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A Faith Focus

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by Pastor Sara Spohr

I recently heard that these days, we are introduced to more new information in one day than a person living 100 years ago was introduced to in the course of their entire life. Whether that exact thought is completely true or not, no one could argue that we, in this technologically savvy time, have access to a lot of information. It's a good thing in that we have so many opportunities for education and communication. It's also kind of a scary thing - I can barely memorize a phone number anymore. The access to so much information means that we can't possibly keep track of it all.

So, what does all this have to do with Roseville Lutheran Church? We are excited about our story of faith, the story of God's love for God's people! We are so excited about that message that we are worried about it getting forgotten in the midst of 1,000 other messages. So, we are making a commitment in our programming for the year ahead to get focused, to get clear about our message, to make sure that when you leave this place after a worship service and education hour that you'll remember the message, God's message!

When you come to worship you'll hear one story, the message and the prayers and the music will help us to focus on that story as well. When your kids attend Cornerstone or Luther League or RAW they'll hear about that story too. The kids who attended Confirmation the week before will already know the story, too, and be ready to hear it again in a new way on Sunday. If you attend the Pastor's Bible Study we'll dig into the story more deeply too.

The Bible is big and deep and full of so many stories; we're going to take them one at a time and really know them and let them become real and memorable moments in our own lives. Join us, invite a friend. We are committed to sharing God's story with you in ways that relate to your life and the life of your family. We're excited about the faith that will create; we hope you are too.

Get ready for some of the upcoming studies we will be focusing on this fall:

September - "I know you by name." We'll spend some time in the Old Testament talking about a God who not only created us, but knows and loves us deeply.

A Gathering of Good News for the Friends and Members of Roseville Lutheran Church **September - October - November 2015**



October - "Essential" In this series we'll talk about what's essential in this Christian faith. What things do we absolutely need to know? How about - that God understands our pain, that he has given us a framework of love from which to live our lives, that he surrounds us with a loving community, and that he is with us in all things? Invite a friend for this "essential" primer for the Christian faith.

November - "How will you measure your life?" During this November series we'll talk together about what kind of impact we want our lives to have. We'll talk about the importance of love, service, generosity, and gratitude.



With back-to-school season in full swing, our mission work in September is focused on education. Check out page 3 for information on how you can help tutor local students or page 10 to learn about how you can sponsor a student "bega kwa bega." In addition, we will be collecting school supplies in early September - a list will be available at our Kickoff Weekend brunch on September 13. Please join us!

Worship with Us!

Traditional: Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.

Contemplative: Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

Traditional: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Praise & Worship: Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

Table Talk

A Culture of Generosity

Many of the things baseball's Yogi Berra said over his career have become nonsensical sayings called "yogisms." (i.e., "90% of baseball is mental, the other half is physical;" "That's like déjà vu all over again!" and "He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious.") But one yogism is pure genius: "You can observe a lot by watching!" It is brilliant because a lot of people watch, and they don't observe a thing. But I have.

Over these two years, one observation of my church (yes, I'm a member) is that we are a generous people. Now stop right there if you think I am only referring to financial generosity! I once heard someone say, "Yeah, when the Church says 'stewardship isn't just all about the money' - it's all about the money!" Not in this church. And not in this article.

You are a people with many gifts, and I have been watching you.

• I have seen you share your gift of time; sitting on a committee, working with the Care Team, serving in the kitchen, being present for worship, making quilts, leading children, weeding beds. Thank you.

• I have seen you share your gift of money. You give to the budget so that we can have a beautiful space for worship and learning. You give to special causes so that we can send kids to camp, and send food to kids we'll never meet. You give to Plymouth Youth Center, the Humane Society, and Macalester College...because you can.

• I have also watched you use your special talents: singing, teaching, organizing, mentoring, listening, photographing, computing - the list goes on.

There is a culture of generosity at RLC, and it's growing. By understanding that generosity is not confined to financial gifts, our focus is on generous hearts, not just generous checks. In this regard, the members and friends of Roseville Lutheran have displayed open hands and open hearts. I thank you for showing me how creative and varied and pointed a giving congregation can become. Well done! A friend of mine recently provided me with a description of the stages of giving. As I study it, I see where I once was, and where I am now. I offer it to you to find your stage, and anticipate your growth.

The Imitator: mimics the examples of others **The Modeler:** gives sporadically when given an example to follow

The Conformer: gives because it is the thing to do **The Blessed Individual:** gives in proportion to what God has given them

The Generous Giver: gives out of joy, not obligation, for all they have is from God

The Mature Steward: gives as a faithful steward of God's possessions as everything belongs to and comes from God.

As I ponder leaving Roseville Lutheran Church one day, I recognize that YOU are the gift, and I thank God for all you have meant to me!

aston Steve

Pastor Steve

President's Message

It is an exciting time to be a part of Roseville Lutheran Church—the call committee is well into the process of interviewing candidates for a new senior pastor (see below), we made some big financial steps last year that put us on really sound footing, and we're about to start a new ministry year with an integrated one-story approach to worship and some new focus areas in our ministries.

That's a good lead-in for an important challenge I'd like to make – find a way to get engaged, or, if you're already plugged in, make an effort to welcome others as well. It can be for just a few hours, helping Connie with hospitality events or building dressers for Bridging Inc.; or you can dive into helping with Children's and Youth Ministries or Mission and Outreach programs; or you could join any of the multiple options for adult education and music. There are many more opportunities as well, but the point is to make Roseville Lutheran not just your place of worship, but a place where you go to find community. My experience says if you do this, you'll find others with whom you can form trusting relationships, people with whom you're comfortable discussing tough issues without fear of judgement, people who can provide support during trying times. That's my hope for our Christian community at RLC.

"Increasing engagement" was the top goal I listed at the June annual meeting. Another was to start assembling a 3-5 year space and facilities plan. We'll be forming task force groups to address those issues shortly. The remaining goals can be summarized as continuing responsible financial management and open communication strategies that we implemented in 2014-15, and for which a huge amount of credit belongs to Kris Olsen, our past president.

If you have questions about what is happening or would like a chance to give input, please track down a council member (there are nine of us, including me) or a staff member and we'll do our best to address it.

May God's blessings be with you,

Dave Hofeldt

Call Progress

The Roseville Lutheran Church Senior Pastor Call Committee has been diligently meeting through the summer months, working through the process of identifying a candidate to recommend to you for consideration of extending a call.

We have been using the information from the Holy Cow! survey in our questions, exploring the candidates' thoughts, philosophies and positions on the topics of preaching, teaching, strategic

Ongoing Events and RLC Groups

Prime Time

On October 8, join us at 11:45 in the Social Hall for entertainment by Amy & Adams. We will enjoy a meal of chicken kiev, spring salad, wild rice blend, bread and butter, and desserts. On November 19, we will worship together with our Harvest Festival at 11:00. The following meal will be a turkey dinner, with mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean almondine, a cranberry up, and dessert. Prime Time provides fun, faith, fellowship and food to RLC senior members and friends. All are welcome. To make reservations, please call the church office at least a week prior to Prime Time at 651-487-7752 or sign up at the Welcome Desk. Cost is \$7 per person.

Rebecca Circle

Join our study! We meet monthly with our next meeting from 10 a.m. - noon in the RLC library.

September meeting: September 15; hostesses are Corinne DeLaitsch and Evie Jacobsen. October meeting: October 20; hostesses are Dorothy Tostengard and Joan Schultz. November meeting: November 17; hostesses are Carol Stucky and Mary Schultz. Come join us for refreshments, discussion, prayer, and study. Contact Mary Schultz at 651-644-1534 or mh8gaschultz@q.com with questions.

leadership, administration, culture, change management, conflict, pastoral care, community, and stewardship. We continue to ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in this time of discernment, as we seek the right person to lead Roseville Lutheran Church into the future.

We have identified two candidates that we will move forward into a second round of discussions, which will take place early September. These individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to us and we will explore deeply how these individuals are best suited to the needs of RLC.

We thank you for lifting us up in prayer and ask that you continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers.

