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# The Table

A Gathering of Good News  
for the Friends and Members of  
Roseville Lutheran Church

May - June - July 2015



## Walk, Run, Roll into Summer 2015!

*God's gifts – our gratitude!*

Strap on your tennis shoes and mark your calendars! On June 7, during the 10:10 hour, RLC will bring back the ever-popular Walk, Run, and Roll! This fellowship event is designed to get members and friends out into the community for some fun-filled exercise and interaction. Following the event, we will worship in an outside Sunshine Service (weather pending) that will literally bring you closer to nature.

Starting May 1, please register either online or in person at the RLC help desk/event tables. We encourage all who attend the Run, Walk, and Roll to wear blue so we can be unified as members and friends of RLC! Not sure you want to run, walk, or roll? No worries! There are plenty of other ways to be a part of the action. Please contact Jen at [jen.souvignier@gmail.com](mailto:jen.souvignier@gmail.com) for more information on how you can help.

Join friends and family as we kick off the summer, celebrating this year's many accomplishments as Christ continues to work through RLC.

Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.  
-Hebrews 12:1

**What:**  
Walk, Run, Roll  
**When:**  
June 7 at 10:10  
**Who:**  
Everyone!

## Senior Pastor Call Committee Update

by Carol Solie, member of Senior Pastor Call Cmte.

Exciting times are ahead for Roseville Lutheran Church. The Transition Task Force is working closely with the Call Committee to continue the work to call a new Senior Pastor. The members of the call committee are Marilyn Shardlow, Lillian Eldred, Mike Dolan, Stacy Nealy, Chuck Laszewski, Dave Werner, Carol Solie, Georgia Nygaard, Bill Metzger, Jim Stark/Kevan Moulton (shared council position) and Emma Bontrager/Olivia Schultz (shared youth position).

The Call Committee was installed at all services April 11/12. That evening, a Town Hall gathering was held for the congregation with Bishop Lull and Sister Noreen Stevens from the St. Paul synod office. The call process was explained and the opportunity to ask questions about the process was offered to all present.

The call committee is busy getting organized and spending time getting to know each other as we prayerfully prepare for the



duties of the call process. Please keep this journey in your prayers as we look toward the future that God is preparing for Roseville Lutheran Church.

### 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

## Bridge to the Future

The headline in the Star Tribune read: *Birth of a bridge: St. Croix River project now halfway finished.* As a resident of the St. Croix Valley, that struck me as welcome news. My neighbors in Stillwater have lobbied for 40 years to replace a worn lift bridge, and construction finally began in mid-summer of 2013. Though there is still much work to be done on this \$600 million effort, the progress can be seen, and it's exciting.

In a bit of irony, the bridge project at Roseville Lutheran Church started on about the same date. It was July 8, 2013 when I arrived to be your interim pastor, and together we began working on our bridge to the future. Like the St. Croix crossing, our bridge construction has seemed slow to some, and progress, hard to see. But bridge projects are like that: much of the work is unseen, as firm foundations must be laid in order to do it right. I am pleased to say that we are way past the halfway mark of this interim bridge, and it will soon be complete. That's exciting, isn't it? But there is still much work to do, and I want to address the "punch list" in these next paragraphs.

### The Past

In many aspects, the history of RLC is glorious! The lives that have been touched, and the missional tasks that have been accomplished, have written a great legacy for this church. But just beneath the surface, there continue to be some bitter feelings, some unresolved conflict, and some

unforgiving hearts. It's time to let it go. It's time to move on. If not now, then when? We can use the remainder of this interim period to allow the scabs to finally heal, or we can let them fester and frustrate the future. Because I will be leaving soon, might I be a safe person with whom to share your feelings and begin anew? I will if you will.

### The Money

Like it did for many congregations across America, the recession of 2008 brought a significant decrease in charitable giving. The offerings in our church have been flat for seven years, and we are continually trying to do more with less. Some will say that it is due to a decrease in membership and worship attendance, and we just need to recruit more members to help pay the bills. But I believe the issue is deeper than that. The recent Holy Cow! survey of nearly 600 RLC respondents indicated that our members and friends give 0.9% of their household income, or basically 1%. The national average of Lutheran churches of our scope and size is 1.7% of household income. If we grew in our faith-giving, if we allowed God to free us from the obsession of possession, our congregation's ministry would *explode* in opportunity. I'm just sayin'.

### Engagement

I have heard people say that it's always the same old people who are visibly doing things in our church. That's true; the 80/20 rule is alive and well in this, and most, churches. Everyone who is reading this article has God-given gifts to be used

in the church. I realize that schedules are filled curb-to-curb, and time is tight. But every one of us has the same number of hours in a day, and we have choices to use them wisely. To be part of a faith family provides us with opportunities of support, encouragement, serving, leading, following, giving, and receiving. You are necessary. You are absolutely essential to the health and vitality of Roseville Lutheran Church. Becoming engaged in some aspect of ministry will enrich you, but you will also enrich others. And if you don't do it, then it will still be the usual suspects doing all the stuff in this place. Join them!

Well, Roseville's Bridge to the Future is nearly complete, and for a lot less than \$600 million! I continue to enjoy my time here, and I am deeply gratified at the traction we have gained over these two years. But there is more work to do. I am reminded of a lapel button I saw on a young woman which said PBPGIFWMY. Silly me, I tried to read it! She said, "It's an acronym; it stands for 'Please be patient, God isn't finished with me yet.'" And the same is true for all of us. In that sense, we are all building a bridge to the future, and the future will be amazing!

Peace,



Pastor Steve

# President's Message

What exciting times at Roseville Lutheran!

Our senior pastor call committee is off and meeting on a regular basis, doing the important work of identifying a new lead pastor for Roseville Lutheran. As a Council we were blessed to have many individuals raise their hand to either nominate themselves or others for the committee. Our main focus in forming the committee was to bring a diversity of ages and tenure to the decision making process, and we are so happy to have this hard working team on board.

In preparation for the call process, our Transition Task Force was formed in January. Their job was to pave the way for the Call Committee, doing the work to identify the current strengths, visions and hopes for Roseville Lutheran Church. They were responsible for drafting the Ministry Site Profile, the document that will be used to recommend candidates to the Call Committee, and the document that prospective candidates will receive as they consider our congregation. Because their work was done this winter, the Call Committee will be able to move quickly to reviewing and interviewing candidates. Thank you, Transition Team members, for your great work!

One focus of the transition task force was the Holy Cow Survey. This survey provided insight into the current thinking of a cross section of our membership and was input into the site profile mentioned above. One of the strongest messages coming out of the survey was the need to reach new people in the community and to invite them into the life of church. What an exciting charge! As council prepares for the future, that topic

around defining outreach, reaching new members and engaging our existing members better, was the focus of an April all ministry team meeting. There will be more to come on this topic in the months ahead. And by the way, if YOU are someone that wants to be more involved at RLC please get in touch with a pastor, a staff member or a council member – we would love to have that conversation with you!

Our year of Go! has given us all of us new opportunities to get involved in big and small ways. Project Home in February followed by the Mobile-Pack Million Meals effort for Feed My Starving Children are two fantastic examples of what we can accomplish together to make a difference in our community. Meanwhile our core ministries continue to make a difference inside the halls of RLC with meaningful worship, great educational programming for kids and adults, inspiring music and of course hot coffee and donuts!

In case you haven't heard, in March we completed the sale of the "Green Space" after much intervening work was done on resolving a property line dispute, an issue dating back at the time of the purchase of the property. We received a full price cash offer of \$104,900 and after legal and other fees we netted \$97,138. These funds will be partially used to pay back the designed funds we have borrowed against in recent years, and the remainder to pay for needed facilities maintenance.

