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Giving Thanks

**2010-2011
Annual Report**

Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 26
Following the 11am Worship

A Letter From Pastor Craig

Pastor Craig Hanson

Here's how things look in my rearview mirror. I begin with a word of great thanks to our Lord God for the many and various ways His grace and presence were made known. I treasure the times of worship when my heart was touched and words of life were spoken and sung. The darkness of Good Friday worship covered my soul, which made for a bright and beautiful Easter morn. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

I'm very thankful for the dedication of the leaders you elected. It is a huge commitment of their time and energy. President Bill Metzger and the Executive Committee and Council have done faithful work. It has been a joy to work with them.

I am so grateful for the leadership of the ALPHA Team, with their dedication and commitment to create a safe place where questions can be asked and Jesus be lifted up. We will continue to offer the ALPHA Courses in the coming year.

I'm blessed to work with the staff and hospitality people who have ministered to many families who have experienced the death of a loved one. The arms of Christ were wrapped around so many this past year with so much tenderness. Well done, good and faithful servants. I have a greater appreciation for the teamwork of our staff. I am blessed to be surrounded with such capable and joyful people.

I'm so pleased to witness the generosity of this congregation to special appeals that are brought about by natural disasters or support for our friends in Martin, Slovakia, Tanzania, and other parts of God's kingdom.

Every Wednesday morning the quilters meet in the church and take yarn, along with bits and pieces of fabric and turn them into works of love. They are sent around the world in Jesus' name.

On Wednesdays, in another part of the RLC campus, a large gathering of the faithful come to let God's voice speak to them through the scriptures. I find that my cup is filled in so many ways through those Wednesday mornings. I will continue to carry that forward with great enthusiasm.

This congregation has been a very nurturing community for seminarians. I remember well my days with you as your intern. You shaped my pastoral life in ways that serve and work today. I am thankful that this congregation gives the gift of support to seminarians in so many ways. You continue to shape the future of the world-wide church. Our Lenten worship series gave us an opportunity to hear multiple voices of seminarians who call this their home. You have welcomed them and supported them so graciously. You are prepar-

ing them for work in the kingdom. Thank you.

It's been a joy to have Lyle Belleque, his wife, Nikki and their family with us this past year. He has added much to our staff and I have witnessed his growth as pastor, preacher and teacher. We send them off with our heartfelt thanks. Lyle returns back to Luther Seminary for his final year and then he awaits a call. God's richest blessings to them.

The list could go on but for the sake of print and paper, I will offer my personal thanks for the opportunity to serve our Lord with you and through you. It is a privilege and an honor.

I share this final piece with you, which is no small piece. I truly believe this congregation is at a critical juncture for how it will live out its calling. We are being called to position ourselves to reach beyond what we have imagined. I believe that God is providing abundant resources to make the shifts in staff to accomplish this. Throughout this year, leaders were invited to attend workshops focusing on the vision for RLC. The attendance was strong and the support was very affirming. Our staff is in strong support of this new calling. The Holy Spirit is stirring us. Christ's spirit is leading us. God's holy presence is at work, providing resources beyond our imagination.

This is an exciting time at RLC. When we hold fast to the truth of Jesus' resurrection, there is life. When we lift up Christ crucified, hearts are changed. When we allow the breath of God to fill us, we are made new. This I believe with all my heart. Thanks be to God!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

In the crucified and risen Lord's name,

Pastor Craig Hanson



Leadership Development and Support

Bill Metzger-RLC President

The Leadership Development and Support Committee is a relatively new committee. We have focused this year on supporting and learning about RLC leadership. Our support has been in running or assisting council, staff, and lay leaders in planning workshops. This is the first year in a long time that council, staff and lay leaders developed goals for the current church calendar. We hope this will continue and grow in next year's plans. We have facilitated liaison roles for council and staff while identifying some guidelines for lay leaders and teams. We have also interviewed several teams and committees to understand how teams and committees see themselves and the types of support they need to be more effective with their groups. We will be using this information to establish our goals and actions for next year. Our committee focus is to:

- Help attain RLC's five-year goals by first identifying, condensing and prioritizing approximately five significant training needs of the ministry team chairs and members, lay leaders, council and staff.
 - Assist in the improvement of communication among RLC's current leaders thereby unifying their efforts and enhancing their abilities and strengths.
 - Use our interviewing process and other information to identify the training needs and education required by RLC leaders, individual members and groups.
 - Exemplify positive leadership skills.
- If you have interest in this area of ministry, please contact Bill Metzger.

Message to Congregation

Bill Metzger-RLC President

Dear Friends in Christ,

The time has gone by fast, four short years ago I was working with the Vision Taskforce and made the decision to take a leadership role at RLC. I forgot how long it takes to produce lasting change. Now my term of leadership seems very short. Although lasting change is slow, I do believe that your Council leadership is committed to this process and more will happen under Scott Cordes and Kathy Pedersen leadership helm.

I will be ever grateful to this congregation for giving me the opportunity to lead your church council. Knowing that God is leading this congregation, I feel very privileged to have played a small part in His plan. This has been very rewarding for me.

In support of our Vision, Mission, and Values, your Council adapted the following goals for this year's church calendar: (our accomplishments are italicized)

Goal 1. – To further align council, staff, ministry teams and committee plans in implement-

ing Relational Ministry (Connect, Grow, Serve and Go). We have done very well in supporting staff and other lay leaders by participating in 6 leadership workshops focused on goals and plans. The next step will be the difficult one – executing our plans.

Goal 2. – To be better stewards of our facilities and grounds by understanding the gaps in the stewardship of our facilities and grounds, then determine steps to close the discovered gaps. We have established a facilities taskforce (FTF) to study past recommendations and understand the congregation's appetite to address the needs of our facility. This will continue to be a goal of next year's council.

Goal 3. – To grow congregational stewardship resulting in growth of budget and time resources in all ministry teams and committees in an effort to better connect members and visitors with RLC. We have had some success in growing our resources through the SIP survey and use of this information. We are behind in this year's budget. Our response to the June "Run" will tell us a lot about our passion towards supporting our annual plans and commitments. I

will report at our annual meeting how well we did on this commitment.

Goal 4. – To foster good relationships with healthy communications between the congregation, council, staff, ministry teams, and committees striving to tie activities to our vision, mission and/or values. We have made significant strides here through active involvement with staff and lay leadership. We have additional work to do in order to communicate effectively to all groups in the congregation. Your Council is pleased in the progress made this year. However, we would also say we have a long, faithful and rewarding road of change ahead of us.

In closing, thank you very much for providing me the opportunity to lead your congregation. I hope and pray the legacy I leave will be broader congregation participation in all that we do at RLC in our year of connect. God bless our congregation and all of our endeavors.

