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

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THE PROMISES OF GOD IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD (AND CHURCH!)

Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

From the very beginnings of the Bible, the world is changing. Consider the opening chapters of the book of Genesis. In the creation story each new day brings change. One day the waters are separated, on another the animals are brought into being, on another the trees and the plants are born. Each day is a catalyst for change.

We see change born out every single day in this natural cycle: we experience the change of seasons; we see the changes of children growing from babies, to toddlers, to teens and young adults; we experience the change of time.

As your Senior Pastor, one of the comments that I hear is that there

is a lot of change happening at Roseville Lutheran. I agree! There has been a lot of change over the past few years! A lot of change was born out of a two-year pandemic, some change occurred due to staff and leadership changes, and some out of a sense of calling to engage our Christian faith and witness in new and engaging ways.

Depending on the change, we may experience different emotions. Some change is exciting. Some change is challenging. Some change is difficult, at best. And, for some, change can be a mix of all of these emotions.

This past summer, for example, we experienced an enormous amount of change within our pastoral and children's, youth and family staff. Pastor Marty joined us as Associate Pastor in March; Audrey Dontje Lindell, Director of Youth Ministry resigned in early May; Julie Hanson, Director of Children's Ministry, retired in late May; and Deacon Abby Matter resigned in mid-July.

As a congregation we celebrated their gifts among us and began the exciting (but challenging) work of restaffing in this area, while also recognizing that their ministry among us has left a lasting impression.

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WELCOME SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday, September 11
Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
RLC Kids Begins! Picnic Lunch

Our "Welcome Sunday" is planned for Sunday, Sept. 11 at RLC. We will have our regular worship times of 9:00 and 10:30 am with Storytime that day, along with lots of fun activities for all ages, and food!

Connie has a planned a picnic lunch starting around 10:30 am with hot dogs, chips, and dessert (and serving after the second worship service). See you there. Invite a friend!

WORSHIP AT RLC

sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 am

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This spring and summer the Organizational Task Force began its work in looking at the structure of our committees and teams, leadership and staffing, as well as our mission and vision statement. This task force was formed to consider new structures for our committees, teams and projects that are clear, flexible, organized and fluid. Again, there will be many responses to the changing structure. As the work of this team is finalized, your church council and task force members will offer up times for questions and conversation.

But some things never change – especially the promises given to us by a creative and loving God. From the beginning of time, God promises to be with us. God promises to give us new life in the face of grief and disappointment. God promises to deliver us from our sin and offers us salvation. God promises us a future of hope and healing!

We invite you this fall, to join us as we encounter these promises in our ever changing world.

YOU ARE INVITED

- to join us in worship this fall as we explore the promises of God that are full of life, hope and promise
- to explore new ways of giving and service as we recognize we are all called to participate in the promises of God through the provision of our own individual gifts
- to witness the promises of God at times of grief through Grief Share or Care Ministries
- to participate in educational opportunities for all ages to explore the ways in which the promises of God encourage us and sustain us
- to bring your voice and ideas by participating as a committee or team member in an area of passion or interest in a small group

The promises of God are unchanging, the Gospel truth is unchanging; but the Holy Spirit encourages us to explore new ways for living out our calling in an ever changing world.

We invite you to join us on this journey as we remember that we are part of the unchanging promise of God.

The Promises of God
in an ever changing world!

Blessings,

Lauren J. Wrightsman

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Senior Pastor

GOD'S PROMISES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING

Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor

It is hard to believe we are already shifting into another new season here together at RLC. As we look to Fall and our series on God's Promises, I remember how my mom used to remind me after a particularly hard or challenging day that "God's promises are new every morning." I now think of this quite often regardless of the state of my day. God's promises are new every morning, in that they are renewed and refreshed, yes! But they are also the same promises that have been promised to us forever. That God loves and cares for us, that God accompanies us in the good and the bad and everything in between. Throughout it all God never forsakes us. Not only that, but we know that God – in Jesus – has actually lived through anything and everything that we can go through because of his life on earth. God has promised that nothing will separate us from God or from God's love for us. And so with that in mind, we can enter into a new season of the year, a new school year, and a new time together as a church community without worrying because we know that wherever we go, we go with God and God's love and promises.

One thing I'm excited about is RLC Kids and Confirmation starting back up again! It is always fun to have these programs running and I am looking forward to meeting more families and students this year as we work closely together on these formative programs. Registration is available now at www.rosevillelutheran.org for both RLC Kids (starting Sept. 11) and Confirmation (starting Sept. 21)! We're also excited to bring back Bagels at Dawn and other opportunities for our high school students this fall – stay tuned for more information on that! There will undoubtedly be some bumps to smooth out as we navigate new territory together, but with grace and understanding we will be successful, learn about God, our faith, and each other, and even have some fun along the way!

Whatever this fall brings, we know that God will accompany us as we enter into new spaces and new patterns. We know that God's promises are indeed new every day, and every day we can remember that we are each beloved children of God – the most important of God's promises to us. When we remember that each morning, we also remember that our neighbor is a beloved child of God too and we treat them as such. And then we go about our days remembering those promises as we Love God and Love our Neighbors.

In Christ,

Pastor Marty

Pastor Marty

**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, Development Director at 651-487-7752 ext. 226 or rbedner@rosevillelutheran.org.

GIVING OUT THE BLESSINGS

Rebecca Field, RLC Council President



Our summer worship series was titled "At The Heart of Blessing." Throughout the summer, Pastor Lauren and Pastor Marty focused on the Beatitudes from Matthew 5 and how those Beatitudes related into hope for our everyday living. Hopefully, you all were able to participate in the "Cross of Blessings" and add your personal reflections onto the cross of beautifully colored ribbons!

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

I know I personally enjoyed hearing these words of blessing. However, in reflection of all the blessings that we have been given, it prompted the question in my mind: "What am I doing with my blessing?" A well-known passage reads "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." (Genesis 12:2)

We tend to focus on the part of that scripture where God does the blessing of Abraham – "...and I will bless you." However, I think we should focus on why God blessed Abraham – "...so that you will be a blessing." Abraham was blessed so that he could be a blessing to others!

I believe the same is true for us at RLC today. The Lord has done so much for us! God has blessed us with so many things and has given us so much grace! We have the opportunity to be a part of the amazing things God is doing in our world and in our community. What we have received should not only be for our own enjoyment but also to share with our neighbors and the world around us!

God gives abundantly to us so that we may give freely to others. We should not be afraid to give out the blessings God has granted us, but rather look for opportunities to share God's love, goodness, and blessings. To quote yet another well-known passage: "To whom much is given, much will be required." (Luke 12:48)

As you reflect internally on how you can fulfill that requirement, I encourage you to consider the variety of ways in which this can be achieved. Whether you choose to use your talents, wealth, knowledge, time, or the like, I urge you to think about how sharing of those blessings can continue to build our Community United by Grace!



HAVE YOU MISSED A SUNDAY?