If you were someone that came out for the Table Discussions held in January – thank you! About 80 people ventured out on some cold winter nights to provide Council with their point of

view on important longer term decisions we need to make. The summary of those discussions are available on the RLC website in the Reports and Minutes section or by calling the church office.

I have joked at times about being known as the "budget president". I have also said our intent in focusing on our financials this year is a desire to have a strong foundation for our new lead pastor, and for the future of this place. So, it's not about the dollars but more to help us be free of financial worries so we can dream bigger! I am happy to say as of this writing we are on track with our budget – with three months remaining in our fiscal year.

The signs of Spring are all around now. As a gardener I saw the first sign of the bleeding heart today – the earliest bloomer in my yard each year. This spring, I am more hopeful than ever for the future of this congregation. It feels like we have walked together through a darker winter as we have moved through this important but sometimes difficult interim period in our congregating – and now we are getting to the other side. I am so grateful for the leadership, support and trust of Pastors Steve and Sara, and for the ongoing dedication of our staff. Truly, thanks be to God for each one of them ~ and for each of you, the members and friends of RLC.

In His Service,



Kristin Olsen

# RLC News & Notes

## Stan Diesch chosen as Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture Laureate

Dr. Stan Diesch has been awarded the prestigious Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture, the University of Minnesota announced March 18. The endowed award, which began in 1995, is named after Eldon Siehl, a New Ulm Minnesota livestock breeder, who established the prize to ensure that achievements in agriculture would always be recognized and celebrated. Recipients are chosen from three categories: Production Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Knowledge.

Fittingly, Stan received the Knowledge award in light of his 30-year career as professor of the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. Among his accomplishments, he gave leadership to the establishment of the Minnesota Food Animal Disease Reporting System, which became the prototype for the U.S. reporting system. Stan and Darlene (pictured at right) are also proud of their 50-year relationship with the nation of Uruguay, where Stan's work led to the eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease in that country. The press release from the University of Minnesota reads, "Stan's expertise in prevention and control of animal diseases is sought after by scientists around the world."

As a member of the faculty, Dr. Diesch taught more than 2,500 students in their pursuit of a career in veterinary medicine. In the graduate school, he mentored students from fifteen different countries. During his career he lectured in dozens of countries

around the world on safe food and animal practices. Stan directed the International Programs of the College of Veterinary Medicine for 13 years. Stan retired in 1995 with the title Professor Emeritus.

The prize is unsolicited recognition and an accolade from his former colleagues, students, and members of the veterinary community, and it comes with more than just an engraved plaque. At the award ceremony in McNamara Alumni Center at the U of M on May 21, Stan will also receive a sculpture, and a lapel pin designed by Minnesota artist Thomas Rose, made specifically for the Siehl Prize, as well as a \$50,000 award. Diesch says, "I am, of course, overwhelmed by this award. It makes me feel some measurement of my teaching, research and service has made an impact on society, medicine and health."

Stan and Darlene and their daughters Lauren and Stephanie became members of Roseville Lutheran Church in 1974. In that time, in addition to teaching and research, Stan served as president of The International Society for Animal Hygiene, and acted as a consultant for the World Health Organization, PAHO, USDA, and others. His curriculum vitae indicate that he has left his thumbprint on the agricultural community in Minnesota, in our nation, and around the world.



In explaining why he devoted his entire life to food safety, animal health, and disease research, this humble farm boy from Blooming Prairie, Minnesota was genuinely unpretentious: "I think it was just to contribute my knowledge and experience to improve the health of people and animals." And for that, Laureate Diesch, the world says thank you.

*Some excerpts in this article have been taken from The University of Minnesota Dept. of Veterinary Medicine.*

## Men's Fish Fry May 15

If you didn't get enough fish during Lent, now is your chance!

RLC Men's Group is going old school with "Flashback Fish Fry" on Friday May 15 at Tim Bergman's house, 2581 Irene St, Roseville. Join us for fish, a cold beverage, and conversation from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$10. If you have questions, contact Tim Bergman or Steve Mumm.

American  
Red Cross  
Blood Drive

Monday, May 18  
RLC Activity Center

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
to schedule  
your appointment

## Ongoing Events and RLC Groups

### The Rose Enkas

The Rose Enkas will meet for lunch on Saturday, May 16, at 11:30 a.m. at The Green Mill at 1000 Gramsie Road, Shoreview (phone 651-482-1600). The June date is Saturday, June 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Perkins, 3855 Lexington Ave. N., Arden Hills (phone 651-482-9234); the July date is Saturday the 18th at 11:30 a.m. at Red Lobster, 2330 Prior Ave., Roseville (phone 651-636-9800). Also, join us in August on the 15th at House of Wong, 1163 Larpenteur Ave. W., Roseville at 11:30 a.m. (phone 651-488-6687). This group provides support and fellowship for widows at their monthly luncheons. Call Kay Shurson at 651-766-6930 or Lori Bergman at 651-635-9563 for more information.

### Prime Time

On June 11, join us at 11:45 in the Social Hall for Touching Hearts with Music. Our calendar for the 2015-2016 year will be out at the end of summer - stay tuned! 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.

## Action Teams Can Help You Make an Impact

If you're a Thrivent Financial member, you can lead a Thrivent Action Team to bring people together for a one-time project to help others be wise with money and live generously. You can coordinate an educational event, conduct a service activity, organize a fundraiser, or support another activity that can help RLC members and friends grow!

Action Teams are provided resources to help you plan the event, promotional items, and a Community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money. Learn more at [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam)

and apply online. If you are interested in having an Action Item at RLC or as part of RLC's ministry, please contact [rlc@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:rlc@rosevillelutheran.org).

Not a member of Thrivent? Share your service idea with us! Together, we can make a difference.

Contact us for more information: Rich Straumann, RLC Congregational Advocate, at [straurl@gmail.com](mailto:straurl@gmail.com) or 651-491-2660 or to become a Thrivent member: Roger Schlichting, Financial Associate, 651-287-3030



# Transition Survey Results

Thanks to all of you for participating in activities which are helping us to understand how God is nurturing our congregation for new and exciting service opportunities as well as to identify our new Lead Pastor. We would like to share what we learned from you through the congregational survey.

## Who we are

*We blew the doors off: thanks for raising your voice!*

593 people completed the survey (78% of our weekly attendance). Because of the high response rate, and the age diversity of the respondents, Holy Cow has >95% confidence in the accuracy of survey results interpretation & findings.

*We are a neighborhood church.*

61% of our attendees live within 4 miles of the building; 86% of our attendees live within 10 miles of the building. RLC has the potential to build relationships and friendships within our community. We are also blessed that people find the worship, education, and fellowship at RLC worthy of travel.

*We are theologically moderate.*

We lean slightly progressive, but we are fairly centered between conservative and progressive theological traditions.

*We are willing to change.*

We are willing to adjust how we complete our mission and ministry to meet the needs of our congregation.

Not surprisingly, the survey results currently put us in an area literally called the Transition Zone. The results indicate a readiness toward becoming a transformational church, a source of new meaning and purpose for its members. The survey results provide valuable insights to lay leadership, church staff, and our pastors as they consider how to move RLC towards this target.