Bill Metzger
RLC President



Care Ministry

Pastor Kris Kurzejewski- Pastor of Spiritual Care

It has been my pleasure to serve among you for the past several months. Ministry continues to unfold among us at RLC in a myriad of ways. Our Spiritual Care Visitation Team and our Care Ministry Team are actively involved in the lives of many of our congregational members. Faith Partners Ministry is always looking for ways for their message of recovery and healing from addiction to reach others. These groups are a great resource for our church members and are filled with caring volunteers who make a difference in the lives of others.

In addition, the parish nurse selection committee has been assembled and is actively searching for the right candidate to fill the position at Roseville Lutheran. We look forward to welcoming this individual as a vital member of our staff who will educate and advocate for the health of our members but who will also realize the important link between spiritual and physical wellness.

The prayer shawl knitters, the prayer team and the quilters provide care to not only our members but to those far beyond our walls. We recognize that physical and spiritual well-

being are vitally connected in many different ways and God uses both our hands and our prayers to help nurture one another.

Whether it is through worship, Bible study, visiting, prayer or in other ways, it fills me with hope to be immersed in the life of this vital congregation. Thank you for the opportunity to be engaged in ministry at RLC! There are many exciting things to look forward to in the year ahead and I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we journey forward.

Blessings,
Pastor Kris



IT Committee

John Sorbel- IT Committee Chair

The IT Committee formed almost two years ago. The initial agenda was to discover what opportunities there were for making contributions. After prioritizing that list and making an attempt to initiate some parallel objectives, we ended up dedicating most of last year to ensuring that the Skills Interests and Passions (SIP) survey had momentum. Initially, we only knew that RLC owned a tool that was potentially very useful, yet underutilized. This tool was a component of an application named Shelby that the church uses to store staff and member information. The underutilized part

of Shelby was an area for tracking interests of church members and friends. Our goal was to leverage this to help RLC groups and committees find members and friends whose interests overlapped the initiatives of the group. With the ability to target their requests to the most likely candidates afforded them the opportunity to reach out in a more personal way (such as a phone call or other direct communication). This initiative progressed from discovering application capabilities, defining what information to collect, selecting and formatting data collection tools, scheduling data collection/

entry time, communicating SIP Survey process to the congregation and finally instructing groups on how to use the tool. In the coming year we will attempt to encourage more groups to utilize this tool and more members to complete the survey by reporting on some of the success stories thus far. Additional IT projects/initiatives are also under consideration and we are very interested in growing the group membership. Our monthly meetings are posted on the church calendar and everyone is welcome to attend.

Adult Education Ministry

Susan Christopherson - Adult Education Ministry Team Chair

The Adult Education Ministry Team seeks to help each person at RLC grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. We do this by planning and promoting classes, Bible studies, small group experiences, forums and other learning opportunities. A key verse of scripture that guides us is Ephesians 4:12-13.

“... to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

SOME OF THE 10:10 CLASSES THAT WERE OFFERED IN THE LAST YEAR:

- * Bible Study on Ephesians using “Sit, Walk, Stand”-a Watchman Nee book led by Pastor Leonard Jacobsen, a Multimedia presentation on “The Road to Jerusalem” - (of his six month study time in Israel) led by Bryan McInnis, Youth director of Calvary Lutheran in Golden Valley, MN
 - * RLC Mission Trip to Tanzania and Ongoing Faith Journey led by Dave and Karen Dudley
 - * Renovating Rooms..Renovating Lives -Vision Slovakia and Personal Faith Story led by KJ Olson
 - * Windows of Faith, The New Testament Church in its Historical and Social Setting led by Emeritus Professor, James Boyce
 - * Bible Study in the OT book of Numbers, led by Lyle Belleque, Intern Pastor
 - * A Book Discussion of “Women, Food, and God” led by Dot Probst
 - * Imperfect Christians Telling God’s Story led by Jack Miller
 - * Bible study on the OT book of Ezekiel led by Lyle Belleque
 - * The Banyan Community helping Youth and Families – invited by Bud Helmen
 - * Bible study on The Life and Letters of Peter from the Gospels, Acts, 1 & 2 Peter led by Susan Christopherson
 - * 14 sessions of Bible 101 led by Pastor Craig Hanson with Pastor Kris Kurzejeski and Kim Rehfeldt
 - * A Conversation with Anne Anderson, Liturgical Artist along with The Design, Color, and Building Continuity Team.
- January was Missions Month during 10:10 where 7 Mission Spotlights focused on RLC Mission and Outreach ministries and the faith commitment of the RLC members who minister there:
- * Operation Bootstrap – Diane Jacoby
 - * African Mission Year – Stephanie Anderson and Nate Berkas
 - * Loaves and Fishes – Beth Reinhart
 - * Vision Slovakia - Mary Schultz, Karen

and Dave Dudley

- * Karen Refugees – Jill Lund
- * Medical Missions – David Tetzlaff
- * The Big Wrap- items for Bridging – Missions and Outreach- joined by Youth/others from RLC

We sponsored three different 5-week Monday night classes “webcast” live from Luther Seminary:

- * The Gospel of Matthew
- * New and Old Religions
- * Paul, Pastor-at-Large

The Spring of 2010 we committed members of our Team and invited Sandy Burwell to join as Alpha Administrator to offer The Alpha Course at RLC. Sandy shares: The Alpha Course experience provides an opportunity for anyone, and everyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting, 15 engaging topics presented by current Director of Alpha International, Nicky Gumbel. We held both a Fall and Winter Alpha Course. Thanks to the combined effort of:

- * Prayer Partners at home, and on-site,
- * Leaders 2 per small group,
- * Helpers 2 per small group, and
- * Hospitality Coordinator & Specialists

This ministry proceeded to humble, and amaze us.

The fall course brought 200 guests who shared in a relaxed evening to address the question; "What is an Alpha Course all about?" This evening is called, the “Come & See Dinner!” 110 individuals continued the next 11 weeks and a weekend on the Fall Alpha Course.

For the winter course, 160+ guests joined us for the “Come and See Dinner” and 70 of those continued weekly. This ministry has not only managed to touch the minds, hearts and spirits of many of the members of RLC: each course touched many lives in our community - whether they are members of another church denomination, or have not belonged to any church affiliation: all interested are invited! They had questions to ask about God and Christianity. One of the features of the Alpha Course is to share the week’s dinner, presentation on one area of the Christian faith and discussion in the same small group of individuals.

Following each course some of these Alpha small groups who are eager to continue meeting together. One chose Nicky Gumbel's "A Life Worth Living" series: a Bible Study on Philipians. At least 3 other groups continue to meet and have each chosen Bible, prayer or Christian book studies.

An additional opportunity to reach out to the Twin Cities came when Roseville Lutheran was asked by Alpha Twin Cities to host a symposium for the Twin Cities Alpha Administrator's this past April and there were 20 Cit-



ies churches represented. Sandy shares, “We continue to be led by God’s Son, Jesus Christ, through the Power of His Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God!”

**** Look for the announcements of the Fall Alpha Course beginning in September!

The Adult Education Ministry team currently consists of Keith Gilbert, Susan Christopherson, Bryn Knatterud, Sandy Burwell, and Pastor David Hanson. We have also been joined by our Council Liaison, Larry Gunderson.

