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# THE TABLE

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

**JUNE • JULY • AUGUST • 2022**



## SUMMER WORSHIP AT RLC

*Sunday Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am  
Throughout the Summer of 2022*

Join us in worship at RLC throughout the summer months! In-person every Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Worship may be viewed by our online livestream every Sunday at 9:00 am [www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/stream](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/stream).

You may also view worship on local access cable channel 19 on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Thursdays at 2:00 am and 10:00 am, and the following Sunday at 10:00 am.

**JOIN US FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP  
THESE SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AND 10:30 AM**

- Sunday June 5
- Sunday, July 3
- Sunday, August 7

Bring a chair and join others outside, or sit in the comfort of your car as worship will be broadcast on 106.5 FM. The 9:00 am outdoor worship will be live-streamed online.

## AT THE HEART OF BLESSING: THE BEATITUDES AND HOPE FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

*Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor*

We've all heard the trite phrases "God doesn't give you more than you can handle!" and, "Everything happens for a reason!" These words are often said to another as we encounter death, loss or feel overburdened and overwhelmed by the world around us.

I've always cringed when I hear these words. Certainly our experience in our daily lives is more nuanced and complicated than a simple catch phrase can explain.

One of the most well-known and beloved passages, along with the 23rd Psalm, is the Beatitudes. Found in Matthew 5:3-12 as a part of the "Sermon on the Mount", these words of blessing strike us for their simplicity, but also challenge us for the very same reason!

What does it mean to be blessed in our mourning? How do we reconcile that those who are meek or poor in spirit are named as "blessed?" How does poverty make you rich? How does mourning connect with joy? How does the misery and pain of persecution result in gladness?

The Beatitudes open up for us a new way of looking at who we are as the people of God. People of God who encounter deep and powerful grief. People of God who experience hunger and thirst for righteousness. People of God who struggle to be peacemakers in a world filled with anger and envy.

Through the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a glimpse of God's action and love in our daily lives. The Beatitudes do not offer a prescription for how to live one's life, but instead provides hope for our daily lives; for it is in the Beatitudes that we encounter our God who rescues God's people from despair and brings them into a life of joy and hope.

Join us this summer as we explore these teachings together. Come together in worship to hear the blessings that God has for you in your everyday life. Come and hear as Jesus proclaims to each and every one of us, "Blessed are you!"

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman



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## INTRODUCTION TO PASTOR MARTY

*Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor*

Wow! As I write this I enter my third month as your Associate Pastor and it has been an absolute delight to start to get to know you as we journey together. Starting my time at RLC during Lent was a wonderful introduction to you all, and then to get to experience Holy Week and Easter together was a blessing indeed! I also enjoyed the flurry of activity around the pRAISE campaign and getting to talk to some more of you during the RLC Jazz concert and block party. Tanner and I both enjoyed our time spent with the Lively Landscapers on Thursday. What I'm learning is that there is never a dull moment around Roseville Lutheran, which is fitting, because that has been our mantra at home for the past few years as well. Tanner and I both like to stay busy and appreciate the feeling of a project done well. (I especially love anything that can be crossed off a "to-do list") I feel as though I'm settling in at RLC and so appreciate the warm welcome both Tanner and I have received from you all.

I'm very much looking forward to the summer months, continuing in this journey together, and getting to know you all better! I often try to remind myself that even if we don't know exactly where this journey will take us, it is exciting to be on the road together and be open to where God is leading us. It is wonderful to be in community with you all in such a multitude of ways, and I am looking forward to deepening and expanding that as we look to continue to reflect the love of God in our church and our neighborhood.

In Christ,

*Pastor Marty*

Pastor Marty



## LEGACY GIVING AT RLC

*Rebecca Bedner-Faris, Director of Development*

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](mailto:rbednerfaris@rosevillelutheran.org).



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RLC WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

Joe Zeigler, RLC Council President

Some long for RLC to return to the way things were before the pandemic. That’s not going to happen. Maybe that’s a good thing.

Though sometimes difficult to accept, often—by the grace of God—we find ourselves strengthened and renewed by change.

COVID forced us to suspend onsite services and activities, so we adopted tools such as streaming worship and Zoom meetings to stay connected. Now that RLC is beginning to gather onsite once again, we have learned that technology gives us new ways to reach people, including some who may have been previously overlooked. Online options will continue to complement onsite activities, with the potential for RLC to reach a wider community than ever.

The pandemic is just one of many recent events that is altering our course. Among them:

- A new associate pastor. We are excited to have Marty Wyatt on board and are just beginning to experience how his faith leadership will help shape and grow our ministries in the years to come.
- Our new constitution, approved in February, which prescribes a new organizational structure. It will be challenging to rework our current committee structure, but in the long term we will be better positioned to build, grow and serve.



- Julie Hanson, Abby Matter and Audrey Dontje Lindell are leaving RLC to begin new chapters in their lives. The blessings they bestowed on our Children’s, Youth and Family programs are irreplaceable. However, with guidance from the Holy Spirit, a call committee is moving forward to discover who will write the future of our CYF ministries.

RLC will never be the same as it was. Just as certainly, in the coming months and years RLC will be different than it is today.

Through change, God challenges us to rethink how we best serve him. Despite change, our mission and vision remain constant: To love God and love our neighbor as we build a community united by grace.

With everything our congregation has faced in recent months, I have witnessed our exceptional pastors and staff shoulder much of the burden of managing change, despite being stretched to their limits and shorthanded in many areas. Please find an opportunity to let them know how much you appreciate all they do for our congregation.

More importantly, please remember that we, the members of Roseville Lutheran Church, are responsible for helping achieve our mission and vision. If we are to be a community united by grace, every member is called to do their part. When you reach out to our support staff, ask them how you might help.

One final item: Mark your calendars for the **Annual Meeting, Sunday, August 28**, immediately following the 10:30 service. We will convene to elect new lay leadership, vote on next year’s budget, and consider extending a call to a new CYF ministry leader.

RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

<p><b><u>Pastors</u></b></p> <p>Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor</p> <p><b><u>Music Ministry</u></b></p> <p>John Helgen, Director Martha Mutch, Organist Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs Lucas Byl, Worship Leader</p> <p><b><u>Children’s Ministry</u></b></p> <p>Vacant, Director of Children’s Ministry Tammy Heiple, PMO, Nursery Coordinator</p> <p><b><u>Student Ministry</u></b></p> <p>Vacant, Director of Youth Ministry Abby Matter, Deacon, Director of Faith Formation</p> <p><b><u>RLC Preschool</u></b></p> <p>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</p>	<p><b><u>Child Care House</u></b></p> <p>Sher Noot, Director Laurie Miller-Hedeen, Childcare Teacher Krystina Eliason, Childcare Teacher</p> <p><b><u>Ministry Support Staff</u></b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b><u>Hospitality Ministry</u></b></p> <p>Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager</p> <p><b><u>Facilities Ministry</u></b></p> <p>Ian Agner, Campus Manager Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer Shelton Ingram, Custodian Greg Saiko, Custodian</p>	<p><b><u>Endowment Committee</u></b></p> <p>Mike Dolan, Chair Judy Ekern Kevin Peterson Audra Engebretson Carrie Hefte-Hanton</p> <p><b><u>Nominating Committee</u></b></p> <p>Randi Lundell, Chair Dave Werner Randy DeJong Rich Straumann</p> <p><b><u>Congregation Council</u></b></p> <p>Joe Zeigler, President Rebecca Field, President Elect Val Velde, Vice President Mary Peterson Kevin Hansen Heidi Larson Linda Hanson Kris Olsen Bill Metzger</p> <p><b><u>Ministry Team Chairs</u></b></p> <p>Sharon Swiglo, Adult Ed Gena Mickley, Children’s Ministry Advisory Board Dave Tetzlaff, Mission &amp; Outreach Lilian Wassell, Youth &amp; Family</p>
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## SUMMER MUSIC ON THE BLACK TOP!

*Summer Outdoor Community Concerts and Tailgating at RLC  
June 2, July 7, and August 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm*

Come join us for the first Thursdays in June, July and August as we tailgate with our own meals and listen to the music on the following groups! These will run from **6:00 - 8:00 pm in RLC's south parking lot** on Roselawn. Bring your own chairs, bring your portable grill and food and let's enjoy time together as a community!

### Thursday, June 2 - RLC JAZZ BAND



RLC Jazz, a 17-piece big band, is made up of members and friends of Roseville Lutheran Church, and is led by John Helgen, its piano player. The band has been playing for Roseville Lutheran's New Year's Eve service and jazz concert since 2005, as well as for Sunday morning worship services, utilizing a wide variety of repertoire ranging from big band standards to contemporary jazz to arrangements of hymns. RLC Jazz released its first CD in March 2013, which features the band along with several vocalists.

### Thursday, July 7 - JOHN CLEVE RICHARDSON

John blends artistry, ministry, and smooth vocals within his music. Having performed and recorded different genres from country to Jazz, what comes through is his passion for the musical experience.

As a seasoned singer/songwriter John has shared the stage with some of the Twin Cities most notable artists such as The Steele's, Ipso Facto, and Jellybean Johnson, just to name a few. For the past 20 years he has been the director of contemporary worship music at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, leading worship with the Celebrate Band.



### Thursday, August 4 - PEARL BROTHERS

The Pearl Brothers are a fun, high energy, rock n roll dance band, covering vocal pop music from the 60s, 70s and 80s with a song list that ranges from The Beatles to The Romantics, and The Rascals to The Cars! And a ton of gems in-between! Check out their Facebook site: [www.facebook.com/pearlbrothersband](http://www.facebook.com/pearlbrothersband)



## A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

*Diane Sell, Director of Community Engagement and Care*



Summer is typically a time for renewal of mind body and spirit as we head out to the lake or take a trip with loved ones. This summer many are looking forward to doing just that. Including myself!

I used to tell my sons that the best education is not found in books but in traveling to a place you have never been before. When we get out of our normal rhythm of life we stir things up in our hearts and minds and sometimes this is very good! When we embark on a new "something" we are encouraged to use all our senses. We are encouraged to grow and see things with a broader lens.

A spiritual journey is an inward search that a person goes on to explore different aspects of life and self. People embark on spiritual journeys for various reasons, including personal growth, seeking inner peace, and learning more about themselves and their relationship to God.

### STAGE 1= SOUL SEARCHING

This stage is often the most difficult because this is when you decide if you are going to embark on this journey or pull the covers over your head. Some of the questions include:

- Who am I as a child of God
- What was I placed on this earth to do
- What is my purpose as God's creation?

I have been forced to look at this again a bit recently. Having my Father, my brother and my Mother die in a short period of 3.5 years had left me a bit out of sorts and asking myself "who am I now that these important people are no longer here with me?" I've had to search within myself and realize that even though they are gone God has placed me here for a time such as this. I've spent times crying out "Lord! How do I do this now that my great encouragers are gone?" I have been forced to once again use all my senses, see things with a broader lens. Not rely on my past to define everything moving forward. I love the Psalms and the gut-wrenching words of the writers who cried out to God in times of great need.

*Be good to me, God—and now!*

*I've run to you for dear life.*

*I'm hiding out under your wings  
until the hurricane blows over.*

*I call out to High God,  
the God who holds me together.*

*He sends orders from heaven and saves me,  
he humiliates those who kick me around.*

*God delivers generous love,  
he makes good on his word.*

— Psalm 57 1-3

"The God who holds me together." Now that's a biblical version I can sink my teeth into. I would love to hear about your ongoing spiritual journey. Maybe some of the things that God has taught you along the way? I will in future Table articles unpack Stages 2-5.

God's peace and presence to you this summer.

Diane Sell



## CHANGES IN CYF MINISTRIES

### Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at RLC

Roseville Lutheran Church has been blessed with a long history of dedicated staff in the area of Children's, Youth and Family ministry. This summer will bring many changes as Julie Hanson, Director of Children's Ministry has announced her retirement (May 31, 2022); Audrey Dontje-Lindell, Director of Senior High Ministry resigned in May to pursue other opportunities, and Deacon Abby Matter has accepted a position as Resident Chaplain at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis. We will celebrate Abby and her ministry with us on Sunday, July 10th.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

1. A Call Committee is being formed to search for a Pastor/Deacon of Faith Formation.

The council has approved moving forward with a call committee tasked with bringing forward a name to the congregation for call in the area of Faith Formation. We will be working with the St. Paul Area Synod in this process.

The work of the Call Committee will be done throughout the summer months. We hope to bring a name forward to the congregation at our Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, August 28th at 11:30 a.m.

2. What is the difference between pastors and deacons?

Pastors are those called to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, Deacons are those called to the Ministry of Word and Service. Both pastors and deacons are called to serve a congregation through congregational vote. To learn more about deacons in the ELCA you may wish to visit: [https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/What\\_is\\_a\\_Deacon.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/What_is_a_Deacon.pdf)

3. Summer ministries and camps will proceed as scheduled.

We are working with staff and lay volunteers to ensure that all summer ministries will proceed as scheduled. The safety of all of our youth and children, as well as creating relationships and experiences with them during these ministry opportunities and camps is important to us.