Watch any of our previous worship services on our YouTube channel or on our website at: www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/sermons

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

Hospitality Ministry

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

Children's Ministry

Vacant, Director of Children's and Family Ministry

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Vacant - Vote to call candidate for Youth and Young Adult Engagement (Sunday, August 28th)

RLC Preschool

Sher Noot, Director
Lori Kristiansen, Preschool Teacher
Rachel Lawson, Preschool Asst. Teacher
Vacant, Preschool Teacher
Katie Gerhz, Preschool Asst. Teacher
Karen Sundeen, Preschool Asst. Teacher

Child Care House

Sher Noot, Director
Laurie Miller-Hedeen, Childcare Teacher
Krystina Eliason, Childcare Teacher
Angie Koeck, Childcare Teacher
Liv Bakken, Childcare Assistant

Ministry Support Staff

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

Endowment Committee

Mike Dolan, Chair
Bill Metzger
Greg Johnson
Sarah Richter
Judy Ekern
Kevin Peterson
Audra Engebretson
Dave Risinger
Carrie Hefte-Hanton

Facilities Ministry

Jered Johnson, Campus Manager
Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer
Shelton Ingram, Custodian
Greg Saiko, Custodian

Nominating Committee

Dave Werner
Scott Roste
Jan Abell*

Congregation Council

Rebecca Field, President
Val Velde, President Elect
Erik Storlie* - Vice President
Kris Olsen
Bill Metzger
Linda Hanson
Nancy Brown*
Judy Kaufmann*
Linda Werner*

* denotes those up for nomination on Aug. 28

Ministry Team Chairs

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

WHAT IS A RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) CONGREGATION?

LGBTQ+ Inclusion Task Force

As our LGBTQIA+ inclusion task force continues to understand what it means to be a welcoming church, we feel that it is important to become a "Reconciling in Christ" (RIC) congregation. *ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation* formalized the RIC process in 1983. The process discerns how to welcome, include, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in a way that fits a congregation. The Inclusion Task Force feels that if we are welcoming as a church, then we should be publicly accountable by seeking the RIC designation.

Becoming an RIC congregation requires a congregational vote in support of joining this network. We will be listed on the ReconcilingWorks website as a safe church for LGBTQ+ people. How we wish to be inclusive is up to us: we can add the RIC emblem to our doors to indicate to visitors that we are a safe church for them or fly a rainbow flag, or act more quietly until we feel like we ready to authentically welcome and celebrate people in the LGBTQ+ community. From a Task Force perspective, it is more important to BE a welcoming congregation rather than to simply have a label.

The Partner Commitments of an RIC Church Include:

- Allow community space/sanctuary to be used for LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings (2012)
- Be open to calling an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader (2022)
- Explicitly state a welcome to people of "all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions" or "LGBTQIA+" and name its commitment to "racial equity" or "anti-racism" in its welcome statement. (In process)
- Make a meaningful contribution annually to support the national RIC program.

This fall, we plan to hold engagement sessions for everyone to come and learn about the welcome statement, to ask questions, to pray together, and engage in dialogue with one



another in order to learn more about the process of becoming Reconciling in Christ, being welcoming, and any other questions you may bring. The inclusion task force encourages you to utilize these opportunities to learn and engage with your neighbor—even your neighbor already at RLC! Our hope is that you will see the importance of an explicit welcome to those who have been cast out and harmed by the church. We seek to follow Jesus' example as we search for and welcome the one who needs that welcome—those who are looking for community but don't know where to find it.

Please be on the lookout for these engagement sessions – dates and times will be published soon. The inclusion task force looks forward to continuing this important work with all of you!

FESTIVAL FOR CHANGE

*RLC Mission and Outreach to Host Community-Wide Event
September 9-10 at RLC*

Roseville based faith groups and Twin Cities BIPOC leaders are partnering for the first time to create the 2-day *Festival for Change: Celebrating Cultural Wealth and Togetherness*.

The vision of this initiative is to bring members from all backgrounds together in order to break down the barriers that exist between our communities. In order to see change we must come together to uplift those who are marginalized and ostracized. We invite you to attend this and help us create the Roseville we want to see.

Along with performances at this event we will be having a number of our Roseville Churches in attendance tabling on Saturday sharing what they are doing in the area of Racial Justice. In addition, local organizations Do Good Roseville, ISIAAH, M.A.C., City of Roseville, Welcoming the Dear Neighbor (Racial covenants) will be present to share what is going on in their efforts toward racial justice and how we can get involved.

For more information please go to www.rosevillelutheran.org/change

Friday Night 5:00 - 8:00 pm Features:

- Memorialize the Movement
- BIPOC-owned Food Trucks
- Joe Davis Band

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Features:

- Memorialize the Movement
- BIPOC-owned Food Trucks
- Artist Melodee Strong
- The Mighty Revival Gospel Quartet
- Joe Davis - Spoken Word
- Kalpulli Tlalotecuhtli - Youth dance and drumming group
- Louis Alemayehu - Spoken Word
- Stepping with Soul - Youth Step group

Uplift Student Grant by Roseville Area Faith Communities

As a part of the Festival for Change in 2022, the Roseville Area Faith Communities are creating Uplift Student Grants to address the inequities faced by BIPOC students. The Uplift Student Grant will be given to a BIPOC student based on a story about a student that is persevering through challenges, where receiving even a small amount of funds could, potentially, make a difference in the trajectory of their lives. The story, as told by a teacher, community member, or a parent is the key to the grant. This grant will encourage students to find a way to pay it forward. If you are interested in learning more about the Uplift Grant, or would like to contribute, contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org.

Hospitality Team Needed for Festival for Change.

Mission and Outreach needs 10 people (encouraging families as well) willing to take 90 minute shifts on Saturday September 10 between the hours of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm to be a part of a team that will welcome community members, direct folks to the restrooms, hand out water to those who are tabling at the event, serve as a parking lot attendant etc. If you are available and would like to be a part of this event please contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org



SPECIAL SERVICES THIS FALL AT RLC

Save the Dates. Invite a Friend or Neighbor!

You are invited to attend and participate in these upcoming special services planned this fall at Roseville Lutheran Church. All are welcome!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

9:00 AND 10:30 AM • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

St. Francis is famous for his love of animals – supposedly preaching to the birds. Many churches offer a “blessing of the animals” in the spirit of St. Francis. RLC will offer this again on Sunday, September 4, at both services. Please bring your furry, feathery, or other loved creature to this outdoor worship when we will celebrate our creative God and bless our pets.

ALL SAINTS CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

7:00 PM • TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The pandemic gave us a few new traditions and this is a good one. Join us outdoors for our 3rd Annual All Saints Worship Service as we remember and lift up all those who have gone before us. Join us in the lower parking lot. Dress warmly.

“On this night we light our candles for our own loved ones.

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.*

“Help us to remember them with thankful hearts. Where there was joy, may the joy remain. Where there was injury, may forgiveness dwell. You are our loving creator, the one who birthed into being your creation. Recreate in us again, anew this evening. May we remember our parents and grandparents as you remember us.”

VETERANS DAY ONLINE SERVICE

11:00 AM • FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day is a time to give thanks for those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Join us for a special service that recognizes and honors those among us who have served.

Send in Photos

A portion of the service honors members and friends of RLC who have served in one of the branches. Please submit pictures and dates of service to dpederson@rosevillelutheran.org by Monday, September 26. This recorded service will be available Nov. 11 on our website at www.rosevillelutheran.org/veterans-day and will be broadcast on local access cable channel 19 on Thursday, Nov. 17.

