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

November 2014 - January 2015



The New RLC Stewardship Committee

A little over a year ago, a Fundraising Task-force was commissioned by the Roseville Lutheran Church (RLC) council, with the purpose of looking at the state of RLC's giving and providing a recommendation to the council that would outline how to apply our resources, both staff and volunteer, to ensure the long-term financial health of the congregation.

While several recommendations were ultimately made to the council, the most basic of these, and perhaps the most important, was the recommendation to reestablish a Stewardship Committee, which has been nonexistent at RLC for more than 5 years. And so, a new Stewardship Committee was officially formed this past summer and has been actively meeting for the past few months.

The mission of the Stewardship Committee is to foster awareness, within our congregation, of God's abundant blessings in the gifts He has given each of us. We also aim to encourage and enable our members to respond to God's love by sharing these gifts of time, talent and treasures, and to embrace the call to return to God, what is God's.

As a new committee, we are still establishing our long-term goals, but so far, we have identified the following guiding principles that we will be working to achieve in the coming months and years.

- Change perceptions about church stewardship: "Stewardship calls for integration between our faith and the way we live our lives" – Grace Duddy, "Stewards of God's Love."

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GO Together with Family Serve Sundays!

Join us on January 18th for *The Big Wrap!*



The Big Wrap is an event we have participated in for the past several years. It gives us the opportunity to help Bridging, an organization that helps people get the things they need to get settled in a home. On Sunday, January 18 we will gather in the Activity Center at 10:10 a.m. to assemble Bath Bundles and Kitchen Bundles for Bridging clients. To accomplish this we are collecting any of these items to wrap together: hand can openers; wooden spoons; spatulas; bath towels, wash cloths and hand towel sets; kitchen towels and dish cloths. Put any of these items in the Blue Bin marked "Big Wrap" located in the Commons or please bring these items with you on January 18. Serving together to benefit Bridging is very rewarding and fun - we hope you can join us!



There is no regular Cornerstone or Luther League or RAW on Sunday, Jan. 18th—Families are invited to help with these projects in the Activity Center at 10:10. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to SERVE as a family!

Coming up: Family Serve Sunday - Serving Sandwiches on February 8

We have another amazing opportunity at Roseville Lutheran Church to help our most needy. This February, families with kids of all ages will participate in making 1,000 sandwiches to give to area homeless through 363 Days Food Program. Allan Law began feeding homeless and families in need on a daily basis in 1999. Mr. Law goes out every evening from 9:00 p.m.–5:00 a.m. to deliver sandwiches. He distributes an average of 1,600 sandwiches a night to individuals, shelters and locations serving the homeless. In addition, Allan distributes sandwiches that provide an extra meal for overnight residents to ten Twin Cities partner organizations serving the homeless and poor in Minneapolis and St Paul.

We will gather in the Activity Center at 10:10 a.m. for a short presentation and then begin assembling sandwiches. Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to participate in this event. Last year we made 1,000 sandwiches in less than 20 minutes!

If you would like to help with the organization of this project, please contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org or call the RLC main office at 651-487-7752. If you have a connection to get supplies for these sandwiches at wholesale prices, or could help contact businesses to donate materials, please share your time with us!

Check our website, update, and e-blast on more information on how to help,
including how to sponsor sandwiches for just \$1 each!

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 - Pastor Steve Molin

What Is *Consecration*?

Much of what we do in this life is mundane. To most people, doing laundry or mowing the lawn or paying the bills is pretty ordinary stuff. But certain things rise to the level of special, extraordinary, exceptional. The birth of a child ought never be mundane, or the vows in marriage, or the service of baptism, or the partaking of communion. These things are, indeed, special. Some would call them "holy."

Whenever God consecrates something in our lives, he makes them holy. God might consecrate a worship space, and then it becomes more than just four walls. God might consecrate a missionary, and then she becomes fit for holy work. But can you ever imagine God consecrating your money? Making it more than a mundane exchange for a pizza or a gallon of gas? But here is a truth: when we give money to the mission of God in the world, it becomes

holy money. God consecrates it and gives it special purpose, far beyond what we could ever plan. God takes our dollars and through them, changes lives, brings healing, provides hope, and translates it into love in action.

Who knew our gifts could do so much? God knew, and that's why God calls us to be partners in mission to a world in need. Of course, this is also true when we share our talents, and give of our time to God's work. It, too, becomes holy.

Three bricklayers were busy on the construction site of a new church. When a visitor asked what they were doing, each had a different perspective. One grumbled, "I'm laying bricks." A second answered, "I'm building a wall." The third joyfully said, "I'm building the Kingdom of God." Holy work.

New Consecration Sunday brings us face to face with a God of grace, taking our generous intentions and turning them into holy activity . . . activity that will last for eternity. Our gifts to Roseville

Lutheran Church do more than pay the light bill or become part of the church budget. The decision to share these gifts becomes a tangible, concrete expression of our love for the Savior. The same thing happens when we teach a Cornerstone class, or play bells, or rake our neighbor's lawn, or buy a sandwich for a hungry man. The ordinary becomes holy.

So, it is with humility that I ask you to join others and me on the weekend of November 15-16, as we invite God to consecrate a portion of our financial blessings. All of this will be done with joy and gratitude, because the greatest example of consecration is that God has made us holy. Everything else is our grateful response.

Peace,



Pastor Steve

President's Message

It's exciting to see a new program year begin again at Roseville Lutheran - the year of Go! Our RLC calendar is full of ways you can get involved in whatever way is right for you. Your 2014/2015 Council is also off running! Here are some highlights:

If you attended this year's annual meeting in June, then you know we shared information about significant facilities maintenance issues and continued budget shortfalls that need to be addressed. In August we formed a task force made up of current ministry chairs, past council members and others that have been involved in various aspects of RLC's ministry. In selecting this group we were looking for individuals with diverse perspectives, and experience with a specific part of RLC's mission. Their purpose was to look into these issues and then provide Council their thinking on how to tackle these challenges. Council was given the task force's recommendation at our October meeting, and we are now in the process of considering those recommendations, and also how to share their thinking with all of you.

On Sunday, October 12th we asked the con-

gregation to vote on whether we should sell a piece of property purchased in 1988, in anticipation of our then future growth plans for a new sanctuary. The property has never been used for any ministry purposes and we have had expenses associated with the property over the past 26 years. Recently, an interested buyer approached us with a reasonable offer and Council decided to put it to a vote, per a special congregational meeting. The 135 members attending the meeting voted to sell the property with 98% voting yes. We have not yet determined how these funds will be used, except that they will be used toward addressing our budget and/or maintenance issues.

I would also like to highlight our Stewardship focus this year. I hope you are able to attend Consecration Weekend on November 15th and 16th - both worship and a special meal following each service. Consecration Weekend is a spiritual-growth-oriented experience to enrich our biblical understanding of what it means to be a Christian steward. I hope you will join with other members and friends of Roseville Lutheran for this special weekend.

In November Pastor Steve will also be offering a 10:10 program about calling our new pastor. Please come and hear more about that process which we plan to start early next year. There will be some preliminary work beginning in January, and then we hope to appoint a call committee by early spring.

Many of you are already very involved in the ministry of RLC. Thank you for you all you do to make RLC special. If you are not involved, I encourage you to find some way to get more involved. Maybe it's helping with Cornerstone, or greeting your fellow worshippers before your service, or helping out in the kitchen. Check out the Serve Board in the Commons area for ideas. Whatever it is, I think you will meet some great people and hopefully have some fun too!

In His Service,



Kristin Olsen,
Council President

Go Further with Welcome Ministry

by David Booms, Church Administrator

The Welcome Ministry is for those who want to help new people, as well as regular attendees, feel at home, comfortable, and welcome at RLC. I personally wish to encourage you and your family to consider taking part in one or more of the ministry areas mentioned below as part of your year of Serve! Most positions require very little time outside the regular worship experience and in most cases you would be part of a team, from whom you would receive support and training. And, as you'll see in the following descriptions, the time commitment maybe as little as a 1-2 times a year. Lay persons such as you can make new Christian friends, provide much-needed assistance, serve your church and your God, and get to know RLC on a more personal level.

- Extend a hand in greeting people as they arrive before each worship time. A friendly smile

can make a world of difference to those coming through the doors, especially those who are visiting. Families and couples can greet together.

- Usher before and during worship, handing out worship folders and helping with communion and offering. Ushers usually help on a rotating basis a month at a time three different months of the year. Ushers are needed for; 5 p.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. worship.
- Serve on the altar guild, preparing the wine and wafer trays. Candles are also maintained by this group. These helpers usually serve a month at a time usually 1-2 times a year. Communion trays are prepared on Saturday mornings before the first and third Sundays of the month.
- Help at the Welcome Desk (information desk) in Luther Commons, providing information to those with questions or handing out and

retrieving hearing assist devices. Helping in this area, you will quickly learn about the varied activities at RLC. (You don't have to know all the answers but rather need to connect the person to the most appropriate source of information.) And helping those to hear the Good News with our hearing assist devices is always rewarding.

- Help run power point during 11 a.m. worship. No experience necessary.
- Serve communion on Saturday at 5 p.m. or Sunday at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship. Servers usually help about once every three months.
- Drive the bus to bring people to and from the 9am worship service or Wednesday morning Bible Study or Prime Time. No special driving license required, just as friendly attitude and a willingness to help people on and off the bus. A clean driving record is a must.

RLC News & Notes

Imagine . . . Israel!

It seems that the warring between Israel and Hamas has ceased, and adversaries are in conversation. Perhaps now you are willing to consider traveling to the Holy Land with 18 of your RLC friends in February? We still have room for you. You may pick up a brochure at the Church Office, and let the adventure begin. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Steve.

Love Lights Coming in November

RLC Endowment Committee Love Lights will be available at RLC from Saturday November 15 through Sunday November 30. Love Lights can be ordered in Luther Commons after each service (excluding Thanksgiving) or in the church office from November 15 through November 30.