For all of you who have participated in any of these adult education opportunities this past year, thank you!

Look for new opportunities starting in September, and come and grow in faith with us!

We are always looking for:

- * New ideas for education/relationship opportunities that we should be offering at RLC.
- * People willing to lead a class, Bible study, small group, or other learning opportunities.
- * People to join us on the Adult Education Ministry Team

Please contact one of us on the team if you would like to help in any way or have ideas and suggestions. In 2011 and 2012 we will be coordinating 10:10 offerings with Life Small Group Ministries, Mission and Outreach, Worship and Prayer and other Ministry Teams at RLC...look for September!

Susan Christopherson

Luther Leaguers

Tyler Moe-Slepica - Director of 5th & 6th Grade Ministry

So much has happened with 5th and 6th grade ministry since starting this brand new program at the beginning of the school year in September, and I am happy to report that I am pleased with what has taken shape. Luther League has been meeting in Heritage Hall Sunday mornings during the 10:10 education hour averaging around 20 young people in attendance. Sunday mornings are full of games and discussion as we confront tough questions regarding faith and religion using the informative and often hilarious *re: form* DVD series by Spark House.

Also since the early autumn, Luther Leaguers have had a monthly opportunity to get together to build community and their relationships with one another at "club fifty6". For club fifty6 we have had everything from a costume party at Halloween, caroling and ice skating in Rice Park at Christmas, attending Lutheran Night at the Minnesota Wild in the mid-winter, to most recently playing a rousing game of Cricket!

Our third element has been that of service, where often we join up with middle school students to make an impact on a common appeal. In November we took part in a month-long food drive called "Gobble for Good" and raised funds for our "Amazing Food Race" at our local Rainbow Foods.

Our goals of building relationships of faith, fellowship, and service have continued throughout the year and will head full-steam into our summer ministry. This summer we are excited to continue our wonderful partnership with Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry as we are set to take a group of over 30 to Camp Hiawatha in Deer River, MN for a week-long outdoor ministry experience in God's Great Northwoods! As a former staffer from VLM, I take great pride in seeing outdoor ministry

touch the lives of children and am greatly looking forward to seeing how it continues to change lives of the kids of Roseville Lutheran. Also new this summer, Luther Leaguers will have the opportunity to



experience a week of service learning right here in St. Paul through a YouthWorks ministry called Campserve. Campserve is a week-long day camp that "consists of Christ-centred service experiences as well as engaging teachings about Jesus' call to love and serve" where our youth people will get to enjoy service projects, worship and fun!

In the coming months I will strive to grow in relationship with our young people and their families so that Roseville Lutheran can continue to make an impact on them through their high school years and beyond.

In God's Grace,
Tyler Moe-Slepica

Check out our summer ministries at:
vlmcamps.org & campserve.org

Finance Committee

2010-2011 was a busy and productive year for the Finance Committee. We engaged the audit firm Boyum & Bahrensheer to conduct a Review of Agreed upon Procedures. We refinanced our church mortgage with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to take advantage of current interest rates. We welcomed a new member to the committee. We contributed input to the Proposed Ministry Plan Budget. We are blessed with varying opinions and honest conversation, but most of all with knowledgeable professionals who are willing to volunteer their time to make a difference at Roseville Lutheran Church.

Finance Office

Thank you to all of the volunteers who keep our finance office going. We could not accomplish everything we do without your faithful service. Our counting teams come weekly to assure that the offering is counted in an accurate and timely manner. Our accounts payable volunteer assures that we process invoices from our vendors and partners in ministry. Our bank reconciliation volunteer gives of her time to see that our records are in-line with the banks. We are thankful to volunteers who help us with mailings and data entry projects as needed. God provides us so many resources; it is truly a blessing to partner with all those who serve at Roseville Lutheran Church.

Senior High Ministry

Megan D. Moroff - Director of Senior High Ministries

Flock – RLC’s Senior High Youth Group, Flock (which meets on Tuesday nights at 7p.m. in the Great Hall) had another incredible year. Our four-week rotation of Bible studies, service projects, worship, and fellowship nights let God open doors to amazing opportunities for our youth: We collected over 500 lbs. of food for “Gobble for Good”, totally dominated in 9-Square, had multiple campfire worships on the front lawn, packed over 17,600 meals at Feed My Starving Children, learned how to play Cricket, had awesome Bible studies, threw a baby shower for Jesus (where we collected baby clothes for mothers in need), played broomball on Lake Owasso, grew in faith and friendships, went to a Minnesota Wild hockey game... the list goes on, and on, and on! Nothing can compare to the relationships that were formed and strengthened this year - As our kids grew closer to one another, they grew closer to God. Flock is a family where all are welcome - We hope you’ll join us next fall!

“For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.” ~ Psalm 95:7

Bagel’s @ Dawn – High School students love sleep (and so do High School Youth Directors!) but this year, when Thursday morning rolled around, RLC students & staff set their alarms and headed to Bagels @ Dawn, where we dove into awesome conversations, weekly devotionals (lead by kids – you guys did a great job!), finished up last night’s homework and,



of course, devoured delicious breakfast sandwiches. Megan had to bring the church bus to B@D because she didn’t have enough room in her car for all the kids that came! Thank you to everyone who woke up early and to The Saint Paul Bagelry for graciously hosting us each week. We can’t wait to continue our Thursday morning tradition next school year!

Thirsty – Our second year of Thirsty was an absolute delight. Senior high students gathered in the Youth Room every Sunday at 10:10 for RLC’s own “Senior High Education Hour.” We shared highs & lows from our past week, offered prayer requests and praises, and watched movies that related to stories in the Bible. Why? Because the Bible is the LIVING word of God and happens every day, even in pop culture. Bolt showed us that God doesn’t need “superheroes” to help him rescue the world; He uses regular people like you & me. Coach Carter displayed that we are liberated from our fears when we shine our light for God. And Elf reminded us that intimately knowing Jesus is the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to everyone who came and was a part of our wonderful discussions!