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN 80TH ANNIVERSARY

9:00 AND 10:30 AM • SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

It’s our birthday! Founded in November 1942, Roseville Lutheran has been a place of worship in this community throughout the decades. Join us as we celebrate 80 years of ministry and mission at RLC. Celebratory worship will be held at 9:00 and 10:30 am. A time of refreshment and fellowship will follow both services.

INVITING ALL MEN

Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Men – please join other guys for bagels and conversation from 8:30 - 10:00 am on the first and third Saturdays of each month (except holiday weekends).

About 12-15 men meet in the coffee bar area near the office for conversation, sports talk, and Bible study. Currently we are finishing up on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Soon we will begin a new focus. Casual, light-hearted, meaningful.

Need more information? Contact Mike Dolan mdolan@umn.edu or Pastor Rolf Olson rolson@rosevillelutheran.org.



PARTICIPATING IN THE PROMISE: GOD’S GIFTS, OUR GRATITUDE.

Rebecca Bedner, Director of Development

There are many promises about giving in the bible. This is because God is a generous giver, and wants us to be generous and giving, too. We know God wants us to be a cheerful giver—feeling good about sharing the gifts we receive from God with others. God repeatedly shares in Scripture: “If you are generous with what I give you, I will meet all of your needs—financial, physical, and spiritual.” While sometimes giving might feel hard, especially in uncertain times, giving challenges us to be more selfless and to have faith in the promises that we will be taken care of by a generous God.

The theme for our upcoming Annual Appeal (Sunday, Oct. 2 - Sunday Oct. 16, 2022) is *“Participating in the Promise: God’s Gifts, Our Gratitude.”* This time is dedicated to thanking members and friends for their gifts, while highlighting the strengthening of our mission and ministry over the last year. This is also a time for you to prayerfully consider your gifts and continued support over the next year, and to complete an intent to give form online or in church so that we can plan for the coming year. There will also be a fun opportunity for children and families to participate as well. For those of you that want a deeper dive, Pastor Lauren and I will be speaking in the Adult Education 10:10 hour on October 2nd. Bring your questions; snacks will be provided!

Another way to participate in sharing God’s gifts is through our yearly Endowment Fund fundraiser that takes place each Winter at RLC. You can expect to see lights, luminaries, and stars in mid to late November. Finally, you may also notice more information in our Table Newsletter and in our bulletin about planned giving. If you have RLC or our Endowment Fund named in your estate plan, please let me know. And if not, please consider adding RLC or the Endowment Fund to your estate plans. If you are interested in learning about how you can leave a lasting legacy at RLC, join Pastor Lauren and me on October 9th in the Adult Education 10:10 hour as we will be sharing more information and answering questions about planned giving and our legacy society.



A STORY OF BIG MIKE

Diane Sell, Director of Engagement and Care

This is Mike. He was diagnosed with early onset of Alzheimer's in 2010. A well-known man in his congregation he led Bible Study, helped with Habitat for Humanity, served on church Council. On Sunday morning you could see him as an usher, greeter, or reader. He was a member of the church choir. Mike loved reading and conversing with people from all walks of life. He spent time at the bookstore at Luther Seminary just to read and make friends with professors and students. He frequented the corner coffee shop with his wife Carol and became a regular so much so that he would open the shop in the morning hours and meet the bakery delivery guy and put the pastries in the case. He stood at 6'4" and when Mike walked in the room you knew it. He took care of the gardens at his church after he retired.

Then Mike developed Alzheimer's. Some times when you talked with him, the sparkle in his eye was dulled. When Mike would talk he would repeat the same story over and over. He couldn't think of the right words to say or his words got jumbled up. He asked what time it was over and over. Sometimes he wasn't able to track with a conversation. Then there were times that Mike couldn't sit still for an entire hour for worship. He had to get up and move. People started to notice at church. At first, they would smile at him. Then as time went on they would ask Carol what was wrong. Some days Mike was just like his old self and people loved that. So did Mike. Then there were days where Mike would find a chair and sit in it and stare off. People stopped talking to Mike. People wouldn't come close to him like they used to. They felt uncomfortable and, I am sure, sad.

This story is a variation of so many stories told by family members who have loved people with all forms of dementia. So here are some statistics to blow you away.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. By the year 2050, this number could rise as high as 16 million. Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. My bet is that you may know or have known someone with a form of dementia. If you haven't, within 5 years, you will.

When we talk about "love God, love your neighbor" this includes our brothers and sisters with dementia AND their caregivers.

There is a stigma with dementia that I knew nothing about until recent years. Those who live with someone who has it often suffer in silence and care 100% for their loved one alone, rarely reaching out for help. Others are embarrassed and don't want to talk about it. I understand. I do.

We as a congregation have an opportunity to open our hearts and our doors to those in need. By the year 2030 the health care system will not be able to help all those that will need care and attention brought on by this disease. The numbers will be too great. We have a partnership with Lyngblomsten. Part of that partnership includes training for us.

We would like to offer you a class (free of charge) this fall on *How to Become a Dementia Friendly Congregation*. Details are in the next column on this page. This is an important topic that we need to educate and share with others. Please consider joining me in this journey.



HOW TO BECOME A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CONGREGATION

Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 am - 12 Noon at RLC

This forum will help you champion the efforts of becoming a Dementia Friendly Faith community.

With a growing awareness in many faith communities of the challenges posed by dementia, faith community members and staff are beginning to explore ways to make their congregations more dementia friendly. Faith communities want to be welcoming places where people who are living with dementia, and their caregivers who share their journey, can continue to nurture and grow their faith. 6.2 million people age 65 and older has Alzheimer's disease. By honoring and building on the strengths and gifts of those living with dementia, faith communities can find ways to meaningfully engage those with dementia and their caregivers, so that they continue to feel loved, valued, and welcomed.

We Will Learn About:

- The basics of Alzheimer's and other dementias
- Tips for raising awareness to become more welcoming & dementia-friendly
- Ideas for providing spiritual support to people with dementia
- Action resources for getting started in becoming a dementia-friendly congregation

Carolyn Klaver, RN

Community Dementia Care Specialist, Lyngblomsten

Carolyn, our presenter, has nearly 2 decades of experience working with individuals who have memory loss, their families, and their caregivers. She is certified as a Dementia Capable Caregiver Coach, Family Memory Care Consultant, and REACH Coach.

Please Register

Register by calling (651) 632-5330 or 2ndHalf@lyngblomsten.org. Tell them you are from Roseville Lutheran Church, and your fee for this class will be waived.

GRIEF SHARE

New Class Starts Sept. 13

6:30 pm in Room 40

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly for 10 weeks beginning Tuesday September 13th. The weekly class will run from 6:30 to 8:00 pm each week in Room 40, and you can sign up at www.rosevillelutheran.org/griefshare. You will find it to be a warm and caring environment and you will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief.

Three Key Parts to GriefShare:

1. **Video Seminar** encouraging, information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts.
2. **Support Group** that will have small group discussion about the weekly video content.
3. **Workbook Journaling** and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

For more information, please contact our coordinator, Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org.



HOLY HAMMERS

2023 Habitat for Humanity Work in the Twin Cities

Roseville Lutheran Mission and Outreach Committee has been contacted to see if RLC would have interest in re-joining the Coalition of Churches to work with Habitat for Humanity in 2023. This coalition of churches was formed in 1998 and started with 9 area congregations (see list below). Since then, it grew to include Roseville Lutheran at one time. Now, many of the volunteers are aging out of this work and they need some hearts and hands to continue this ministry.