Donors to Love Lights may sponsor stars as a memorial or a tribute to someone who has touched a life in our congregation. Each donor can personalize these stars in honor of loved ones and/or friends. The Love Lights Star display will be dedicated at the RLC Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 13.

Love Lights donations will be added to the permanent investment funds of the RLC Endowment Fund. The income from your gifts will continue making a positive difference into perpetuity to support the ministries of RLC, the community, and worldwide missions.

Donors may pick up cards at the Love Lights booth or in the church office to tell loved ones of the Love Lights gifts given in their honor, and a personalized Star will be on display in the Worship Center.

Veteran's Day Service to feature Dr. Kenneth Hyatt

You are cordially invited to join us on Tuesday, November 11 at 11 a.m. for the 8th Annual Veteran's Day Service at Roseville Lutheran Church. We are planning to display one uniform from each service branch: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine. We would also like to also display a photo of the contributor in the uniform, if possible. We already have a naval uniform;

if you have a uniform and photo that you would be willing to lend to us for display please contact the RLC Office at 651-487-7752.

Our speaker will be Rev. Ken Hyatt, U.S. Navy (Ret.). Lieutenant Commander Hyatt spent 20 years in the Chaplains Corps, and has served congregations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, California and Iowa. Following our service, all are invited to enjoy a complimentary lunch in our Social Hall. Please join us, and invite a veteran so that we might honor them for their service to our nation.



If you have a friend or relative in the military, please contact the church office (Phone: 651-487-7752) with their name and address. They are in our prayers and we try to stay in contact with these individuals during their deployment. We mail them copies of the Veteran's Day Service and other items that let them know we care. This is a ministry very important to Roseville Lutheran Church. Thank you in advance for any help with addresses of members, family or friends deployed.

Endowment Fund Giving

Roseville Lutheran Church Endowment Fund . . . "It's a gift that keeps on giving." The principal portion of your gift remains in place into perpetuity, with the earnings being used to make a difference in providing financial resources to RLC to assist the church in carrying out its mission and to serve as a lasting reflection of the values of RLC.

Any and all gifts given to the RLC Endowment Fund - through donations to Love Lights (see article at left), donations made as a memorial of a loved one, donations made in honor of a special person, or donations listed in your estate plan - will provide a legacy gift that will continue making a positive difference into perpetuity.

Become a Member of the RLC Legacy Society! The Roseville Lutheran Church Legacy Society honors members and friends of RLC who have included the RLC Endowment Fund as beneficiaries of their estate plans or who have made outright cumulative gifts of \$5,000 or more to the RLC Endowment Fund.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact a member of the RLC Endowment Fund Committee. Members are: Mary Ann Bannerman, KJ Bach, Mike Dolan, Matthew Hoffer, Sarah Richter, Tony Richter, Leanne Van Berkom, Rich Wendland, David Werner, Janine Hughes - Liaison to Council.

Ongoing Events and RLC Groups

The Rose Enkas

The Rose Enkas will meet for lunch on Saturday, November 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Grumpy's Bar and Grill at 2801 Snelling Avenue North, Roseville (phone 651-379-1180). The December date is Saturday, Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Little Venetian, 2900 Rice Street, Little Canada (phone 651-486-7719); the January date is Saturday, Jan. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Pippin's Restaurant, 2905 Snelling Ave. N., Roseville (phone 651-639-0633).

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Black Bear Coffee Shop in the Como Lakeside Pavilion and on third Sunday of each month at 10:10 a.m. on the Social Hall Stage. Upcoming dates include:

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 16

Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 21

Saturday, January 3

Sunday, January 18

All skill levels welcome! Contact Cindy at 651-487-0973 or cindybjerk@yahoo.com or Pam at 651-210-7843 or pammij@comcast.net with questions.

Prime Time

November 20 - Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m., to be followed by oven roasted turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green bean casserole, and dessert. On Dec. 11, we will be entertained by Pati Kachel, a singing storyteller as we enjoy Swedish meatballs over noodles, a California blend mix, and dessert. On Jan. 8, we will giggle with Pastor Steve over chicken a la king, puff pastry, peas and carrots, 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.

Roseville Lutheran Church in Transition

For the past seventeen months, it has been my pleasure to serve as your interim senior pastor. But now we begin to turn our heads and our hearts toward the future. In January, I will be gathering a "Transition Task Force" that will do the grunt work in advance of The Call Committee.

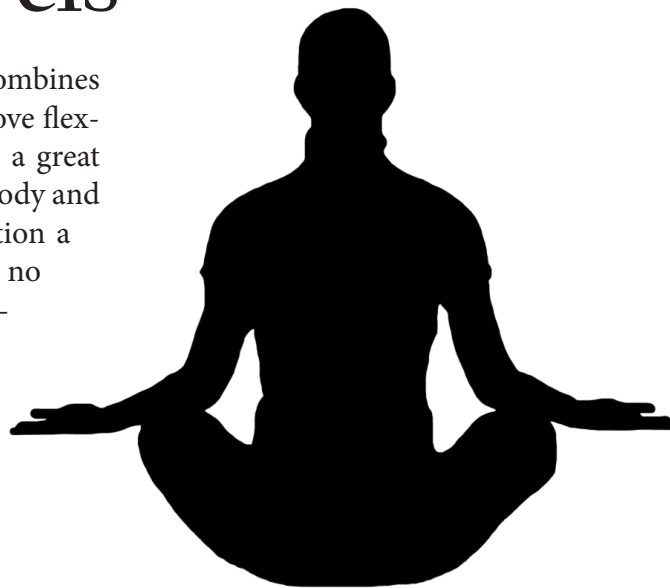
We will spend three to four months identifying key features of RLC...and what our congregation desires to be in the future.

The result of our work will be a document that is called "The Mission Site Profile." This is used by the Call Committee, the Synod, and prospective candidates, to find the person whom God will identify as our next Senior Pastor. If you have any questions, or if you wish to be considered to serve on this task force, please give me a call.

Steve Molin, Interim Senior Pastor

Yogadevotion – Yoga for all experience levels

This Christian-based program combines yoga poses with gentle stretching to improve flexibility, range of motion and balance. It is a great way to improve the health of your mind, body and spirit, all at once. Come, give Yogadevotion a try – the first time you come is free with no obligation! Yogadevotion is held on Mondays, 6-7 p.m. in the Activity Center. The next session is November 3 – December 15. No experience in yoga is necessary. Call the church office at 651-487-7752 to sign up or JUST COME! View their website at www.yogadevotion.com. Cost is \$48 for the 7 weeks.



Former RLC Employee Updates

Dear Roseville Lutheran Church,

I am writing to let you know that after graduating from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in May of 2014, I have received a call as an Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry at Christ Lutheran Church in Belvidere, IL. I am extremely excited to join in this ministry that God has called me to. RLC played a major role in bringing me to this point.

Serving as your middle school youth director was one of the most rewarding times in my life. I truly loved leading confirmation, going

to Camp Hiawatha, and putting on the annual Lock-In with the youth (many of whom are now adults!), families, and leaders of RLC. I was blessed by their presence in my life. I am also grateful for the hard-working staff at RLC who mentored me and taught me what it means to work in a church as the Body of Christ.

Thank you all for your prayers and personal support over the years. Thank you also for the scholarship money that helped pay my way through Lutheran Seminary. I am extremely grateful for the gifts of love you have shared with

me. You have shaped my faith and affirmed my call to pastoral ministry. I can never pay you back, but know that I am eternally appreciative for the gift Christ has given me in you.

In Christ,
Pastor Neal Cannon

Former RLC intern Matthew Durance accepted a call to serve Salem Lutheran Church in Axtell, KS and New Hope Lutheran Church in Onaga, KS. His ordination was August 9.

Congratulations, Matthew!

Porter David Massa was baptized on September 14. Porter's parents are Nathan and Jennifer Massa; sponsors are Joel and Nicole Anderson and Luke and Carolyn Rice.

Alex Gwendolyn Weber was baptized on September 28. Alex's parents are Sharon and Kevin Weber; sponsors are Steve and Jamie Halvorson.

Henry Joseph Daigle was baptized on October 5. Henry's parents are Timothy and Nancy Daigle; sponsors are Matthew and Megan Daigle.

Baptisms

Avery Norin Herman was baptized on August 2. Avery's parents are Jason and Emily Herman; sponsors are Mary Nelson and Emily and Chuck Hawkins.

Claire Noel Anderson was baptized on August 16. Claire's mother is Nicole Anderson; sponsors are Marlina Crank and Matthew Anderson.

Wesley Carlyle Mathson was baptized on August 16. Wesley's parents are Benjamin and Danielle Mathson; sponsors are Zak Mathson and Katlyn Myrvold.

Dominic Christian Menier was baptized on August 17. Dominic's parents are Joshua (J.J.) and Jamie Menier; sponsors are Ann Menier and Thomas Broussard.

Lauren Jane Nerland was baptized on August 17. Lauren's parents are Nick and Tamra Nerland; sponsors are Tim Sparks and Dana Allen.

Jonathan Scheve was baptized on September 13. Jonathan's parents are Jonathan and Cari Scheve; sponsors are Erika and Kyle Skelley.

Lyla Eleanor Frazier was baptized on September 13. Lyla's parents are Michael and Michelle Frazier; sponsors are Adrian and Christy Anderson and Al and Kathryn Frazier.

Nora Ione Walz was baptized on September 14. Nora's parents are Andrew and Heidi Walz; sponsors are Steve and Kristi Youngquist.

Warm Winter Scarves, Hats & Mittens Needed

Get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and create a warm winter hat, scarf or mittens for those in need. This is a great opportunity to serve our community during a cold Minnesota winter. These items are needed for all age groups. Last year 159 scarves, 35 hats, 13 pairs of mittens, and 12 infant headbands were given to new refugees.

Turn in your completed items by November 30 at the Welcome Desk or the Church Office.

Contact Cindy Bjerk at 651-487-0973 or email: cindybjerk@gmail.com or Pam McCulloch at 651-210-7843 or email: pammij@comcast.net.