4. Simultaneous to the call, we will be exploring options for the other open positions.

As we move forward with the call process for a pastor/deacon in the area of Faith Formation, we will be discerning the gifts and skills needed to support the other vital areas of ministry within our Children's, Youth and Family ministries. We are working with staff and lay volunteers to ensure a smooth transition throughout the summer months and into the fall.

In the meantime, know that we would love your input. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [callcommittee@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:callcommittee@rosevillelutheran.org).

#### Call Committee Members

- Taylor Mickley
- Chuck Ochocki
- Karen Rogers
- Amy Schell
- Chris Smedsrud
- Holly Swiglo
- Lexi Swiglo
- Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman (ex officio)
- Pastor Marty Wyatt (ex officio)

## CELEBRATING OUR CONFIRMANDS

### Showing Faith Through Photos

On May 15th at 10:30 am we celebrated 29 ninth graders affirming their baptism. In preparation for this day, we asked students to write or make something to show us where their faith is at and how it has grown through confirmation. Here are what two students submitted. The first is a picture of Jackson Halida and his project and the second is a picture of Ava Schaffhausen.

Ava describes her photo:

*"When I took photos for my faith project, I was careful to plan so that I could include metaphors to how my faith has grown. So there are many symbols and analogies that I included. The blanket, the location, the weather (only partially, it was more of a lucky circumstance), and where I am looking. To start, the reason behind the blanket. In all of the photos that I chose to include, I decided to wear a blanket. A blanket wraps me up and keeps me warm in the cold. It is always there for me to grab, and will do the job whether or not I decide that I need it. On top of that, the blanket doesn't mean that I will stay perfectly toasty, but it helps my body so that it can stay alive. And through Confirmation, I have come to realize that I feel like all of those lovely properties that make up a blanket are like God as well. God wraps me up in God's love and keeps me warm in whatever cold I may be facing, even if it may not seem like it. I know plenty of times where I have used a blanket and felt like it wasn't doing anything, but it was, in fact, keeping my body temperature from dropping further.*

*And God is the same way, keeping me on my path even when it feels like I have strayed too far. And God doesn't lose their power when I don't believe in them. Just like a blanket doesn't disappear when me aren't wearing it, they are still there when me aren't relying on them. As for the location, I wanted to be in nature where I feel like the ground is still the 'purest' (as far as no big buildings or concrete or human disruption). Showing God's incredible ability to shape the land into something beautiful, the same way they shaped the rest of the world. I also liked how I got to take pictures in the winter when everything looks dead. Just like how the trees are still alive, my faith is still alive, even when I don't believe.*

*The favorable coincidence of the sunny weather could show the metaphor that even during hard times, God provides the promise of better ones in the future. Just like in the winter when the sun isn't strong, it reminds me that a warm sun is waiting for me in a few months. Finally, the direction of my gaze. In the photo, I look up past the camera at what is around me, I wanted to express my wonder for everything that God has made and done for me. And how I continue to look around so that I can appreciate what is beyond me and my reality. Those are the symbols that I decided to use in my photos."*





## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

*Julie Hanson, Director of Children's Ministry*

It has been my honor and my privilege to walk with parents to help their kids grow in their faith. Making the point each week that "God loves you, no matter what", and "Jesus is always with you" is what I want kids to remember – on the good days, and on the not so good days. Being able to trust God is with them and that they are not alone when things are scary or when they have challenges will help them their entire life.

We made the change to include kids in our Worship services before going to RLC Kids as a way to introduce them to a life long routine that I hope sticks. We need God in our lives, and we need the community of others as we worship together. Covid has made this hard. It is my hope that kids continue to be welcomed in church by everyone, and that we can celebrate together that families are accepted with open arms, no matter what their family looks like! Church should be a safe place filled with the Holy Spirit, where kids can see God's love lived out in everyone they encounter.

Thank you to all the people that have shared their time with Children's Ministry over the years! This is not a solo mission, but one that includes dedicated youth and adults who model their faith to kids. Thank you to our Children's Ministry Advisory Board for your guidance, input and amazing dedication. I am sure this group of faith-filled parents will continue to guide Children's Ministry as a new Director is welcomed. Children's Ministry is not a Director, but the result of the dedication and commitment of many! As I retire new doors are opened for new ideas, plans and inspiration.

Thank you, Roseville Lutheran Church for your support, your kind words and encouragement over the years! I have been blessed!



## MAKE WAVES: REGISTER TODAY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Register Now for June 13-16!*



From 9:00 am - 12 noon on June 13-16, kids will see how they can MAKE WAVES in this world and show God's love through their words and actions! All kids ages 3 (by 9/1/21) through 4th grade are welcome – invite your friends, cousins, neighbors! Cost is \$25 per child. An experience full of fun, laughter and lots of God's Word! Learn what you do today can change the world around you! 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 are on the RLC website at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/vbs](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/vbs) Questions? Please contact Abby Matter at [amatter@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:amatter@rosevillelutheran.org)



Vacation Bible School  
June 13-16 at RLC

*Sign up Today!*

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celeBRATING  
THE MINISTRY  
and service OF  
**JULIE HANSON**



## RLC KIDS MAKE CLEANING KITS

On Sunday, May 1 as part of the Kick off for our 2022 pRAISE campaign, RLC Kids assembled 77 cleaning kits for the clients of Bridging! Families will have basics to use to clean their new home! Each student made a little card of encouragement to go in each kit. It was a fun project, enjoyed by even our youngest RLC Kids! Thank you!





## RLC PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE HOUSE

Sher Noot, Director

Guest Author: Lori Kristiansen

Roseville Lutheran Preschool and Childcare has had another great school year of learning through play and being cared for by an amazing staff who love to teach in creative ways to prepare these little ones for their next adventure in life!

Many of the teachers have come back year after year because of the joy of watching the children grow in confidence as they learn academics as well as practice social skills to prepare them for life.



### THANK YOU, DEB!

We have had to say goodbye to a few staff members as new opportunities have arisen in their lives. Ms. Deb Strobeck is retiring from teaching this year after 15 years at Roseville Lutheran Preschool (although she has assured us she will still fill in as a substitute teacher when needed!) Deb was a parent of two boys who went through our school before she joined the teaching staff.



### JOB OPENINGS!

We have some job opportunities if you are looking for a rewarding job with children and like working with fun coworkers! Contact Sher Noot, Director [snoot@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:snoot@rosevillelutheran.org), if you are interested in learning more about both short and long term positions.