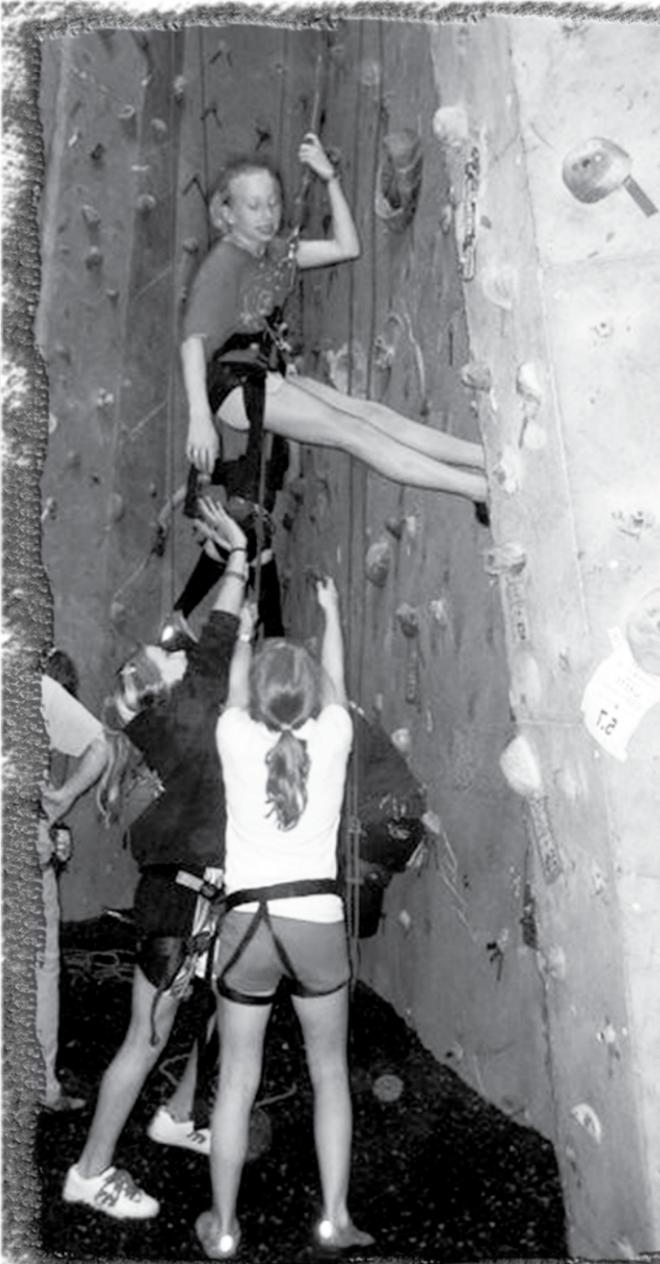
“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me will have rivers of living water flowing from his heart.” ~ John 7:37-38

Augsburg College Church Youth Basketball League – RLC’s 2011 basketball season was another huge success! Our boys & girls high school teams made it into the Augsburg Tournament, with our Boys A Team making it into the Top 8 and our Girls Team taking 1st place! The best part of the

season, however, was opening every game with a devotional, closing with prayer, and bonding with our teammates. Congratulations to the coaches & players who participated and thank you for glorifying God with the gifts that He’s given you!

Youth Band – We are so blessed to have such an amazing Youth Band! This year we had four phenomenal youths share their God-given talents by playing & singing every Wednesday night at Confirmation and at several worship services throughout the year. Their dedication and enthusiasm is inspiring, and we are so thankful for the gifts they bring to our congregation! Thank you Kevin Lattu, Jack Youngquist, Erik Sneltsjes & Joanna Stefan... can we have you autograph?

MEA-Getaway – Best. Retreat. Ever! This year, 24 students & young adults from Roseville Lutheran packed our bags and traveled to Camp Castaway for the MEA Getaway, where we hung out with 400 other youth from all over Minnesota! Our days were spent playing fun games, deepening our friendships (old & new), sitting in two 20-person hot tubs, connecting in Bible study, enjoying the beautiful lake and woods that surrounded us, and



listening to Caesar Castillejos, a motivational & thought-provoking Christian speaker. Our kids are still talking about how amazing Castaway was and are already signing up for our next Getaway in October. We hope you'll bring a friend and join us!

Buck Hill Lock-In – Forty brave high school students bundled up and hit the slopes on a FREEZING cold night in February for our annual Buck Hill Lock-In. We didn't let the weather keep us down, though! We spent all night skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and drinking hot, hot cocoa in the chalet. God blessed us with lots of laughter, amazing chaperones (we couldn't have done it without you!) and zero injuries as we played from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. Can't wait to go back next winter!

Senior High Servants –

Boundary Waters Trip – 16 youth and young adults traveled to Camp Vermilion to spend an entire week paddling, portaging, and camping in God's beautiful creation. We canoed, swam, ate great food, saw all sorts of wildlife, enjoyed picturesque campfires, and soaked up gorgeous sunrises & sunsets. We also grew – as confident young individuals, closer to one another, and in faith. Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry did another amazing job of guiding our Christ-centered adventure through the Boundary Waters, and we look forward to going back this summer!

ValleyFair – ValleyFair and youth groups were meant to be together, so our kids LOVE when we take them there for a day filled with roller coasters, water parks and... roller coasters! Amusement parks appeal to all ages, so it's wonderful seeing God work through our 5th – 12th graders and the adults who chaperone them as they bond on "Wild Thing", share stories on the "Lazy River" and encourage one another on the "Tower of Terror". Look for updates in the June RLC Newsletter and this and other fun summer opportunities for our youth. **St. Paul Saints Game** – We love ending the

summer by getting a huge group of kids together and heading over to Midway Stadium for a fun-in-the-sun baseball game. The St. Paul Saints are a blast to watch, and it's so nice to spend an evening laughing with friends while eating hotdogs, popcorn and cotton candy. Please join us this year!

Megan D. Moroff

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
~ Matthew 18:20



RLC Endowment Committee

Shirley Barber - RLC Endowment Committee Chair

The RLC Endowment Committee guides the use of the Roseville Lutheran Endowment Fund with gifts designated specifically to "RLC Endowment Fund". Contributions to this fund are held in perpetuity with the interest earned each year spent as directed by this board. This fund supports grants to further RLC outreach with applications accepted twice annually due May 1 and October 1. Grant application forms are available in the church office. The 9-member committee reviews grant applications twice annually. With your gifts and prayers we can grow to be an instrument for spreading God's word and the goodness that comes from it.

Annual fund-raising includes Love Lights remembering and honoring loved ones. The RLC Endowment Fund accepts gifts of money, securities and properties, both real and

personal. Gifts to the RLC Endowment Fund are exempt from federal and state inheritance taxes and capital gains taxes. Gifts given individually qualify as deductible for tax purposes.

The Roseville Lutheran Church Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have included Roseville Lutheran Church as a beneficiary in their will or estate plan as well as individuals who have made outright gifts of \$5,000 or more to the church's endowment. This support of the church's endowment provides financial resources to RLC to assist the church in carrying out its mission in perpetuity and serves as a lasting reflection of their values. A RLC Legacy Society dinner will be held September 29, 2011 recognizing the generosity of those contributors.

As God's people, we give thanks in occasions of life and even in death. Memorial gifts can be a very tangible way of remembering persons and events that bring thoughts of warmth and thanksgiving to us. More than that, memorial gifts to the RLC Endowment keep on giving. Memorial gifts can be specified to the "RLC Endowment Fund".

Serving on the RLC Endowment Committee this past year are Matthew Hoffer, Sherwin Singas, Kris Olsen, Marianne Mohagen, Carl Mohn, Jonathan Rice, Melissa Duce, Randi Lundell and Shirley Barber. Dave Werner serves as Council Liaison.