The Rose Enkas

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The Rose Enkas provide support and fellowship for widows at their monthly luncheons. We will meet for lunch on Saturday, September 19, at 11:30 a.m. at Chianti Grill at 2050 North Snelling Avenue, Roseville (phone 651-644-2808). The October date is Saturday, Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Gulden's Restaurant, 2999 Highway 61, Maplewood (phone 651-482-0384); the November date is Saturday, Nov. 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Grumpy's, 2801 Snelling Ave. N., Roseville (phone 651-379-1180). Call Kay Shurson at 651-766-6930 or Lori Bergman at 651-635-9563 for more information.

RLC News & Notes

Office News

Late spring & summer have been busy times for change and renewal for the Ministry Support Staff of RLC. If you look around you will notice a number of physical changes to the building and grounds as well as staff. In the Social Hall, we now have new energy efficient lighting as well as ceiling fans. This, combined with the new art work, scripture, paint and other changes we've made, creates a welcoming, relaxing physical space for fellowship. By the time this article goes to the printer the high-traffic areas of our upper & lower parking lots should have been re-surfaced. Many of you have already seen the new Preschool door as well as the new landscaping around the east side of the Administration wing and the 1955 Building. The landscaping has already proved its worth; after a few heavy summer rains we have not seen any water leakage into the lower level.

on to other endeavors and we have been joined by a few new faces. As you may have noted, we now have a new Communications Specialist, Daniel Pederson. By midsummer, our tag-team of Receptionists became but one person. Pam Klenz and family moved out of state in May, and Jan Harbour and Linda Satrom retired in late June. They will all be missed, although Linda and Jan can easily be found in church on Sunday. Our new Receptionist is Trish Clifford. (Please see bios of Trish and Daniel below.) Two of our Custodians, Britney Ballweber and Mary Jo Schaumburg, have left us, and we are in the search for their replacements. Lastly, we've a new Sunday Welcome Desk attendant, Gayle Medlock. Gayle is already an Usher with us and she will be working alternative weeks with our current Attendant Cindy Bjerk. Blessings,

Many familiar faces have gone

David Booms, Church Administrator

It Takes a Village to Educate a Child

It's just a matter of days before the kids head back to school; but what if some adults from RLC were willing to return to the classroom? Not to learn to be a better reader, or to work on your math skills . . . but to help children with those things.

Roseville Lutheran Church will be partnering with Central Park Elementary School this fall in a tutoring program for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. After two orientation sessions, volunteers would spend 90 minutes each Thursday morning working one-on-one with students. All volunteers will be at the school at the same time, so even transportation and "the jitters" can be shared!

On the weekend of September 19-20, you may sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Commons. Either CP school principal Becky Berkas or Jill Lund will be on hand to answer your questions. A background check is necessary, and the cost of this will be paid by RLC.

Questions? Feel free to contact Jill Lund at jillklund@aol. com, or Becky Berkas at rebecca.berkas@isd623.org, or Pastor Steve at seniorpastor@rosevillelutheran.org.

Trish Clifford, RLC's Administrative Assistant

I live in White Bear Lake with my cat, Sophie, resident backyard ducks, Bob and Blanche, and Earl the Squirrel. My daughter Anne lives in Minneapolis, and son Eric lives in St. Paul.



I am from the Twin Cities, but have spent the past 10 years in La Crosse, WI, serving as my mother's primary caregiver. I am an artist, musician, and writer in my spare time. It's amazing what God will do in our lives. I never would have guessed He would lead me back to the Twin Cities and to RLC, but His plans are always better than mine! And I think He likes to show His sense of humor!

As a child I attended Sunday School every week. I found the Sunday School Bible stories scary, but I always knew that God was not a scary God. As a teen, I attended church regularly, but only because it was a requirement for playing basketball.

Somehow, though, through attending church and youth groups I began to realize my love for God, and His love for me, and I began to grow in my confidence in Him. I love to be a part of helping people grow in their faith and serve with the gifts and skills God has given them.

Communications **Specialist Daniel Pederson**

As the new Communications Specialist at RLC, I'm at your service! My main duties are assisting Amanda Chavis and producing weekly publications (Bulletins, Update, E-Blast, Baptism Certificates) and other

printing, electronic, and design projects. For the past several years, I held a similar position as Director of Communications at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis.

I was raised in rural eastern North Dakota, my father a Lutheran Pastor and mother a Kindergarten teacher, and my sister and brother and their families still live in there. I moved here in 2006 and live with my husband, Rev. Dennis Sanders, and our cats in North Minneapolis. We have 3 nephews and one niece, and my mother-in-law Maria has recently moved to Robbinsdale to be near us in her retirement. I graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo with a BA in Music Theory and Composition and did graduate work at the University of North Dakota in Choral Conducting. I've been a church musician for over 25 years and have choral works published by Augsburg Fortress and Pavane (Hal Leonard). I am the Music Director at Calvary Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis where I direct the choir and lead worship on piano and organ. In my spare time I enjoy studying small house plans and singing in the group InVocation (www.invocationsingers.org).



I love pasta and cookies, and am a voracious reader. When time allows I also like to hike, garden, watch sports, or make soup. In the 1970's I built a ¹/₂-scale World War II Corsair airplane and took it to the EAA Convention.

My favorite scripture at the moment is Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about these things." It keeps me focused on all the good things God is doing when life decides to hand me lemons!

I'm excited to be a part of Roseville Lutheran Church and to watch Him work in so many lives here! Whether you've been at RLC only once or your whole life, our staff is here to do whatever it takes to make you feel welcome, answer your questions, and include you as you continue in your faith journey. Stop in and say hello!

Welcome, Daniel and Trish!

RLC News & Notes

Yogadevotion

Be good to yourself – come to Yogadevotion to improve the health of your mind, body and spirit – all in one hour per week. It is never too late to start – just come on Mondays, beginning September 8, from 6 – 7 p.m. No experience in yoga is needed. This Christian-based program combines yoga poses with gentle stretching to improve flexibility, range of motion, and balance. Call the church office at 651-487-7752 to sign up or ask questions. You may view their website at www.yogadevotion.com. Cost is \$55 for the 8 weeks. A minimum of 10 people are required to hold the class.

Growing Through Loss Grief Support

This 6-week series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session begins with an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by small groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Each session is complete in itself; attend any or all sessions.

Although there is no cost, donations are welcome. Registration takes place each evening before the program. Church affiliation is not necessary. Free childcare is available, but please call a week in advance so they are prepared for your children. Call 763-755-5335 or visit growingthroughloss.org for more information. The next series will be held Mondays, September 21 through October 26, from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112.

Endowment Fund Grant Applications Due October 1

The Roseville Lutheran Church Endowment Fund enhances and extends the ministry and mission outreach of the congregation apart from the congregation's general operations. Gifts to the Endowment Fund are the "gifts that keep on giving." The principal portion of individual donations to Love Lights, memorials, and estate plan gifts remain in the Endowment Fund in perpetuity and the earnings are distributed as grants twice annually.

Grants from the Endowment Fund are awarded for seed money, education, capital projects, missions, benevolence, worship and music. The following grants were recently awarded:

- RLC Youth and Family Ministry –
- for the Slovakia youth summer exchangeRLC Youth and Family Ministry –
- RLC Youth and Family Ministry for the Slovakia mission trip leadership development retreat
- Bridging, Inc. for the dresser build
- RLC Stewardship Committee for the Run, Walk, and Roll
- RLC for the Veterans Day worship

If your ministry group is interested in applying for a grant from the Endowment Fund, please review the grant guidelines on the RLC website (search Giving>Endowment Committee). The annual application deadlines are October 1 and May 1.

Veterans Day Service

Plan to join us on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. for the 9th annual Veterans Day Service. Our service will once again include the Color Guard from Como High School and special music. This year's service will include a guest speaker and a recognition of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. A complimentary lunch will be served following the conclusion of the service. Please join us, and invite a veteran so that we might honor them for their service to our nation. All are welcome!

Mohn to Showcase Art

Carolyn Mohn, RLC member and artist, is exhibiting her work in watercolors from mid-September through October on the wall just off the Commons.