We identified the following as focus areas that will improve our satisfaction at RLC:

- **Worship Services:** we value our worship experiences, and want them to be exceptional in both quality and spiritual content
- **Leadership:** leaders who serve should be representative of the membership
- **Decision making:**
  - o Leaders of our church should be genuinely concerned to learn what people are thinking when decisions need to be made
  - o For important decisions, adequate opportunity to consider different approaches should be provided
- **Engagement:** having more people actively involved at RLC and RLC-sponsored activities

## What are our priorities?

We identified the following priorities across all age groups:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
2. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church
3. Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.
4. Create more opportunities for people to

form meaningful relationships (for example, small groups, nurtured friendships, shared meals, etc.) \*Kairos Associates recommended that we pay special attention to our fourth priority because our congregation expressed a much higher desire than other churches to put focus on this area.

## How are we doing

The survey is divided into two categories: culture and ministry impact. The percentiles indicate how our congregation's experiences would compare to another church. Higher numbers indicate a more favorable impact.

### Ministry Impact

Evaluates how effective the ministry is at carrying out the RLC mission.

**Spiritual Vitality (52nd percentile):** assesses if the congregation understands the mission and carries it out in their life. Leadership should look for opportunities to help the congregation integrate faith into their daily life.

**Readiness for Ministry (59th percentile):** assumes that all members are called to ministry, and it is the responsibility of the church to help members identify their gifts and help them connect to ministries that best fit those gifts. This directly correlates to our priority of incorporating people into the life of the church. Leadership is interested in ideas from the congregation regarding how we can do this better.

**Worship and Music (76th percentile):** Overall, we had a very positive response in this category. Worship is central to the vitality and growth of the congregation and is shared by all.

**Engagement in Education (78th percentile):** Christian education is a lifelong process of faith development and service in the world. We scored strongly here; we have many offerings in this area & our members value this.

### Culture Impact

Culture Indices help us to understand how healthy our current culture.

**Hospitality (28th percentile):** refers to how wanted, well received, and accepted people feel at RLC and how well the congregation offers its resources to others in need. This was our lowest performing category. At the open roundtables, many people felt that this can be affected by individual members and putting effort toward including new faces (keeping in mind, that person may have been coming here for years, but they are new to you and that's okay!)

**Conflict Management (31st percentile):** is a measure of tolerance within a congregation. As a congregation how do we welcome a diversity of experiences and handle or tolerate differing opinions. At the open roundtables, people appreciated the transparency and communication offered when we did the gay marriage and budget discussions, and wanted to continue these types of forums.

**Morale (49th percentile):** is an indicator of how likely a member would be to tell others about RLC and to invite others to worship here as well as how engaged the members are in the mission of the church. The survey results indicated many people are on the fence regarding the current excitement level and enthusiasm to get involved. This may be related to the fact we are in a period

of transition. It is difficult to invite people in when we are unsure about our next lead pastor. Project Home and FMSC have shown that our members are getting engaged in the mission of the church. We are open to new ideas which will build on this momentum.

**Governance (49th percentile):** is a reflection of trust that the congregation has in its leadership, how transparent the decision making processes of the church are, and how well the church seeks regular input from the congregation. The roundtables indicated that mistakes have been made in the past, but an effort clearly is being made not to repeat them and to be better moving forward.

## Who will get us there?

*We will!*

A healthy congregation is an engaged and active congregation. We express the desire to be this kind of congregation. We need the input, ideas, and time of people in the congregation to make this happen. We cannot depend just on staff or our clergy. We do need great pastoral leadership though:

### Critical abilities for our next lead pastor

- **Preaching** – capacity to inspire and connect people to God's word
- **Strategic leadership** – capacity to cast a vision and lead the church toward realization of the vision
- **Pastoral care** – capacity to engage people empathetically and care for persons in times of need
- **Change management** – capacity to lead a church through significant and necessary period of change
- **Teaching/training** – capacity to deepen understanding, form character, and equip members with new skills
- **Negotiate and resolve conflict** – capacity to help a church deal with conflict through training, negotiation, and mediation
- **Administration** – capacity to manage a church operationally, including facilities, finances, and staff
- **Community catalyst** – capacity to function on a larger stage beyond the church and to rally a variety of individuals and groups to address critical issues

## Next Steps

Survey results will be shared with the call committee and used to create the congregation site profile to recruit lead pastor candidates. Additionally, the data will be used for planning future ministries and how we communicate these opportunities throughout the church.

Please continue to pray for our congregation and the call committee as we begin the important work of identifying the new Lead Pastor of Roseville Lutheran Church.

If you would like more detailed information regarding the work of the Transition Task Force, please visit our website at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/transition](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/transition) or obtain paper copies at the Welcome Desk.



# RLC Stewardship: God's gifts, our Gratitude

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "stewardship"? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? Stewardship so often comes up only as part of the funding of the ministry budget that we lose sight of the real definition. Please contemplate this excerpt from *Stewards of God's Love*, published by the ELCA.

## DOWN, IN, AND OUT: LOVING GOD AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

The practice of stewardship invites us to look in three different directions: DOWN, IN and OUT. We begin by looking at how God has come down to us. We then look in to discover all that God has entrusted to our care. We end by looking out to understand the needs of our neighbors. While these three actions may not always happen in this order, the practice of stewardship always invites all three.

**1. DOWN:** Stewardship begins at creation, where God first comes down to us. In the first chapter of Genesis, God forms humankind in God's own image and commands them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Genesis 1:28). A steward is someone who cares for someone else's property. From the beginning, humanity is not an owner, but a steward of what God has created. We are first receivers, not givers!

God's love comes down to us in Jesus Christ. To quote John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." God loved us so much that God sent Jesus to die for us to bring us salvation and new life. God also comes down to us in the sacrament of baptism. In baptism, we are claimed as children of God. We belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. We are bearers of God's love, grace and gospel. Stewardship begins with God coming down to us in love and sharing some of what is God's with us. We are a church that belongs to Christ, and there is a place for all here.

**2. IN:** God has skillfully created us and blessed us with more than we could ever imagine. We are fearfully and wonderfully made! God knows us deeply and has created each of us uniquely. God has entrusted us with an abundance of tangible and intangible resources — time, talents, treasure and so much more. While our gifts may seem meager, put in the hands of God, these gifts can become so much more. In Mark 6:30-44, Jesus takes a little boy's lunch and blesses it to feed thousands. Even in the midst of scarcity, God provides in abundance. God gives in abundance that we might share in abundance. The apostle Paul writes, "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). When we realize that all we have belongs to God and not to us, we can't help but give it away in thanksgiving for God's generosity to us. We give joyfully, graciously and sacrificially because we know that our resources are not ours to keep but are God's to share.

**3. OUT:** We look out to see how God is calling us to love our neighbor with all that God has entrusted to our care. We are a church that believes Jesus is God's "Yes" to us. Our lives can be a "Yes" to others. Stewardship is one way that we can be that "Yes" to others. When asked: "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus responds, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matthew 22:37-39). We are called to love, not just with our words but with our whole lives. Stewardship is the way that we use all of our resources — time, talents, possessions and money — to love God and our neighbor. The Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 exemplifies this type of stewardship. The Samaritan gave generously of his time, his possessions, and his money. He took a detour from his own travels just to help a hurting man, who was more of an enemy than a friend. Stewardship transforms God's commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves" from a religious expression into a way of life.

# Keep the Ball Rolling! Sign Up for Simply Giving

By now, most of us are in summer mode with plans for adventures and fun. Weekly worship services are cozy as the sun calls us to spend time outdoors instead of the cool of the sanctuary (unless it's particularly hot and humid, and we are looking for an escape!). The close of Cornerstone and Confirmation reduces the weekly traffic and no major celebrations draw us into the building.