Shirley Barber

Childrens Ministry

Kim Rehfeldt- Director of Childrens Ministry

As another ministry year comes to a close, it is my nature to reflect on and report to you what has occurred over the past 12 months within Children's Ministry. Though reflecting on the past certainly can guide our future and help us to critically evaluate where we have been, this year I believe that Children's Ministry is in a different place.

During the past year Cornerstone has met each Sunday to open the scriptures to and plant the seeds of faith in the children of RLC from 2 years old through 4th grade. The kids presented a musical about Daniel as they discovered Daniel's faithfulness to God. Adults and youth faithfully served within Children's Ministry and mentored a faithful life to the young ones in their charge. Summer Son-sation reached out into the community to bring the good news to the church and unchurched alike in fun and exciting ways. Children and families worked together to respond to emergencies and the daily needs of people far and wide. There were many other activi-

ties and events within Children's Ministry that planted seeds of faith including the 3rd Grade Bible Workshop, First Communion Workshop and Seder Meal, Cornerstone Advent Activity Day, Family Good Friday Worship, Cornerstone Christmas Program, parent classes and Bible 101.



However, ministry to children and families is not so much about where we have been, but about where God is leading us. God's



spirit has been at work at RLC over the past year moving us to live out our Vision, Mission and Values. It has become clear that ministry is about relationship – with God through Jesus Christ and with one another.

For Children's Ministry that means a shift in the way we "do" ministry. We will continue many of the same "programs" but will place the focus of our ministry where it belongs – on our relationship with God and with one another. Some of that shift in focus includes:

- Cornerstone will meet in small groups each Sunday so that more time is allowed for relationships to develop between shepherds and kids – and through those relationships the relationship with God through Jesus Christ will be nurtured and mentored.

- Parent "Cornerstone" where parents connect with one another and are equipped to grow family faith in the home.

- Family events and activities where families gather with one another in fun and fellowship.

- Parenting classes and speakers where time is spent focusing on a specific topic in the life of the family that impacts family relationships.

2011 Children's Ministry Musical, "Kings, Dreams and Schemes"



■ Serving opportunities where families live out their faith.

Thank you for letting me serve for another year in your midst. I cannot believe it has been 20 years since I walked through the doors to begin my ministry with children and families here. It has been a time of much more joy than challenge and I thank God for each one of you who has touched my life. I see God at work in so many people and places at RLC.

Thank you to my colleagues in ministry, especially Julie Hanson (Assistant Director of



Children's Ministry), Tammy Heiple (Worship Nursery & PMO Coordinator) and Susan Watson (Director of Summer Sonsation). Your creativity, commitment and vision for ministry to children and families are invaluable to me and RLC. Thank you also to the many volunteers who have served in so many ways. You have given your time, talent and enthusiasm to Children's Ministry and have been "Jesus with skin on" for so many children and families.

I ask that God would continue to lead and bless Roseville Lutheran Church in the year ahead and we, as a faith community, respond to God's call.

Yours in Christ,

Kim Rehfeldt

What happened in Middle School Ministry this year? That question can be summed up in a variety of ways. Numerically what happened was 25 confirmation Wednesdays, 27 RAWs (Sunday Morning Programming), 27 days of basketball practice and games, eight Friday Night Lives, one Lock In, two summer trips (Camp Hiawatha and Green Bay), and many other countless things. From the numbers, you can see that a lot of things happened in Middle School Ministry this year. But what the numbers can't tell you is the number of hearts that have been touched by Christ's love, the number of shoulders that have been cried on (both joyously and sorrowfully), or the

Middle School Ministry

Neal Cannon - Director of Middle School Ministry

number of meaningful moments that planted seeds of faith in a young person's life. Because of this, we say that God's love is immeasurable. That love is spread only with the hands and hearts of dozens of volunteers who choose to care about kids through volunteering with programs such as confirmation, Friday Night Live, and the Lock In.

The future of middle school ministry holds even greater possibilities. In the upcoming year, we hope to continue the ministry that is happening at RLC but also make it better than ever. We hope that more kids can leave this place knowing that there are caring adults who love them at Roseville Lutheran Church.

We hope that for more kids a life of faith can become who they are, not just something they do. We hope that more adults can be trained and equipped by the Holy Spirit to work with these children of God. In short, we hope for much, and ask much of God. But most of all, we hope that you can join us next year in spreading the love of God to our friends, neighbors, and middle school youth at RLC.

Blessings!
Neal Cannon



LIFE Ministry

Andrea Fluegel - Director of LIFE Ministry

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47).

I am super excited for this opportunity to be the Director of LIFE Ministry for the Roseville Lutheran community. LIFE Ministry has had an exciting year of connecting people to God and each other through Jesus Christ.

This year we have started LIFE Groups. LIFE Groups are easy entry-point opportunities for people with similar demographics to meet each other outside of the church building. These groups meet three to four times per year.

The main focus is to meet new people and re-connect with others in the Roseville Lutheran community that you may have not seen for a while for a variety of reasons.

The Married Couples LIFE Group held three events with huge success. The first gathering, "Shall We Dance?" movie night and discussion, was held in November, 2010. Mary Hinkle Shore, Luther Seminary New Testament Professor, and her husband, Hank Shore, led the discussion. The second gathering was at Bunker Park Stables in Andover, for a sleigh ride and hot chocolate. Following the sleigh



ride, couples continued the evening by going on a "date" with their spouse or out to dinner

with other couples. One couple stated, "It was great to re-connect with couples that we met during ALPHA but haven't seen since because we go to different worship times." One wom-



an stated, "I am excited that my husband came. He doesn't usually go to worship. Now he will know more people when he does come." The third gathering was at Pastor David and Stephanie Hanson's home for a Wild West Grill Fest. Their home was overflowing with people, grilled ribs, and Country Western music. It was a grand ol' time! Plans are being made for 2011-2012 gatherings, which include a vineyard tour, curling at the St. Paul Curling Club, and a boat excursion.

The Young Adults (ages 18-30) have been meeting on the second Thursday of the month for meal and worship as a community group. Each month there is a theme menu, i.e. pasta bar, taco bar, stone soup, etc. The meal is

incorporated into a worship order, with scriptures read and a devotional message given during the meal. The Young Adults are planning a day-long canoe trip and a service trip to Feed My Starving Children this summer.

LIFE Groups will be starting next fall for men and women both. Watch for more details.

Marriage and Wedding Ministry had an exciting year, beginning with a marriage retreat held in October 2010 at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. The couples discovered what it meant to have Christ-centered marriage, worshipped and ate together. Marriage Enrichment workshops were offered throughout the year on topics such as intimacy in parenthood, and communication and conflict.