Carolyn graduated from the University of Minnesota in an interdepartmental program in design and business. She was a student and teacher of the Bethel Bible Series in St. Anthony Park Lutheran church several years ago. Many of the verses and concepts kept coming to mind as she traveled and walked through the path of life.

She states, "My work as an artist is inspired by God's Grace which I very often discover illustrated in nature. The wonder and the contrasts encourage me to look for new links in life . . . relationships, problem solving and with joy to share with others. A sense of gratitude is preeminent!"

"I believe we are constantly challenged by life to grow and to recognize God's care, love and power each day...and that we are called to share that with others as our gifts lead us."

A Story of Faith - Thomas Broussard

Thomas Broussard was diagnosed with End Stage Kidney Failure at age 31 on New Year's Eve (12/31/2014). With the unexpected diagnosis and the severity of his illness, Thomas was immediate-

ly placed on emergency dialysis on New Year's Day and the Medical Team with the University of MN has not allowed for



a number of setbacks on their road to acceptance, including the loss of Thomas' only brother; Tracy, and just recently the loss of Katie's grandfather Earl Christiansen (RLC Member).

> In early July 2015, Katie and Thomas received a visit from Katie's brother (Matt Menier) and his wife (Ann Menier) at their home in Falcon Heights. It was a visit that answered many prayers - Thomas and Katie learned that he was going to receive a living kidney donation from his sister-in-law through marriage, Ann! Surgery for Thomas and Ann will take place at 7 a.m. on August 20 at the University of Minnesota Medical Center.

ous prayers from the RLC Prayer Team, the Mission and Outreach Team along with Cindy Laszewski who blessed the Broussard family with a scholarship to allow for their son Cashton to attend RLC Preschool in the fall, the staff members of RLC who have showered the Broussard family with grace and blessings through the course of 2015, and to all of the congregation members who have sent cards, provid-

Thomas to return to work since. Thomas is the son-in-law of Sue and Don Menier, long-time members of RLC. Thomas has been a member of the RLC congregation for the last 14 years after moving from Los Angeles CA, to St. Paul, MN to attend Concordia University St. Paul, where he met met his wife Katie (Menier) Broussard. Thomas and Katie have two young boys, Keyon (11) and Cashton (4). Over the course of 2015, Thomas and his family have had

Thomas and Katie would like to personally thank Pam McCullough for the continu-

It ed words of encouragement, and kept the Broussard y family in their continued prayers.



RLC News & Notes If I were better at . . . If I had more time . . . If I had more money . . . Then I could . . .

by Trupti Storlie, Stewardship Committee

"Not enough" has become a default state of existence in our modern lives. I turned in a one page application of basic information to get into college. Today's high school student needs to fill out an online form, gather letters of recommendation, and accumulate years of sports, clubs, volunteering, and work experience. No wonder they are so tired! Jobs are more demanding as organizations try to do more with fewer people and resources. Marketing throughout our culture encourages us to want more: better vehicles, bigger houses, more gadgets. These pressures and messages create feelings of not enough, fear and stress in our lives.

Tony Robbins said, "When you are grateful, fear disappears and abundance appears." Gratitude Weekend is a time for us to appreciate the gifts we each have in our lives. It is a time to be grateful for our loved ones, food on the table, roofs over our heads, reliable cars that take us to our vocations. Instead of feeling harried as I shuttle my girls from school to piano to gymnastics to the grocery store, Gratitude Weekend reminds me to appreciate the excitement of their learning, to think of the joy that music brings them, to see their confidence in gymnastics, and to enjoy the comfort of good food. In the midst of our 24/7/365 consumer culture, Gratitude Weekend is a yearly chance to pause and recognize the abundance in our lives and to reflect upon it with thanksgiving and joy.

Gratitude Weekend also challenges us to take action in the world. Jesus said, "To whomever much is given, of him will much be required." Gratitude Weekend will encourage us to consider how we can use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to be God's hands not only in our congregation but also in our local and global community. It is important to do this annually as well. New experiences and changing circumstances continuously shape our hearts. Taking time every year to intentionally listen to where our hearts are calling us to serve and to help us to have the greatest impact.

During worship on Gratitude Weekend, people will be asked to make their time and financial commitments to our church's worship, teaching and sharing ministries in this community and around the world. However, the Intent to Give cards will expand to enable people to share how they will serve and give both inside and outside of RLC. Research has shown that people who do the simple act of writing down their goals achieve them more completely. There are many ways of doing God's work and sharing the message of Christ: Gratitude Weekend intends to help us create our personal frameworks as we follow Christ's commandment to love our neighbors.

These individual reasons are the primary drivers of Gratitude Weekend. However there are a few congregational outcomes as well:

Raise staff awareness about people interested in serving within RLC to connect them to ministry areas that resonate with them.

Plan the next year's ministry programs within the constraints of the financial support our attendees and members wish to provide to the church's mission

Most importantly, it is a time to celebrate together the ministry work within our congregation and our community that your gifts of time, talent, and treasure have enabled at Roseville Lutheran Church. My gratitude includes you, and all of the community I know as RLC. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of how you can engage with and support Roseville Lutheran in the next mission year. We look forward to joining together to celebrate the abundance in our lives and God's generosity on November 21 and 22.



November 8, 5:00 p.m.

Please join us for our Stewardship Leadership Event and an evening of storytelling. Guest leader Grace Duddy Pomroy will speak about what it means to be generous and the impact of generosity in her life. We will invite others to share their stories as well.

Please contact the church office at (651)487-7752 to RSVP. Heavy appetizers and dessert will be served.



November 21-22

Save the Date!

Please join with us in celebration as we look back to a year of unity and strength – and forward to a year of vision and growth.

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Hewett-Olatunde named MN Teacher of the Year

Minnesota on Sunday, May 3. According

to Education Minnesota: The Minnesota Teacher of the Year program, now in its 51st year, is the oldest and most prestigious recognition program in Minnesota to honor excellence in education. The program chooses one teacher to represent Minnesota's thousands of excellent educators. A selection panel of 23 leaders in the areas of education, business, government and nonprofits selected the finalists from a group of 30 semifinalists. There were 123 Teacher of the Year candidates this year. As a nominee, Hewett-Olatunde had said she felt honored to be considered among the semifinalists. "I'm very appreciative ... I work in a school that has an en-

Amy Hewett-Olatunde, an English Learn- tire staff that should be nominated for something ers teacher at LEAP High School, was named the like this," Hewett-Olatunde said. "I'm representing 2015 Minnesota Teacher of the Year by Education many other teachers who are doing great work like



this every day."

Hewett-Olatunde said her students also continue to inspire her work. "My students have

put me into a position to love what I do," Hewett-Olatunde said. "It's my life's work to be with these kids and get them set up for their future in the United States." Hewett-Olatunde also credited SPPS for its English Language Learner work. "Saint Paul has been really progressive with ESL education," she said. "We at LEAP really are doing great things as far as helping students acquire language acquisition." Amy and her husband Malcolm Olatunde were married at Roseville Lutheran, and became members 12 years ago. Their children, Jadesola and Kolawole, were baptized here. Congratulations, Amy!

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Children, Youth & Family

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...built upon the foundation ... with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Ephesians

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Cornerstone Kicks off September 13

by Julie Hanson, Acting Director of Children's Ministry

We are busy getting ready for the start of another wonder-filled year in Cornerstone! Kids ages 2 through fourth grade gather on Sunday mornings from 10:05-10:55 to learn about the powerful love of God and his son Jesus.

Our Cornerstone format is a little different this year and very exciting! Each week your child will sing songs and hear the story in a very active and fun way in our Large Group time together. They then go with their Small Group Shepherds to dig deeper into what the story said and what it means for them. All the kids in Cornerstone and Luther League will be hearing the same story that was introduced in Worship. You can have some great family talks about what was heard at RLC on a Sunday morning! How fun is that?

You need to register online today to be a part of the fun! Go to the RLC website and click on the Cornerstone registration button on the home page! Reserve your spot today so we know you are joining us! Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org or call her at 651-487-7752.

Orientation for Parents of Preschoolers New to Cornerstone

If you have a 2-, 3- or 4-year-old new to Cornerstone this year, we have a fun and informative orientation for you to make this experience familiar for your child.