In 2022, Holy Hammers work will include the following:

- Woodbridge, St. Paul (new build single family, staffed final 4 weeks 8-person crews)
- 564 State St., Unit A, St. Paul (rehab of single unit of townhome, staffed 6 weeks 8-person crews)

If you have an interest in hearing more about this and how you can participate please contact either M&O Chair Dave Tetzlaff, or Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org

The Holy Hammers Dec. 1998:

Met with area churches to form an ecumenical coalition that partnered with TC Habitat for Humanity. January 1999: named Holy Hammers with 9 area congregations:

- Centennial Methodist, Roseville
- Christ the King Lutheran, White Bear Lake
- Corpus Christi Catholic, Roseville
- Falcon Heights United Church of Christ
- Incarnation Lutheran, Shoreview
- New Brighton United Church of Christ
- North Como Presbyterian, Roseville
- Resurrection Lutheran, Roseville
- Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview

DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Next Need is Winter Wear

RLC Mission and Outreach Team has been collecting back to school supplies for our local school partner Central Park Elementary during the month of August.

The school social worker also distributes outerwear to students in need at the beginning of November. The greatest need is for snow pants, boots and gloves. We hope we can collect these items prior to Nov. 1 so they can keep kids warm as soon as winter hits! Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions reach out to Diane Sell or Alicia Sandy.

VALET DRIVERS NEEDED DURING WINTER MONTHS

Beginning this winter, we will be offering Valet Parking during our 9:00 am Worship service. No more will you have to worry if you will make it from your car into worship without falling on the ice. We could use a few more willing helpers for this ministry. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Mike Dolan at msdolan01@hotmail.com. Look for more information on this to come.

OKTOBERFEST

5:00 - 8:00 pm, Friday, Oct. 14

Mark your calendars now and look for more details to come! German Cuisine including:

- Pretzels/cheese
- Variety of Brats
- Fried Sauerkraut
- Potato Salad
- Mac and cheese
- German Chocolate Cake
- Beer Garden "Libation station" (cash bar for beer and wine)
- Mark Stillman and his roaming accordion!
- Carnival games
- Prize give aways

This event is free except for the cash bar. We are asking for RLC members to sign up online so we can get a head count to help Connie prepare. Questions? Or, if you are willing to assist, please contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org



TANZANIA PARISH GRATEFUL FOR RLC FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT

Two volunteer "ambassadors" from the Saint Paul Area Synod recently visited RLC's companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania, on our behalf. They brought greetings from our congregation and were warmly received by Pastor Nebu Mgungiloe and other church leaders there. He offered prayers for recovery from Covid, for peace in Ukraine, and for RLC's progress and ministries.

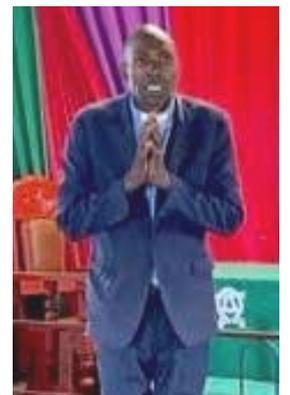
Ng'ang'ange parish is grateful for RLC's support in funding construction of chapels and housing for evangelists at outlying parish preaching points. Student scholarship support from RLC members is also greatly appreciated. Ng'ang'ange students have succeeded and become evangelists, teachers, nurses, entrepreneurs, and a doctor.

Working shoulder to shoulder with Ng'ang'ange, RLC enabled the parish to plant 560 avocado trees this year. This cash crop increased the parish income to fairly pay the evangelists (who now earn about \$5 per month) and help run the church.

The parish has brought a proposal to acquire a milling machine with RLC's support. Church members and the community in general could use this for milling corn and other products on site, avoiding the burden and expense of transporting crops to distant places for milling. RLC is currently considering this proposal to support our Ng'ang'ange partner.

In the recent report, the Ng'ang'ange parish reiterated their gratitude for our companion relationship with them. They wrote, "We have not stopped praying for you...because we remember the many good things you do for us. We encourage you through the word of God: Matthew 25: 34-40, Hebrews 13: 1-2, Psalm 46: 1-2, Psalm 23: 1-6."

RLC will continue the partnership and outreach with our Tanzania church in Ng'ang'ange through the Bega Kwa Bega program of the Saint Paul Area Synod.



RLC WELCOMES CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Places and Spaces Renewed, Available

RLC has created new spaces for children, youth and their families to gather throughout the building! Take a look at the changes over the past year!

UPPER LOBBY



In the fall of 2021 the Upper Lobby was completed. What used to be a hallway is now a gathering place for families, youth and members. We thank the Endowment Committee and the Design Team for their generous gifts and engagement in providing a welcoming space for people to gather.

FAMILY ROOM



Have a restless toddler during worship? Need a space for young ones to explore? Our updated Family Room (just off of the worship center) has toys, tables and chairs for both young and old! With our windows and sound system you can participate in worship while the little ones blow off steam!

CHILDREN'S AREA IN WORSHIP CENTER



We encourage children of all ages to participate in worship alongside their families. The north side of our worship center is welcoming to children and families with child-sized tables, crayons and color sheets.

NURSING ROOM



This room offers a quiet place to nurse your child. Just off of the worship commons, you will find a comfortable chair, toys for busy toddlers, as well as changing supplies.

PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE HOUSE



Roseville Lutheran Church offers preschool and childcare for all families. This past summer, through grants and gifts from RLC's endowment, we were able to update our Child care house. If you are interested in finding out more about our preschool and/or child care, please contact Sher Noot, Director of Preschool and Childcare House at snoot@rosevillelutheran.org.



RLC LIBRARY OPEN

Our RLC Library is open for your use! Since COVID, it has been hard to get it up and going but we are ready! We have purchased several new books under Diversity which we displayed in June for 3 Sundays, but will be in the RLC Library to continue to check out. An **Open House** for the library is being planned for **Sunday, October 3**, from 10:00 until 11:15 a.m. I would invite all who would be interested to come check out all the books that RLC has from Bible Reference, Lutheran History, Health and Wellness, Devotional books, Adult Fiction and our newest section on Diversity. We have a great Kid's section as well.

The library is open every day the church is open and during the office hours as well. Sunday is also available with hopefully, someone there to help with check out. The check out process is by card with your name and phone number with the date to return the book. No one really needs to be there in order for anyone to check out the books so feel free to go in when it is open and get a book to take home. It is also, a great place to just sit, read and relax if you have the time. We could use some volunteers to help in the library putting books back on the shelf and getting new books ready for shelving so if you would be interested please contact Sharon Boyce at 636-5093 or email at mnsfboyce@aol.com. Any age is welcome to help out! Look forward to seeing you on October 3, 2022.

CAMP WAPO WAS AMAZING!

Thank you RLC Members and Friends for Your Generous Support

There were 31 youth campers, and 5 high school students who participated in the youth service program at Camp Wapogasset this summer. We received some great feedback from the youth and their families about their experience at Camp Wapo!

"Our daughter LOVED camp! In fact, this is the most she's talked about an experience so far this summer and compared it to last summer's camp too. She absolutely loved it and is already planning on how she could go as a SLP (camp counselor assistant) next summer! Thank you for the opportunity Roseville Lutheran has provided for her to be able to go! She only knew one other cabin-mate but made great friendships, loved the daily devotions, and has explained some profound moments (the last night they all had their feet washed by the counselors and cried for most of it). The nostalgia it brought to me from my summer church camp days was real!"