Pre-marital couples met twice this year for a Friday evening and all-day Saturday workshop. Couples discussed spirituality with Pastor Kristin Kurzejeski, finances with a Thrivent Financial representative, and conflict and communication with Rebecca Bednar, marriage and family therapist. A quarter of the participating couples were referred to the workshop by family and friends, even though they were not getting married at Roseville Lutheran. Pre-marital workshops and Marriage Enrichment opportunities are planned for 2011-2012 ministry year.

Thank you to Heidi Halvorson, Chair of Christian Life Ministry Team, and to the LIFE Group Ministry Team - Gena Mickley, Maren Schultz, Wanda Fingalson, Bryn Knatterud, Grace Gravelle, and Pastor David Hanson.

Blessings in Christ,

Andrea Fluegel



Mission and Outreach

Dave Tetzlaff-Chairman/Mission and Outreach Team

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:19)

It has been an exciting year for the Mission and Outreach Team. Roseville Lutheran continues to be a tithing congregation with 10% of general gifts designated as RLC's First Fruit Giving. The Mission and Outreach Team distributed \$ 20,000 to support our Missionary Dana Nelson in Peru. The remaining funds were given to local and international Roseville Lutheran partners.

In June 2010, our missionary in Jerusalem finished his commitment. After lengthy discussions, the Mission and Outreach Team elected to allocate the \$20,000 to advance RLC's support for seminary students of Roseville Lutheran. This year RLC financially assisted Neal Cannon, Erika Benson, Grace Gravelle and Andrea Fluegel as they pursued their degrees at Luther Seminary.

Locally, many families continue to feel the financial strains to feed their households. RLC will continue financial and congregational support for local food ministries in 2011-2012. We will maintain our three food drives - Thanksgiving, Souper Bowl of Caring and the Mountain of Love during Minnesota

Food Shelf month. All food donations are sent to our local Keystone Community Food Shelf. If you are interested in working with the food ministry programs at RLC, please contact me at 651-365-6303.

Eight members from RLC will be taking a Journey to Africa to our companion congregation in Tanzania. This trip will be RLC's 3rd mission trip to Tanzania since 2007. Gifts to our companion congregation from Roseville Lutheran will be presented on Sunday, August 14 at a joint worship service in Ng'ang'ange. Your gifts will assist our companion congregation with purchasing musical instruments for worship, Christian books & banners, church building materials, school supplies for elementary schools and agricultural support.

While your financial gifts help RLC and our team in outreach, money alone cannot spread the Word of God in our community. I pray that every RLC member grows in faith by personally being involved with outreach ministry in 2011-2012 as part of their commitment to God.

Yours in Christ,

David Tetzlaff

Quilters' Report

Dorothy Arndt, Virginia Cronin and Muriel Anderson

Summer quilting meets from May through September every year. The baby quilts made in the summer go to the St. Paul and Minneapolis Children's Hospitals and Clinics. About 150 were given to them at the end of last summer.

In September the winter group takes over, making larger quilts, from crib to king-size but mostly single-bed and double-bed size quilts. Most of the same gals come year-around and enjoy the companionship and friendships made there. We lose members due to death or illness too often - so we welcome anybody interested in joining to come and check us out.

Our quilt sale in November was very successful, with 127 being sold there. This will provide funds for the quilt batting that we buy for the filling and for other expenses that we have - sheets for backing, possibly a new sewing machine, and miscellaneous items.

With part of our profits, we donated \$1,000 to the church to help pay for the air

conditioning in Heritage Hall, where we meet.

Seventeen quilts were given to Minnesota Veterans Homes; thirteen were given to a homeless shelter; several quilts were sold during the year after the annual quilt sale; Lutheran World Relief will receive some later in the year.

Thanks to all of you who donated fabric and other items to us. We are so blessed by all of the beautiful donations that come to us. We try to use them all, but need lots of helpers to do that.

We meet Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon in Heritage Hall (in the summer we meet every other Wednesday). Please come and join in the fun!

Respectfully,

Dorothy Arndt
Virginia Cronin
Muriel Anderson (summer leader)

Office of the Intern

Lyle Belleque

This year, as any year for an intern, should be more about growth than about productivity. Nevertheless, my quick review shows sufficient measures of each.

In the best case scenario, modern business lingo would refer to the internship year as win-win-win. A win for the congregation in that God's ministry which has been entrusted to us has been advanced. A win for a congregation known only to God where sometime in the future His message will be proclaimed with a greater sensitivity to how it may be heard. Finally, a win for me and my family; we were able to spend a year among a great many people who supported and encouraged us.

But of course we are a church, not a business, so we do not need to use the language of winners and losers. I can therefore dispense with business jargon and simply say "Thank you." Thank you for trusting me with parts of your lives; the ups and downs of all that life brings. Thank you for your encouragement, your sharing of yourselves, and your gentle correction.

As I transition back to schoolwork for the next year, I will continue to pray that what God has begun here at RLC will continue as He continues to call us to follow in faith.

Office Manager Report

Laurel Hofeldt- Office Manager

God has incredible plans for Roseville Lutheran Church, and the office has been a busy place this year providing support to all areas of ministry. Special thanks to Linda Satrom, Jan Harbour, Kay Berthiaume, Judy Guetzkow and Tammy Swanson for their administrative work and their warm, caring reception of all who phone or stop in to the church office. Countless volunteers assist on an ongoing basis with print production, bulk mailing, worship folder assembly, homebound mailings, Prime Time preparation, data entry, worship CD distribution and much more. Without the dedication of these faithful servants the work of the office would not get done. The S.I.P. Survey is an important new tool for identifying and building a database of Skills, Interests and Passions and encouraging people to use their God-given gifts to serve and connect with each other. As Roseville Lutheran moves ahead with relational ministry and seeks to fulfill what God is calling us to do, the office team will continually strive to provide efficient and cost-effective support for all areas of ministry.

Laurel Hofeldt

Nursery School Ministry

Cindy Laszewski - Director of Nursery School Ministry

Current Staff:

Cindy Laszewski – Director
Mary Adams – Teacher
Anna Duus – Teacher
Mary Holub – Teacher
Lori Kristianson – Assistant Teacher
Debbie Strobeck – Assistant Teacher
Karen Mitchell – Assistant Teacher

At Roseville Lutheran Nursery School we believe that preschool age children are at a critical stage of development and will benefit greatly from a Christian-based program that is comprehensive, integrated, and developmentally appropriate.

Toward this end, we provide many fun opportunities to learn through play so that the children can attain competence and experience joy! One of our major goals is to prepare children for kindergarten and all future education.

We are grateful for the gifts and support from Roseville Lutheran, through the Mission and Outreach program. This year we have had a number of families that have lost jobs or had their working hours reduced. These parents are so appreciative that people would help their children have the best start in kindergarten by helping them pay for preschool. Thirty-four percent of our students do not go to any church. For many families, Roseville Lutheran Nursery School is not only their entrance into the church, but into the very beginning of faith.