### REGISTRATION OPEN FOR PRESCHOOL

We also still have openings in RLC Preschool for the fall school year 2022 - 2023. Registration information can be found on our website. Please visit [www.rosevillelutheran.org/ages-and-stages/rlc-preschool](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/ages-and-stages/rlc-preschool)

One of our afternoon Enrichment teachers focused on teaching the Fruits of the Spirit in practical ways and we have found that even we as teachers have been learning the same lessons from the students!

*"But the Holy Spirit  
produces this kind of fruit in our lives:  
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self control."*

– Galatians 5:22-23

We appreciate your support to our preschool and childcare, as we provide care to families in our surrounding community. God bless!

### RLC PRESCHOOL/PARKWAY PIZZA FUNDRAISER CONTINUES

We 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! Make some meal plans and mark your calendars now for May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, and Sept. 26!



## RLC KIDS WAS FAITH-FILLED AND FUN!

### New Format Completes First Year

We tried a new format in Sunday School this past year on Sunday mornings. Kids in grades 1-6 were invited to begin the morning in Worship with their families at either 9 or 10:30, and start RLC Kids after Storytime. Although the time was shortened, we actually got to dig right into the lesson and what it means for us in a fun and meaningful way after already hearing the story in Worship. Feedback from families was very positive. Here is what one parent shared with us:



*"Our new RLC Kids format allows families the flexibility to choose when they want to worship and provides our students with closer knit group to be a part of. The students truly have a church family that they become a part of to nurture their faith through music, crafts, story, activity, and prayer. Being in worship allows our children to be exposed to the format of worship but they still get an opportunity to move and get their wiggles out when they leave for RLC Kids. Starting worship at 10:30 gives our family a jump start to getting lunch on time without adjusting our whole day. The new format of RLC Kids was a little bit of an adjustment as change is never easy, however, after entering with an open mind and being able to give it time to adjust to it, we are finding as a family we love this smaller format to get to know people in our group better."*

### MORE CHILDREN EXPERIENCE WORSHIP

Parents appreciated that their kids got a "taste" of what Worship was like, and also got to have fun with their peers. We heard that kids were actually more engaged in the parts of Worship they participated in, like the opening music, creeds, prayers, offering, communion and closing prayers and music.

The goal is to expose kids to worship, a lifelong experience and also engage the kids in ways to reinforce the message with their peers. It isn't the traditional model, but has been a wonderful way to invite families back through our doors. We look forward to more kids this fall as we jump into new experiences and friendships!







ABOVE: A lucky 13 volunteers helped pack 340 food boxes at Keystone Community Services in Saint Paul on Tuesday, May 3 as part of "pRAISE RLC: We Are Called to Serve!"



LEFT: It was a perfect night to gather for our Block Party on Wednesday! Good food, fellowship, and fun games were enjoyed by all!

BELOW: Pastor Lauren volunteered for an Ice Bucket Challenge if we met our goal, and Diane and Pastor Marty were called into service! What a fun (and fffreezing!) ending to a great night!

BELOW: With the help of families, individuals, and RLC Kids, over 100 cleaning kits were assembled and delivered to our community partners at Bridging for their clients as part of pRAISE RLC!





# pRAISE RLC

## *We Are Called to Serve*

### REFLECTIONS FROM ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL pRAISE RLC CAMPAIGN

*Rebecca Bedner-Faris, Director of Development*  
*Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data*

It is hard to believe another pRAISE RLC campaign is in the books! May 1 - 5 were some fun and action-packed days! What a great way to come together and serve while raising funds for our ongoing ministries.

To recap, we started off our campaign Sunday, May 1 with the lovely sounds of our very own RLC Jazz Band in worship, followed by an amazing Jazz concert that evening. Throughout the week, our members and friends showed up to serve not once, twice, but three times!

#### RLC VOLUNTEERS DELIVERED! BLOCK PARTY A BLAST!

We packed over 100 cleaning kits for Bridging, 16 volunteers dropped off 60 meals, 13 volunteers served at Keystone pakig 340 food boxes, and 15 volunteers cleaned up RLC and Bruce Russell Park on Thursday afternoon. We also had over 225 people attend our 2nd Annual Family Fun Night on Wednesday night.

#### THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS!

We reached our goals of raising \$100,000 in 100 hours, and of coming together to serve as a community united by grace. Together, we beat our goal of \$100,000 in 100 hours and **raised over \$106,000!** Thank you to everyone who participated in our pRAISE RLC campaign this year.

— Rebecca Bedner-Faris and Laurel Hofeldt



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*On a personal note, I tested positive for Covid a little over a week before the campaign began. I was bummed to miss all the fun events. I was able to watch our Jazz Band in worship and the Jazz Concert online. The concert was amazing! I was also able to see other videos and pictures during the campaign. These are available at: [www.youtube.com/user/RosevilleLutheran/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/RosevilleLutheran/videos). While I appreciate the ability to watch from home, I am very excited to get back to church so see everyone in person.* — Rebecca



ABOVE: Fifteen members of RLC did an amazing job cleaning up RLC and Bruce Russell Park, and gave the Lively Landscapers a huge kickstart to getting the gardens looking great for Spring! We also had help from our local Boy Scouts. Contact KJ Bach for more information about Lively Landscapers at [k-j-o@msn.com](mailto:k-j-o@msn.com).





## CYF SUMMER CALENDAR

### Summer of 2022 at RLC

June 13-16	Vacation Bible School (3 yrs-4th Grade)
July 10-15	Amnicon Wilderness Trip (9th-12th Grade)
July 15-17	Wapo Seeds (1st-3rd Grade)
July 17-22	Wapo Youth Camp (4th-8th Grade) Servant Leadership Program (9th-12th Grade)
July 24-28	High School Service Learning Trip (9th-12th Grade)

## KEEPING MY FAITH JOURNEY FRESH

### Confirmation Leader Reflection by Chuck Ochocki

Every day I have the pleasure of working with high school students as a principal at a local high school. I learn so much from the youth, appreciate their enthusiasm and I enjoy helping them grow, learn, and succeed.

Often, I am asked, why, after working with kids all day, would I volunteer to be a confirmation leader? Well, they answer to the question is the same as being a high school principal; I really like working with students and I enjoy helping them grow, learn, and succeed.

But I also like to keep my faith journey fresh. Being a confirmation leader does not mean I have all the answers to my groups religious questions, but together we (my group and I) find the answers. By being a confirmation leader, I am keeping my own faith journey fresh and new as I look at and hear about different perspectives on stories in the Bible. My confirmation group helps me deepen my understanding of my own faith which in turn keeps my faith journey fresh and new.