Local Artist to Be Shown This Winter

DeAnne L Parks is a painter, sculptor and the Artist in Residence at Rosemount United Methodist Church; her artwork will be shown at RLC this November-December. She facilitates art making with people of all ages and abilities. Her work is held in private and corporate collections and has been published internationally in calendars, magazines and Bible studies as well as on book, CD and DVD covers. For more information, visit www.artdeanne.com.

*Please join us in congratulating all involved!
If you would like to learn more about our baptism workshops, please visit www.RosevilleLutheran.org.*

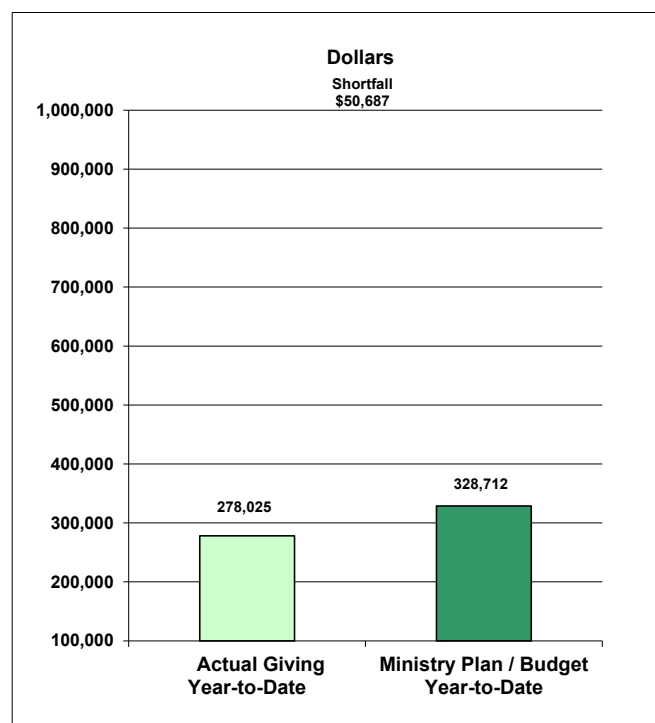
Finance Office

by Laurel Hofeldt,
Director of Finance & Data

We are thankful for each and every gift given to RLC. Your gifts make our ministry of sharing the message of Christ's salvation possible. Thank you!

Giving to our ministry plan is \$50,687 less than we had budgeted as of September 30, 2014. Our year-to-date expenses exceed receipts by \$40,052. The budgeted year-to-date deficit is \$18,146, meaning we are \$21,905 below our expected position at the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. Please prayerfully consider what the ministry of RLC means to you and your family and how you might further support the vision God has laid before us.

Monthly financial summaries are available on the website at www.rosevillelutheran.org/about/publications/. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Laurel Hofeldt at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.



Thank you for investing yourself in our church home!

Roseville Lutheran Church September 2014 Month-End Financial Summary

Total Giving	September 2014			September 2013		
	4 Sundays			5 Sundays		
	Dollars	# of Givers	Average Gift	Dollars	# of Givers	Average Gift
2014 General	94,855	553	172	95,432	584	163
Building Fund	4,996	82	61	6,422	91	71
Piano Fund	11,800	22	536	0	0	0
All Other	<u>11,395</u>	49	233	<u>16,291</u>	122	134
Total	123,046	573	215	118,145	655	180

Church Ops Receipt Summary	Sep-14	Sep-13
General Offering	94,855	95,432
Special Gifts to Budget	616	1,475
Loose Offering	2,627	2,328
Hospitality Income	8,661	6,860
Misc. Income	3,553	11,358
Assets Released from Restriction	0	2,631
Total	<u>110,312</u>	<u>120,084</u>

Church Operations	Sep Actual	Sep Ministry Plan	YTD Actual	YTD Ministry Plan	YTD Variance	2013 Sep Actual	2013-14 YTD Actual
Giving	101,605	125,006	278,025	328,712	-50,687	108,848	321,992
Other receipts	<u>8,707</u>	<u>8,247</u>	<u>16,235</u>	<u>20,673</u>	<u>-4,438</u>	<u>11,236</u>	<u>27,566</u>
Total Receipts	110,312	133,253	294,260	349,385	-55,126	120,083	349,559
Expenses	132,658	130,668	334,311	367,532	-33,220	120,639	346,029
Net	-22,346	2,585	-40,052	-18,146	-21,905	-556	3,529

Fund Balances	
Operations YTD	-40,052
Cumulative Operating Assets	-145,332
Designated/Restricted Funds	401,655
Building Fund	25,285
Kitchen Fund	205,851
Memorials	37,645
All Other Restricted Funds	132,874
Preschool YTD	1,797
Child Care YTD	-5,143

Endowment	
Cash	12,008
Investments	389,093
Total Endowment Fund Balance	401,101

Cash and Short Term Investments	
Checking / Savings / Inv Acct	176,612
Vanguard Money Market	20,458
Franklin US Gov Securities	<u>53,015</u>
Total	250,084

Text to Give at RLC – Fast, Easy, and Secure

Send a text to 28950 with the message "RLC 5" to give \$5

Want to give to RLC, but aren't carrying any cash? You're not alone! But now, you can use your mobile phone to text in your offering to RLC! It's called 'Text to Give', and Pastor Steve has already been talking about this new and exciting service for the last few weeks in church. Text to Give is safe, secure and very easy to use. You will always receive an instant receipt directly to your phone letting you

know your gift has been received. All methods of giving (envelope, checks, Simply Giving, online giving, and now Text to Give) will be documented on your RLC giving statement.

The first time you use Text to Give you will need your credit/debit card to set up your personal information. Enter 28950 in the "To:" line of your text, type "RLC 5" on the message line, and then hit

'send'. "RLC" is Roseville Lutheran's unique giving code, and the 5 represents a \$5 donation amount (but you can enter any amount you want). Then follow the instructions to get set up. Go online to the Roseville Lutheran website to learn more.

Thank you for giving and helping support the mission of Roseville Lutheran Church!

CONSECRATION

*A personal and passionate expression of faithfulness
to the mission of Jesus Christ*

Consecration Weekend is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of dis-

cipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During worship on Consecration Weekend, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Intent to Give Card does so voluntarily by attending worship on Consecration Weekend. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commit-

ments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Weekend events through the Consecration Weekend team, the Stewardship Committee and Church Council. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Weekend worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Weekend events.



Kristin Olsen
Council President



Greg Johnson
Stewardship Committee Chair

Save 10%, Share 10%, Spend the Rest with Thanksgiving and Joy

by **Trupti Storlie, RLC Stewardship Committee**

My relationship with money was complicated. I was poor growing up, and though our home was filled with love and my parents provided all they could, I was aware that the bank balance drove all decisions. In high school, as I planned for the future, my only goal was to become financially secure. It wasn't the most poetic of life dreams, but I am nothing if not practical.

I found a secure job that allowed me do most things I wanted. For many years, my husband and I were DINKs: dual income, no kids. When it came time to add a house and children, we were able to grow into these expenses. I had achieved my childhood goal, but I had no satisfaction in it. Every time I purchased a want, like a nice watch, I felt guilty. For needs, like a new furnace, I worried if I had gotten the best deal. During vacations I felt stressed by the running tally of expenses in my head. Spending money was painful: I was surrounded by abundance, financial and otherwise, and yet I only worried about not having enough.

Several years ago, my husband and I joined an RLC Small Group reading *It All Goes Back in the Box* by John Ortberg, which challenged me to think about my whole life as a gift from God. During those discussions, a group member shared this insight: save 10%, share 10%, and spend the rest with thanksgiving and joy. Coincidentally, we had begun working with a financial planner who challenged us to be responsible stewards and think about our impact in the world.

Our financial planner coached us to set up monthly withdrawals for financial gift commitments, to simplify giving and integrate it into our lives. We chose a couple of organizations and gift amounts we felt we

could realistically afford to give away. We had to repay some debt and to save an emergency fund, so we needed to find a healthy balance. The amounts were small and comparable to what we spent at coffee shops, fast food places, or movie theaters. Initially, the dollar amount we gave didn't matter; it was making the commitment to give regularly. Several years into this plan, tithing has become our long-term goal. We are still not comfortable with committing a full 10%, but we are committed to getting a little closer very year. Our gifts go to RLC and to several secular non-profits. Each year we ask ourselves if we can do more, and each year we are grateful to be able to say yes and get closer to our tithing goal.

I am most grateful to this process for the personal change I have had in my life. When asked to share my time, talent, or treasure, I feel like I have the internal resources to say yes. I have started volunteering, and this has brought me great enjoyment, new friendships, and insight to the great work being done; all of these things make me even more excited about my contributions. I am also comfortable setting boundaries and saying no if needed, because I have a plan to grow my giving. Seeing my financial gifts on my monthly statements along with my other expenses reminds me that I am a committed steward. I choose to help RLC in its stewardship ministry because I see the transformation in people who choose to be become responsible stewards: they lead lives of abundance and generosity, which are incredibly transformative.

My relationship with money is now simple: I am called to try to save 10%, to try to give 10%, and, finally, I can spend the rest with thanksgiving and joy.

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STEWARDSHIP continued from page 1.

- Deepen congregational understanding regarding the impact that RLC has, including the impact of church stewardship & giving on individuals, families, and the greater community.
- Help congregational members learn how to become responsible stewards.
- Thank the congregation for their financial gifts, as well as for their gifts of time, talent, and treasure.
- Change giving habits to help us reach our mission and financial goals.
- Create a cultural change at RLC with a focus on year-round stewardship.

Our group currently consists of only a handful of members. So if you have a passion around helping to grow stewardship within RLC, we invite you to consider joining our team! Please contact the church if you are interested. Good things are happening - become a part of them!

Sincerely,



Greg Johnson
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

Tithing: The Law? Really?

Perhaps you have heard of the word “tithes.” Literally, it means “10%.” In the Old Testament, all who raised cattle or grew crops were required to bring 10% to the storehouse, to aid the less fortunate. And ten percent was just the beginning. If a person chose, they could give more, and that was called “an offering.” This is where we get the phrase tithes and offerings.