On Thursday, September 3 from 6:15-7:00 p.m., your preschooler will enjoy music, story time and fun with Gena, our Preschool Large Group Leader, in Room 66 (our 2-year-old room) while parents meet in Room 45 with Julie Hanson to learn more about Cornerstone. The kids get to meet Gena and play in our fun 2-year-old room, so they are a little familiar when they attend their first class on September 13!

If you have not registered your preschooler yet, please do so today at www.rosevillelutheran.org by clicking on the Cornerstone registration button.

Cornerstone and YOU!

Cornerstone offers many opportunities to get to know others through serving and sharing your time. Our ministry for kids and their families couldn't exist without many helping hands! Here are just some of the ways you can be a part of Cornerstone:

• Prayer Partners- Pray with the Cornerstone Shepherds before Cornerstone begins at 9:50 on Sunday morning. If you can't pray with our Shepherds in person, please pray for them where you are!

• Large Group Team- Share only 20 minutes of your time on a Sunday morning to change the way kids see the Bible! Puppet plays, active storytelling, skits, and music... if you love any of these, this is the team for you! weeks' lessons during the Cornerstone hour on Sunday morning. Works one or two Sundays each month, or during the week if that is easier.

• Take Down Team- helps put supplies away, take down tables and put chairs away in Activity Center one Sunday morning each month at 11:00.

Looking for a Cornerstone Prep Team This Fall!

Do you love to paint? Is washing tables your talent? Do you love to organize? We are putting together a Cornerstone Prep Team to help get our class spaces ready for fall. This prep team is open to anyone that wants to help, so if you are willing to use some elbow grease, contact Julie Hanson and she will add you to our team!

Prep will begin the week of August 31. Let Julie know if you can help out and she can schedule times to work. Julie is available at 651-487-7752, ext. 227 and jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org.



• Admin Team- Helps with 1 or 2 others one Sunday each month with administrative duties during the Cornerstone hour.

• Toy Team- help to organize and wash the toys in our 2 year old room.

• Supply Team- helps prepare the supplies used in Cornerstone for future

• Data Entry and Mailings- available to come in either during the day or evenings periodically to update information in our data base, or work on mailings for Children's' Ministry.

Share a little of your time to make a BIG difference in the lives of the kids at RLC! Contact Julie Hanson today for more details and be helping hands in Children's Ministry at RLC! Phone: 651-487-7752 or email jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org

Children, Youth & Family **Family Serve Sundays** Advent

During the school year, we take three or four Sundays to offer our families and students the opportunity to do a mission project to benefit others. It is a way to infuse service into our curriculum, and offer the joy of giving! Our first Family Serve Sunday will be October 25. On Family Serve Sunday there is no regular Cornerstone, Luther League or RAW. ALL families are encouraged to participate, as are any others that want to join us!

On Sunday, October 25 we will be taking the opportunity to help

the clients of Bridging and The Dwelling Place by collecting kitchen supplies, putting together Kitchen Bundles and Bath Bundles AND constructing dressers together during the 10:10 hour. The dresser build will be orchestrated in the Activity Center, and the supply bundling will occur



in the Commons. It will be a fun and meaningful experience for all!

We will be collecting kitchen utensils, kitchen towels, bath towels and washcloths for this event. Look for more information in the Update and Eblast as the date nears!

Activity Day

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 29 as our annual Advent Activity Day for kids ages 2 through sixth grade. Each year we set aside the first Sunday in Advent to help the kids create crafts that can be used in their home to prepare their hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

Calling Third and Fourth **Graders!**

If you are interested in being a part of our Christmas program as a narrator or an actor, please contact Julie Hanson at 651-487-7752 or jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org to let her know what interests you!

We will be organizing and rehearsing starting in October.

Third Graders to Receive Bibles

Roseville Lutheran Church! Each fall we give our third graders a Bible of their own, as a gift from the congregation. This also gives us the opportunity to learn more about this amazing book, the everlasting love of God, and the tremendous life lessons it contains even for today!

If you have a third grader, you are invited to attend two Bible Workshops with your student

It is very exciting to be a third grader at on Sunday, October 4 and Sunday, October 11 during the 10:10 hour. By attending both of these workshops, you will learn together about the Bible and how to use it. We will share with you the importance of making the study of God's Word a part of daily life. There will be fun activities to do together, and some great take home surprises.

The students will receive their Bibles during Worship on October 11 at either the 9:00 or 11:00

Worship service, whichever you normally attend. Parents will be asked to come forward with their student and present their child with their own Bible.

More information will be going out to each of our third grade families in early September. Any questions, please contact Julie Hanson or Pastor Sara via the church office: 651-487-7752

Children, Youth and Family Ministry -Here's What's Happening

Special Events & Retreats:

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

6:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

9 or 11 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

September 13 10:00 a.m. September 13 12:00 p.m.

Kick Off for Cornerstone, Luther League and RAW Slovakia 2016 Informational Meeting

Weekly Programs:

Sundays - Cornerstone, Luther League, RAW, 11 & Lunch (Children - Senior High) **Tuesdays** – FLOCK (Senior High) Wednesdays – Confirmation (7th – 9th Grades) Thursdays - Bagels @ Dawn (Senior High)

September 15 September 15 September 17 September 20 September 23 October 4 & 11 October 11 October 14 October 15-18 October 25 October 28 November 29 December 6

Slovakia 2016 Informational Meeting FLOCK begins First Bagels @ Dawn 11 & Lunch begins **Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting** Bible Workshop for 3rd Graders and their Parents 3rd Graders receive Bibles at both Worship Services Confirmation Service Night – Dresser Build for Bridging! MEA Getaway Family Serve Sunday- Bridging! **Confirmation Fellowship Night** Advent Activity Day for Cornerstone and Luther League Pajama Day! Kids wear pajamas to church and bring new PJs for others

Children, Youth & Family Summer was awesome in Children's Ministry!

Camp Salie

We offered an opportunity in July to allow kids grades 2-4 to experience camping for the first time in a setting that was close to home. 12 kids enjoyed bible study, devotions, crafts, music, campfires, and awesome food together with RLC youth counselors and adults. It was a rewarding and very successful "first experience" for the kids! Next summer we will be camping on July 5-7. Meet at Camp Salie at suppertime on July 5, and finish at supper on July 7 to accommodate parents and their work schedules!







MOVE VBS @ RLC

More than 100 kids and 40+ volunteers had a great time in June at Vacation Bible School. The week of June 15 was alive with awesome stories of people that moved in a new direction after hearing about Jesus, music, crafts, and new friends! Next summer VBS will be June 13-17... Mark your calendars!



Senior High Fall Lineup

This fall, the weekly Senior High events will look a little different. All the events are open and available to all senior high youth and their friends. Here is a brief rundown: 11 & Lunch is our newest weekly program. On Sundays, come for the 11 oclock

11 & Lunch is our newest weekly program. On Sundays, come for the 11 o'clock service, sit as youth group, and then we'll either go out to lunch or have a parent or other member of RLC provide us a meal. We'll use that time to talk about the lesson and grow in our faith. This is a great way to get connected for those of you that are busy during the week. Bimonthly study sessions will also occur immediately after our 11 & Lunch. During those study sessions, youth are encouraged to bring any homework or study materials they want to work on. We will have adults proficient in math, science, reading, and writing, and sometimes foreign languages available to help our youth!

Middle School Ministry

Luther League: Our 5th & 6th grade Sunday morning ministry begins September 13th at 10:10am in the Great Hall. This year we will be doing things a little different. Each week we will start in large group with music and a lesson before breaking into smaller groups to dive deep into the Biblical text. As always, we will have lots of fun, play games, perform skits, and make crafts that help us understand the message of the day. Registration forms can be found online or at the Children, Youth, and Family Desk by the RLC main office. Email Abby at youth5-8@ rosevillelutheran.org with any questions. RAW: Our 7th & 8th grade Sunday morning ministry begins September 13th at 10:10 in Heritage Hall. This is a time for both fellowship and discussion on how the text from that day's service relates to our lives. As followers of Christ, we are called to stand out and Rebel Against the World as leaders, not followers, in our schools, communities, and church. Registration forms can be found online or at the Children, Youth, and Family Desk by the RLC main office. Email Abby at youth5-8@ rosevillelutheran.org with any questions.

