plans to have your student join other RLC kids at summer camp in July for fun, faith and friends!

Seeds Summer Camp – a taste of what summer camp is all about for kids completing 1st-3rd grade. Cost is \$225 (\$100 deposit due at registration) Seeds Camp is July 15-17.

Wapo Youth Camp – for kids completing 4th-8th grade is July 17-22. Cost is \$545 (\$100 deposit due at registration)

Go to our church website for more information and the link to register online for these camps. RLC kids are encouraged to attend on the dates mentioned above, but can attend any of the dates available. Go to **Lakewapo.org** for more information about Camp Wapogasset near Amery Wi.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Don't let the cost prevent you from this experience! With the Red Envelope fundraiser in February, we plan to offset this cost for all families registered for camp! PLEASE do NOT let money be the reason your child can't attend! The RLC website has a link to apply for scholarships. Click the tab Ages & Stages and click on Children's Ministry, then Summer Opportunities.

GOOD GRIEF!

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" Being Planned at RLC

A Charlie Brown Christmas musical coming to RLC the fall of 2022. Do you like the theater? Did you always want to perform in a dinner theater atmosphere? Well then attention to you! All Students ages 7 to 15 are invited to audition for the cast. We need a team of parents to help Julie and Diane Sell make this happen! If you are intrigued and want to know more reach out to Diane Sell or Julie Hansen. More information to come this spring! Auditions begin early August.

INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

Thank you for your response to the Red Envelope Fundraiser!

Every year we ask you, our congregation, to "Invest in our Youth" by participating in our red envelope fundraiser. Whether you gave online or filled one of our envelopes, you committed to offering ALL of our youth life-changing opportunities for spiritual growth and development through any of our summer trips: from service and accompaniment to residential camp and wilderness adventures. THANK YOU for your generous support of Roseville Lutheran's summer trips for our youth! We couldn't do it without YOU!



SPRING 2022 ADULT EDUCATION AT RLC

Our Sunday Adult Ed forums take place at 10:10 am in the Social Hall.

MARCH 6 - WITH CHRIS GEHRZ, HISTORIAN SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS IN AMERICA

Less than half of Americans now belong to a church or other religious community, and upwards of 30% don't even identify with any particular religion. Yet most of the "religious nones" also believe in God and think of themselves as "spiritual." Historian Chris Gehrz starts a two-part series on the "spiritual but not religious" in the United States.



MARCH 13 - WITH CHRIS GEHRZ, HISTORIAN THE SPIRITUAL STORIES OF CHARLES AND ANNE LINDBERG

To conclude our series on Americans who don't identify with any particular religion, historian Chris Gehrz tells the spiritual (but not religious) story of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, drawing on his recently published biography of Charles.

MARCH 20, 27, APRIL 3, 10 - WITH DR. JAMES BOYCE WHEN THE FIRE GOES OUT, WHAT THEN? A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LETTER OF JAMES

Reformer Martin Luther once referred to the New Testament Letter of James as an "epistle of straw," because he saw it as not offering enough of what was centrally Christian. Many other Christian readers, however, have drawn comfort, strength, and power from its message. They have argued that it affirms the power for change that is ours through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. But how do we come to recognize and receive that power for true Christian commitment, when a thousand voices in our culture these days seem to be claiming to have the truth and competing for our allegiance. In this four-session study of the Letter of James we will explore what it calls the "implanted word" of God's gift of wisdom that affirms human freedom and the power to use God's gifts to change those things that can and should be changed.



March 20 "Count it all Joy" The First Fruits of Creation – James 1:1-18

March 27 "The Law of Liberty" On Hearing and Doing – James 1:19-2:26

April 3 "God's Yearning Spirit" Learning True Wisdom – James 3:1-4:12

April 10 "If the Lord is Willing" Patience, Prayer, and Power – James 4:13-5:19

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - EASTER, NO ADULT ED CLASS

APRIL 24 - WITH JENNY MASON AND JAVEN SWANSON CHALLENGES, JOYS, AND BLESSINGS OF LIVING AUTHENTICALLY

Both of our speakers will be sharing their stories and lives as LGBTQ people.