Since we aren't here as regularly, it's harder to see the ministries busy at work. Still, vacation Bible School, mission trips, and camps are engaging our youth all summer long. Adult Ed. is offering courses to engage us after worship. Our Senior Pastor Call Committee is just beginning its search. These ministries are all possible because of your gifts to Roseville Lutheran Church. The commitments to God's mission at RLC made during Consecration Weekend have been faithfully and generously given. Unlike recent years, we are tracking to the ministry plan, and, so far, anticipate being in the black at the end of the fiscal year, which is truly wonderful. Thank you so much for your partnership this mission year.

Congregations often lose traction in summer from an offering perspective. Historically, weekly giving declines as people are not present at worship to give their offering. Even though your adventures may take you away from worship, we ask for your continued support. Please consider using Simply Giving this summer to make it easier on yourself. Simply Giving allows you to make convenient and consistent contributions via secure automatic deductions from your bank account to RLC. Contact Diane Daulton at [ddaulton@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:ddaulton@rosevillelutheran.org) or through the church office to find out more and get set up.

Your support of RLC has been vital to the great ministry this year: from worship to Family Serve Sundays, from Cornerstone to Primetime. Thank you for being a blessing within this congregation!

# Homeless, Volunteers Benefit from Project Home

This past February, RLC hosted families experiencing homelessness through Project Home. A division of the St. Paul Council of Churches, Project Home works with dozens of area faith communities to provide temporary overflow shelter for children and their parents in Ramsey County each night. Each month 2 Project Home partners open their church doors nightly to up to 20 people.. The host churches provide families with a place to sleep, to spend "family" time and to share an evening snack and breakfast.

Your response to this ministry was overwhelming: 101 volunteers made this ministry possible. Most of our volunteers worked on-site with our guests. Some provided a warm welcome, a friendly face, and a healthy snack when our guests arrived each evening. Others spent the night to ensure our guests were safe and had what they needed. In the

morning, the volunteers woke the families started the coffee, set out breakfast and sent them off each day with a kind word.

We were privileged to host eight families, consisting of 8 parents/guardians and 11 children. Our guests spoke often about how warm and friendly our people were to them. Guests participated in one of our Lenten soup suppers and couldn't believe that they were "served", just like everyone else. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who made this ministry a priority: your gifts of time and your acts of love made such a difference to our guests and were so appreciated.

Another component that our guests and the Project Home staff really valued was our physical church space. Many churches can only provide large spaces

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# Children, Youth & Family

## Recognizing our Marvelous Seniors

by Michael Jordan, Director of Senior High Ministry

We have been blessed at RLC with wonderful youth. At the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 31, we will formally recognize, celebrate, and pray for all of our graduating seniors. Several of these seniors have been a huge help over the past years by volunteering their time to lead our youth. We want to say a huge "Thank you!" and wish all of you God's blessings on your futures!

Emily Devaney will attend Northern Michigan University in the fall to study Forensic Science. She has been a Cornerstone Shepherd the past 3 years, Sonsation Leader, VLM Day Camp Helper, played in the Cornerstone Band and Youth Praise Band, attended numerous mission trips and camps, and has assisted with the Children's Musical.

Johanna Traynor is graduating from Roseville Area High School. Next year she will attend the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and plans to double major in music and speech/language pathology. Johanna enjoyed being a Cornerstone leader and volunteer the past several years!

Hannah Schultz will attend Colorado College in the fall. She has loved serving as a Cornerstone shepherd for the past four years. Hannah also has attended several of RLC's summer trips, and most recently she served on the Transition Team Task Force.

Theresa Hofeldt has led Cornerstone music for 4 years and been in Confirmation band for 3 years. This past year, Theresa was a valuable mem-

ber of the Youth Leadership Team. She has been on mission trips to Green Bay, Duluth, Chicago and Kentucky, and gone to Camp Hiawatha every year since 2nd grade. This fall she plans to attend Drury University in Springfield, Missouri, to study Music Therapy.

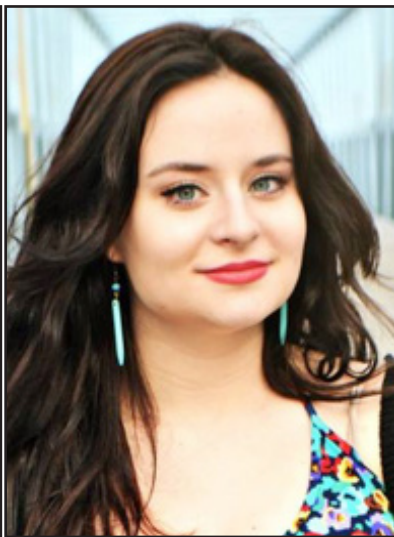
Erica Gove (not pictured) has gone on numerous mission trips and has been teaching Cornerstone for the past four years. She will attend the University of Minnesota - Duluth.

Kyle Koncilja will attend University of Wisconsin - Stout to study business administration. He has been a Cornerstone Shepherd for 2 years and was very involved with the senior high programs.

Thank you for your service!



Emily Devaney



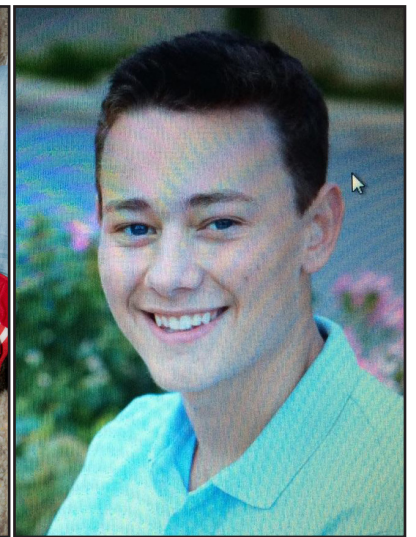
Johanna Traynor



Hannah Schultz



Theresa Hofeldt



Kyle Koncilja

## Lots to Do This Summer!

Even though our weekly programs will be coming to end in a few short weeks, summers at RLC are packed with exciting trips and events. We will be bringing a record number of youth to Camp Hiawatha, we have doubled our numbers of 5th & 6th graders doing Summer of Service here in Roseville, and are taking 3 trips to the BWCA. Our middle school and senior high youth will be able to learn ways to impact the communities in Minnesota with our mission trips this summer.

One of the most exciting things happening this summer is that we will be joined by two youth from Slovakia during the month of July. You can read Marek and Andrej's bios in this edition of the Ta-

ble. They will be attending our senior high mission trip as well as our boundary waters trip. During the weeks they are not on trips, they will be staying with host families from RLC. To help our youth build connections and relationships with Marek and Andrej, we will be having several other youth events during those weeks they are staying here. All incoming 9th graders through seniors are encouraged to come and join us in the fun. Building these relationships now will help make our service learning trip to Slovakia in 2016 that much more meaningful. To sign up for updates on our summer events, go to the Senior High Ministry page on the RLC website.

## Confirmation Sunday May 17

Our 9th Grade Confirmation class will be affirming their Baptism on Sunday, May 17 during the 11 o'clock service. Families, friends, and all those in the congregation are invited to celebrate with our youth. Thank you for joining them along their faith journeys.

## Amazing Leaders!

It would be impossible to accomplish all that we have with our youth this past year without our leaders. They have had volunteered countless hours through Confirmation, Sunday programming, Senior High programs, as well as numerous camps, trips, and retreats. We will recognize all of our leaders and their families at noon on May 31. Thank you for being you!