FLOCK will remain our weekly Tuesday night hangout from 7 – 8:30. The majority of our FLOCKs will be planned by our Youth Leadership Team and will focus more on fellowship and service. These will be a relaxed atmosphere for youth to come and share highs & lows and talk about life.

Bagels @ Dawn is our weekly devotion at the St. Paul Bagelry on Thursdays from 6:45 – 7:45. Come for a great breakfast, get help from others on last night's assignment, and start your day off with a great devotion. If you need a ride to school, MJ will drive you on the church bus!

MEA Getaway is our annual fall retreat to Camp Castaway. Come for four days of fun, fellowship, and faith formation. This continues to be a highlight of our youths' fall year after year! Registration forms for the Getaway will be available by mid-September.

Children, Youth & Family Confirmation Youth Summer 2015 Recap

Confirmation is a way for youth at RLC to learn and grow in their faith. It is for students in grades 7-9 and meets throughout the school year on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. This year we are excited to try something new! In the effort to tell one story with one message, youth will learn about the Biblical story that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday. While this means they will be hearing the story twice, we hope that it will give students a deeper understanding of the text as well as parents the opportunity to have fruitful conversations with their child. In preparation, we want to remind you of a few important items and dates:

Registration & Fee: All students must be registered EACH year they participate in Confirmation. Please have your child registered by Sunday September 6. You can register online or pick up a paper copy at the Children, Youth, and Family desk by the RLC main office. At the time of registration, we require a \$75 payment per student. This fee helps cover the cost of supplies, leader training, and youth praise band as well as special activities and events. The fee can be paid online or a check can be dropped off at RLC with "Confirmation – (Child's Name)" in the memo line. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please email Abby at youth5-8@rosevillelutheran.org.

Confirmation Commencement: Our first night of Confirmation will be Wednesday, September 23. BOTH parents and students are required to attend this evening at 7 p.m. Small group leaders will also be there so parents can meet their child's leader.

Youth Praise Band: The Youth Praise Band will be returning this year! If you have any musical gifts that you would like to share, contact Abby at youth5-8@rosevillelutheran.org. We would love to have you with us!

Get Involved! There are many opportunities for parents and adults to be a part of this important stepping-stone of our youth's faith. If you are interested in helping out in any way, contact Abby at youth5-8@rosevillelutheran.org. This past summer, more than 140 youth participated in transformational camps, mission trips, service opportunities, and high adventure through RLC. All five of our trips opened our youth to new experiences as they grew closer to God and one another: from spending a week in God's Great Northwoods to serving in Roseville as we focused on food in our lives; from partnering with YouthWorks in Minneapolis and Duluth to paddling and portaging through the remote wilderness of the Boundary Waters. Of course, none of these trips could have happened without adults choosing to take time out of their lives to lead these trips, and we thank them for that.

During the month of July, we were privileged to meet Andrej and Marek from Slovakia. They are fine gentlemen who enhanced both our Senior High Mission Trip and BWCA trip, and we can't wait to see them again next summer when we travel to Slovakia. Thank you to the Endowment Committee and Mission & Outreach for helping cover the costs of having Marek and Andrej attend these trips with us as well as helping to cover the costs for transportation for our Mission Trips. In addition, we want to express our gratitude to the families that hosted Marek and Andrej during their stay.

And finally, thank you to RLC's wonderful congregation for your prayers and support. Whether you partnered in prayer with our youth, supported them through the SummerFest Auction, talked to our youth about their experiences, or found creative ways to show your support, you helped impact their lives!



Summer '16 – Mark your Calendars

As the dust settles on another crazy fun summer at RLC, we have already put plans in place for next summer with our Children, Youth, and Families!

Slovakia 2016

Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 13-17, 2016 Camp Hiawatha (for youth who completed grades 4-9): June 19-24 Slovakia Service Learning Trip (for youth grades 9-12): June 24 – July 5 Camp Salie (for children grades 2-4): July 5-7 Summer of Service (for youth grades 5-8): July 11-15 Family Mission Trip (for all children, youth, and their families): July 21 - 24 BWCA (for youth grades 9-12): July 31 – August 6

Information about these trips will be made available in mid-September with an earlier registration deadline for youth trips. As you can see, we are organizing a Family Mission Trip in 2016. This 4-day trip to Duluth will give families an opportunity to serve alongside one another as we all grow in our faith. All service sites in Duluth are tailored to different age ranges, so everyone in the family will have the opportunity to serve from the youngest to the oldest. We look forward to having your whole family join us next summer!

We are a go for Slovakia in summer 2016! Mark your calendars for the Senior High Service Learning Trip from June 24 – July 5, 2016. There will be informational meetings during the month of September for all youth and adults who wish to participate in our service learning trip. Registration forms along with details of meetings/retreats leading up to the trip, costs, and paperwork deadlines will be available in mid-September. As this trip is a large undertaking, make sure to sign up on time, or you will be added to a waiting list. We ask all members to keep us and the community in Martin in your prayers as we prepare for this trip!

Mission & Outreach **RLC Sponsors Students "bega kwa bega"**

by Dave Dudley, Mission & Outreach Ministry Team

For more than a decade RLC has faithfully sponsored secondary school students from our companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania. This year RLC is sponsoring 40 students, primarily through designated gifts from RLC members. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team's goal is to sustain that level of support in 2016.

Our student sponsorships have a multiplying effect in Tanzania. "When you help one student to receive an education, in reality you are helping ten people. This is because of the way our extended families work," explains Nayman Chavalla, General Secretary of the Iringa Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. When students receive an education it increases their likelihood of receiving a better paying job. Given strong familial ties, those benefits are shared with others. "So," he continues, "when you sponsor ten or even fifty students you are helping one hundred or even five hundred people in Tanzania. For this we are thankful."

According to Peter Harrits, Director of Bega Kwa Bega, "This year alone, congregations from the Saint Paul Area Synod will be sponsoring nearly 1,100 students in secondary school, vocational programs, and university. All together this means that some 10,000 lives are being enhanced." These student sponsorships remain a large part of the Bega Kwa

Bega companion synod relationship that our Saint Paul Area Synod has with the Iringa Diocese. RLC's involvement with Bega Kwa Bega is our unique companion congregation relationship with the Lutheran parish in the village of Ng'ang'ange.



Here is how you can personally join this vital outreach ministry. Prayerfully consider sponsoring a student yourself during the 2016 school year. To do so simply send a check to the church office and designate your gift by writing "Iringa Student, acct. 33250" in the memo line. The deadline for receiving these sponsoring funds is November 1, 2015. The cost to sponsor a single student varies, but on average we are asking for \$380 again this year. Partial sponsorships are gratefully accepted as are multiple sponsorships.

As we at RLC raise sponsorship funds, our

companions in Ng'ang'ange are busy identifying those children in their village who have the potential to succeed in school but whose families may not be able to afford school fees. By sponsoring a student, you can walk shoulder to shoulder (bega kwa bega) with them into a brighter future.

For more information, pick up a pamphlet from the rack on the Mission and Outreach bulletin board between Luther Commons and the Social Hall.

Meet RLC's new Missionary

Dear Roseville Lutheran,

My name is Janka Minekova. I come from Martin, Slovakia and I am 38 years old. When I was 18, I was confirmed as an adult and ever since that time I have been very connected with our Lutheran Church in Martin. I am really thankful for all the blessings I've received from our Lord.

I finished my bachelor studies at the Faculty of Economics at the University in Banska Bystrica in 1999. In August 1998, I started working at the Bible School in Martin and I met my husband there in 2002. He is a history and social studies teacher at the Catholic High School of St. Francis of Assisi in Zilina (a town about 20 miles from Martin).

We in Vrutky, 5 miles from Martin. We have 5-year-old During the summer we special have programs such as Vacation Bible school and other camps for kids and teens and EFL courses for adults. I work with all of these activities. It is a very busy and challenging besides time



my normal work but I always looking forward to meeting new people - guests from US and everybody who comes to our Bible school programs. It is by the grace of God to be so lucky and blessed to work with so many lovely and wise people. Personally I learned a lot from them and still do. Thank you for supporting me as a missionary doing God's work at the Center for Christian Education in Martin Slovakia.