Jenny Mason currently serves as a Policy Analyst for housing and homelessness for Washington County and is guiding the effort to create their first single adult shelter. She is an ELCA pastor by training and vocation, removed from the roster in 2001 and returned to the roster in 2011. She lived and served in Chile and Argentina from 1987 to 2003 and has always



been guided by that passion for justice. She is currently on leave from call through the St. Paul Area Synod, but truly feels called to her work in housing and homelessness, so that feels just right. She and her wife Jodi attend Grace University Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Javen Swanson is a native of Pine River, Minnesota, in the Brainerd Lakes Area. After graduating from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2006, he received a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School in 2009. He worked as a community organizer with OutFront Minnesota and the Minnesotans United campaign, before serving as the Interim Faith Work Director for the National LGBTQ Task Force. He was ordained and installed at Gloria Dei Lutheran in August 2014. He lives in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood with his husband Oby Ballinger, who is also a pastor, their dog Ruthie, and two cats, Amos and Hosea.



MAY 1 - WITH TRUPTI STORLIE, RLC INCLUSION TASK FORCE WHAT IS RECONCILING IN CHRIST?

Reconciling in Christ is an official designation that indicates our church is a welcoming and affirming place for people of different sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. The RLC Inclusion Task Force would like to share the process and benefits of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We want to answer your questions and concerns as well as discern together how this process fits our mission to love God and love our neighbor.



MAY 8, 15 - WITH PROFESSOR MARK TRANVIK THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION IN SEVEN OBJECTS

Many people associate history with a boring recollection of "names and dates." But there is another way to tell the story of the past. In these two adult forums we are going to use seven objects as "props" to explain the Lutheran reformation. Come and hear the remarkable story of Martin Luther through the use of plague masks, hammers, wedding rings and other items. Your questions and input are welcome! Sessions led by Mark Tranvik, Professor of Reformation History and Theology at Luther Seminary.



MAY 22 - WITH MARISSA SOTOS, WYATT AND JAMIE INCLUSIVE MINISTRY FOR GEN Z, MILLENNIALS, AND YOUTH

Marissa Sotos has been pastor/mission developer for Tree of Life Lutheran Church since June 2016. It is a GLBTQ affirming and millennial Gen Z led community church worshipping on Sunday evenings. It is a start-up congregation and Central Lutheran is the anchoring congregation. Marissa holds a Bachelor of Music in Harp from St. Olaf and a Master of Divinity from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Marissa is also the Liturgical Design Coordinator at Central Lutheran and is pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Liturgy from St. John's University. Marissa and her wife Maggie enjoy living in Northeast Minneapolis. We have the good fortune of having two Roseville Area High School students, Wyatt and Jamie, join us for this discussion.



GRIEF SHARE BEGINS MARCH 15

Mondays at 6:00 pm in Room 40

It hurts to lose someone. Find help at Griefshare. A new 12-week Griefshare Class will begin at RLC Tuesday, March 15 and meet in Room 40 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

GriefShare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

Online sign up is now open at www.rosevillelutheran.org/griefshare. Cost for book is \$15.00. If you are interested in getting on the list contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org



LOAVES AND FISHES

Dorothy Day Center Needs Our Help



Did you know that Roseville Lutheran has been serving a meal at the Dorothy Day Center on the 2nd Monday of every month for almost 30 years? Members from our congregation make the food and then serve it. RLC provides seasonal meals to those in need. One menu includes Brats, vegetables, Cheesy Potatoes, and dessert. WE NEED YOUR HELP to continue this long-standing local outreach to our neighbors. Please contact Jim Stark if you or your family would like to serve. There are 2 shifts you can sign up for. 2:30pm to 4pm and 4pm to 5:30 pm. For information, contact Jim Stark at Jim.Stark@lcc.leg.mn.

RLC READS 2022

We're looking forward to sharing our love of reading on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM to talk about books and life and how we're all doing. (This may change as Covid conditions warrant). Contact Robert Bergstrom at rcbergstrom@comcast.net to join in the discussion. Here are our books through May 2022:

MARCH 14 – Louise Erdrich:

The Night Watchman

The winner of the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, this powerful novel is based on Erdrich's grandfather, who was a night watchman. The memorable characters take us from Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota to the tough streets of Minneapolis. We see them working to preserve their Native American treaty rights while also struggling with impulses of human nature, desire, and ambitions, all bound together by strong family connections. (464 pgs)

APRIL 11 – Jon Meacham:

The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus on the Cross

The award-winning author admits this is "a devotional work, not a scholarly one". It seems like the perfect book for us to be reading during Lent and discussing on Monday of Holy Week. Meacham uses historical and theological insights to explore Jesus' message of love in his final words as recorded in the Gospels. (144 pgs)