Why am I a confirmation leader? Because I enjoy teaching our youth while learning from them at the same time.

Mr. Chuck Ochocki  
Principal, South St. Paul High School



## REFLECTION FROM RLC YOUTH

### Youth Sunday Message from Holly Swiglow

RLC Youth Holly Swiglow and Jenna Giles shared reflections on Youth Sunday. Here we are printing what Holly shared. Jenna's message was printed in the March-April-May TABLE.

If there's one thing many of us have in common, it's that we're busy. Busy with work, school, family responsibilities, activities, friends, you name it. This makes finding time for God in our lives very difficult. I know I haven't spent nearly enough time developing my faith and my relationship with God this past year, and COVID has made this even more difficult for us than it previously was.

However, time spent with God is really more important than any other way we could be spending our time. Our faith defines our lives and how we live them. When we set aside time for God, we learn more about him and grow closer to him, allowing us to be strong followers of him and to be good people, living out his word every day. The author of this passage wants us to understand God and his role in the world in order to have fulfilling lives.

And not to say that the only time God is with us is when we intentionally set aside time to focus on him - God is with us at all times and we can connect with him no matter what we are doing. However, in order to develop strong faiths and lasting relationships with Him, we need to set aside some time just for him. This can include praying, reading the Bible, listening to music, singing, meditating - any way that you are focusing on God and his presence in your life.

I love the way this passage starts. "I kneel in prayer to the Father. All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from him." I am very passionate about environmental science and have a great appreciation for the natural world. I feel God's presence and glory through the amazing wonders of the world around me. That everything in the world was given its beauty and its life from God - from the wings of a monarch to the mighty branches of an evergreen, to the sweet song of a chickadee - it really speaks to me. And in an age of environmental degradation and pollution, it is very humbling to think of kneeling down in praise to the world around us. It seems as though humans tend to feel a sense of dominance, instead of appreciation, for the natural world. They want to reap the earth of its resources rather than take the time to be grateful for them and preserve them for others to enjoy. If can we take the time to thank God for the world around us, we can both protect it and grow closer in relationship to him.

**SUNDAY, JULY 10**  
Between services



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Another thing I really liked about this passage is how the author seems to be speaking to you - that is, anyone reading this passage. The author is praying for you and wishing the best for you. In today's society, many things divide us - politics, race, beliefs, the list goes on and on. But despite our differences, the author is speaking to all of us. We are all connected because we are all God's people. God sees no barriers between his people, and includes us all in his kingdom. We are given our life by him and are forever loved by him, and that is more powerful than any barriers that may divide us. Because of this, we should focus on our similarities instead of our differences. We should include and love one another, just as God first did to us.



God's unfailing, unconditional love is truly the most important thing about him. He loves everyone and wants us all to be part of his family, regardless of sin or any differences between people. His love is so powerful that we can't fully comprehend it. Whenever I am feeling sad or alone, just thinking about how God loves me and is with me at that moment makes me feel better. One thing I like to think about is how God's love is like the love of a mother. Sometimes it can feel hard to comprehend how God loves us, when we can't physically hear or see or touch him, but most of us have felt love from other people in our lives, such as a parent, a sibling, or a friend, which is easier for us to understand and relate to. I don't think I ever fully understood God's love for me until I was told he loved me like a mother. Thinking of everything that my mom and dad have done for me and how they love me so much regardless of anything else, and knowing God feels the same way about me, but even more so, it made me feel like God was wrapping me in a warm, comforting hug, and it almost brought me to tears knowing that I am loved in such a powerful way, unconditionally, and forever. It gave me an incredible sense of peace and security, despite everything else I was going through.

And God's love isn't just for me. It is for everyone. And because we have been given this amazing gift of God's love, we can thank God by sharing his love with others. We can love our neighbors no matter what, and be generous in sharing our gifts and time with them. Just as RLC's mission states, the most important thing God is calling us to do is to love God, love your neighborhood, and with a powerful, God-given love that transcends all barriers.

So let us make time for God in our busy lives, giving thanks for his amazing love and beautiful creation, so that our lives may be changed by his spirit at work within us, and we can go out and spread his love to all people because of it. And for this we will forever say, thanks be to God.

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Surrounding Our Youth with Safety and God's Love

We encourage you to pray for our children and youth this summer as they shift from busy school schedules to busy summer schedules. Many families will be participating in trips and camp experiences with RLC this summer and we are excited to connect with youth as they get to take part in these activities. Please pray that these weeks are filled with safe travels, good connections, and new learning and faith development.

As always, you can stay up to date with all the RLC Youth happenings by following RLC Youth on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

RLC MEN: YOU ARE INVITED...

Saturday Breakfast and Bible Study

You're invited to join with other RLC guys for twice-monthly breakfast and conversation. Currently we are walking through Paul's Letter to the Romans while we eat bagels and drink coffee. We meet at 8:30 am on the first and third Saturdays each month. In cooler weather we meet in the coffee shop area of RLC. On nice summer mornings we enjoy sitting outside near the tennis courts, bring your own lawn chair and Bible. Please join us!

For more information contact Mike Dolan [mdolan@umn.edu](mailto:mdolan@umn.edu) or Rolf Olson [rolson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:rolson@rosevillelutheran.org). See you on June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, August 6 and 20!

RLC QUILTERS MEETING WEDNESDAYS

There's Always Room for More Helpers!

RLC Quilters are meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon in the lower level Heritage Hall. We tie the quilts, so everyone is welcome to join. Contact Debbie at [debby\\_kay@yahoo.com](mailto:debby_kay@yahoo.com).

SUMMER OF PSALMS  
ADULT EDUCATION AT RLC

Join us at 10:10 am on Sundays in June

For the month of June, we will be exploring the Psalms with our adult leaders on Sunday mornings. All are welcome at 10:10 am. There will be no Adult Ed programming on Sundays in July and August.

- JUNE 5 - PSALM 96 with Sharon Boyce
- JUNE 12 - PSALM 23 with Tom Lund
- JUNE 19 - PSALM 121 with Mark Nelson
- JUNE 29 - PSALM 19 and 137 with Janet Risinger



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## SUMMER 2022 READING LIST

*Some suggestions from RLC groups: Our Neighbors and Me, Immigration, and Inclusion Task Force*

In the book of Micah, Chapter 6, the Old Testament prophet commands us to “Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” Christians of today must take a deep dive into what constitutes justice, mercy, and humility. Long-held assumptions are coming into focus as formerly marginalized groups seek to be full participants in the life of the Church. Here are some resources to help enlarge our understanding and acceptance of “justice, mercy, and humility”, brought to you by Our Neighbors and Me (ONAM), the Immigration team, and the Inclusion Task Force.