However, in the New Testament, Jesus seems to change that expectation. For some people, the tithe was deemed too much. For others, it seems, the tithe was not enough! So Jesus establishes a new standard: It all belongs to God! (Suddenly, ten percent doesn't seem so harsh!). God allows us to use that which belongs to him. God no longer just cares about what we do with 10%; God cares about what we do with all of it.

So now, the question changes: It is no lon-

ger what you are required to give, but rather, what is God calling you to give to the work of the Kingdom? Does your level of giving reflect your level of gratitude?

When I was young, I reasoned that I had very little income so I didn't give anything. But in my mind, that didn't feel right. As I started giving, I felt good about it. As I began to earn a larger salary, my giving increased proportionately.

So what about you? Do you feel good about the gifts you give to Kingdom work?

Is there room to grow?



Pastor Steve

Stewardship Leadership Dinner

If you are interested in becoming a Stewardship Leader at RLC, please join us for an educational program given by Peter Martyn on Sunday November 9 at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall.

To reserve a spot, please RSVP by calling the Dave Booms at 651-487-7752 or emailing dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org.

Stewardship Highlight: Care Team Ministry

by Trupti Storlie, RLC Stewardship Committee

Naomi Miller and Ken Groth lead the Care Team Ministry at RLC. Care Team Ministry is a volunteer-led and -run ministry that responds, free of charge, to the non-medical “quality of life” needs of individuals and families of all ages to those within and around a faith community. It provides an opportunity for people to live their faith by serving others.

I spoke to Naomi and Ken after they had met with a new Partner joining the program to learn more about the Care Team Ministry and their experiences volunteering in this ministry area.

Why do you participate in the Care Team Ministry?

Naomi: I really enjoy helping people. I feel like I have been blessed and I want to give back. I think of the verse, “to whom much is given, much will be required.” (Luke 12:48). Especially as I get older, and I consider if I may need this help in the future, it is a way to pay this forward. But the Care Team not only helps older people; we have also supported people who have needed help for short periods: new mothers or people recovering post-surgery.

Ken: I think many people on the Care Team join because want to give back and they feel blessed to give. At the same time, most of our volunteers would say that they get more out of the Care Team relationship with the Partners they serve than they give.

What do you hope for the Care Team Ministry at RLC?

Naomi: We would like to get the word out and get more people involved in the ministry. For our volunteers, finding ways for the Youth to get more involved, and even families. We had a mother and daughter who visited a woman at an assisted living home. Bringing children into the lives of the older Partners helps them to stay connected. For potential Partners, or people who desire help, we encourage them to reach out; that has been a big barrier, people don't want to ask for help. They will be a blessing to others because they give the volunteers opportunities to serve.

A person might feel intimidated or concerned about fulfilling a commitment to volunteer with the team, what might you say to them?

Ken: Initially, it is little intimidating because it is new. All volunteers participate in a three hour training program that gives information about working with the typical Partner who is usually older. For example, if you are driving the Partner to an appointment, you might use a garbage bag to help that person slide into the car seat. You can start small; my wife and I began by doing visitations and serving communion for people who were shut in, and couldn't make it to services. From there, my involvement grew.

Naomi: We get training on general principles of communication, setting boundaries, honoring confidentiality. From a time perspective, it's really up to you. There is no typical commitment. You could volunteer an hour one month to drive someone to an appointment or as frequently as a weekly visit with a Partner. We try to match up volunteers and Partners in the hopes of them developing a care team relationship that evolves into a friendship. We also try to have a 2 to 1 ratio of volunteers to the people they support. Another aspect is that we are looking for more Partners; people don't want to ask for help, but they will be a blessing to others in the process.

Ken: Sometimes a particular Partnership is not a fit between two people. In those situations, once we are aware we simply make a change and try something new.

What do you enjoy most about the Care Team Ministry or do you have a favorite experience?

Naomi: It's hard to narrow down. As a volunteer I always learn something from my Partner. Those I have worked with in this capacity have incredible stories and have lived amazing lives. Being a part of their lives, even for a short time, is a great privilege.

Ken: I have really enjoyed working with veterans who served in World War II and Korea. One man was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed; he was in counter intelligence and he talked about his experiences with that. Another man was sta-

tioned on a large ship in the South Pacific, and that ship had an ice cream machine. He described how the smaller boats in the area would come in near them to get ice cream. It's a take on history you don't get in any books.

Care Team Ministry is a joint partnership between Roseville Lutheran Church and Lyngb-lomsten. Any member of the congregation who has a desire to nurture a friendship and live one's faith is encouraged to join Care Team Ministry. People of all ages are welcome to volunteer. Volunteers give of their time and talents as they are able, relying on the power and support of the overall team to meet the Care Partner's needs. Care Team Ministers work on a small team where they share their time and skills with one person or family. In addition to working with Care Partners, the Care Team also arranges visitations to serve communion to those who are unable to come to service.

God calls us to be in relationship with one another. Care Team Ministry Volunteers develop lasting friendships with their Care Partners, and those friendships strengthen the fabric of the community. Volunteers also discover that in giving of their time and abilities, their own faith grows.

We have heard from people how important the Care Team is; they have praised the Care Team as one of the highlights in their experience as part of the RLC family either as Volunteers or as Partners. Please join us in thanking these Stewards of God's Love. Care Team members include: Donna Anfinson, Shirley Clare, Corinne DeLaitsch, Janet Frey, Ken Groth, Bud and Dorothy Helmen, Linda Hetland, Vivian Howatt, Pastor Kris Kurzejeski, Naomi Miller, Martha Mutch, Bob Olsen, Debi Rechnagel, Natalie Sather, Diane Schweizer, Carol Solie, Lowell and Leanne Van Berkom, Karen Wiemer; the volunteers on visitation team are: Glenie Braun, Paulette Olsen, Janice Walker, Doreen Richter, Linda Groth and Vicky Lorenz.

RLC Preschool

Get to Know our Preschool Staff



I'm Cindy Laszewski. My husband Chuck and I have been members at RLC for over 30 years. Our daughter is a history professor at Kent State in Ohio, where she lives with her husband and two sons. Our son works as a trainer at Infinite Campus, a job that keeps him flying around the country.

This is my 25th year as director of Roseville Lutheran Preschool. It is a wonderful job! When I look around at the congregation, I am

reminded of all the people here who had such an impact on my children's lives: preschool teachers, Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders and mentors. All have had an impact on who my children are today.

My desire is to be one of those people who have an impact on the lives of children. Our goal for the preschool is to provide our students with a firm foundation and confidence in God's unconditional love, and in their abilities to succeed.

My name is Lori Kristiansen and this is my ninth year at RLC preschool. I am married and have three adult children.



I have been teaching preschoolers in the area for sixteen years and LOVE my job! I feel it is a privilege to be a part of the foundation of building blocks for learning for these young children. My goal is to teach so that the students love school and love learning. I also want to introduce them to the One who created them and the amazing world they live in. I have been impressed with the wonderful people I have met and worked with here at Roseville Lutheran. Thank you for reaching out to our preschool children and praying for their families.

I spend my afternoons working in eldercare and feel blessed with wisdom from one end of the age spectrum to the other!

Hello! I am Anna Duus, and I am in my 12th year of teaching the three year old classes for the preschool. I love the wonderful classroom communities created each year with inquisitive, engaged and excited learners. Our students are a joy! I am grateful for the supportive families and committed staff with whom I am privileged to work each year!



My name is Kristen Weston and I am an assistant teacher in the MWF 4-5 year old classroom. I am a mother of three school aged children, who all went to school at RLC Preschool. My husband and I relocated to Minnesota 14 years ago from GA and church and faith based programming has been paramount in feeling connected without family in the area. I previously served as a teacher in the Parents' Morning Out Program here at RLC. It is a thrill and a privilege to be able to serve as a teacher to these beautiful children as they prepare for kindergarten. My previous experience includes teaching at both the elementary and early childhood level and I have recently been certified as a child life specialist to help serve the developmental needs of children in a healthcare setting.

Hi! I'm Christie Brewer. My husband and I live in Roseville along with our 3 daughters. All of our girls have attended Roseville Lutheran nursery school, so for the past 6 years I have been picking up and dropping off kids at preschool every Tuesday and Thursday morning. This year, our girls are all in elementary school, and I am thrilled to continue to spend my Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the preschool. It is a privilege to work with such an excellent, caring staff and be able to teach such wonderful children.



My name is Michelle Sjobeck and I feel very fortunate to work with such a wonderful group here at Roseville Lutheran Preschool. My husband and I, along with our two daughters, live in Little Canada and our children attend Roseville schools. Over the years both of our daughters attended RLC Preschool and they loved the time they spent here! For the past 10 years I was a stay at home mom. For the last 6 years, I have been a substitute Teachers Assistant for Maplewood and Roseville Area Schools.

My family and I enjoy many outdoor activities all year. Most of all we love to camp together. When I have a moment, I enjoy walking or reading a great book.

RLC Preschool Poinsettia Sale

We want to invite you to participate in the Poinsettia Sale on November 29 and 30 in Luther Commons. Proceeds from the sale help to supplement our scholarship programs and replace equipment. Due to many different circumstances, we have a number of families this year that have need help with tuition. These parents are so appreciative that people would help their children have the best start in kindergarten by helping them pay for preschool. For many families, Roseville Lutheran Preschool is not only their entrance into the church, but into the very beginning of faith.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Tom and Heidi Johnson, owners of A. Johnson and Sons Floral. The flowers are always beautiful, their staff is so gracious, and the cost of the plants is heavily discounted – resulting in a significant profit on each sale!

- Cindy Laszewski, Director, RLC Preschool

Children, Youth & Family

Cornerstone Corner

Cornerstone Christmas Program Set for December 14

Cornerstone kids from 2 years old through 4th grade will be leading our 11:00 Worship service on Sunday, December 14th with song and narration of the Christmas Story.