## Prayer Partners Needed

Last summer, a number of you partnered with our youth in prayer during their summer trips. We will be bringing back prayer partners for our 5 summer trips this year. It's really simple. Pick a youth and write your name next to them on the sign-up sheet. Repeat this for as many youth as you wish to pray for. Then during the week they are on their trip with RLC, pray for that youth so that they may have a wonderful, safe, Christ-filled week! Be on the lookout for sign-ups in the Commons to pray for our youth during the month of May and June.

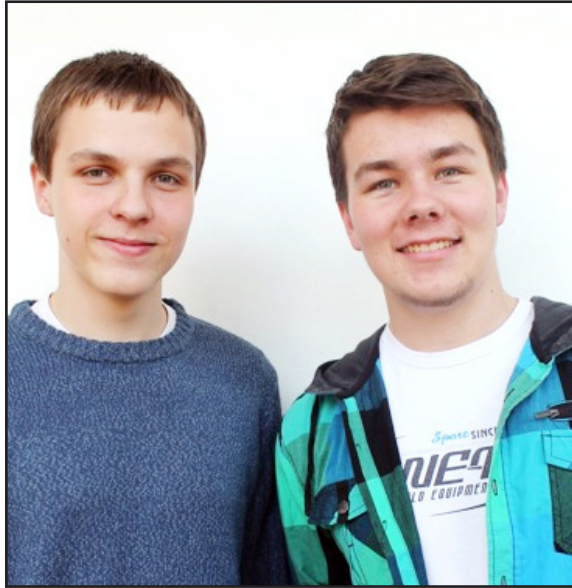




# Children, Youth & Family

## RLC Hosts Slovakian Students

During the month of July, the RLC Youth Program will be hosting two high school students from the Lutheran High School in Martin, Slovakia. They will live with RLC families and build friendships with the high school youth from our church. They will go on the High School Mission Trip and to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with our youth. Here are their letters of introduction. Please welcome these two young men into our congregation and keep them and all of our youth in your prayers.



Dear Host family, and Roseville Lutheran Church members,

My name is Marek Marton. I signed for Summer Exchange Program 2015 for following reasons: I love travelling and this is really good opportunity for me to travel. I love to get to know new countries and other cultures. I have never been in America before, and it has been my dream to go there since I was a little boy. I am excited to meet new people and also to see how it works in other churches than in ours, and of course, to learn how to better speak in English.

Another reason why I signed for Summer Exchange Program 2015 is that I never lived in other family. I don't know how it looks to be part of another family for a while. I would like to compare my family and your family. What are the main differences and learn something new from USA family.

I am 17 years old. I have one brother, he is 5 years old. I have brown hair and my eyes are green and blue. Everybody tells about me that I am calm and positive person. I am trying to be easy-going man.

I have many hobbies. The biggest hobby for me is sport. I love sports. I like every sport, but hockey and soccer I like the most. Hockey is big part of my life. Not only because I like it, but I used to go to Hockey school. I played Ice hockey for 8 years. I had to quit because I had some health issues. But now, I can play every sport without any problems. My next hobby are movies. I like watching, acting and every-

thing around the movies.

I am very excited to go to USA and meet new people. I hope we will have a great time together.  
- Marek Marton

Hello Host families and Roseville Lutheran members,

My name is Andrej and I am 16 years old. I live in village near Martin. I have a younger sister. We are both living with my parents and our pets. I love dogs and all kinds of animals. We have two dogs (big dogs), two cats and two birds so I really love animals.

I am currently studying at Lutheran gymnasium in Martin. I used to attend school in our village but it was only to 4th class, from

the 4th class I had gone to Martin. I am really keen on working out and playing sports. I am a very big ice-hockey fan, I actually watch the NHL too and I am Hawks fan.

I play hockey-ball which is different in the states, and as well floor-ball. Other days I spend most time with my girlfriend in the gym. My other activity which I enjoy is playing the drums. I have a kit at home too. I am playing the drums for 3 years now. So I am very active person and I love to work out or just go running or even better play some sports.

One of my other hobbies is to spend time with my friends, we used to have a very good group of people here in my village but it suddenly changed a lot, nearly everyone started to smoke cigarettes and started to go out late at the night and I am not really into this. And it doesn't even fit my personality. But I found some new friends. Regularly on Friday I attend our church's youth group where we pray and sing songs. The best part about that is that my girlfriend is very similar to me and I love that we are spending time together at youth meetings or in the gym.

I am very excited to talk to you and to finally meet you!

- Andrej Vandlik

## SummerFest Success

Once again, we want to send a huge thank you to all of the congregation for their love and support of the youth ministry here. Back on March 1, we had our SummerFest Youth Auction and Dinner. 210 people were in attendance to help us raise over \$12,500 to send our youth on life changing, faith forming summer trips and camps. 80 youth volunteered their time and can use the money we raised towards their trips they go on with RLC. SummerFest could not have happened without the dedicated parent team that was chaired by Mar-laine Maahs and Kathy Peters-Martell. If you are interested in supporting our youth further or would like to be part of the SummerFest team for next year, please contact Michael Jordan at seniorhigh@rosevillelutheran.org.

## RLC Movie Night

The next RLC Movie Night will be Friday, May 15 in the Worship Center. Popcorn and beverages will be served. The movie to be screened will be Rise of the Guardians.

Grab your family, friends and neighbors, bring your favorite chair or floor pillow (the pews aren't always comfortable) and join us for an evening of fun on the big screens!





# Children, Youth & Family

## Another Awesome Year in Cornerstone!

It's May and Cornerstone is coming to an end for this school year. The last day of Cornerstone for all kids will be Sunday, May 17. We hope your kids can join us to celebrate with their Small Group Shepherds. Rejoice in the awesome God we learned about this year, his Son Jesus Christ and the wonderful friendships made! We wish everyone a summer filled with joy and laughter and look forward to seeing you again in September!

## Register Now for Cornerstone 2015-16

Cornerstone Online Registration is currently open for 2-year-olds through kids entering 4th grade. 2-year-olds must be 2 by September 1. Don't put it off . . . register today! Go to [www.rosevillelutheran.org](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org) and click on the Children tab. We will begin our Cornerstone year on September 20.

## Preschoolers to sing May 3 in Worship

Our Cornerstone preschoolers have been working hard to prepare songs to sing in the 11:00 Worship service on Sunday, May 3. If you have a child in our 2-, 3- or 4-year-old Cornerstone groups, bring them to Cornerstone on May 3, then to Worship at 11:00. Gena, our amazing Preschool Music Leader will call them forward during the service to sing for you! This is always a special time for the kids AND for the congregation!

## Attention 4th Graders!

Bring your parents and join us on Sunday, May 10 at 10:10 in the Social Hall to learn more about Luther League with Abby Matter, our Middle School Ministry Director. We will have donuts, muffins and juice, and get to know more about moving "up" to Luther League next year. 4th graders will not have Cornerstone on May 10.



## Children's Ministry Calendar at a Glance

May 3	Cornerstone Preschoolers sing in 11:00 Worship
May 10	Cornerstone 4th graders and parents
May 17	Last Day of Cornerstone
May 31	Children, Youth and Family Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
June 15-19	MOVE! Vacation Bible School

## Thank you to 2014-15 Cornerstone Volunteers

Everyone is busy, but these wonderful people said "yes!" to sharing their time with us in Cornerstone this year. Their leadership, helping hands, warm smiles, love of music and administrative skills were greatly appreciated! Please thank them if you see them in church this summer! They gave their hearts to the kids of RLC! Special thanks and prayers to Erica Gove, Emily Devaney, Theresa Hofeldt, Hannah Schultz, Johanna Traynor and Kyle Koncilja who will be graduating from high school this spring and sharing their faith as they go onto college in the fall!