MAY 9 – Jonas Jonasson:

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

We finish the year with a Swedish novel full of fun, laughs, and adventure! This enjoyable book has been compared to Forrest Gump and has sold over six million copies. You'll find out where the 100-year-old man goes, learn his fascinating backstory, and follow his adventures with criminals and goofballs. (384 pgs)

LOVE GOD
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR

PRIME TIME LUNCHEONS

4th Thursday at 11:00 am

Prime Time Luncheons are back! 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in Social Hall on the 4th Thursday of the month (March 24, April 21, May 19). Need to see a friendly face? Need to catch up with other friends from RLC? All those 55 and up are invited to join us for a lunch and conversation. Look for details in the weekly eBlasts and bulletin announcements with menu and entertainment. Sign up online at www.rosevillelutheran.org/primetime or call 651-487-7752 and get your name on the list. Rides are available if you need one. Contact Diane Sell with further questions at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org.



Lent and Holy Week at RLC

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS
5:00 and 7:00 pm Worship

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10
Worship at 9:00, and 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14
7:00 pm Worship

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15
Family Worship at 9:00 am, 7:00 pm Worship

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17
Worship at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am

REFLECTION FROM RLC YOUTH

Youth Sunday Message from Jenna Giles

RLC Youth Holly Swiglo and Jenna Giles shared reflections on Youth Sunday. Here we are printing what Jenna shared that Sunday. Look for Holly's message in future publications.

"Over the past years that I have been a part of Roseville Lutheran Church and the youth program especially, I have been met many times with God's endless and wonderful love. It has not always been easy- there has been ups and downs with him along the way like there will be with any and every real life relationship, but in the end I know that he is always there and he will never be absent in my life and I am always at peace knowing that.

I believe that everyone needs to feel that kind of love and that everyone deserves that kind of love no matter who they are. I can see God through so many members of RLC and at places where I have gone with the church and I feel that is such an important and admirable thing to see. Recently, I was a member of the call committee tasked with hiring the new associate pastor and that opened my eyes immensely to the power of God and the Holy Spirit. RLC is heading in the direction of inclusivity under God's trusty wing and he will never fail us. There may be challenges and disagreement along the way to the future of inclusivity, but with God's love and knowing the fact that he loves each and every one of us no more or less than our neighbor is enough for us all to come together and live under him through our faith.

Knowing that God accepts and welcomes everyone is exactly what we should follow under. In a world full of judgment unfortunately there are not many places that will remain judgment free, but church should be one of them and we as Christians should strive to be known as being welcoming and loving especially because it's what God does everyday to each one of us. Being loving, inclusive, and welcoming is exactly what verse 21 is proclaiming – this is God's work, his power at work in us that he wants us to share to everyone.

God's love has been immensely important in my life because it has kept me rooted in my faith when times have gotten hard. His love has been shown countless times when I feel lost, or sad, or mad, or defeated, or whenever I feel my faith has shaken. His love is always there. With constant nonstop never ending love like God's it's truly an amazing gift that should be shown to everyone. Amen"



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Order by Monday for Wednesday Pick Up

We are delighted to again offer our Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers to GO! For six weeks, Wednesday, March 2 - April 6, there will be a different soup/salad/dessert pairing. **Please place your orders by Noon Monday for that coming Wednesday**, so we know how much to freshly prepare for everyone.

Order at www.rosevillelutheran.org/soup or call the church office at 651-487-7752.

All soups and salad meals will include: rolls and butter, crackers or croutons, condiments specific to the soup or salad, and dessert. These meals will be chilled and can be heated and served at your convenience.

PICK UP, PAY ON WEDNESDAY

On each Wednesday, you may pick up the meal you've ordered in the Commons entrance from 4:30 - 6:45 pm. Price per meal is \$10.00, and you can pay when you pick up your meal(s). Cash, check or card payments can be accepted at that time.

Here are the menus with pictures of the salads:



MARCH 2

(Order by Feb. 28)
Blue moon chili (beef),
Coleslaw with pineapple bits,
dessert



MARCH 9

(order by March 7)
Velvety fresh squash soup,
Spring mix salad with fresh
berries, caramelized nuts, and
raspberry dressing, dessert.



MARCH 16

(order by March 14)
Chicken vegetable noodle
soup, garden veggie salad with
ranch dressing, dessert.