"We were so blessed to send our boys this summer. They made some core memories they will cherish! We are very thankful for the generous support from congregation donations to offset the cost of the camps for the boys. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you from all of us!"



And here is a hand-written note from a member that had a great time at Camp Wapo this summer:

7/25/22

Dear Roseville Lutheran
community,
Thank you so much for the
Scholarship so I could go
to Camp Wapo. It was
Such a good time and I
learned so many new songs
and prayers. My favorite
parts were swimming, Camp-
fire and chapel. I can't wait
to go next year! Thank
you so much for supporting
all us campers.

- Anna

THANK YOU!

Your offering gifts support our member partnership with Camp Wapo. Our Red Envelope Fundraiser also offsets the cost of camp. Thank you for your generous support. Thank you for sharing your gifts, and for all the ways you support Roseville Lutheran Church to live out our mission and vision as a Community United by Grace.

CYF OFFERING BOXES

Our RLC Children, Youth, and Family program will be sharing *My Offering Boxes* this coming Fall. Boxes (which you can color and decorate at home) will be available for pick up in September and will be collected Oct. 2-16 at RLC.



MY FAVORITE SEASON

Sher Noot, Director, RLC Preschool and Childcare House

If someone were to ask me my favorite season, I would tell them autumn hands down. Yes, I love the crisp mornings, the beautiful colors and the crunch of the fallen leaves. But I also love the sound of children at school. The laughter in the halls and the hustle and bustle of families in the building.

Does that mean that I haven't heard the laughter since May, when school ended? In the past, I would have said yes, but in my new role as director of the Preschool and the Childcare House (CCH), I have had the opportunity to hear the laughter of children a lot this summer. The smiles and laughter at CCH were a joy to hear as the kiddos explored all of their new spaces.

In July, The Childcare House shut down for two weeks while it went through a major renovation. New flooring in the kitchen, and new carpet throughout installed by JO Thompson. The entire childcare space was painted with many thanks to the multi-talented KJ Bach and her fabulous team of volunteers! New shelving from IKEA was assembled by staff from the Childcare House, and Preschool. The whole space was cleaned top to bottom by current CCH staff, preschool staff and even new staff (that hadn't officially started yet). The Endowment Committee grant helped make a lot of this possible. The love, hands on support, and financial contributions given to me and CCH was humbling, to say the least.



August, was spent getting ready for new families both in Preschool and at CCH. We have a larger number of kiddos that will attend both CCH and Preschool this year, which was one of the goals to increase the connection between the two areas. There was a slight shift in our Preschool program from the past years, as we are not offering Enrichment Classes in the afternoon, but instead we are offering Lunch-Bunch and Stay & Play as an add-on for students until 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday.

I am looking forward to working with the Teacher Teams this year, some of the teachers are returning and some are new to RLC, and together I believe that these teams are ready to do amazing things and to learn and grow right along with our little humans.

OPENINGS AT PRESCHOOL AND IN CHILD CARE HOUSE

If you are looking for an amazing spot for your little one, we do have some openings available both at CCH and in our Preschool. Please contact Sher Noot, Director at snoot@rosevillelutheran.org. Many thanks for sharing your children with us!

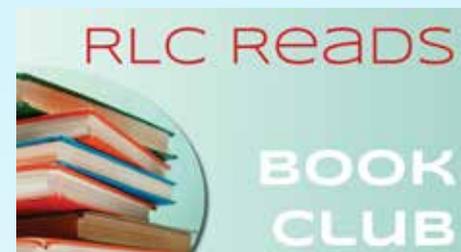
– Sher Noot



RLC READS

Monthly on Mondays... All are Welcome!

RLC Reads is back with an exciting collection of books to read and discuss during the following months. **As usual, anyone and everyone is welcome to join us** in discussion and conversation on the dates listed. You can choose to read only one of the books or all of them or any number in between. If you don't finish a book, join us anyway...You probably won't be the only one who hasn't had time to read the whole thing, and there won't be a test! We try to create a fun and relaxing atmosphere of camaraderie. We'll meet in the "coffee shop" area between the church office and the church library at 7:00 PM on the dates listed, so it's easiest to use the north parking lot. All we ask is to email Bob Bergstrom a week or so in advance of the discussion date so we know how many readers to expect, and if you ever have any questions, feel free to contact Bob anytime at rcbergstrom@comcast.net.



"Summertime, and the reading is easy"...So it's time to get ready for the new season of RLC Reads. After receiving several great suggestions from many of you, a small group of us met last week and chose the books that we hope everyone will enjoy reading this year. We plan to meet for our discussions on the **second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM** in the coffee shop area between the church office and library. Please share this info with anyone who might also want to get started for the year.

2022-2023 RLC Reads Book List

SEPTEMBER 12

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

This best-selling memoir appeared on at least seven major publications' "Best Books Lists" of 2016 when it was published. One stellar review says it "sparkles with funny stories...and (Noah's) candid and compassionate essays deepen our perception of the complexities of race, gender, and class." Whether or not you think you know him from his TV show, you'll learn to appreciate his life journey when you read this book. (Recommended by Bruce and Janet Robb, 285 pages, 2016)

OCTOBER 10

His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham

Not a full biography, but a tender portrait of John Lewis and his life-long struggle for civil rights. His Christian faith and belief in good work and good trouble are obvious in this inspiring book, named one of the Best Books of 2021 by the Washington Post and a New York Times bestseller. (Recommended by Linda Hanson, 368 pages, 2021)

NOVEMBER 14

Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison

Described as a funny, biting, touching, and ultimately inspiring novel, the author takes the reader into the heart and mind of a young man in search of the American dream who is trying to find himself. Although this book is often listed on many "banned book" lists and may offend some readers with its frank language, the Washington Post calls it "an effervescent novel of hope that can enlighten everyone." Read it for yourself and decide what you think! (Recommended by Nancy Olson, 336 pages, 2019)

DECEMBER – NO BOOK

No December book...Merry Christmas! (The January book is a long one, so get started on that one as soon as you can.)