Parents should bring their preschoolers to their usual Small Group Space at 10:00 for Cornerstone. Kindergarten – 4th graders will all meet in the Activity Center at 10:00 for one last rehearsal. Parents can pick up their Cornerstone kids after the Worship service where they dropped them off. The kids will be working hard to make this a special program... we hope to see you there!

Christmas Program Rehearsal

On Friday, December 12, we will have our only full rehearsal in the Worship Center for the Cornerstone Christmas Program. We begin promptly at 6:30 p.m., so please arrive early to be ready to sing at 6:30. Preschoolers will be excused at 7:15; all others will be excused at 8:00. Narrators are asked to arrive by 6:00 to rehearse before the others arrive.

Cornerstone Advent Activity Day

Each year, as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, we hold an Advent Activity Day in Cornerstone Ministry. This year's Advent Activity Day will be held on November 30, during the Cornerstone hour. All Cornerstone students from 2 years old through 4th grade, along with Luther League and 5th and 6th graders, will participate in creating a craft or decorative item to be used in the home during the Advent season. These are quality items that will last for several Advent seasons and you will want to use them year after year as you focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Because the cost of these items is not part of the Children's Ministry budget, we ask that each child bring \$2.00 with them on Sunday, November 30, to help defray the materials cost. Please place the \$2.00 in a plain envelope and have your child place it in the Cornerstone offering basket or Joyful Jingles can.

Extra hands will be needed to assist the students in completing their projects, especially at the preschool and early-elementary level. Please talk with your child's Small Group Shepherd and offer to join your child's small group to provide an extra set of hands. It is very important that all the children have the opportunity to complete their project on Sunday, Nov. 30. Please help to make this a wonderful experience for all in the preparation for the coming of Christmas by volunteering in your child's Small Group.

Cornerstone Calendar at a Glance:

November 30	Advent Activity Day for 2-year-olds and up
December 7	Pajama Day in Cornerstone, Luther League and RAW
December 12	Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. (narrators arrive at 6:00)
December 14	Cornerstone Christmas Program at 11:00 a.m. Worship Kids to have final rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. in Cornerstone
December 21	No Cornerstone - Christmas Break
December 29	No Cornerstone - Christmas Break
January 4	Cornerstone Resumes

265 Backpacks sent to Lutheran World Relief

Our September Kick-Off mission project of filling backpacks with school supplies was a project that involved many hands and hearts to complete!

Over 30 people donated their time and talent to cut fabric, sew and string handmade drawstring backpacks. Thanks to young people that came to church on an August afternoon to cut fabric, others were able to bring their sewing machines to church and construct 265 backpacks! Many took fabric home

to complete what couldn't be done at church! Still others took backpacks home to string the drawstrings through them. Club Serve, a group of children that meet on Wednesdays at RLC boxed up the backpacks and got them read to ship to the LWR warehouse. Volunteers then loaded them into their vehicles and brought the 34 boxes to the LWR warehouse in South St Paul.

Generous donations of school supplies made it possible to fill 265 backpacks on Sunday, September 7th to be sent to children in need through Lutheran World Relief. The school supplies that were not used in these backpacks were sent to local schools to benefit children in our area. Thank you all for having a generous heart to give of your time, talent and resources to make this project possible! God is good . . . All the time!



Pajama Day is coming to Cornerstone, Luther League, and RAW

Sunday, December 7 is Pajama Day for all kids at Roseville Lutheran Church! All kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas to Cornerstone, Luther League and RAW AND bring a new pair of pajamas to give to the Sharing Tree for others this Christmas. The kids will lounge in their Small Group spaces and learn about the love of God in a comfy, cozy way!

If you are not a part of Cornerstone but would like to donate a new pair of pajamas to the Sharing Tree, please join the fun!!

Kids . . . Bring a pair of new pajamas to give to others, and wear your pajamas to Cornerstone, Luther League and RAW on December 7!

Children, Youth & Family

VIP: Very Intentional Parenting

A new opportunity, VIP, begins on November 2 for parents, grandparents, or others wanting to be intentional about raising faith-filled children. We will gather twice a month in Room 43 at 10:10 a.m. to provide support and encouragement to one another about raising kids.

We will share practical, hands-on resources and ideas you can use at home with your children and family to nurture faith. VIP will be led by Kim Rehfeldt, Director of Children's Ministry, who will share seasonal resources and activities each session and will facilitate discussion.

Stop, Drop, and Shop!

Parents - have we got a treat for you! On Friday, Dec. 5 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., drop off your kids (through 6th grade) at RLC for some movies, snacks, games, gift-making, and fun with friends! Stop by the church, Drop off the kids, and go Shop for those gifts! Movies will be *The Muppet Christmas Carol* and *The Polar Express*. Cost is \$10/child with a \$20/family maximum - no reservations required.

Movie Night

Join us Friday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center for a FREE showing of *The Lego Movie*! Popcorn and beverages will be served. Don't forget to bring your favorite chair or floor pillow for this evening of fun on the big screens!

We will also have a movie Night on January 16 - Mark your calendars!

Children's Ministry Musical

Tryouts for the Children's Ministry Musical will be held on November 11 and 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. You only need to attend one tryout session if you would like to be in the musical. The musical is open to all Kindergarten through 6th Grade young people. Everyone who comes to the tryouts will be a part of the musical cast. Preference for lead roles is given to 6th graders and those who have participated in previous musicals. All cast members will also be

a part of the chorus.

Rehearsals will begin in January and will be held every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and alternating Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. The musical will be presented in worship the weekend of February 14-15. If you cannot make it to a tryout session or are interested in more information, please contact Kim Rehfeldt at 651-487-7752 or krehfeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Be a Lenten Mentor

At Roseville Lutheran Church, we value our youth and want to connect them with adults in our congregation to continue their faith formation. During Lent in 2015, we want you to partner with our youth and get to know them better. These six weeks from Ash Wednesday (February 18) to Easter (April 5) you will meet one on one with a High School youth. After they are confirmed in 9th grade, our sophomores, juniors, and seniors don't have as many opportunities to bring up questions and this is a time in their life that they have a lot of great questions. As adults, we're not asking for you to have all the answers, but rather be present and engaged in the lives of our youth and become

a Lenten mentor. You will spend Wednesday evenings enjoying RLC's Lenten meals together (along with other adult mentors and high school mentees), worship together, and take time to connect one-on-one about what's going on in each other's lives, share prayer requests and pray together.

We will be having informational meetings for all interested at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, and @ 10:10 on Sunday, January 25. On February 8 at noon, we will give youth and adults an opportunity to meet one another before Ash Wednesday. So when a youth approaches you in the coming months asking you to be a Lenten Mentor, please prayerfully consider this amazing opportunity and say YES!

Confirmation Lock-In Coming in February

This year's Confirmation Lock-In is only a few months away! As always, it will be an all-night event of fun and games. Youth will have a great time in fellowship with the giant inflatables, movies, games, midnight worship, pizza party, laser tag, and much, MUCH more! The Confirmation Lock-In is open to youth in grades 7-9 and their friends!

The fun begins on Friday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. and will end on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 7 a.m. The cost is \$40 per youth and the deadline to register is January 25. Registration forms will be available at the Youth & Family desk by the RLC Office beginning in November. Contact Abby at youth5-8@rosevillelutheran.org with any questions.

The Power of Connection

by Sara Spohr,
Pastor of Children, Youth & Family

Some of the best times to walk around the halls of Roseville Lutheran Church are on Sunday mornings at 10:10 and on Wednesday evenings at about 7:45. This is when the classrooms are filled with students and adult leaders for Cornerstone, Luther League, RAW, and Confirmation. The rooms are brimming with energy, they are overflowing with joy, they are centered in prayer and fellowship, and they are alive with vital human connection.

We recently shared a video with our confirmation small group leaders about the value and importance of human connection. (If you're interested, Google Ted Talks, Rita Pierson, and every kid needs a champion). In this video we heard these two quotes:

- James Comer said "no significant learning can occur without a significant relationship."
- George Washington Carver said "all learning is understanding relationships."

This is an important concept to grasp not just in education, but in our churches as well. We need significant relationships with other people of faith in order to really develop and delight in our own faith. We need our kids to have connections with other people of faith - that's a promise we make to them in baptism. We cannot grow and thrive in faith without the support, encouragement, and witness of others.

This is what makes a Sunday morning or a Wednesday evening walk around this church so delightfully hope-filled. Cornerstone shepherds are cheering on kids as they master memory verses. Students are laughing together and reading from their Bible together. Children and youth are asking deeply meaningful questions. There are sugary snacks being devoured, but there are also heartfelt prayers being offered. Small Group leaders are listening to the very real ups and downs in the lives of students - and then lifting their students up in prayer.

This is just a small slice of the places God is at work connecting people to people. For most families, their time at church is just an hour or two per week. There are far more hours spent at home, in the school, and in the carpool. These are all places for vital connection as well. Connecting as a family, connecting with God through prayer, connecting through the commute or carpool by turning off the radio and talking to one another. I am convinced - connections with others bring us closer to God.

What's your connection? Who do your kids or grandkids connect with? Who, besides you, is praying for your child? How are you and your family connecting with others in ways that give witness to God's love?

Its all about human connections. These connections powerfully allow us a glimpse at the very real connection we have with God. What a blessing it is to be the church together.

In good faith,



Pastor Sara

Children, Youth & Family

Senior High Ministry

by Michael Jordan, Dir. of High School Ministry

Our youth are so fantastic! Even with the lives they lead, they are able to find a balance and make RLC a priority in their lives. If you haven't had the opportunity as a high school youth to participate in some of our great programs and activities, you're missing out. Every Tuesday, we meet in the Great Hall at 7 PM for 90 minutes of faith fellowship, and fun. These upcoming months we will have a trip to SkyZone, have a Bible Study led by Lily Lorenz, celebrate the birth of our savior with a Christmas party, ring bells for the Salvation Army, play glow in the

dark Nuke 'Em, and much MUCH more.

If you feel like your Thursday mornings are just missing something to get your day started right, you should come to Bagels @ Dawn. We meet at the St. Paul Bagelry from 6:45 to 7:45 AM. Come and eat a delicious bagel, finish up that assignment, and hear a devotion before Michael takes you to school in the church bus.