### IMMIGRATION RECOMMENDATIONS

**Somewhere in the Unknown World. (Kao Kalia Yang, 2020).** A collection of powerful refugee stories from immigrants who have settled in the Twin Cities. [See also Kao Kalia Yang’s children’s books on this topic.]

**The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong. (Karen Gonzales, 2019).** Author recounts her family’s migration from Guatemala to the U.S., her conversion to Christianity, and stories from scripture that teach us to welcome the stranger.

**One Mighty and Irresistible Tide: The Epic Struggle Over American Immigration, 1924-1965 (Jia Lynn Yang, 2021).** Excellent historical review of immigration policies that followed quotas established in 1924.

**The BeeKeeper of Aleppo: A Novel. (Christy Lefteri, 2020).** Lyrical novel about a Syrian husband and wife who flee their beloved homeland during its civil war. The couple travels through Turkey and Greece amid danger and chaos, as they attempt to reach a safe haven in the U. K.

**Americanah. (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, 2013).** Novel about a young Nigerian woman who immigrates to the U. S. to attend university. Issues of identity are layered throughout the story – personal, national, and racial.



### INCLUSION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

**The ABC’s of LGBT+. (Ages 12-16). (Ash Hardell, 2016).** Great resource for questioning teens, parents, or anyone who wants to learn more about gender identity. In-depth definitions, personal anecdotes, and many resources.

**George. (Ages 10-14). (Alex Gino, 2017).** Unforgettable debut novel by a Stonewall Award Winner. Touching story of a young boy who knows he is actually a girl and how her coming out as a transgender person is both hurt and helped by others. Critics call this “sensitive” and “insightful.”

**Walking the Bridgeless Canyon: Repairing the Breach Between the Church and the LGBTQ Community. (Kathy Baldock, 2014).** A straight conservative evangelical woman meets a lesbian Native American woman while hiking in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Their friendship begins a 10-year journey of research into how and why the Church has responded to LGBTQ communities in such negative ways. Thorough, filled with history, science, and psychology, but very readable.

**Beyond Magenta (Transgender Teens Speak Out). (Ages 14-17). (Susan Kuklin, 2015).** Author met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults. Portraits, family photographs, and candid images are used to tell their diverse and personal stories.

**Last Night at the Telegraph Club. (Malindo Lo, 2021). (Grades 9-12)** National Book Award Winner. Interracial queer love story set in San Francisco during the early 1950’s. Finding love and fighting for one’s identity are strong themes.

### OUR NEIGHBORS AND ME (ONAM) RECOMMENDATIONS

**How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice. (Jemar Tisby, 2021).** A holistic approach to racial justice along with practical action steps. Study guide available.

**Shoutin’ in the Fire: An American Epistle. (Donte Stewart, 2021).** A black preacher chronicles his journey dealing with white supremacy in organized religion.

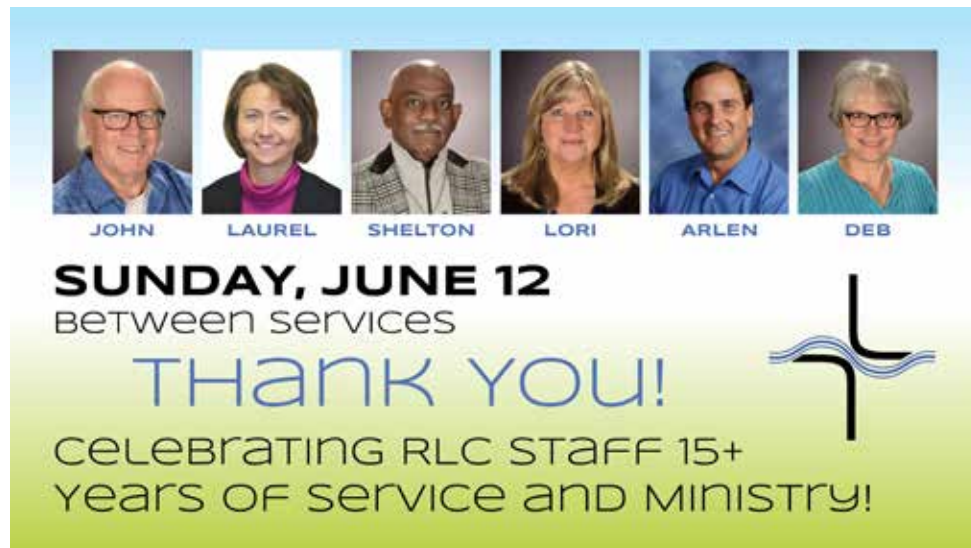
**The Anti-Racist Business Book: An Equity-Centered Approach to Work, Wealth, and Leadership. (Trudy Lebron, 2022).** Author offers business owners real-life lessons on how to reshape their work place to support the well-being of all people.

**The Seed Keeper. (Diane Wilson, 2021).** Written by a Minnesota Dakota author, this novel tells the story of several generations of women. War, displacement, and racism take their toll, but the characters cling to their traditions and belief in the importance of the natural world. (If you are a gardener who cherishes your seeds, you must read this!).

**Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants. (Robin Wall Kimmerer, 2015).** A great companion book with *The Seed Keeper*.

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## RLC TANZANIA MISSION CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JUNE 12

*Celebrating our 20 Year Partnership*

Roseville Lutheran Church has been in a companion relationship with a Lutheran parish in Tanzania for twenty years. As part of the Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder) program of the Saint Paul Area Synod, RLC has walked together with the Ng'ang'ange congregation since 2002 to our mutual support and benefit. On Sunday, June 12, we will celebrate this partnership with prayer, word, and music during worship services.

### PRAYER, PROJECTS, PRESENCE

The "three pillars" of our relationship with Ng'ang'ange are prayer, projects, and presence. We promise to pray for one another, contribute to projects that support evangelism, education, economic development, and meet face-to-face during visits whenever possible. Our main project at RLC is providing scholarships for secondary school students from the Ng'ang'ange parish. RLC members and clergy have traveled to Tanzania several times, meeting with parish leaders there to learn from one another, and worshipping together with the Ng'ang'ange congregation.

### SPECIAL GUESTS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12

We are honored to have two guests from Tanzania join us in worship at RLC on Sunday, June 12. They are Pastors Lusungu Msigwa and Nixon Mwitula, both currently studying here at Luther Seminary. Both are former students of Pastor Rolf and Nancy Olson when they were living in Tanzania and teaching at Iringa University. Pastor Mwitula will preach at RLC that day. This will be a great opportunity for us to learn more about the Lutheran church in Tanzania and about RLC's unique relationship with the Ng'ang'ange parish.