Help Families in Need

At Roseville Lutheran Church, during the month of OCTOBER, 2015 we will be collecting household items that mothers and their children can use while living at The Dwelling Place. Please bring items to church and place them in the bin in Luther Commons. Our goal is to provide for six families for one month. Along with the items listed below, gift cards to Cub, Target, or Walmart, as well as gas cards and bus cards, are greatly appreciated. Contact Mary Schultz if you have questions about this project at 651-644-1534 or mh8gaschultz@q.com.

Items Needed: Toilet paper 24 pack - 4 Paper towels 12 pack - 4 Kleenex - 6 Baby wipes pack - 5 diapers- any size - 4 Windex - 4 Comet (powdered) - 4 Mr. Clean - 4 Disinfectant wipes pack - 12 toilet bowl cleaner - 8 laundry detergent - 1 dish soap - 4 dishwasher detergent - 4 liquid hand soap - 4 13 gallon trash bags in a box - 8 aluminum foil - 8 saran wrap - 8 food storage bags - sandwich, qt. or gallon - 8 69 watt light bulbs - 4

twins named Phillip and Sophie. Our family loves to hike in the mountains, play sports, read literature and play music.

My work is focused mostly on administration and office work in the Bible School. I do invoices, payments, salaries and so on.



Janka Mineková

Adult Education Back to the Basics . . . and Beyond

by Mary Erickson, Adult Ed. Ministry Team Chair

Scripture—Prayer—Worship—Catechism—Confession—Community & Mission—Music Art—Faith—Stepping Stones—Baptism—First Communion—Confirmation

So those who received the word were baptized . . . and they continually devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, to sharing in community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Acts 2:41-42

Sunday 10:10 Faith and Fellowship

Sunday Bible Study with the Pastors Every Sunday Led by Preaching Pastor

As we begin using the Narrative Lectionary this fall, our pastors will also be offering a Sunday 10:10 bible study. The preaching pastor that day will provide an overview of the text, with historical background and theological perspective. Far from being a lecture, participants will share their own insights, questions and (gasp!) disagreements with the pastor. This study is also offered Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m.

People of the Word: Introduction and First Things September 13 Led by Dr. Jim Boyce

An introductory overview of our focus topics for this year of "Back to the Basics." In the opening verse of the Gospel of John we hear: "In the beginning was the Word." We know this Word as God's first word of creation and promise; but we also know this Word in the person of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is God's Word. We are "Jesus People". What does it mean for us to be "called, gathered, and kept in communion" by the power of God's Word.

Back to the Basics . . . About the New Testament September 20, 27, and October 4 Led by Dr. Karoline Lewis (below)

These three sessions will cover the major parts of the New Testament: the letters of Paul, the Synoptic Gospels, and the Gospel of John. We start with Paul by looking at the earliest writing in the New Testament, 1 Thessalonians. We will compare Mat-



What Would Moses Do? God's Word and Torah October 11 Led by Dr. Mark Throntveit

The first section of the Old Testament, the Torah, presents God's word as Law. But in the Old Testament "Torah," usually translated as "Law," is better understood as "teaching" or "instruction" in that it is comprised of both law --God's demand as seen in the law codes like the ten commandments--and gospel--God's promise as seen in the narratives like the promise of a land to Abraham or the deliverance of the people in the exodus.

Thus says the Lord! God's Word through the Prophets October 18 Led by Dr. Jim Boyce

The prophets were spokespersons for God. They sought to interpret what God was speaking and doing in the events and experiences of the people. Sometimes events were painful and not so easy to understand. Sometimes their words and their presence were not so welcome. Yet even in times of suffering and despair they were able to call God's people to remembrance of God's goodness and to speak God's gracious word of comfort and hope.

The Writings: The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom October 25 Led by Dr. Jim Boyce

The section of the Old Testament known as the writings gathers the people's reflections on what it means to live wisely in light of God's gifts of creation. The gift of wisdom calls us to humility and a life of prayer as witnessed in the Psalms. It also teaches what it means to live in care for God's world and for the neighbor, in recognition of our limits as creatures, and in light of God's call to act in love and justice for all of God's creation.

Intercessory Prayer: Love in Action November 8 Led by Betsy Lee, Prayer Ventures

There are people all around you who need God's touch, and he wants to touch them through you! How? Through your prayers and offering comfort, encouragement, hope and healing. Join us for a teaching session to learn how to pray for others—love in action. Come and see how God can use the prayers of ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Praying Katie's Way

November 15 Led by Rev. Johan Hinderlie and Sonja Hinderlie (below)

In this session we will learn the prayer practice of Katie Luther using the Bible as a basis for prayer.



Lectio Divina: Listening to God November 22 Led by Rev. Johan Hinderlie and Sonja Hinderlie

This session will explore the age-old practices of "examen" and "lectio divina," two ways of praying that depend on our aural capacities: using the ears and careful attentive listening.



thew, Mark, and Luke's portraits of Jesus, and we end with the Fourth Gospel, a very different picture of Christ. You will come away from these sessions not only with a new awareness of the basics of these writings, but also how they can be a basic part of your life of faith.

The Lord's Prayer. Our Lord Teaches us To Pray November 1 Led by Dr. Jim Boyce

In two of the gospels, Jesus commands the disciples and us to "pray this way...Our Father..." Christians have been obedient to this command of Jesus perhaps more than to any other part of Jesus' teaching. What is so special about this prayer? How does praying this prayer continue to shape the life of the Christian community?

Tuesdays in September

Decision Making When Facing Illness Susan Martyn and Peter Martyn will lead this class which focuses on various medical, family, and legal decisions that all of us will eventually face. These conversations need to be addressed well before the answers are needed. Susan is a law professor, Peter is a pastor; both are becoming members of RLC in the fall. Sept. 15, 22, 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Thank you from John Helgen

Dear RLC: Thank you so very much for granting me a time of sabbatical leave this summer. It was a time of rest and relaxation, reading, writing, and some travel. It's difficult in our busy world to find time to slow down a bit – so it was a great gift to have had this time away, and I am most grateful. Peace to all!

Children's Choir starts September 20

Hi everyone! I am so excited to be back at RLC this year with the children's choir! I can't wait to get started! Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 20 from 9:20 -10:00 a.m. in the choir room. If your little one (K-5th grade) would like to sing, please bring them on September 20 to check it out. I will also be at RLC on Sunday, September 13, so feel free to say hi when you see me! If you have any questions at all, please contact me at cassandra.mcnally@gmail. com. I hope to see many new faces this year! - Cassandra McNally, Children's Choir Director

Martha Mutch to lead Marys and Marthas Women's Choir

The new director of the Marys and Marthas Choir is Martha Mutch, who has been on the music staff for ten years. The choir will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 7:30 pm, and will begin on September 9. Women singers of all ages are invited to join the choir! For more information, please contact Martha at 651-646-6113.

MUSIC Attention Musicians! Time to Connect for Fall

It won't be long until summer ends (sigh!) and we begin fall rehearsals for all the RLC musical ensembles – contact ensemble directors for additional information. 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.

Senior Choir (choral music for worship) Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 2 John Helgen, director – 651-288-4236

Youth Choir (grades 6-12) Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting September 23 Kristina Olson, director – 651-485-9196

Children's Choir (grades K-5) Sundays at 9:20 a.m. starting September 20 Cassandra McNally, director – 612-834-8612

Marys and Marthas (women's vocal ensemble) Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. starting September 9 Martha Mutch, director – 651-646-6113 11:00 a.m. Worship Ensembles (lead 11:00 a.m. worship) Thursday evenings by schedule John Helgen, director – 651-288-4236

Handbell Choirs Wednesday evenings starting September 9 Lori Haaland, director – 651-631-9092

Brass Ensemble Wednesday evenings by schedule John Helgen, director – 651-288-4236

Festival Choir All Saints Celebration – Sunday, November 1

Singers from RLC will combine with singers from St. Michael's Lutheran in Roseville for an All Saints Celebration and present the "Requiem" of Gabriel Fauré for chorus and orchestra, Sunday November 1 at 4:00 pm. Singers are invited to join the Festival Choir for this event. Rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, September 2 - 7:00 p.m. at RLC Saturday, October 3 - 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Wednesday, October 28 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Saturday, October 31 - 9:30 a.m. at RLC

Rehearsals for Christmas Festival begin November 14

Make a plan to sing in the Festival Choir for the Christmas Festival Concert on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm. There are five 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 14 Wednesday, November 18 Wednesday, December 2 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.7:00 to 9:00 p.m.7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 Wednesday, December 16 Saturday, December 19 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. concert

2015-2016 Music Events at RLC

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.