As always, if there is something that is missing in the youth group at RLC that you would like to see, contact Michael at seniorhigh@rosevillelutheran.org.

SummerFest Youth Auction

SAVE THE DATE for the SummerFest Youth Auction and Dinner on Sunday, March 1 from 5 - 7:30 PM right here at Roseville Lutheran Church. Come join us for our 4th annual youth auction. All proceeds will be used to directly offset the cost of camp and mission trips for RLC youth! This evening is truly spectacular and will include: a delicious dinner prepared by Connie and served by RLC youth; live auction with exciting adventures and opportunities; NEW silent auction of "Great Gatherings" to encourage fellowship (mother/daughter tea, wine tasting, football party, card making, etc); Youth Store with items made by our youth; and a gift card wall with gift cards donated by local merchants and RLC families.

Every youth (currently in grades 4-12) who volunteers 4 or more hours for SummerFest will get scholarship money to use towards RLC's summer youth trips. Opportunities for youth to volunteer will be available before, during, and after the auction. Our goal is to raise \$100+ per youth! To make this event a success, we have put together a fantastic committee of parents, but we can't do this alone. Please consider serving on the night of in various areas or donating a Great Gathering or gift cards to the auction. All of you should come to the auction and bid on these amazing items to help support our youth as we go into the greater world learning more about and praising God! Tickets will be available for purchase ahead of time at \$15/person. For more information, please contact our SummerFest co-chairs Marlaine Maahs (maahs-er@gmail.com) or Kathy Peters-Martell (kpeters@umn.edu). We look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, March 1.

Meet Abby, RLC's new Youth Director!

Hey! My name is Abby Matter, and I am excited to serve as the Director of Middle School Ministry here at Roseville Lutheran Church.

I grew up in Hartland, Wisconsin, but spent the last four years in Indiana at Valparaiso University where I graduated with a degree in social work. Now I am a student at Luther Seminary pursuing a degree in children, youth, and family. Some of my hobbies include playing ultimate frisbee, singing, biking, and rollerblading.

I look forward to meeting and spending time with youth of all ages and their families while we create community and grow in faith together.



Luther League & RAW Schedule

Luther League is held Sunday mornings at 10:10 in Heritage Hall. It is a time of learning about topics of faith, religion, and life. RAW is 7th & 8th grade education hour held every Sunday at 10:10 a.m. in the Great Hall.

11/2	Be Humble	12/7	John the Baptist Prepares the Way
11/9	Ten Bridesmaids	12/14	Christmas Party
11/16	Parable of the Talents	12/21	Christmas Break
11/23	Sheep and Goats	12/28	Christmas Break
11/30	Advent Activity Day	1/4	Jesus the Word
		1/11	Jesus Baptism
		1/18	Family Serve Sunday - The Big Wrap! (NO Luther League or RAW)
		1/25	Jonah and the Big Fish

Youth Summer Opportunities

It is time to start thinking about RLC's Summer Youth trips! The registration deadline for all 2015 summer youth trips is February 1. Registration packets as well as a brochure highlighting all the opportunities will be available mid-November. Here is a brief overview of the opportunities this summer:

Camp Hiawatha (June 21-26): RLC's Summer Bible Camp is a week of camping, bonfires, singing, exploring, canoeing, creating food, fun, friends, and experiencing God's creation in Northern Minnesota. Camp Hiawatha is open to youth who completed grades 4-9 by summer of 2015 and their friends.

Summer of Service (July 6-10): This is an opportunity to serve right in our own backyard. Mornings will include a Bible study and a service opportunity in the local community. Afternoons will be filled with fun activities and games! Summer of Service is open to youth who completed grades 5 & 6 by summer 2015 and their friends.

Senior High Mission Trip (July 12-18): Youth will have the opportunity this summer to serve

within the heart of the Twin Cities. Through this week of urban immersion, youth will not only have the opportunity to serve, but also learn more about the issues facing those we meet during the week. Our group will work with a variety of organizations that are actively seeking the good of Minneapolis, including summer kids programs, senior citizen centers, and some great shelters and food banks that are making a positive impact in the community. In addition, we will have the opportunity to explore all the Minneapolis has to offer from waterfalls to the sculpture garden.

Middle School YouthWorks (July 19-24): The Middle School Mission Trip this year is an opportunity to learn more about the struggles that accompany being homeless in Duluth. Youth will work alongside social service organizations to serve both the elderly and children as well as visit some local scenic areas and help facilitate a community cookout. This Mission Trip is open to youth who completed grades 7 & 8 by summer 2015 and their friends.

BWCA (July 26-August 1): Spend a week in

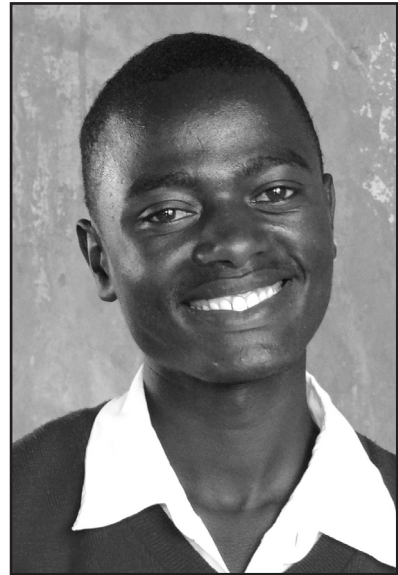
one of the most beautiful places on earth. Together, we will explore the power and splendor of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness with the guidance of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry staff. Through daily Bible studies, guided conversations, and times of reflection, our trained canoe guide will help connect each day's experience to each of our personal journeys of faith.

Brochures and registration forms for all of these trips will be available at the Youth and Family desk by the RLC office and online beginning in November. Scholarships are available for all of these trips as well. Additionally, the SummerFest Youth Auction will be happening in March to offset the cost of these trips. Completed registration forms as well as a nonrefundable \$100 deposit per youth participant are due by February 1st! Parent chaperones are needed for some trips. If you have any questions or are able to help chaperone, contact Abby Matter at youth5-8@rosevillelutheran.org or Michael Jordan at seniorhigh@rosevillelutheran.org.

Mission & Outreach

RLC to Sponsor Tanzanian Students Again in 2015

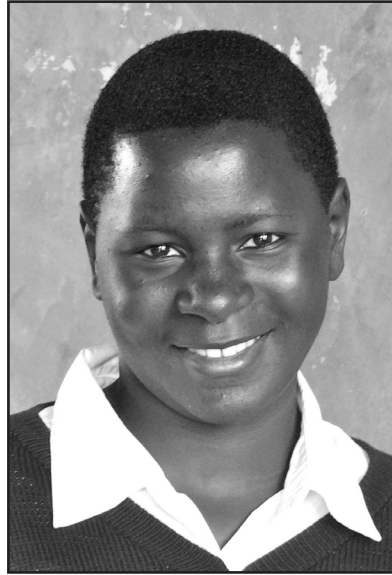
by Dave Dudley, Mission and Outreach Ministry Team



Secondary school students from RLC's companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania, will again receive tuition aid from our church and from dedicated individuals during the 2015 school year. These student sponsorships, an ongoing ministry of RLC for the past decade, enable bright young women and men from the Ng'ang'ange parish to continue their education beyond

their young people. This is a high priority for their parish.

Consider sponsoring a student yourself this year. The annual cost is \$380, which helps pay for room, board, and tuition during the school year. Partial sponsorships are also appreciated. Make checks payable to Roseville Lutheran Church, and write Iringa Student in the memo line. Funds are needed by November 3 so we can inform the parish of RLC's commitment, and they can designate which students will be sponsored in 2015. Your gift will open a brighter future for a student who, otherwise, has few educational opportunities beyond primary school. Matthew 25.40



the primary level. In our conversations with the pastor and parish leaders in Ng'ang'ange, they have asked us to work with them bega kwa bega (shoulder to shoulder) in this way to bring the gift of education to

Sharing Tree

The RLC Sharing Tree will continue this Christmas season. The Christmas tree will be up from the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift, and then place the gift unwrapped under the tree by December 15. Due to requests from the our partner organizations, we will again focus on gift cards this Christmas.

Your gifts will benefit children and adults served by partner organizations that RLC supports. The December 15 deadline allows these organizations to deliver your gifts prior to Christmas. Thank you for keeping the Sharing Tree a tradition!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

As we celebrate our Thanksgiving, the Mission and Outreach Team at Roseville Lutheran is hosting the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations will go to those in need at RLC and Keystone Community Food Shelf. We are asking every member and friend of Roseville Lutheran to bring in non perishable items to the bins in Luther Commons. We will be collecting food in Luther Commons throughout the month of November.

Financial gifts are always appreciated by Keystone Food Shelf. Through Keystone's relationship with Second Harvest Heartland, they are can purchase \$4 of food for every \$1 donated to Keystone.

Please help us support those in need in our community over the Holiday season.

Monthly Collections for Bridging

Bridging is a 22-year-old nonprofit organization headquartered in Bloomington with warehouses in Bloomington, Roseville, and Central Minnesota. Its mission is to provide the economically disadvantaged in transition with quality furniture and household goods free of charge. The Roseville warehouse opened in 2006 and many RLC members are already volunteering at the site. More can be found at www.bridging.org.

Warm Toes and Tummies

As we are in the year of GO, come help the homeless keep their feet warm and this winter. A Roseville Lutheran tradition is to collect new socks that are given to the homeless at the Dorothy Day Center during the Loaves and Fishes monthly meal. This year we are asking RLC members and friends to buy and give socks throughout November. These socks will be given out on December 8th at the monthly Loaves and Fishes dinner. A great place to get warm tube socks is DealSmart - located next to Taste of Scandinavia in Little Canada off of Rice street.

Dear friends in Christ at RLC,

The non-festive part of the church year implies a quiet period which offers extra time for spiritual reflection. Not for those of us who serve in schools though. Every September, the square in front of the Bible school turns into a vibrant beehive. And we do rejoice over this turmoil!