### BWANA YESU ASIFIWE!

At RLC we strive to love God and love our neighbors, including those in the Ng'ang'ange parish. By doing so we are helping to build a global community united by grace. Lord Jesus be praised! Bwana Yesu asifiwe!

## THANK YOU, RLC STAFF!

*June 12 Reception Honoring Long-Time RLC Staff*

Join us after morning worship services as we celebrate members of our RLC staff community who have shared their gifts of ministry with us for 15+ years including: John Helgen, Laurel Hofeldt, Shelton Ingram, Lori Kristiansen, Arlen Rystrom, and Deb Strobeck. Thank you to all the fine RLC staff for your dedication, ministry and service!

## FESTIVAL FOR CHANGE

*September 9-10 Community Event at RLC*

Save the dates for this two-day event that will connect all churches in Roseville while lifting up and celebrating our local BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) community in the Roseville area.

The Festival for Change, held at RLC, will feature local artists, Memorialize the Movement ([www.memorializethemovement.com](http://www.memorializethemovement.com)), spoken word, music, dance, food trucks and more! Look for more details to come over the summer!

## CONNECTING WITH STAFF

*Call Church Office Number 651-487-7742 or Use Staff Email*

If you are in need of connecting with an RLC staff member we invite you to call the church office at (651) 487-7752, or reach out to them via email. Staff contacts can be found at: [www.rosevillelutheran.org/welcome/staff-and-leadership](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/welcome/staff-and-leadership). RLC office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We respectfully ask that you do not use text or cell phone as a primary way of communication with RLC staff. We wish to honor staff members day's off and vacations. Cell phone and text communication can often interfere with scheduled time away. We thank you!

## OKTOBERFEST RETURNS: OCT. 14

*Lass uns Party machen!*

Save the date: Friday October 14 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm! Plans are already coming into shape for this fun, community celebration held outdoors at RLC! If you are interested in helping decorate for this event please contact Diane Sell at [dsell@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:dsell@rosevillelutheran.org).





## HELPING SOMEONE COPING WITH GRIEF

*Diane Sell, Director of Community Engagement and Care*

There are no rules when it comes to grieving. Grief takes its own path in each person, whether it goes quickly or drags on for a long period of time. There are different stages of grief, but they, too, can be fickle. Some people may skip a stage or two while others will remain in one stage for the duration of their grief.

Nothing about grief is easy, but you need to be true to yourself while you are grieving so as to not make things harder than they already are. Here are some dos and don'ts in relation to grieving, whether you are the one grieving or you are trying to comfort someone in grief.

### DO ACCEPT THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY

When you are grieving, it's good for you to accept the fact that nothing you say to yourself is going to make things better. That will allow you to abandon your efforts to perk yourself up with simple thoughts.

If you are watching a friend grieve, understand that nothing you say can make their path to peace easier. When you speak with someone in mourning, keep it simple and heartfelt. Tell them you are sorry for their loss and let them know you are there for them if they need any help during their difficult time.

### DON'T PRESUME TO KNOW OTHERS' FEELING

If you are grieving for a loved one and there are other family members grieving for that same person, there's no way for you to assume that what you feel are the same emotions experienced by them. Perhaps they are closer to the family member in question or had a different kind of relationship with him or her.

Others feel grief in different ways and because you feel a certain way doesn't mean those around you feel it as well. In addition, if you are attending a cremation service to support a friend, you can't assume you know how they feel and you shouldn't say much. Even if you have lost someone too, you may not realize what this particular loss means for the person in mourning. Avoid personal statements because no one can know what the bereaved feel except for each individual in mourning.

### DO REACH OUT FOR PHYSICAL COMFORT

It's hard to find the words to express what you need when you are grieving and there's nothing wrong with that. Not everyone will want to talk about their feelings and not everyone will be comfortable hearing about yours.

When you need comfort, it's perfectly fine to reach out to those around you for a hug or a shoulder to cry on. Many people aren't going to know what to say, but anyone can wrap their arms around you and give you a pat on the back. A simple hug can give you the support you need to make it through the most trying times.

When you attend a memorial service, feel free to console your friend in mourning. Give them a tight hug so they can feel your empathy. Sometimes, saying nothing at all and simply physically being there for the bereaved can be most beneficial.

### DON'T IMPOSE YOUR BELIEFS ON OTHERS

Nothing can hurt the family more than those within it imposing their beliefs on others. If you believe in God and feel your loved one is in heaven, keep that to yourself. But you shouldn't impose those beliefs on others during their time of grief. Some people will accept a death as part of God's will, but that can be very disheartening for others to hear.

Likewise, if you are attending a memorial service with your own set of beliefs, you shouldn't voice them towards those who are grieving. Some people will be angry with God and it's not your place to try and calm their anger or set them straight. What you believe during this time isn't important. It's more about what the bereaved are feeling and how you can comfort them with your presence.

### DO ALLOW EMOTIONS TO BE EXPRESSED

Death isn't easy for anyone and everyone around you will understand that. When you are grieving about the passing of someone, it's perfectly natural and acceptable for you to express your emotions in whatever form you feel best. That might mean crying, sharing memories, talking about your loved one, or venting your anger over their death. Getting these emotions out can help the bereaved lead themselves to the next step in the recovery process.



### DO TALK ABOUT THE DECEASED

It's often comforting to those who are grieving to talk about their loved one who has passed on. It's okay to bring up fun memories or times the person did something that you remember. It can help you to talk about them and it can help those around you remember them in a new light. Sharing memories can help you gain access to stories others might have about the person that you've never heard before.

If you come to a memorial service and you have memories of the person who passed on, share a brief story with someone in mourning. They will appreciate that you have fond memories of the person and it will make them happy to hear something new or something they adored about the person.

### DO TAKE OTHERS UP ON OFFERS FOR HELP

When you are grieving, it can be very hard to pick up where you left off and move on with your everyday life. You might find yourself unable to sleep or with no energy to cook. You might not want to go out in public to do your regular errands because of what you have experienced. There are going to be friends and family members who offer to help and while you'd like to push everyone away, tell them you're fine, and carry on like normal. Don't ask for help until you are ready to interact.

The people around you want to find ways to help so when they offer to pick up groceries, bring you a meal, mow your grass, or do other such tasks, let them if you feel comfortable. You are giving yourself the break you need to concentrate on your grief and you are allowing them to help you.

### DON'T EXPECT EVERY DAY TO BE THE SAME

With grief, there are going to be good days and bad days. On the good days, perhaps you will only think of your loved one a few times and cry once. On the bad days, you may not feel like you can get out of bed.