One new family that came to RLNS, decided to try RLC. This is part of what the Dad wrote: "I wanted you to know that, for the third straight week, my wife and I left church feeling like we never have before. The pastors

preach relevant messages. The people exude Christian love. We've really enjoyed RLC to this point and wanted to thank you, specifically, for exposing us to life beyond the preschool wing." The Mom wrote: "Thank you for your caring and generous spirit! Already our son is loving preschool so much and for the first time in seven years, our daughter is excited to go to "our" church on Sunday. She already has claimed it ours! It all feels so right."

It is an honor to work for the families enrolled at RLNS and for the people of Roseville Lutheran Church. It is an honor to work with the dedicated, faithful staff of the Nursery School.

Cindy Laszewski,

Child Care Ministry

Susan Menier - Director of Child Care

On February 16th, 2011, we celebrated our 15th year anniversary! Linda Borgstrom and I have been with RLCC since the day of inception...a rarity in the child care business! Together along with Shama Dahal and Jenny Carlson we have created a partnership through Christ in building and sustaining one of the most beloved child care programs in Roseville. We are proud of our service, our staff, and our community of members and most importantly the families who have chosen to enroll their children in our care. We continue to enjoy the Growing With Music program. Every Wednesday a music therapist spends a half hour with the children. Her goal is to develop each child's

socialization, communication, motor and academic skills through movement and instrument activities. Actually we like to think of it as being just another way to have fun in day care! Chris Taylor continues to be the renter of the lower level of the home. On weekends Chris shovels snow, cuts grass, cleans the entire home and often will provide treats for the kids. Field trips continue to be a highlight! This year we visited the polar bears at Como Park, played at the Eagles Nest in New Brighton, jumped all day at Pump It Up and ended the year with a visit to each of the children's homes where they found a present left for them from Santa! More importantly...we celebrated the birth of

Jesus with a birthday cake made by the children!

Emily Chemel, mother of Carly, shared this note with me... "We can't thank you enough for all you do for Carly and for being so flexible with us! It has made things easier for us. Having her in RLCC is important to us because that is where her second family is! I can't say enough about how much you all mean to us." Thank you, Emily, and to all the others who continue to allow me and my staff to serve Christ through his greatest of miracles...the children.

Sue Menier

Stewardship Committee

Marlaine Maahs - Stewardship Committee Chairperson

Stewardship –
Responding to a God of Abundance

"Always [give] thanks to God the Father for everything." Ephesians 5:20

Thank you for your generous giving of time, talents and finances! Without you Roseville Lutheran could not provide the worship and outreach opportunities that we do. A few of this year's highlights include:

Celebration Weekend single service in October, thanking the congregation.

Biblical Principals of Stewardship talk with Blair Anderson for lay leaders.

SIP (time and talent) survey, this will identify ways to help you share your gifts with Roseville Lutheran.

Gathered many ideas on how we can continue to support stewardship efforts.

We believe stewardship is a lifestyle, not an event. Next year as we focus on Relational Ministry and a year of Connect, there will be more new ways to learn about stewardship. We will present the Biblical Principals Stewardship talk to the congregation and have Thrivent Financial for Lutherans speak to us about stewardship and managing personal finances. We will also have small group Bible and book studies relating to stewardship.

Again, thanks be to God for all of our blessings, and thank you for sharing your time, talent and finances with Roseville Lutheran. As we start this new church year, please pray and reflect on your blessing and ask yourselves if you are doing all that you can with what you have been given.

Thank you to the members of the Stewardship Committee; Katie Johnson, Paddy Emerson, Roger Mohagen, Jon Pope, and Kathy Peters-Martell, Pastor Craig Hanson, and Pastor David Hanson.

Marlaine Maahs
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118

Thanks to all the RLC musicians - singers, ringers, and players of all ages and descriptions - for their participation in music this year. Thanks for saying "Yes!" It's a pleasure to work with you as we lead the congregation in song, connect and share music with each other, and help share the message of God's love for us all.

At present, we have five vocal groups (Senior Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir, Marys and Marthas Choir, Men's Chorus), two handbell choirs (Jubilate and Bells of Praise), three ensembles leading 11:00 a.m. worship, the RLC Brass ensemble, and the RLC Jazz ensemble. These ensembles rehearse on a weekly or semi-weekly basis and are all involved in our worship services as well as other events. In addition to these groups, there is a whole host of individuals who serve regularly as vocal and instrumental soloists, cantors, accompanists, and ensemble members for the wide variety of musical needs and opportunities that we have.

Highlights from the past year:

In June, music for the RLC 5K Run/Walk was provided by the RLC Jazz Band, which also led music for the 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship. All the music groups participated in Celebration Weekend in October. The 11:00 a.m. worship ensembles along with the Youth Choir were featured on a new CD, *I Walk By Faith*. In December, our Advent vespers services on Saturday evenings again featured the "Holden Evening Prayer" service by Marty Haugen. On December 11, we had to cancel our Christmas Festival Concert due to a massive snowfall and blizzard. Portions of the program were presented the following morning for 9:00

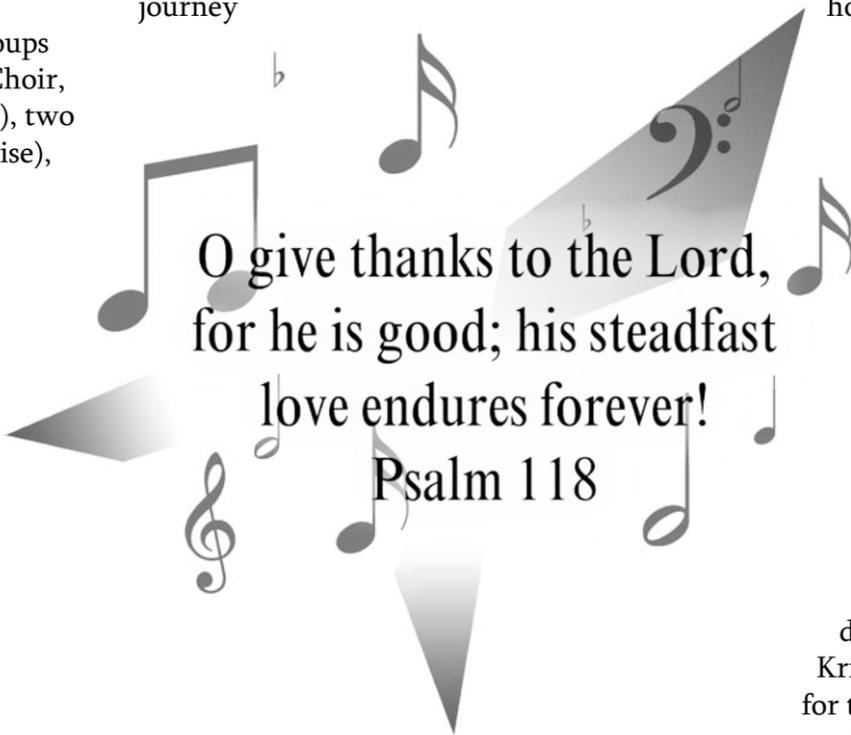
Our goal is to support all other ministries at RLC by taking initiatives in creating an environment of clarity and warmth, and through excellence in service.