For the teachers and other support staff, the prep work for the new school year starts even before Sept. 2. More so if the classrooms for the Lutheran high school are still dirty after reconstruction and we need to move in literally tons of furniture and school equipment. Thanks to the great and dedicated team of custodians and technical support staff we managed to start the school on time (to be honest . . . I would not have bet on it on Aug. 25). Our high school students are thrilled by this temporary facility and teachers got somehow used to traveling back and forth from one building to the other. At the same time, we keep on striving for more permanent solutions which could house the growing high school. Please keep us in your prayers in our search.

We also rejoice over the fact that several of our LES parents enrolled into Biblical training at the Bible school. They want to learn more about Christianity their children bring home. We pray they can grow in faith along with their small ones.

For a month, the Bible school was partially roofless and despite the unstable weather, we manage to cover the central part of our roof with new tiles and insulation. No more leakage and water damage to our library and apartments.

During early August, Tomas and I spent several days away from our daily routine traveling around southern regions of the Czech Republic. We had a great time tasting and trying everything the beautiful country offers. We recharged to start a new school year with our "experienced" third grader Misko and Ondrej who became first grader.

Tomas transferred from his university position to teach at our Lutheran high school. He teaches religion classes and further develops the music department at the

Lutheran Academy in Martin. He seems to enjoy this change and on occasions we host the hordes of teenagers at our house.

As a school mom, I drive and walk our kids for their afterschool activities; we do homework, and enjoy precious moments of occasional leisure.

Peace be with you always!
Slavka Gulanova



Mission Month Conversation : Pastor Thanks RLC

by Mary Schultz, Mission and Outreach Ministry Team

10:10 participants will Skype with Elisabeth Johnson, our missionary in Cameroon on January 18.

Elisabeth visited Roseville Lutheran while she was home this summer visiting congregations who support her ministry and the ELCA's partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meigan-ga, Cameroon. This past spring, students from Cameroon, Congo, Guinea, and Senegal graduated and returned to their homes to begin their ministries! As a professor at the Lutheran Institute of Theology, she



has had opportunities to interact with many people both at the seminary and throughout the country. We look forward to this SKYPE Sunday hearing about how her pick up truck is working, about her traveling and how her classes (all in French) are going. We can ask her questions about the celebrations, festivals and cultural activities and about how God is working in the lives of all those she meets.

Pastor Ajenister Maliga, in a recent letter, has thanked RLC for sponsoring her parish in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania. We have been companion Lutheran congregations since 2002.

"Firstly let us say pray the Lord, Ng'ang'ange parish (is) so happy to say thanks for helping us in the following (ways). [. . .] Sponsoring 45 students by paying their school fees, whereby 12 have finished form four and five of them...will continue with advanced level in 2014/2015 and one (has) completed form six. [. . .] For giving us those requirements needed in Agriculture whereby we have planted one (acre) of Maize and half (an acre) of beans (using productive farming methods)."

RLC's Mission and Outreach Ministry Team is funding this agricultural education project out of our first fruits contributions to the church's annual operating budget. This demonstration plot is an excellent way for us to support the cooperative philosophy of the Bega Kwa Bega (shoulder to shoulder) program of the St. Paul Area Synod. RLC also helps the parish purchase building materials for parish projects: "Our congregation is (in) the process of building four houses for the church servants (evangelists). In July we will start constructing and preparing blocks (mud bricks) with building process."

Pastor Maliga also writes about the ways she teaches church members. In July she led a "conference for youth whereby they learn(ed) how to be economical and how to depend on God." She also led a family conference for women in September with similar goals. "Lastly children's conference (in) October whereby they can learn word from Bible with sing songs. Finally teaching all church members the benefits of praying to God. [. . .] Your warmly welcome to join with us: Thanks and be blessed."

Big Wrap Collections

Bridging is a 25-year-old nonprofit organization headquartered in Bloomington with warehouses in Bloomington, Roseville, and Central Minnesota. Bridging's mission is to provide economically disadvantaged in transition with quality furniture and household goods free of charge. The Roseville warehouse opened in 2006 and many RLC members regularly volunteer with Bridging.

The Mission and Outreach Team and Children, Youth, and Family Ministry will be hosting The Big Wrap event on Sunday, January 18 at 10:10 in the Activity Center. All RLC members are invited to wrap towels and utensils bundles for Bridging. RLC will then send these gifts to the Bridging warehouse in Roseville for clients who are shopping for furniture and other household items at Bridging. Collection Items that will be wrapped up: towels: wash cloth, hand towels and bath towels; kitchen items: Can openers, spatulas, and mixing spoons.

Christian LIFE

Ladies' Lock-In : Coming Nov. 7 To the Stage with "God Girl"

Ladies of all ages, take a break from work, from studying, from everyday *stuff* and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Meet new people and make new friends as we get to know each other through games and arts and crafts; we will also have a nail spa and other activities, and there will be a sandwich bar for dinner. Join us from 6 - 10 p.m. on Friday, November 7 for a great time! Suggested donation \$5/person. Please contact Janine Hughes at janineh@tela.com or 651-636-9123 with questions.

Join us Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. for "God Girl," a new play by Kristine Holmgren; the play will be presented at the Minnesota History Theatre in St. Paul.

Meet the spirited Macalester College graduate who was one of the first of a large group of women admitted to the Master of Divinity program at Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1975, when the war in Vietnam was over and the women's liberation movement was in full swing, an idealistic and determined young woman decided to change the world starting with her ordination to ministry.

This new play by Presbyterian pastor and

former Star Tribune columnist Kristine Holmgren reflects on the hard work, humor, and heartbreak experienced by the brave women who dared to break through the stained glass ceiling within the Protestant church. There will be an Afterthoughts program following the play with a speaker that is related to the topic. Recommended for ages 14+.

Tickets are \$29 each (includes all processing fees) and will be available for purchase at www.rosevillelutheran.org by mid-November; they must be purchased by January 10. Please contact Jennifer or Tim Bergman at mn_bergman@msn.com with questions.

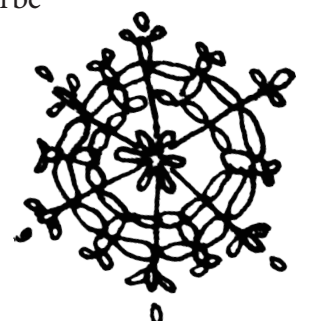
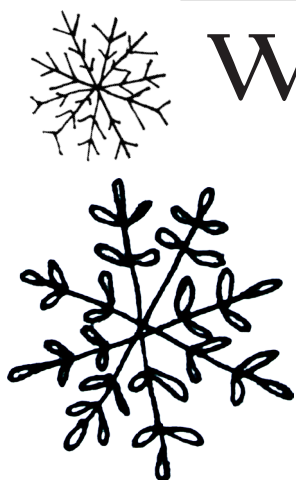
Women's LIFE Event: Winter Wonderland

Well, it's not quite winter, and January 25 sure seems like a long time from now. Still, you'll want to save the date on your calendar so you won't miss this Women's LIFE Event. The Christian LIFE Ministry Team and RLC Hospitality are partnering to bring a little warmth and fellowship to a cold winter afternoon.

You are invited to enjoy an elegant 5-course meal amidst the beauty of a winter wonderland setting. Tickets are limited to the first 144 paid reservations. Tickets

are \$25 cash or check only; limit 4 per person. Tickets will be available the weekends of November 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23 while supplies last, and will be sold after worship on Saturdays and from 8 - 11 a.m. on Sundays in the Commons. Tickets will be for reserved seating; no meal substitutions. You may also call or email Janine Hughes for tickets at 651-636-9123 or janineh@tela.com.

Please mark your calendar for 3:00 p.m., Sunday, January 25, for a memorable Winter Wonderland!



Adult Education

Adult Education Opportunities

by Mary Erickson, Adult Ed. Ministry Team Chair

We continue Bible Studies and 10:10 Faith and Fellowship during RLC's ministry year of "Go" with the following:

The Story

During 10:10 Faith and Fellowship in the North/South Lounge; Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:45 pm in Room 40

Our study of The Story in the New Testament concludes with three lessons:

November 2 and 5: Paul's Mission

November 9 and 12: Paul's Final Days

November 16 and 19: The End of Time

Over the last year and a half we have studied the Bible and God's plan. Join us for the last lessons as we seek to discover our place in God's plan. We would like to thank our leaders for this program: Sundays, Sandy Raup and Lon Erickson and on Wednesdays Linda Borgstrom and Geri Skogen.

The Interim Road

Where we've come from and where we're going

Led by Steve Molin during 10:10 Faith and Fellowship on Sunday, November 9; Room 40.

Pastor Steve has been with us at RLC for 16 months now as our interim senior pastor. Gather with us on November 9 to hear Steve's review of these past months, and the plan for the future. In addition to sharing a possible timetable to calling a new senior pastor, he will also welcome questions and conversation about the current life and health of RLC.

Paul's Missionary Journeys

Led by Kris Kurzejeski during 10:10 Faith and Fellowship on November 16, 23 and 30 in Room 40.

We will use the book of Acts to learn more about Paul's missionary journeys and why they were so important for the development of the early Church and in the spread of Christianity. We will track Paul's routes and identify the major events that occurred during the cities that he visited, using Paul's zeal for spreading the Gospel as our own incentive to do likewise, especially in this ministry year of "Go."

The Christmas Gospels

Led by Jim Boyce during 10:10 Faith and Fellowship on December 7 and 14 in Room 40.

A stable, the baby Jesus in a "manger," shepherds and sheep, angels, wise men, Bethlehem, and an inn with no room. For most of us these images shape our recollection of the Christmas story. Yet in the New Testament the story of Jesus' birth appears in four very different narratives. Each of the gospels approaches the story to communicate a distinctive message for a particular audience. These two sessions will review the different ways in which the birth of Jesus is told in the gospels and highlight the way in which each story captures important aspects of this moving story.