JANUARY 9**The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles**

Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, this well-crafted novel takes the reader on a cross-country journey to remember. It's set in the U.S. in 1954, and the author creates unforgettable characters that teach us all some life lessons along the way. Chosen by several notable critics as the 2021 Book of the Year, this wildly entertaining story is predicted to become a classic. Don't let the length deter you. You'll finish it much faster than you think you will because you won't be able to put it down! (Recommended by Jan Abel and Erik Wolhowe, 576 pages, 2021)

FEBRUARY 13**The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson**

This is a moving story of four memorable Native American women whose voices are deftly woven together by the Minnesota Dakota author into a beautiful story of reawakening and the importance of the seeds we plant and our connections to our ancestors. This novel was chosen as a "Best Book" of 2021 by several outlets and also one of the books RLC's ONAM committee chose to offer to the congregation for meaningful reading this past spring. (Recommended by Nancy Olson, 392 pages, 2021)

MARCH 13**Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt by Arthur C. Brooks**

The author is a noted social scientist who wants us to realize that abuse and outrage are not the right formula for lasting success. David Axelrod says that "Brooks reminds us that we can disagree without being disagreeable, and that everyday citizens have the power to bring our country back together." And Deepak Chopra describes this book as "a practical prescription that could lead to a more peaceful, just, sustainable, and healthier world." Sounds like we can all learn from it! (Recommended by Heidi Larson, 256 pages, 2019)

APRIL 17 (3rd Monday!)**Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People by Nadia Bolz Weber**

{Note: Easter is April 9, so we're meeting April 17, which is the 3rd Monday of the month.} The author is a tattooed Lutheran pastor who often uses the F-word. She's honest about her shortcomings as she brings Christ to the unloved and offers hope to sinners. Her brutally honest book is filled with deep thoughts, inspiration, humor, and a resounding message of grace and imperfection. (Recommended by Nancy Olson, 224 pages, 2016)

MAY 15 (3rd Monday!)**Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gorman**

{Note: Because we met on the 3rd Monday of April, we'll also meet on the 3rd Monday of May} If you were moved by her poem, "The Hill We Climb" that she read at President Biden's inauguration (which is also included in this book), you'll enjoy the thoughtful collection of new poetry by this talented young woman, which instantly became a bestseller in 2021. Using various styles and structures, the poet reflects on the pandemic and uses her activist spirit to help us all heal. She brings insight to every topic and uses her graceful facility with language to form a voice for the future. Even if you're not a poetry fan, you'll be impressed by this young lady's genius. (Recommended by Bob Bergstrom, 211 pages, 2021)

ATTENDER TO MEMBER FALL ORIENTATION

10:00 am, Sunday, Sept. 18 – Upper Level Lounge
New Members Welcomed on Sunday, Sept. 25

Attending RLC but not yet a member? This class is designed to welcome you as a member of the church, as well as orient you to the various mission and ministry opportunities available to you and your family. New members will be invited to join us in worship on Sunday, September 25th for a welcome at either 9:00 or 10:30 a.m. More information at www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m or you may register for the orientation by contacting the church office at 651-497-7752 or emailing Mary Johnson at mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT 18
10:00 - 11:00 am

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ATTENDER TO MEMBER ORIENTATION
www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS OCT. 5

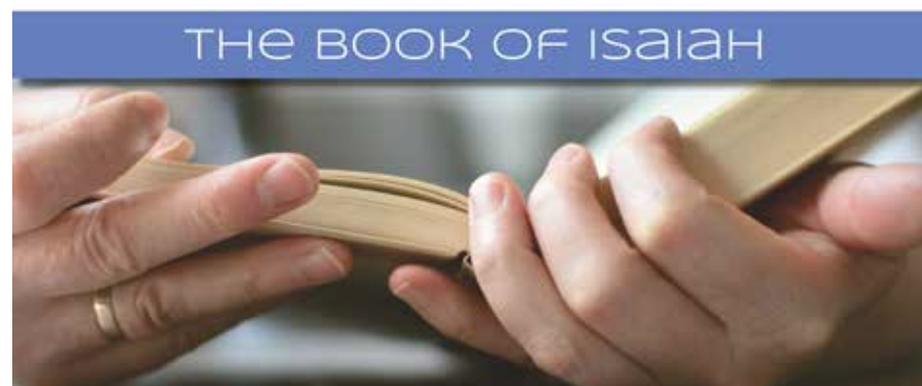
Wednesdays at 9:30 am, Room 40

The Book of Isaiah

Join Pastor Lauren as we explore the Old Testament book of Isaiah. Often referred to as one of the most important books of the Old Testament, this book is a collection of oracles, prophecies and reports; but the common theme is the message of salvation.

Participation in the class is free. There is no need to register. Come with a spirit of exploration, growth and questions! Connie will be providing coffee and treats. Join us **Wednesdays Oct. 5 – Nov. 23 in Room 40.**

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: OCT. 5 - NOV. 23
wednesdays at 9:30 am - ROOM 40



ADULT EDUCATION

10:00 am Sundays in the Social Hall

SEPTEMBER 18

Immigrating to America with David and Maria Albornoz

Venezuelan immigrant David Albornoz and his wife Maria and daughter Gabriella (15) will tell their story of immigrating to the U.S. and St. Paul. This is an American success story with a most delightful family! Come with your questions.

SEPTEMBER 25

Acknowledging Our History: How Racial Covenants Played a Role in the Cities of Roseville and Falcon Heights with Community Development Director, Janice Gundlach

In this presentation, Janice Gundlach, Roseville's Community Development Director, will explain the results of the Mapping Prejudice project as they pertain to our community. The Mapping Prejudice Project began at the University of MN and consists of a team of historians, geographers, librarians, and community activists who have located and documented racial covenants in both Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. Racial covenants were clauses inserted into deeds that prevented people who were not White from buying or occupying the land. These began in the early part of the 20th century and lasted well into the 1960's, leaving a legacy of exclusion that can still be felt today.

The City of Roseville staff presented a resolution to the City Council this past July which condemns the use of discriminatory covenants and approves the participation in Just Deeds Coalition, a group which helps homeowners discharge any covenants attached to their property records. This aligns well with RLC's motto of "Love God, Love Your Neighbor." Please attend this informative and interesting discussion of how Roseville can be a safe and open community for all!

OCTOBER 2

What Is An Annual Appeal And Why Is It Important? with Rebecca Bedner and Pastor Lauren Wrightsman

Please join us as we describe our Annual Appeal and the reasons why we have this appeal every year at RLC. We will share how your gifts support RLC, including highlights from the past year and ideas for the next one. Various ways to support RLC will be addressed including applicable tax benefits. Questions are encouraged and snacks will be provided! Presenters: Senior Pastor Lauren Wrightsman and Director of Development, Rebecca Bedner

OCTOBER 9

Planned Giving: Thinking About Your Legacy And The Future of RLC!

Do you think about your legacy and how you want to be remembered? Do you wonder what the church will look like in the future? Please join us as we talk about your legacy and the future of RLC. We will discuss the topic of planned giving and our Legacy Society? Even if you have already named RLC in your Estate Plans, please join us for this informational session. Questions are encouraged and snacks will be provided! Presenters: Senior Pastor Lauren Wrightsman and Director of Development, Rebecca Bedner



OCTOBER 16, 23, 30, NOVEMBER 6

Hearing God's Promises: How the Bible Has Come to Us with James L. Boyce

"Holy Bible," "Scripture," "Word of God"—whatever word we use, virtually all Christians hold the scriptures as inspired and authoritative for faith and life. But we do not all agree on what being "true" and "authoritative" means. How have these writings originated and come to us? Most important, how do they become a way for us to hear the truth of God's promises? What does it mean for us to live as "people of the Word"? And how do we deal with the fact that our interpretations and the interpretations of other faithful Christians often differ? As we explore the story of the Bible's writing and formation, these sessions will suggest guidelines that can help shape our understanding and faithful use of the scriptures.



- **October 16**
The Bible Has a Story, Part 1 – Old Testament
- **October 23**
The Dead Sea Scrolls:
Holy Writings and Living Communities in Dialog and Dissent
- **October 30**
The Bible Has a Story, Part 2 – New Testament
- **November 6**
Which Writings Shall We Use?
Collection, Acceptance, and People of the Word

NOVEMBER 13

What makes a sermon Lutheran? with Mary Jane Haemig

A sermon is not a lecture – it's also not a motivational speech. But what is it? We will examine what Luther and his followers thought a sermon was – and we will consider why that is important today.