LEGACY GIVING AT RLC

Did you know you can leave a Legacy Gift to the RLC Endowment Fund in your estate plan? Including your church home in your estate plan can extend your ministry passion for future generations. In the 1970s, members and friends of Roseville Lutheran Church (RLC) began an endowment fund to help enhance and extend the ministries and outreach of the congregation. Over time the fund has grown primarily through individual donations and planned estate gifts, memorials and proceeds from the Love Light sales each year. While the principal of gifts remain in the Fund in perpetuity, the earnings are distributed as grants twice annually. Since 2005, the Fund has distributed over \$200,000 in grants. Grants from the Fund are awarded for seed money, education, capital projects, missions, benevolence, worship and music. With each contribution, donors have left a legacy and entrusted their dollars to help meet the future needs of RLC and our community. If you have included RLC in your estate plan or are considering including RLC in your estate plan, please contact Rebecca Bedner-Faris, Development Director at 651-487-7752 ext. 226 or rbednerfaris@rosevillelutheran.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER AT RLC?

Join us for a **New Member Class** on one of these dates:

- **Sunday, April 24 at 10:00 am** in the upper level Lounge, or
- **Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom

Register for either meeting at: www.rosevillelutheran.org/welcome/new-members

New members will be welcomed at worship on Sunday, May 15 at the 9:00 am worship.



MARCH 23
(order by March 21)
Loaded baked potato soup with: bacon, cheese, and sour cream, Caesar salad, dessert.



MARCH 30
(order by March 28)
Tomato basil soup, caprese salad (buffalo mozzarella, basil, and fresh tomatoes in Connie's Italian dressing), dessert.



APRIL 6
(order by April 4)
Chicken wild rice soup, marinated veggie Italian delight salad, dessert.



GOOD DAYS AHEAD FOR RLC

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

As we move into a bright new year we can hopefully return to the things that we enjoyed in the past, even though it's been a bit slow, I am confident that things will start to look better. See p.10-11 for our Lenten Soup Supper menus!

More good news as well, I have been catering out for memorial services that can not happen in the church at this time. This has worked out well, as people can still honor their loved ones and stay together in a family unit, without worries. If this is something that you are interested in please contact me by email or you can call my cell phone (651-235-8030) for any question that you may have regarding this type of service.

Once again Thank you for letting me serve you, *Stammi Bene* (be well)



OUTSTANDING CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Supply Drive for LSS Refugee Services a Meaningful Success

RLC has outdone itself in contributing welcoming kits and household items for refugees. These items will go to Afghan families—and other refugees—sponsored by Lutheran Social Service of MN. The request garnered such congregational interest that the drop off date had to be extended a week. As of February 6, here are some results: 20 school supply kits, 65 hygiene kits, 20 cleaning kits, 4 overflowing bins of mops, dish soap, laundry soap, sponges, rice cookers, waste baskets, pots and pans, bar soap, etc, and numerous cash donations for purchasing car seats and vacuum cleaners. One fun story involved a group of families who pooled their donations, bought their items in bulk, and packed kits with their families!

This drive was sponsored by the RLC Immigration team as part of Mission and Outreach month. Thank you, RLC! What a lovely way to welcome new families to America!



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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR JESUS?

This fun story comes from Kathy Pedersen:

"After watching us climb on ladders and look in ceilings, our pre-schoolers were intrigued. One day as they walked down the hallway where we were on our ladders with our heads in the ceiling, I felt a tug on my leg. Then I heard a sweet voice say "Hey lady, what are you doing up there?" I replied, "just looking." Then out of the mouths of babes

THINK SPRING 2022!

KJ Bach, Lively Landscaper Team

Writing this article about flower planting, gardening and weeding when the windchill is -30 gives a bit of hope that SPRING will again come.... in about 3 months. The past 2 years a small, but tenacious, team has taken on the care and maintenance of the gardens & landscaping at RLC. Give an hour (or more!) a week to play in the dirt. If weeding is your gig or helping create a floral splash in any one of several gardens then come and join this year's Lively Landscapers. It's a ONE YEAR commitment. The RLC gardens and landscaping are slowly being transformed... all with volunteers who have a passion for flower gardening. Colorful blooming flowers WELCOME ALL to RLC. Connect with Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org or KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com by May 1st to join the 2022 Lively Landscapers.



I heard his perfect question "Are you lookin' for Jesus?" My heart melted, and I realized I was!