Christmas Hymn Sing

Led by John Helgen during 10:10 Faith and Fellowship on Sunday, December 21 in the Social Hall

During the 10:10 hour on Sunday, December 21, John Helgen will lead a hymn sing. Come, request your favorite tunes for Advent and Christmas, or any time of the year and sing!

Philippians Bible Study

Led by Susan Christopherson at 10:10 Faith and Fellowship in the North Lounge, and on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., in Room 40. Runs January 4 - February 5.

Philippians, one of the most joyful letters we have from Paul, was written to his fellow Christians in Philippi. They formed the first Christian church established by Paul on European soil. Paul was writing them from prison to reassure them - his ministry continues despite his situation. He reminds them they share faith in Christ Jesus together.

Paul writes and encourages the Philippians to: be united with other Christians; live a humble life with each other; this humble life is based on the attitude Christ Jesus had; find joy in the life God has called you to - no matter what; in all things, seek to know Christ Jesus.

January 4 and 7 - GO . . . "as you discover God calls you - calls us." We begin in Acts 16 where we read: "During the night Paul had a vision of a man standing and begging him, 'Come to Macedonia and help us.'" Paul and Silas got ready and went "concluding God has called us to go..." They traveled to Philippi in Macedonia and met a variety of diverse people who were changed by God through Paul and Silas' ministry. Gentiles (not Jews) said Paul and Silas were causing chaos. This new Philippian church, a community of faith - began in midst of all.

January 11 and 14 - Philippians 1. GO . . . "learn partnership in the gospel." Paul, in prison for Christ, "for me to live is Christ, to die is gain." Philippians 1:21. The Spirit of Jesus was with him and the Philippians supported him - in his struggles and suffering - others had selfish ambition.

January 18 and 21 - Philippians 2. GO . . . "be like minded." If there is any encouragement being united with Christ be like minded. ". . . Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus who humbled himself." Philippians 2:1-11. The Philippians were to work out their salvation in fear and trembling. It is God who works in them for his purpose. Paul recommends two friends whose lives are evidence of the "working."

January 25 and 28 - Philippians 3. GO . . . "know where your confidence is." "But whatever was my profit I now consider loss for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:7. Paul writes he will press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of him. Some things Paul could brag about he considers rubbish.

February 2 and 5 - Philippians 4. GO . . . "stand firm in the Lord" "and rejoice." The word for joy or rejoice is used 14 times in this letter. Paul writes whatever is . . . about 10 times - and says "put it into practice." The Christians in Philippi had made promises, and Paul was eager they continue to follow through as they had before - again and again.

For more information on these and more upcoming Adult Education opportunities, visit our website!

In January during 10:10 Faith and Fellowship hour on Sunday mornings, the Mission and Outreach Team will lead four sessions on Missions. These sessions will be held in Room 40.

Come learn about Roseville Lutheran and our Partnership with Bridging

January 11 at 10:10 in Room 40

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RLC members and friends regularly volunteer at the Roseville Bridging warehouse. Come hear about the work Bridging is accomplishing in our community, and how Roseville Lutheran can partner with them in the Year of GO!

January 11 - Information on this session will be coming later. Look for updates in the Update and E-blast.

Mission Month Conversations with Cameroon

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Roseville Area Senior Program

Led by Jaymee Chanen, Roseville Area Senior Program Service coordinator on Sunday, January 25 in Room 40.

This presentation will highlight the Roseville Area Senior Program, or RASP, a Roseville Area Schools Community Education program. Navigating finances during retirement? Looking for information on how to get the right services for an older adult in your life? Want to socialize in a fun and relaxed environment? We have all of that and so much more under one roof. We offer information and assistance on available resources, advocacy, enriching educational programs, craft and gift shop, essential services, including Meals on Wheels, transportation, and service coordination, and volunteer opportunities. Groups, classes, and opportunities are available through RASP to anyone 55+. In all of our programming, we provide a supportive and respectful environment. Handouts will include our current Seasons Newsletter, activity calendar, and Flaming Spoon Café menu. RASP opportunities are also listed in the Roseville Area Schools Community Education catalog

Music

Festival Choir Rehearsals Begin November 15

It's time to make plans to sing in the Festival Choir for the Christmas Festival Concert on Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. 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 15	9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	November 19	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 3	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 10	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 13	9:30 to 11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. concert

New Piano for Worship Center

RLC is getting a "new" piano for the Worship Center which combines the old and the new. The existing Kawai grand piano is over 20 years old and is showing the signs of its age. We are excited to announce that we have obtained and purchased a 1962 Steinway Model B grand piano which is being rebuilt and restored by master piano craftsman Ken Hannah of Stillwater, MN. We will now have a Steinway piano with the "old" original case and soundboard but with a brand new action, hammers, strings, keys, etc. It will be a great benefit to the congregation for worship, and also for the many concerts presented at RLC. Thanks to all who contributed to the funding for the new piano.

M&M Choir Seeks Voices for Concert

by Sharon Boyce, Director

Marys and Marthas Choir could use a few extra voices for a concert on December 11 at 12:45 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Victoria St. They have invited us to sing for their Senior Citizen Dinner. We would sing at 12:45 p.m. for a half hour to 45 minutes. It will include a sing-along time as well. If you are a retired woman and could join us for this one occasion we would really appreciate it. You would be required to be at two Thursday evening rehearsals on November 27 and December 4 at 6:30 p.m. to go through the music that we are singing for this group. Because the M&M Choir has many women who work on weekdays we will need a few extras.

We will meet at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 12 noon to go through the music again before we sing at 12:45 p.m. We will wear all black with red scarves (which the choir will provide) and that is all so you can wear black top with skirt or dress pants. If you would like to carpool, we would meet at RLC.

If you are willing to do this outreach with M&M Choir please call Sharon Boyce at 651-636-5093 or email mnsfboyce@aol.com. It is good to know how many we can get ready for and have music ready ahead of time. We hope you can do this service with us as it is very rewarding and starts the Christmas Season out right. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity!

Connect with RLC Music

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

Upcoming Music Events

Mark down these exciting FREE concert opportunities at RLC for the coming year and read more about these opportunities below!

Sunday, Nov. 2	Roseville Strings	Wednesday, Dec. 31	RLC Jazz in Concert (following NYE worship)
Tuesday, Dec. 9	Greater TC Youth Symphonies	Friday, Jan. 9	Minnesota Sinfonia with Maria Jette, soprano
Saturday, Dec. 13	RLC Christmas Festival Concert	Saturday, Mar. 7	Concordia College Choir, Moorhead, MN, Concert
Thursday, Dec. 18	Roseville High School GoodPellas Concert		

Roseville String Ensemble

Sunday, November 2

The Roseville String Ensemble, conducted by James Hainlen, comes to RLC for the first time on November 2 at 3:00 pm. Music by Handel, Vaughan Williams, and featuring organist Laura Edman in the Organ Concerto by Francis Poulenc. Pre-concert talk at 3:00 followed by concert at 3:30. Free program.

Young People's Chorus of New York City

Saturday, November 22

The Young People's Chorus of New York City, directed by its founder Francisco J. Núñez, comes to RLC on November 22 in an event sponsored by Vocalessence. The YPC is an internationally renowned multicultural youth chorus known for its superb virtuosity and brilliant showmanship. Its program harnesses the power of music to fulfill the potential of every child.

Tickets are \$30 and \$20, available through the VocalEssence website. A limited number of half-price tickets will be available at RLC through Sunday, November 15; contact John Helgen for information.

RLC Christmas Festival Concert

Saturday, December 13

The choirs, brass, handbells and other musicians of Roseville Lutheran will gather once again to present our Christmas Festival Concert at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 13. Mark your calendars and plan to attend - and invite a friend!

New Year's Eve with RLC Jazz

Worship and Concert, December 31

All are invited to come once again and hear the sounds of RLC Jazz at the RLC New Year's Eve service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31. The RLC jazz band will provide the musical backdrop for this service, where we will celebrate with thanks to God for all the blessings of the year that has passed, and pray for guidance and hope for the year that is ahead. Following the worship service, at 8:00 pm, the band will present a concert. Bring the whole family, and invite a friend too!

Roseville High "Good Pellas"

Thursday, December 18

The GoodPellas vocal ensemble from Roseville Area High School will present a concert at RLC on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. The 16 member a cappella ensemble, directed by Kellen McMillen, performs a variety of sacred and secular holiday repertoire. The concert is free and open to the public.

Hospitality

Bishop Lull Installation - Grazie!

I want to thank all the people who worked so hard for Bishop Lull's installation. We received many thanks from the ELCA for this event. If it hadn't been for us working as a team – from campus manager to our music director to our pastoral staff to ministry support staff to volunteers – we would never have achieved the success we did.

A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who worked in the kitchen with me. It got a little crazy at times, but we pulled it off! Each

of you took pride in our food, presentation, and service, and it showed. Thank you to Kathy Pedersen for putting together the beautiful Garden of Abundance.

The St. Paul Synod chose Roseville Lutheran to put on this fantastic event, and that is a testament to our teamwork and professionalism. Since everything was funded by the Synod, we were able to produce an elaborate celebration for Bishop Lull and the Synod. We thank them for giving us this

opportunity, and we thank all those congregational leaders who joined us that day, especially Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

On a personal note, this was so exciting to plan and put together! This was a huge moment of pride for Roseville Lutheran Church, and I was lucky to be involved.

Sempre famiglia,
Connie



For many more photos, please visit our Facebook page!



Winter Wonderland

We are excited to partner with the Christian Life Ministry Team for their winter Women's Life Event on January 25.

We're busy planning the menu for this special event and have some great ideas on how to treat you to a special meal. Please refer to the Christian LIFE Ministry Team section of this *Table* for all the details!

RLC Lay Leaders & Staff

Pastors

Steve Molin, Senior Pastor
Kris Kurzejeski, Associate Pastor
Sara Spohr, Associate 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 High School Ministry
Abby Matter, Director of Middle School Ministry

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Stephen Henry, Campus Manager
Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer
Shelton Ingram, Custodian
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Jill Lund, Christian LIFE
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