**2-Year-Old Shepherds and Helping Hands:** Emma Brown Thunder, Hanna Devaney, Kaylie King, Mackenzie Carlson, Anni Cunningham, Annika Hedges, Salix Iverson, Autumn Olson

**3-Year-Old Shepherds and Helping Hands:** Jeanne and Steve Anderson, Taylor Brown Thunder, Jacob Lahti, Molly Dickson, Hanna Torvi, Liam Traynor, Bennett Johnson

**4-Year-Old Shepherds and Helping Hands:** Emma Bontrager, Olivia Schultz, Alex Koncilja, Hannah Schultz, Johanna Traynor, Erica Gove, Hannah Mein

**Kindergarten Shepherds:** Kailey Beer, Leah Peterson, Isabel Tomb, Mari Youngquist, Abby Jackson, Corrine Schmaedeke

**1st Grade Shepherds:** Chris and Erica Clarys, Katie Martin, Marisa Smedsrud, Val Velde

**2nd Grade Shepherds:** Kelli Bierwerth, Amy Luger, Tony Landucci, Jack Witthauer, Emily Anderson, Ella Maahs

**3rd Grade Shepherds:** Dawn Forbes, Julie Rieth, Rachel Kirby, Martha and John Seal, Rhonda and Dan Viskoe, Emily Devaney

**4th Grade Shepherds:** Karen Rogers, Kari Torvi, Marlaine Maahs, Dan Nottestad

**Administrative Team:** Nancy Brown, Lindsay Calzadillas, Lyn Dickson, Barb Gove, Sandy Lattu, Kate Libra, Colleen McLaughlin, Julie Steffen

**Music Leadership Team:** Gena Mickley, Joe Husby, Theresa Hofeldt  
If you would like to be a part of this amazing group of Cornerstone volunteers this fall, please contact Julie Hanson at [jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org).



## Last Chance to Register for VBS - Deadline Is May 30!

We want kids to MOVE it! No, seriously. MOVE it. From here to there. From bored to passionate. From selfish to giving. This summer, we're taking a look at the lives of some people in the Bible who changed direction and moved. Big time. And they all had one thing in common: somewhere along the way, they came face to face with Jesus. They discovered who He was. And once that happened, there was no standing still or going back.

Join us at MOVE IT Vacation Bible School for 3-year-olds through 4th graders from June 15 through 19. We will get moving each day from 9:00

a.m. until noon. The cost is \$10.00 per child to a maximum of \$25.00 per family.

Through music and songs, games, crafts, Bible study, active worship and much more kids will discover that spending time with Jesus moves them to a whole new place - and can even change the lives of those around them!

God moved toward us, first. Now it's our turn. Move!

To sign up go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4baba82ba2fb6-move](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4baba82ba2fb6-move)



# Mission & Outreach

## RLC Shares Ministry on a Global Scale

The face of Christianity is changing in today's world. For our own faith to grow and deepen, we need to better understand where Christianity is headed worldwide. While churches in North America are in general decline, they are rapidly expanding south of the equator in Asia, South America, and Africa. These churches began when Western/European missionaries introduced Christianity, but they are growing today because their members are experiencing God's Spirit in their hearts and lives. Roseville Lutheran Church has a long history of supporting shared ministry on a global scale.

One example is our companion congregation relationship with the Lutheran parish in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania. RLC and Ng'ang'ange began their shared ministry in 2002 through the Bega Kwa Bega (shoulder to shoulder) program of the Saint Paul Area Synod. RLC members have traveled to Tanzania on three occasions to meet and worship with our Christian sisters and brothers in Ng'ang'ange. In addition, our congregation has sent funds for church construction, modern agricultural training, and secondary school student sponsorships. But there is great potential for this relationship to grow in ways that will not only benefit both congregations, but also glorify the God we all worship together.

Peter Harrits, Bega Kwa Bega Director, recently gave a thought provoking presentation at RLC in which he outlined the three basic practices of Bega Kwa Bega: Prayer, Presence, and Projects. Prayer, with and for one another, is the most important of the three practices for our parish partners in Tanzania. Prayer shapes the heart and soul of our relationship. We know first hand that the people of Ng'ang'ange are

praying continually for us at RLC. All of us can be more intentional about praying regularly for them. Presence is the act of being with one another in person or in spirit. We build relationships by exchanging people to share our stories and our experiences. In so doing we grow together as we build up the body of Christ on both side of the ocean. Meeting and worshiping together, shoulder to shoulder, are truly inspiring moments for everyone. Projects involve working together on common tasks. As 'can-do' Americans, however, our cultural bias is to jump too quickly into problem solving and projects.

We need to slow down, pray, and listen for the stirring of God's Spirit to discern how best to proceed on projects of common purpose and need in both of our congregations.

In the bustle of our church life at RLC it is easy to lose sight of how prayer, presence and projects can all have positive impacts on our relationship with the Ng'ang'ange parish. Our friends in Tanzania thank you for your prayers, for the presence in Ng'ang'ange of twenty RLC members during past mission trips, and for the dozens of RLC members who are sponsoring students from their parish. But Pastor Harrits' recent visit is inspiring us to deepen this relationship further in ways that would bind us closer together and benefit us all.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team



invites everyone with a passion for global ministry to more actively engage in this Bega Kwa Bega outreach at RLC. You can help shape the future of this ministry through your prayers starting today, through your possible presence on a trip to Tanzania in 2016, and through your support of projects such as student sponsorships and micro-financing initiatives. More information about this global outreach ministry is available on the RLC website, <http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/adults/mission-and-outreach/global-partnerships/>, including blogs from previous trips to Tanzania. Please contact Dave or Kären Dudley at 651-489-7243 or [dkdudleymn@gmail.com](mailto:dkdudleymn@gmail.com) for details. Being a part of this ministry will deepen your personal faith and change your life, just as you make a difference in the lives of others. *Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3*

### PROJECT HOME, CONT'D. FROM PAGE 5



where it is necessary to use cardboard walls to separate sleeping areas. Because of our unique layout, we were able to provide a separate family gathering space and families slept in individual Sunday school rooms. They loved having that sense of privacy.

Our congregation will host this ministry again in February and we encourage people to prayerfully consider taking part in this ministry. One volunteer said, "I considered it a privilege to have helped serve these dear friends during their stay at Roseville Lutheran Church. In addition, it was such a blessing to have been able to share in conversation with the adults, as well as to read and play with the children. I will go on record as saying that the one who benefited most was - ME!" Other volunteers observed that they were able to get to know other RLC members and develop relationships within our church through this experience.

The Project Home ministry team will be looking for ways to better prepare for our guests next year and connect even more meaningfully with them.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in. - Matthew 25:35*

## Serving Local Refugees

MORE is one of the local organizations that receives financial and volunteer help from RLC Mission and Outreach. A multicultural community-based organization, it empowers people of many races, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds to live and work in peace. Located near McDonough Public Housing, at 96 East Wheelock Parkway, Saint Paul, this organization helps over 800 new immigrants and refugees each year find a place for themselves in our local community. Currently MORE is serving mostly KaRen refugees from Burma.

Their services include adult English as a Second Language classes and social services to address resettlement including support groups, mental health and counseling. Also their basic needs ministry provides donated household items and clothing as well as food to those in need.