NOVEMBER 20

Baptism – It's More Than Water! with Mary Jane Haemig

What do Luther and Lutherans think is happening in baptism? Does it make a difference? Or it merely a nice tradition?

NOVEMBER 27

Baptism – Promises, Promises...and Disagreements with Mary Jane Haemig

How do Lutheran views on baptism compare with some other views of baptism? Why are Lutherans different and why does it matter?

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Individuals and Family Helpers Needed

It takes many helpers to make a Sunday run smoothly at RLC, and to show good hospitality to all who enter our doors. If you yourself, or you and members of your family are interested in helping on Sunday morning, please contact Mary in the church office at mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752. We are looking for ushers, communion servers, greeters, or readers.

BINDING THE COMMUNITY

David Booms, Church Administrator



One of the best ways to make an impact, to meet people, to develop relationships, and to grow is to serve at the church. I personally wish to encourage you and your family to consider taking part in one or more of the ministry areas mentioned below. Most positions require very little time outside the regular worship experience and in most cases, you would be part of a team, from whom you would receive support and training. And, as you'll see in the following descriptions, the time commitment maybe as little as a 1-2 times a year. Lay persons such as you can make new Christian friends, provide much-needed assistance, serve your church and your God, and get to know RLC on a more personal level.

- Help in the Office We're look to add more people to the group that has office experience to help with taking calls, print production, data input, and various other office tasks. Particularly on Fridays.
- Extend a hand in greeting people as they arrive before each worship time. A friendly smile can make a world of difference to those coming through the doors, especially those who are visiting. Families and couples can greet together.
- Usher before and during worship, handing out worship folders and helping with communion and offering. Ushers are needed for both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship.
- Scripture Reader an integral and important part of any worship service.
- Serve communion on Sunday at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship. Perhaps one of the most meaningful ways to connect the followers of Christ in sharing the sacrament.

*"There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same Spirit distributes them.
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
There are different kinds of working,
but in all of them and in everyone
it is the same God at work."*

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

ORGAN TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Organ Task Force began work in May to investigate and recommend a plan to address RLC's pipe organ. The organ has deteriorated significantly with pipes that do not function and other mechanical issues. Repairs were originally scheduled for this summer, however due to supply chain shortages and other circumstances, the repair company is unable to do the work until summer 2023.



After careful consideration, the Task Force determined the proposed \$30,000 repairs would not be cost-effective. Repairs would not restore the organ to full functionality and similar issues would reoccur in the future. The Task Force recommended the repair dollars be held in the Organ Fund until a long-term solution is developed.

The Task Force will move forward to investigate viable options and make a recommendation to the Church Council in the coming months. Options that will be considered are: refurbish our existing organ, a digital/electronic organ, a better quality used pipe organ, a new pipe organ. In August, the Task Force attended several "listening" sessions, led by our organ consultant Dr. Greg Peterson, to hear a variety of local organs. The Task Force will also provide various educational opportunities for the congregation to see, hear and better understand the challenges of our organ. Watch for times and dates for these opportunities in the weekly RLC eBlast.

Further information, including FAQs, can be found on the Organ Task Force webpage: www.rosevillelutheran.org/organ. Members of the task force are KJ Bach, John Helgen, Julie and Scott Henry, Martha Mutch, Craig and Heidi Sneltjes.

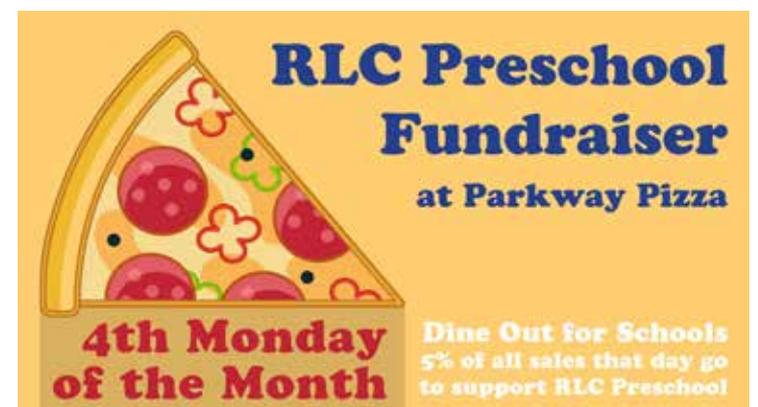
LEGACY GIVING

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 at 651-487-7752 ext 226.

RLC PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER RETURNS!

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

- Sept. 26
- Oct. 24
- Nov. 28
- Dec. 26!



Sign up for CYF Groups on our Website
www.rosevillelutheran.org



ATTENTION MUSICIANS! TIME TO CONNECT FOR FALL REHEARSALS

John Helgen, Music Director

RLC CHOIR

Choral music for worship.

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm starting Sept. 7
John Helgen, director – 651-288-4236

10:30 A.M. CHOIR

Lead music for worship one to two times per month.

Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on days choir is singing – start date TBA
John Helgen, director – 651-288-4236

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIRS

Wednesday evenings starting September 7
6:30 pm – Bells of Praise; 7:30 pm – Jubilate
Lori Haaland, director – 651-631-9092

JOYFUL RINGERS

Youth Bell Choir

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm starting October 5
Lori Haaland, director – 651-631-9092

RLC BRASS ENSEMBLE

1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of month at 5:45 pm starting September 7
– plus rehearsals for special events
John Helgen, director – 651-288-4236

Share your talent as we praise God through music! For information/questions, call John Helgen, Music Director, at 651-288-4236, or email to jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org

JOIN THE 10:30 CHOIR!

Join the 10:30 Choir and sing God's praises! This intergenerational group leads the singing at 10:30 am worship one to two times per month. Rehearsals are held at 10:00 am on the Sundays the choir sings.

We'd love to have you join us! Please contact John Helgen, Music Director, at 651-288-4236, or email to jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org if you are interested.

GET CONNECTED WITH MUSIC AT RLC

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 or instrumental ensembles, we welcome you! Pianists and accompanists are 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 right). Contact John Helgen, Director of Music at 651-288-4236 - jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org.



FESTIVAL CHOIR

Rehearsals for RLC Christmas Festival Begin November 12

It's never too early to start making plans to sing in the Festival Choir for the RLC Christmas Festival Concert on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 7:30 pm. We'll have a Saturday kickoff rehearsal on November 12, followed by Wednesday evening rehearsals leading up to the day of the concert. It's a great way to get connected with singing at RLC! Rehearsal schedule is as follows:



Saturday	November 12	9:30 to 11:30 am
Wednesday	November 16	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday	November 30	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday	December 7	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Wednesday	December 14	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Saturday	December 17	9:30 to 11:00 am
		7:30 pm concert

2022 - 2023 RLC UPCOMING CONCERTS AND MUSICAL EVENTS

Get out your calendar and mark down these exciting concert opportunities at RLC for the coming year – more details will be available as the dates approach. All concerts are free except as marked with *.