- Friday, October 23 8:00 p.m. Grand Symphonic Winds
- Sunday, November 1 4:00 p.m. All Saints Celebration Choirs of RLC and St. Michael's "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré
- Sunday, December 6 3:00 p.m. Northstar and Lake Country Choruses
- Saturday, December 12 7:30 p.m. VocalEssence Welcome Christmas
- Sunday, December 13 4:00 p.m. Greater TC Youth Symphonies

- Saturday, December 19 7:30 p.m. RLC Christmas Festival Concert
- Wednesday, December 31 8:00 p.m. RLC Jazz in Concert (following New Year's Eve worship)
- Friday, January 157:00 p.m. Minnesota SinfoniaSunday, March 133:00 p.m. St. Paul Civic SymphonySunday, April 34:00 p.m. Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

Christian LIFE **Something for Everyone this Fall**

LIFE Ministry plans fun events throughout the year to help you connect with others at RLC. We hope that you will find something that piques your interest and that you will join us for one or more of our fall events. We plan a variety of events for women, men, couples, families and the church at large. Here are some things to watch for this fall.



Couples' Event: Geocaching Treasure Hunt DATE: Saturday, September 19, 6:00 p.m.

Grab your spouse, partner or BFF and meet in the RLC Social Hall on September19 to join our Geocaching Treasure Hunt. Treasures will be caches hidden in several locations in the neighborhoods surrounding the church.

Teams of four will be provided with a handheld GPS locator and the coordinates for caches. Teams will use their GPS locator to find the caches, collect their treasures and reconvene at church. What will be hidden in the caches? You'll have to join a team to find out!

Beginners are welcome. Hint: The party that follows the treasure hunt will feature something delicious!

Family Event: Apple Festival at Gibbs Farm DATE: Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Join us for a morning of apple fun at Gibbs Farm! Apple Crafts, apple games and apple treats! Enjoy a horse-drawn havride, visit an apple orchard, make apple critters and bob for apples. Free food and much more. Adult admission is \$8.

Find Jill in the tall purple hat between 10

and 10:15 for free kid admisadult). Gibbs Farm and Museum is located on the corner of Larpenteur and Cleveland Ave. The parking lot entrance is on Cleveland Ave. Hope to see you there!

All-Church Event: **SPCO Performs Bach's** "St Matthew Passion" at the Ordway 2:00 p.m.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra is performing Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" at the Ordway in St. Paul on Sunday, October 11. We have 30

tickets and invite you to join us. You can purchase your ticket for \$12 on the RLC website.

Those attending this concert are invited to a light lunch at 12:15 p.m. in the RLC Social Hall. Our own Martha Mutch will provide background information before we carpool to the concert.

Women's Event: "We Are the Clay" **Pottery Class** DATE: Saturday, Nov 14, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

This three-hour class

will include instruction from an accomplished Northern Clay Artist. We will each throw 3-4 red clay pieces on a pottery wheel and decorate and glaze our creations. Our pieces will be fired and ready for pick up at RLC the first Sunday in De-

Men's Event: Octoberfest

sion (up to 3 children free per Date: TBD (Watch for more information coming soon.)

> **Ongoing Women's Event:** Scrapbooking

DATE: Second Friday of every month, 7:00 p.m. -Midnight

Need some time to get stuff done?

We scrapbook, stamp, make cards, grade papers, knit . . . if you can bring it, you can do it!

A relaxing environment for fellowship and DATE: Sunday, October 11, crafting and snacks too. So grab your friends, grab a project and head on over to RLC on the second Friday of the month. All are welcome and the more the merrier!

> Need more info or want a reminder? Contact Gena at genashawnone@comcast.net.



Ongoing Men's Event: Wednesday Morning Breakfast at Pippins DATE: Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m.

The RLC Men's Breakfast Group meets Wednesday mornings at Pippins, 2905 Snelling cember. Beginners and in- Ave N, at 8 a.m. Join us for informal conversation termediate learners are before you start your day. Come when your schedwelcome. Space is limited ule allows. There is always room for one more. Call Kurt Svidal, 651-428-5797, with questions. to 15 women. The cost is \$15 per person. Sign up on the RLC website.



Please watch RLC's website, the Update and E-blasts for more information on these and other events throughout the coming year!

nnual Financial Report

Year-End Gratitude

by Laurel Hofeldt, **Director of Finance & Data**

The 2014-2015 fiscal year at Roseville Lutheran Church was a time of financial transparency and rebuilding. Although the year began on July 1, 2014, with a cumulative operating deficit of \$122,000, it ended with a surplus of \$6,000 on June 30, 2015. Quite plainly, receipts were \$128,000 more than expenses. Thanks be to our abundant God!

There are three primary reasons for this great news. The green space land sale brought in net proceeds over \$95,000. A generous unrestricted estate gift was entrusted to RLC in the amount of \$71,000. And, thanks to the hard and diligent work of staff, council and ministry teams, total expenses for the year came in 5% below budget.

RLC is poised to welcome a new senior pastor in the coming year. With a positive financial position, a vibrant stewardship committee focused on gratitude and generosity, and plans in place to engage those already here and welcome those looking for a church home . . . it is indeed an exciting time to look ahead to the future God is setting before us.

If you have questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! -Psalm 118:1

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2015

	Consolidated	Current	Child		Restricted	
	Total All Funds	Operating Fund	Care Center	Preschool	Dedicated Accounts	Building Fund
	Airrunus	T UNU	Center	116301001	Accounts	T UTU
Cash						
Northstar Checking	2,882	19,254	2,286	-19,753	1,096	
Franklin US Gov	227,331				140,071	87,260
Samaritan Checking	490	490				
Petty Cash	1,500	500	500	500		
RLNS Money Market/Savings	897			897		
Kitchen Fund Investment	183,134				183,134	
RLC Money Market/Savings	56,958				56,958	
Total Cash	473,191	20,244	2,786	-18,356	381,258	87,260
Fixed Assets						
Church Buildings	7,880,000					7,880,000
House	125,000		125,000			
Land/Parking Lots	1,000,000					1,000,000
Furnishings/Organ	800,000					800,000
Youth Bus	14,000				14,000	
Total Fixed Assets	9,819,000	0	125,000	0	14,000	9,680,000
Total Assets	10,292,191	20,244	127,786	-18,356	305 258	9,767,260
Total Assets	10,292,191	20,244	127,700	-10,550	393,230	9,707,200
Liabilities						
Payroll Withholding	-7,933	-7,933				
Pension Payable	14,443	14,443				
Payroll Taxes Payable	7,540	7,540				
Credit Card Payment Acct	0	0				
Mortgage Payable-Thrivent	377,030					377,030
Due to/from other Funds	0					
Total Liabilities	391,079	14,050	0	0	0	377,030
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Net Assets - Beginning	9,701,274		133,591	-7,686		9,305,726
Increase (decrease) for year	199,839	128,207	-5,804	-10,670	3,602	84,504
Net Assets - Ending						
Unrestricted	6,194	6,194				
Temporarily Restricted	379,688		2,786	-18,356	395,258	
Permanently Restricted	9,515,230		125,000			9,390,230
Total Net Assets	9,901,112	6,194	127,786	-18,356	395,258	9,390,230
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	10,292,191	20,244	127,786	-18,356	395,258	9,767,260