Volunteer opportunities that will give you a chance to meet the people being served are available throughout the year. These include assisting with the English as a Second Language classes (held five days a week), helping with food distribution Fridays (8:30-9:00am), or helping with clothes distribution Saturdays (8:00-9:30am). Opportunities for donating specific items to food and clothing distributions will be announced later this summer or fall. Currently the most urgent need is for a volunteer to do data entry at MORE, entering information from their refugee clients into their computer database.

If you want to volunteer or visit MORE you may contact Cathy Rucci at MORE, phone 651-487-2728 email [crucci@more-empowerment.org](mailto:crucci@more-empowerment.org), or Donna Roost, social services program manager, 651-487-2728 email [DRoost@more-empowerment.org](mailto:DRoost@more-empowerment.org). For more information see the MORE website at [www.more-empowerment.org](http://www.more-empowerment.org). For questions contact Roseville member Kären Dudley at 651-489-7243. *Matthew 25:35 ...I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*



# Adult Education

## Adult Education Opportunities

by Mary Erickson, Adult Ed. Ministry Team Chair

We continue Bible Studies and 10:10 Faith and Fellowship as we conclude RLC's ministry year of "Go" with the following. Please join us!

### May 3, 10 and 17: Hinds' Feet on High Places Book Study and Discussion Led by Jenny Carlson

Meet in the North Lounge



We will conclude our discussion of the book *Hinds' Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurdard. It is an allegory dramatizing the journey each of us must take before we can learn the secret of living life on high places. The book is based on Habakkuk 3:19.

"The Lord is my strength and he will make my feet like Hind's Feet and he will make me walk upon mine High Places." It's a story of how "Much-Afraid" es-

apes from her fearing relatives and goes with the Shepherd to the high places where perfect love casts out fear. Also the lessons she learns along the way, acceptance with joy and bearing the cost and others, "Much-Afraid" demonstrates her growing faith and trust in God. Come join us as we find God's truths and promises for our lives.

### May 3 and 10: It's Not About Me - A Bible Study of First John Led by Dick Carlson

New location - Room 40

You are invited to bring an "open ear" to this study to listen to the testimony of the writer of this short five chapter



book in the Bible. First John goes to the very core, the heart, of who God is and what it means that this God came in self-giving love in Jesus Christ, emptying himself on the cross, to bring Life (rather than death) to our fearful and self absorbed selves. Drawing out and sharing our own stories from our journey of faith, the hope of this study is that we can help each other to realize that we don't have anything to prove (because God loves us). Then we too, can empty ourselves of the need to prove our worth, and can live for a more valuable, and less anxious, purpose - of loving God and our neighbor.

### June 14, 21, and 28: Summer Psalms, Led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Sara Room 40

The Book of Psalms is a compilation of 150 pieces of literature that people of God have embraced for thousands of years. This summer, Pastor Sara and Pastor Steve teach a three-part class on their favorites. Psalms of lament, thanks giving and praise will be our textbook. Join us!

## Music

### Sharon Boyce to Retire from Marys and Marthas

After twenty years directing the Marys and Marthas Women's Choir, Sharon Boyce will be retiring in May of this year.

Sharon reports that the choir was formed around 1976 by Esther Rydberg for both singing and fellowship, and that she joined in 1980 and sang with the group for 14 years before taking over as director in 1994. The choir sings in worship, as well as



doing outreach for senior citizens, care facilities, and an annual appearance at Fort Snelling Chapel.

When the group started, they wore distinctive blue and white along with scarves, and in more recent years, matching jackets or vests. Sharon says that in addition to all the singing, the most satisfying thing about the choir has been watching it become a fine support group for all the members.

Congratulations, Sharon, and thank you for all your great work!

### Upcoming Events

*American Swedish Institute Male Chorus*  
with Minnesota Boychoir  
Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

*Minneapolis Youth Chorus*  
Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
Patricia Arasim, conductor

*Wayzata Symphony Orchestra*  
Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.  
Marlene Pauley, conductor

*Minnesota Oratorio Society*  
Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.  
Matthew Mehaffey, conductor  
(ticketed event - other concerts are free and open to the public)

### Sign Up Now for Summer - Musicians Needed!

Summer is a great time to share your musical gifts with your RLC family and friends. Most of the RLC choirs and ensembles will be taking a well-deserved break from regular rehearsing and performing, therefore vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles are needed for use in both Saturday and Sunday worship services starting June 6-7. Call your friends, comrades, co-workers, neighbors, acquaintances, and family members, and make a plan! Play/sing for a single service, or take a whole weekend! Have fun!

If you are willing to participate, please contact John Helgen at 651-288-4236 or jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org to get on the list.

### Thanks to our musicians!

Thanks to all the many and varied musicians of RLC for all their dedication and good work in our worship presentations from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday: Saturday and Sunday worship, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday mid-week services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and our Easter Sunday celebrations - a total of about 50 worship services!

During this time period, music was presented and led by ensembles comprising over 150 musicians - Senior Choir, Marys and Marthas, Children's Choir, Brass Ensemble, Jubilate Bell Choir, Bells of Praise, Praise and Worship Group, Praise and Worship Combo, Acoustic Band, as well as numerous soloists and other ensembles. Thanks as well to the music staff for all their good work: Sharon Boyce, Lori Haaland, Kristina Olson, Martha Mutch, and Cassandra McNally.



# Finance Office

## How Are We Doing Financially?

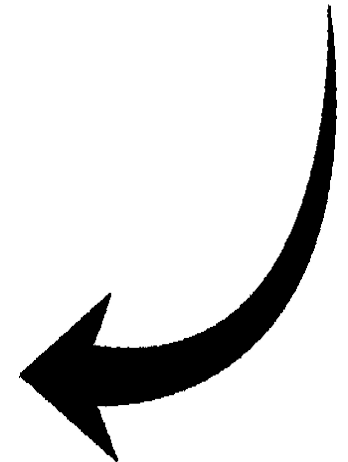
by Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance & Data

As of March 31, with three months left in the fiscal year, we are on track with giving versus expenses which means we are meeting our budget. However, the last three months have traditionally been the most difficult to

predict our giving. We remain hopeful, based on giving history to date and Intent to Give commitments, that we will end the year on track. Thank you to all of our faithful givers. Monthly financial summaries are avail-

able on the website at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/about/publications](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/about/publications). If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Laurel Hofeldt at [lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org).

Church Operations 2014-2015						Prior Year	
	Mar Actual	Mar Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2014 Mar Actual	2013-14 YTD Actual
Giving	130,439	133,940	1,072,237	1,117,450	-45,213	121,695	1,048,140
Other receipts	11,309	6,050	65,186	56,850	8,336	4,861	72,869
<b>Total Receipts</b>	141,748	139,990	1,137,424	1,174,300	-36,876	126,556	1,121,009
<b>Expenses</b>	135,360	136,376	1,111,038	1,176,831	-65,792	125,196	1,164,991
<b>Net</b>	6,388	3,614	<b>26,385</b>	-2,531	28,916	1,360	-43,982



Number of Givers 2014-2015					Prior Year	
	March		YTD through Mar		2013-14 YTD Thru Mar	
	# Givers	Avg Gift	# Givers	Avg Gift	# Givers	Avg Gift
General Fund	559	229	890	1,191	922	1,114
Lenten Offering	111	49	146	50	143	45
Bldg Designated	96	63	160	409	152	454
M&O/FMSC	68	129	217	167	217	163
Other Designated*	101	748	287	457	285	147
All Other	5	158	128	70	131	175
<b>Total</b>	610	367	963	1,359	999	1,205

\*Estate Gift 3/2015

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Fund Balances 3/31/2015		
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments		514,025
<b>Designated/Restricted Funds:</b>		
Building Fund	\$ 50,919	
Kitchen Fund	209,217	
Memorials	36,775	
Estate Gifts	71,658	
Green Space Proceeds	95,517	
Other Funds	142,479	
<b>Total Designated/Restricted</b>		<b>606,563</b>
<b>Preschool:</b>	Current Yr	<b>-1,758</b>
<b>Child Care:</b>	Current Yr	<b>-5,590</b>
<b>Operating Fund:</b>	Current Yr*	<b>26,385</b>

\*Cumulative Operating Deficit as of 06/30/2014 = (\$122,013)

Endowment Fund	
Cash	13,224
Investments	413,066
<b>Total</b>	<b>426,291</b>

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# Hospitality

Hello Roseville Lutheran!