Sunday	Oct. 16	4:00 pm	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
Saturday	Oct. 29	7:00 pm	Minnesota Chorale
Saturday	Nov. 13	3:00 pm	Northern Lights Chorale
Sunday	Nov. 27	2:30 pm	Northstar/Lake Country Chorus Holiday Concert *
Saturday	Dec. 17	7:30 pm	RLC Christmas Festival Concert
Saturday	Dec. 31	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve with RLC Jazz

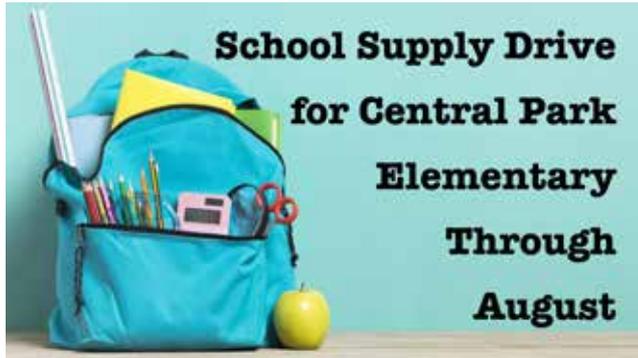
* ticketed event – tickets sold at door by performing group

PLEASE NOTE:

VocalEssence "Welcome Christmas" will not be held at RLC this year.

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A COMMUNITY
UNITED BY GRACE



MOST NEEDED: washable markers (wide or thin), fragrance-free dry-erase markers, 24-count boxes of crayons #2 pencils, folders (with 2 pockets), wide-ruled notebooks (spiral or composition), glue sticks. If you have any questions contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org.

HOSPITALITY TEAM NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL FOR CHANGE

RLC Mission and Outreach needs 10 people (we are also encouraging families to volunteer) willing to take 90 minute shifts on Saturday September 10 between the hours of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm to be a part of a team that will welcome community members, direct folks to the restrooms, hand out water to those who are tabling at the event, serve as a parking lot attendant. etc.

If you are available and would like to be a part of this event please contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org

A NEW SEASON BEGINS AT RLC

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

Hello Roseville Lutheran Church!
We are so fortunate to continue with program scheduling as well as getting calls from our outside event coordinators and to start planning their events. Funeral and memorial services have been served for our guests' loved ones.
I anticipate a beautiful fall season with the upcoming Welcome Sunday, and Oktoberfest. The Pastor's Bible Study will start this fall and treats will be served!

I was fortunate to be able to work with 2 staff members that made such a difference in this church, Julie Hanson and Abby Matter. They have now either retired or left RLC for other opportunities. We were able to say goodbye to them with going away receptions at the church, which many attended and gave their best wishes. They will surely be missed by me.

We also had a reception and recognition for RLC Staff with 15+ years of service at Roseville Lutheran... that as well was a lot of fun for all.

The upcoming months will be filled with wonder as we move back in with caution and excitement for the fall season. My hope is to have another formal ticketed event as we did in the past, so look forward to news on that!

Please check the website for upcoming menus for the events that we will be having on the horizon. Once again Thank You for letting me serve you.

Sempre Famiglia!

Connie Marchio





Festival for CHANGE

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*Celebrating Cultural
Wealth and Togetherness*

Friday/Saturday • Sept. 9-10, 2022



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Outdoor Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am

SEPTEMBER 9-10: FESTIVAL FOR CHANGE

Racial Justice Community Event at RLC (see p. 4)

SEPTEMBER 11: WELCOME SUNDAY

Fall Kick-off with Worship, RLC Kids, Food and Fun (see p. 1)

SEPTEMBER 12: RLC READS

Book Club Begins (see p. 10)

SEPTEMBER 13: GRIEF SHARE

10-Week Grief Support Group Starts (see p. 6)

SEPTEMBER 18: ATTENDER TO MEMBER

New Member Orientation Class (see p. 11)

SEPTEMBER 18: ADULT ED

10:00 am Sunday Adult Ed Forum Begins (see p. 12)

OCTOBER 2, 9, 16: ANNUAL APPEAL

God's Gifts, Our Gratitude (see p. 5)

OCTOBER 5: PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

9:30 am Wednesdays. The Book of Isaiah (see p. 11)

OCTOBER 14: OKTOBERFEST

5:00 - 8:00 pm Outdoor Community Event (see p. 7)

NOVEMBER 1: ALL SAINTS

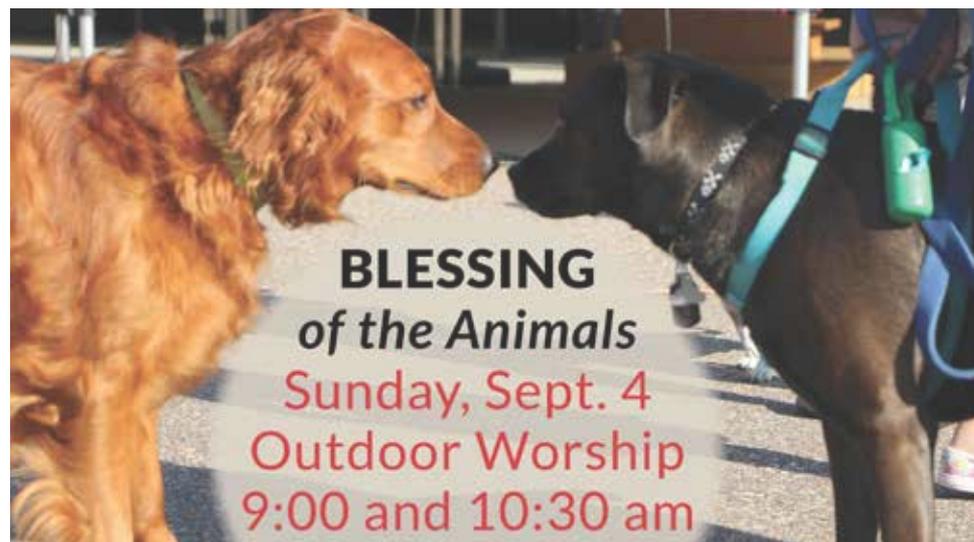
7:00 pm Outdoor Candle Lighting Service (see p. 5)

NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS DAY

11:00 am Online Service Honoring Veterans (see p. 5)

NOVEMBER 27: ROSVILLE LUTHERAN'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

9:00 and 10:30 am Worship Celebration, Reception (see p. 5)



RLC IS HIRING: AV SPECIALIST

Help with RLC Livestream, Video Productions

Roseville Lutheran Church is looking to hire an individual to operate our worship livestream system at our 9:00 am Sunday worship services. This would include camera operation, preparation and presentation of lyrics and other slides as needed throughout the livestream. Required hours would be 8:30 – 10:30 am Sunday mornings (plus occasional special events), with a total of 3-6 hours a week. This paid position would also coordinate potential volunteers in the video production booth. Training will be provided as needed. To learn more, please contact Dave Booms at dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED

RLC Care Team Seeks Back-up Driver

The RLC Care Team is looking for one more volunteer to drive a handicap accessible van. It is fully automatic, and no lifting is involved. We have two other drivers so the commitment will not be often. It is when we have conflicts we could use a back up. For more information call the church office 651-487-7752.

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Individuals and Family Helpers Needed

It takes many helpers to make a Sunday run smoothly at RLC, and to show good hospitality to all who enter our doors. If you yourself, or you and members of your family are interested in helping on Sunday mornings, please contact Mary in the church office at mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752. We are looking for ushers, communion servers, greeters, or readers.