Grief has ebbs and flows and it's all part of the process. There are some days you know will be bad, like the day of the memorial service, the day you scatter the ashes, an anniversary or birthday, or the holidays. You can do a few things to ease the grief on those days, but overall, you know bad days are coming. When you have one bad day, don't expect the next day to be more of the same. Appreciate



the good days when they come and understand there are more of those in your future.

As a friend helping someone through grief, you need to be flexible toward the good and bad days. If you invite the friend for coffee on a good day, you might enjoy your time together. Another time, they might be in a sombre mood. Support them no matter what type of day they are having.

DO KEEP PICTURES UP

Just because a person has passed on doesn't mean they have left your life in every way. You still have your memories in your photographs stored around the house to remind you of the good times. You have no reason to remove photographs unless they make you uncomfortable. You don't want to take them out of your life completely and having their pictures nearby can help.

As a family friend, it can help when you remind the loved ones of their departed family member. Share your own memories with them when you see the pictures in their house or comment on what a happy day it was when the photo was taken. Don't encourage them to move on by taking things down.

DO HAVE PATIENCE

Grieving takes time and there's no set timeline for recovery. You have no guarantees that you will feel better next week, next month, or even next year. Allow yourself to move through the process at your own pace and try to take care of yourself as best you can naturally. Get adequate rest, eat healthy meals, and move back into your life as you see fit. Treat yourself well and don't get down on yourself for how you feel about the loss you are suffering.

As someone supporting a person in grief, show your concern for them, but don't bring up the loss every time you see them. Allow them to tell you how they are feeling whenever they need to and be there for them to express their anger, guilt, and sadness. Plan your visits with them when you know they are going to have a hard day (i.e. so you can help them out), but be patient with them and don't push them into going back to their old lifestyle before they are ready.

CONCLUSION

There's nothing you can say or do to help yourself get through your grief any faster, but keeping track of a few dos and don'ts will make the process slightly easier as you move through the stages at your own pace.

If you are supporting someone who is grieving, understand that they are having a hard time and the best thing you can do is be there for them in whatever capacity they need you. That might look different to various people and it can be hard to figure out where you fit in.

HELLO, ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

As we begin the opening of the church, I am so grateful for all the support of all the volunteers that have helped me through these past several months.

As we hope to eventually leave this pandemic behind us, we can look forward to the events that we have missed in the past. I have kept in contact with past guests/event coordinators and they are making plans for their events to again be held at the RLC.

As you have seen when you have gone to the market and elsewhere, the cost of food and anything related to it has gone up substantially (as well as labor cost) and it does not look like it will come down soon, so please be patient and understand I will try and keep the food cost down as much as possible.

Our Lenten Soup Supper to GO was well received and it worked out so well for food to go. We took orders from outside are church walls as well, and I was able to help our neighboring church, Saint Rose, to start their own soup supper!

We hosted Marty's ordination and he was received into the RLC community with joy. The attendance was wonderful to welcome him into the church. (See photo of the spread!)

Since we opened, Hospitality has served 913 guests between soup suppers, private events and funerals, so to say the least we have been very busy!

As it looks right now we will be welcoming back our outside groups to entertain and show what a beautiful church this really is. Hospitality is looking forward to some fun and meaningful events that will be coming up in the summer and fall...stay tuned.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the events we do, I would love to hear from you at [cmarchio@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:cmarchio@rosevillelutheran.org) or call the church office at 651-487-7752.

Once again thank you for letting me serve you.

Sempre Famiglia  
Connie Marchio



**Sunday**

**AUGUST 28**

**11:30 am**

• TASK FORCE UPDATES

• 2022-2023 BUDGET

• OTHER BUSINESS

ROSEVILLE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**ANNUAL MEETING**



## RLC SUMMER 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](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 2: MUSIC ON THE BLACKTOP

6:00 - 8:00 pm Tailgating and Music with RLC Jazz

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5: THANK YOU, JULIE

Celebrating the Ministry and Service of Julie Hanson

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5: OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Worship in the south parking lot at 9:00 and 10:30 am

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12: THANK YOU, RLC STAFF

Celebrating the RLC Staff with 15+ years of service

### JUNE 13-16 VBS: MAKE WAVES

Sign up now at: [www.rosevillelutheran.org/vbs](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/vbs)

### SUNDAY, JULY 2: OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Worship in the south parking lot at 9:00 and 10:30 am

### THURSDAY, JULY 7: MUSIC ON THE BLACKTOP

6:00 - 8:00 pm Tailgating and Music with John Cleve Richardson

### SUNDAY, JULY 10: THANK YOU, ABBY

Celebrating the Ministry and Service of Deacon Abby Matter

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4: MUSIC ON THE BLACKTOP

6:00 - 8:00 pm Tailgating and Music with The Pearl Brothers

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7: OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Worship in the south parking lot at 9:00 and 10:30 am

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28: RLC ANNUAL MEETING

11:30 am in the Worship Center following the 10:30 service

### SEPTEMBER 9-10: FESTIVAL FOR CHANGE

Racial Justice Community Event at RLC (see p. 13)

## LEGACY GIVING TO RLC ENDOWMENT FUND

Please prayerfully consider leaving a Legacy Gift to the Roseville Lutheran 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.

## THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS!

*John Helgen, Director of Music*

Thanks to all the many and varied musicians of RLC for all their participation and dedication and good work in our worship presentations this year - especially through Lent and Holy Week: Ash Wednesday, Wednesday mid-week services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, our Easter Sunday celebrations, Bell Weekend, and May 1 with RLC Jazz – nearly 35 worship services!



During this time period, music was presented and led by ensembles comprising over 100 musicians – RLC Choir, Kids' Choir, Brass Ensemble, Jubilate Bell Choir, Bells of Praise, Joyful Ringers, 10:30 Worship Band, 10:30 AM Choir, Acoustic Band, as well as cantors, soloists and other ensembles.

Thanks to our custodians, Shelton Ingram and Greg Saiko, and to our musician crews who set up our worship space for many worship events and concerts. And thanks as well to the music staff for all their good work: Martha Mutch, Lori Haaland, Lucas Byl – our volunteer ensemble leaders: Joe Husby, Charles Scott – to our technical and media crew: Jeff Bowar, Nick Clausen, Lucas Byl, Audrey Dontje-Lindell, Gayle Gedstad, Dave Lankinen – and to KJ Bach and Jeff Bowar for their extra efforts in planning and setting up and implementing our live-stream studio.



## SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER MUSIC

*Contact John Helgen, Director of Music*

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



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