Even though I was dusty and tired, I realized I found Jesus in the gift of servanthood He gave me, in the numerous volunteers I regularly witness throughout our campus, through the new friends I meet and the relationships I build. Through the tireless staff that work so hard, and the witness of neighbors who applaud and compliment the work we are doing. So, did I find Jesus? You betcha!"

Here is what we gained. First, we now know a lot more about our technical wiring then we have

in a very long time. We have documentation of cabling and outlets that is invaluable to future. We can not only meet current Wi-Fi expectations we are set to scale up as needed. Also, much of this work put RLC in great position for live-streaming worship and other community events. And the bottom line, K.J. Bach's final report compared the professional cost to our final costs. "Professional installation: \$20,000 + \$5000 for repair, labeling, documentation = \$25,000. In-house volunteer equipment costs incurred by RLC = \$4,401 (Cost avoidance to RLC \$20,600!)"

RLC SPRING CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Here are just a few of the upcoming happenings at RLC.
Cut out this reminder and place on your fridge, perhaps?
More information can be found on our website:

www.rosevillelutheran.org

MARCH 2 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship at 5:00 and 7:00 pm

MARCH 9 - APRIL 6 – LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

Worship at 5:00 (w/Livestream) and 7:00 pm
Soup Suppers to Go (order by Monday each week).

MONDAY, MARCH 15 – GRIEFSHARE BEGINS

Sign up now for 12-week class

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 – PRIME TIME

Luncheon at 11:00 am

MARCH 27 – SERVE SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 – FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 – PALM SUNDAY

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 – GOOD FRIDAY

Family Good Friday Worship at 9:00 am
Worship at 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 – EASTER VIGIL

Worship at 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 – EASTER SUNDAY

Worship at 7:30 am, 9:00 and 10:30 am

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 – PRIME TIME

Luncheon at 11:00 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 – NEW MEMBER CLASS

10:00 am in the Lounge

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 – NEW MEMBER CLASS

7:00 pm via Zoom

SUNDAY, MAY 1 TO THURSDAY, MAY 5

pRAISE RLC: We Are Called to Serve

SATURDAY, MAY 14 – CELEBRATING VISION SLOVAKIA

Luncheon

SUNDAY, MAY 15 – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

THURSDAY, MAY 19 - PRIME TIME

Luncheon at 11:00 am

JUNE 13-16 VBS: MAKE WAVES

Sign up now!

FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

Join Festival Choir for Holy Week and Easter • April 10-17



Plan now to join the Festival Choir and sing for worship on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday – rehearsals begin on Wednesday, March 23. It's a great way to get involved in singing without joining the choir full time. Current Covid protocols require full vaccination for all performers, along with the wearing of face coverings.

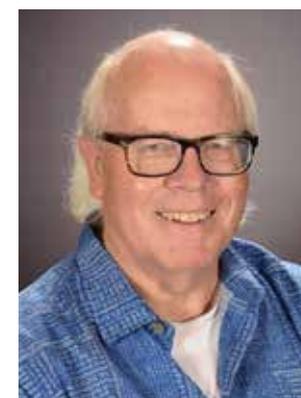
REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Wednesday	March 23	7:45 - 9:00 pm (after worship)
Wednesday	March 30	7:45 - 9:00 pm (after worship)
Wednesday	April 6	7:45 - 9:00 pm (after worship)
Sunday	April 10	9:00 am Palm Sunday worship
Wednesday	April 13	7:00 to 9:00 pm rehearsal
Friday	April 15	7:00 pm Good Friday worship
Saturday	April 16	9:30 to 10:30 am rehearsal
Sunday	April 17	9:00 am Easter Sunday worship

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT RLC

Contact John Helgen, Director of Music

If you have a musical gift you'd like to share at one of RLC's worship services, or would like to get involved in one of our vocal and instrumental ensembles, we welcome you! Pianists and accompanists are always needed, as well as other instrumentalists and vocalists. If you like to sing but can't commit to weekly rehearsals, consider the Festival Choir (sings for special events at Christmas and Easter – see article above). For more information, please contact John Helgen, Director of Music at 651-288-4236 or jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org.



UPCOMING CONCERTS AT RLC

Make note of these free upcoming concert opportunities at RLC. Events have no admission charge – a free will offering will be collected.

Friday, March 11	7:00 pm	Minnesota Sinfonia Jay Fishman, conductor
Sunday, May 15	4:00 pm	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra William Schrickel, conductor