Hospitality ministry has had a busy quarter since you last read *The Table*. We have had several events; some have been funerals, others have been social gatherings. I would like to thank all the people that volunteered all their time with one of our largest events: our Lenten Soup Suppers. These people worked side by side with Colleen and me. It got a little crazy, but we did it and had a lot of fun in the process!

The most popular soups were squash soup and clam chowder. Our most popular dessert was, hands down, the candy bar and s'more bar. The most popular salads were antipasto and green bean salad. If you any suggestion for new offerings, please email [hospitality@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:hospitality@rosevillelutheran.org) and we can add it to the possibilities for next year!

Some upcoming events :

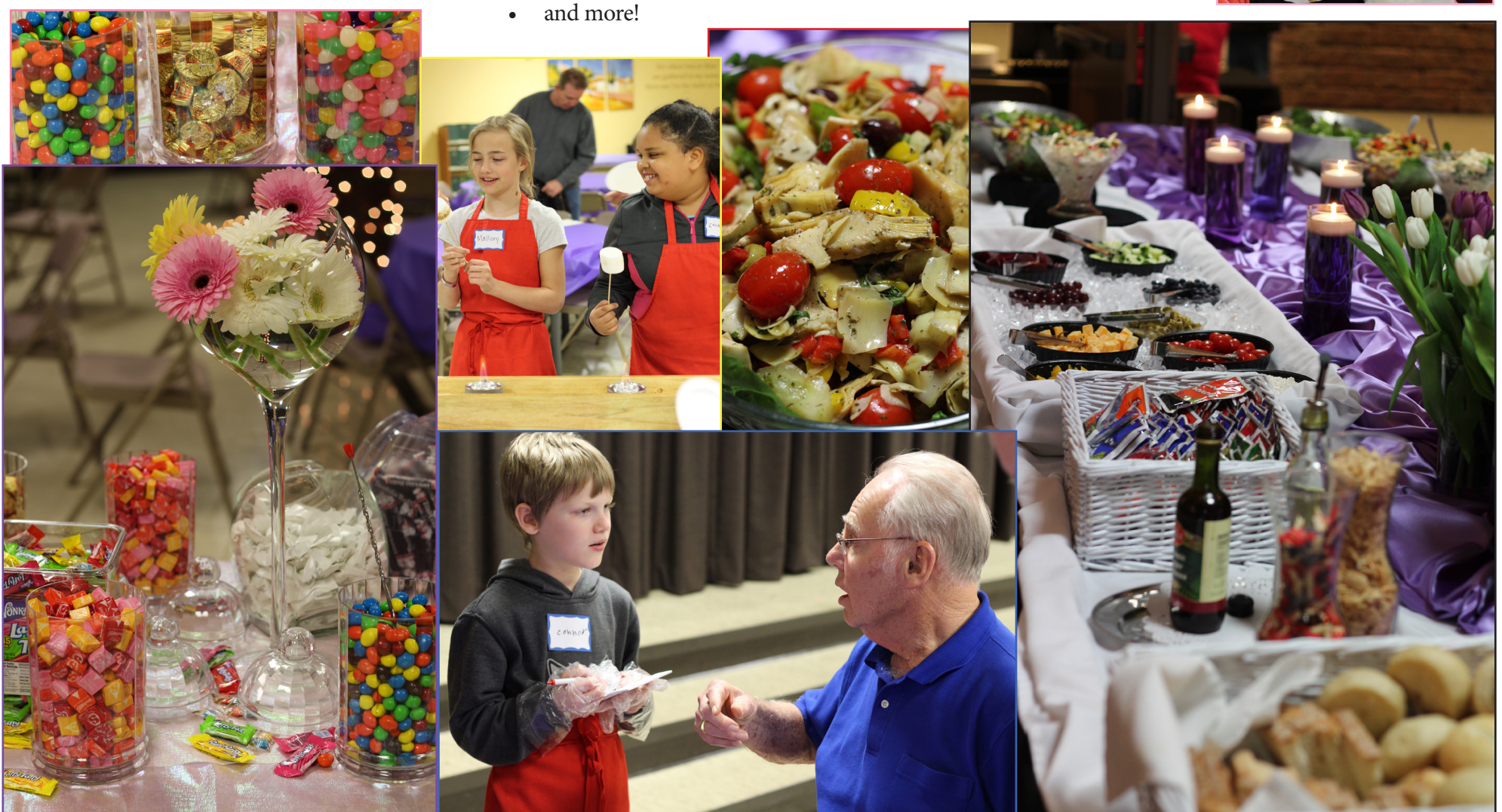
- 1st Sunday of the month breakfast: the theme of this will be a pre-Mother's Day Breakfast, This would be good time to invite your Mother or friends for a fun get together plus I have a couple surprises for the moms. This will be the last breakfast until fall. Price is \$7.00 per person.
- OLLI, from the University of Minnesota, is in the Social Hall every Tuesday until May 12. This is a great seminar that talks about the different Presidents through the years, but it's packed so get there early!
- Lutheran Braille Society
- ADK Teachers dinner
- Prime Time - May 14, June 11
- new dishwasher coming in May (!!!)
- Rebecca's Circle
- and more!

Please note that we will not have donuts and coffee on May 24 due to Memorial Day.

I have started to introduce outside events to the church for catering and in the fall I will be pursuing more events to be held at Roseville Lutheran. These have been very well received and I think we are going the right direction. If you know of friends or family that would like a catered event, please have them come talk to me.

Thank you for letting me serve you.

Ciao,  
Connie Marchio  
Roseville Lutheran  
Hospitality Manager



## RLC Lay Leaders & Staff

### 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  
Sharon Boyce, Marys & Marthas Choir  
Kristina Olson, Youth Choir  
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs  
Cassandra McNally, Children's Choir

### Children's Ministry

Kim Rehfeldt, Director  
Julie Hanson, Asst. Director  
Tammy Heiple, Nursery Supervisor

### Child Care House

Sue Menier, Director  
Linda Borgstrom, Asst.

### Student Ministry

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

### Facilities Ministry

Stephen Henry, Campus Manager  
Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer  
Shelton Ingram, Custodian  
Mary Jo Schaumburg, Custodian  
Jessica Hunt, Facilities

### Ministry Support Staff

Dave Booms, Church Administrator  
Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data  
Amanda Chavis, Communications Mgr.  
Kay Berthiaume, Financial Assistant  
Diane Daulton, Financial Assistant  
Jan Harbour, Administrative Asst.  
Pam Klenz, Administrative Asst.  
Linda Satrom, Administrative Asst.

### Preschool

Cindy Laszewski, Director

### Congregation Council

Kristin Olsen, President  
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Jane Anfang  
Lon Erickson  
Heidi George  
Janine Hughes  
Kevan Moulton  
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### Ministry Teams

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

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