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Statement of Operations FY 2014-	4-2015
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Child Care	Child Care Var. Actual		Statement of Operations FY 2014-2015					
Statement of Operations FY 2014-2015	Actual	to Annual	Annual	•		Var. Actual		
	YTD	Budget %	Budget	•	Actual	to Annual	Annual	
RECEIPTS				•	YTD	Budget %	Budget	
Fees	105,195		120,000	RECEIPTS		J		
Donations	0		0	General Offerings	1,389,228	96.47%	1,440,000	
Misc. Inc.	0		0	Special Gifts to Ministry	28,905		43,600	
Rental Income	3,425		4,200	Other Inc./Transfer From Dedicated Accounts	193,954		75,000	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	108,620	87%	124,200	• TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,612,086	103.43%	1,558,600	
EXPENSES				BUSINESS EXPENSE & COMPENSATION	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		, ,	
Program Materials & Supplies	6,995		9,120	Staff Salaries	746.958		799,138	
Payroll & Benefits	104,323		99,000	Staff Benefits	255,955		237,480	
Home Expenses & Miscellaneous Exp	3,106		4,800	Business Expense	10,122		8,850	
Interest on Loans from RLC and RLEF	0		3,380	• TOTAL BUSINESS EXPENSES & COMPENSATION	1,013,035	96.90%	1,045,468	
Principal on Loans from RLC and RLEF	0		8,246	TOTAL WORSHIP & PRAYER	19,072	88.50%	21,550	
TOTAL EXPENSES	114,424	92%	124,546	• TOTAL MISSION & OUTREACH	133,734	90.36%	148,000	
RECEIPTS OVER/UNDER EXPENSES	(5,804)		(346)	TOTAL EDUCATION & CHILDREN	17,774	83.24%	21,353	
				• TOTAL YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES	9,500	90.48%	10,500	
Draaabaal				TOTAL CHRISTIAN LIFE	57,045	94.44%	60,400	
Preschool		Var. Actual		TOTAL PROGRAM MINISTRIES	237,125	90.57%	261,803	
Statement of Operations FY 2014-2015	Actual	to Annual	Annual	SUSTAINING/BUSINESS MANAGEMENT		0010170	_0.,000	
	YTD	Budget %	Budget	Stewardship	5,159		5,717	
INCOME		-		 Bank Fees, Insurance, Payroll Processing 	42,726		45,411	
Tuition and Registration	65,680		72,095	 Office Support, Computer/Network 	21,662		26,400	
RLC Subsidy	2,000		2,625	Communications, Printing, Publishing, Mailings	38,583		46,425	
RLC M & O Scholarships	4,450		3,000	TOTAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	108,129	87.23%	123,953	
Crisis Fund	0		400	PROPERTIES & BUILDINGS	100,123	07.2070	120,000	
Other Grants & Gifts	2,700		500	Utilities/Assessments	75,950		66,326	
Savings Interest	0		12	Cleaning & Maintenance	17,965		28,200	
Fundraiser	2,665		5,000	Grounds & Parking Lots	15,586		22,700	
TOTAL INCOME	77,495	93%	83,632	HVAC, Lighting & Security, Vehicles	16,089		10,150	
EXPENSES	,			• TOTAL PROPERTIES & BUILDINGS	125,590	98.60%	127,376	
Payroll & Benefits	83,600		85,000	TOTAL SUSTAINING MINISTRIES	233,720	92.99%	251,329	
Total Teaching Materials/Supply	2,305		3,450	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,483,879	95.21%		
Total Office/Building Expense	770		1,100	RECEIPTS OVER/UNDER EXPENSES	128,207	JJ.21/0	1,555,600	
Mom's & Dad's Nights	182		200		120,207		0	
Poinsettias Fundraiser	1,307		3,500	•				
TOTAL EXPENSES	88,164	95%	93,250	•				
INCOME OVER/UNDER EXPENSES	(10,670)	/ -	(9,618)	•				

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Dedicated Fund Summary July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

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Net Assets - June 30, 2015					
Mutual Funds	408,653				
Cash	11,994				
Total Assets	420,647				
Operating Activity - Year Ended June 30, 2015 Investment Income: Dividends	\$ 8,833				
Unrealized Appreciation of Investments	8,344				
Total Investment Income	17,177				
Gifts Received	16,480				
Total Income	33,657				
Grants and Expenses: Grants Approved Expenses Total Grants and Expenses	15,860 <u>313</u> 16,173				
Net Increase in Net Assets	17,484				
Net Assets - Beginning of Year Net Assets - End of Year					
Grants Approved During the Year:					
Prayer Shawl Ministry	500				
Piano Renovation	1,500				
Childrens Ministry Staff Education	1,400				
Youth Ministry Certification	2,000				
Slovakia Retreat (RLC)	2,520				
Slovakia Youth Participation (RLC Youth					
Run, Walk, Roll (RLC Stewardship)	2,000				
RLC Veteran's Day Worship	1,600				
Bridging - Dresser Build	2,500				
	\$ 15,860				

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church office.

The Annual Financial Report can also be viewed online at www.rosevillelutheran.org/about/publications

Hospitality Il bello deve ancora venire! (The best is yet to come)

by Connie Marchio, Hospitality Director

We have so many fun and important events planned for the upcoming months. The summer, I was told, would be a quiet and peaceful time. This was not the case in Hospitality. We had several events and exciting updates done in the kitchen and the Social Hall.

A brand new dishwasher was installed, as well as new fans in the Social Hall to make it more comfortable for our guests. New lights and pictures were also added to our Social Hall.

We are now in the process of getting our exceptional volunteers in place for the upcoming events at Roseville Lutheran Church. If you are interested in helping for one or more Hospitality events at RLC, please email me at hospitality@rosevillelutheran.org.

We are no longer the church basement ladies - we have stepped it up to a higher level of service and have enhanced our hospitality to all who enter into the church.

I have made it my goal with the help of the volunteers to make sure everyone is welcomed into this beautiful church. This will always be the forefront of what we are about. We will also continue to strive for decadence and beauty in food preparation and style, both of which bring us in Hospitality great joy. Thank you for this job it has been a wonderful charm on my bracelet of life.

Thank you for letting me serve you; I look forward to another great year. Ciao,

Connie Marchio Your Hospitality Manager



Summer 2015 and Some Upcoming events:

Prime Time OLLI (U of M classes) ADK Federation of the Blind Thrivent Events Care Team events Bible Study Mission & Outreach events LIFE Ministry events Church picnic Augsburg Fortress Clinic Home economics seminar Rebecca Circle Kickoff Weekend Brunch Generosity Weekend Festival Christmas Concert Baptism workshops Boy Scouts pancake breakfast Lenten suppers Seder meal Graduation dinner



RLC Lay Leaders & Staff

Student Ministry

Michael Jordan, Director of Senior High Ministry Abby Matter, Director of Middle School Ministry

Facilities Ministry

Stephen Henry, Campus Manager

Congregation Council Dave Hofeldt, President Sara Mohn, President-Elect Jeff Johnson, Vice President Vanessa Anderson Heidi George Kevan Moulton Georgia Nygaard Jim Stark Jake Von de Linde

Pastors

Steve Molin, Senior Pastor Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor Dick Carlson, Visitation Pastor

Hospitality Ministry

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant

Music Ministry

John Helgen, Director Martha Mutch, Organist Kristina Olson, Youth Choir Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs Cassandra McNally, Children's Choir

Children's Ministry Julie Hanson, Acting Director Tammy Heiple, Nursery Supervisor

Child Care House Sue Menier, Director Linda Borgstrom, Assistant

Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer Shelton Ingram, Custodian Jessica Hunt, Facilities

Ministry Support Staff

Dave Booms, Church Administrator Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data Amanda Chavis, Communications Manager Daniel Pederson, Communications Specialist Kay Berthiaume, Financial Assistant Diane Daulton, Financial Assistant Trish Clifford, Administrative Assistant

Preschool Cindy Laszewski, Director

Nominating Committee Mary Schultz, Co-Chair Marilyn Shardlow, Co-Chair

Ministry Team Chairs

Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry Mary Erickson, Adult Education Jill Lund, Christian LIFE Erik Wolhowe, Mission & Outreach Jim & Marlaine Maahs, Youth & Family

Endowment Committee Mary Ann Bannerman, Chair