Goals:

- Improvements in ministry and educational spaces. These improvements vary by space and could include one or more of the following: Improvements in safety and security, carpeting, AV equipment, lighting, furniture, storage, improved HVAC or electrical, and décor. Proposed spaces for improvement include: the Worship Center, the Activity Center,

a.m. worship. Various musicians and choirs assisted with our five Christmas eve worship services. On Friday, December 31, the jazz group served as musical leaders for RLC's New Year's Eve worship service and then played for morning worship on Sunday, January 2.

On March 9, we commenced our Lenten journey



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with our Ash Wednesday worship service, with music by the Senior Choir. For the weeks of the Lenten season, musical leadership for the mid-week services alternated between the Youth Band, led by Pastor Dave Watson, and an instrumental ensemble consisting of guitar, mandolin, and piano, plus vocals. At the end of March, we hosted a concert with the University of Minnesota-Morris ensembles: Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Bands.

Our Holy Week and Easter worship services included numerous soloists, the Festival Choir, RLC Brass, Praise and Worship

ensembles, and the intergenerational Easter Choir. The newly-formed Men's Chorus sang for the Good Friday worship along with the Senior Choir, accompanied by string quartet and organ. At the end of April, the handbell choirs served as worship leaders for the 5:00 and 9:00 services, assisted by members of the RLC Brass, all conducted by Lori Haaland. We hosted two choral concerts, the first by the Men's Choir from the Norwegian Lutheran Mindekirken in Minneapolis, as well as the Cloudberry Women's Choir from the American Swedish Institute. On May 22, the Children's Choir sang and was also joined by the Senior Choir in a combined anthem as we thanked Theresa Tostengard for her six years of leadership with the Children's Choir.

These are some of the highlights of the many events of the year, and there were many, many participants who gave their gifts of talent and time to make it all happen. I am thankful for all of them. I'd like to give special thanks to our ensemble directors - Lori Haaland, Sharon Boyce, Kristina Hanson, and Theresa Tostengard, for their ongoing leadership, along with our accompanists, sound technicians, custodians, pastors, and office support staff.

And we continue to thank God for daily breath with which to sing praises.

John Helgen

Facilities Report

Stephen Henry - Campus Manager

Great Hall and Heritage Hall, North and South Lounges, Library, Room 40, Room 45 A, B and C.

- Develop new opportunities for growth and relational ministry through greater interaction and communication with Council, FPC, Minnesota Association of Church Facility Managers, Facility volunteer crews, DCBC, site beautification, staff managers, and staff.

- Continued improvements in building systems in an effort to cut down on costs and make our facility energy efficient and safe. This

work will include replacement of space heaters and window air conditioners in the Great Hall with a centralized system, improvements in the day care HVAC controls, additions of motion sensor light switches, and additional security monitoring equipment including the fire sprinkler system and surveillance cameras for the north end.

- Project manage major maintenance repairs and construction projects in our current infrastructure including; offices, parking lots, roofs, sidewalks and assist in future planning and development.

Christian LIFE Ministry Team

Heidi Halvorson-Christian LIFE Ministry Chair

Goal: To bring together groups of people to celebrate within God's word, and create experiences that enable more connection points with a growing number of people.

Members: Becky Lund, Kim Witthauer, Janice Walker, Heidi Halvorson – Chair

This was a growing year for Christian Life. We have brought a group together for this building season, and have worked with both Andrea Fluegel and Pastor Kris to collaborate our efforts for upcoming seasons.

We put together a calendar of activities

to bring people together in a variety of ways – focusing on different demographics of people getting involved, a variety of commitment levels by both the volunteers and attendees, and activities going on in the church. Key events that were promoted this past year are as follows:

Women's Winter Tea

We had approximately 190 women gather January 9 to share tea, talk, and listen to Terry Hitchcock present on "A Father's Odyssey". This summary of his journey running the equivalent of 75 marathons in 75 days - and the lessons learned and people he met on this run to Atlanta and through his life experiences.

Valentine's for our Troops:

People could create elaborate Valentine cards or just write a note of thanks to our troops serving overseas.

Theater outing:

Janice led a group of 30 people to the MN History Theater to see The Buddy Holly Story. They were able to catch a ride to the theater or meet downtown St. Paul.

Summer activities on the agenda include a monthly outdoor movie opportunity, and then comes the big fall rollout. We are looking for new members to join our team to help us strategize for future events, as well as volunteers to support upcoming members.

Heidi Halvorson

Pastor of Youth and Family

Pastor David Watson

I will readily admit: I am a bit of a nerd. If you happen to walk into a room where I am watching television, there's a pretty good chance that the TV will be tuned to The Discovery Channel or The Science Channel. I love watching shows like Mythbusters, How It's Made and shows about the nature of the universe. With each passing year I feel I know a little bit more about the world that we live in, while at the same time, I learn how much I don't know.

A show I watched recently was about Albert Einstein and his early beginnings as a patent clerk in Bern. While he spent much of his time pouring over technical drawings and descriptions of other people's new ideas, he also spent an amazing amount of time daydreaming about the universe. He called his daydreams "Thought Experiments."

A particular Thought Experiment of Einstein's has always captured my imagination. In it, he imagines the timeline of our life stretching out into the past, like a piece of string. In our past we find all of the events,

large and small, that have led us to this very moment in time, strung like pearls – one after another. When this string of events hits the present moment, something interesting happens: The "string" splits into an infinite number of possible futures. What used to be one line of events becomes an endless, ever expanding set of possibilities.

What does any of this have to do with youth ministry? I am glad you asked... Let's have a little Thought Experiment of our own.

Imagine the first disciples gathered together after Jesus' resurrection. They are locked up in a room, filled with fear, doubt and questions. Do you think they could have imagined that the Good News they would come to share in the days ahead would lead to 3200 people gathered together in Roseville, Minnesota? That the Good News they would share would change the world? That the Good News they would share would lead you to believe and to connect with other believers at RLC? That you would grow in your faith? That you would answer the call to serve others around you?

Could they have imagined that you would go and share that same Good News? I am sure they couldn't have imagined all of those things happening. But, it did. And that is amazing.

What lays ahead for Roseville Lutheran Church- and the youth ministry of RLC – is an infinite number of possibilities, limited only by our imagination and our willingness to answer the call. The last year has brought some exciting new things to the youth ministry at RLC – the addition of a 5th and 6th grade ministry, a new way of raising support for youth ministry trips and camps, and more – but, amazing things lie ahead. We may not be able to imagine how we will change the world, but like those first disciples... with God, all things are possible.

Peace,

David Watson

Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry

Pastor of Congregational Growth & Outreach

Pastor David W. Hanson

"I'm so very thankful ..." These were the opening words of the high school senior as she spoke at the podium to her graduating class. She went on to recount the many people - teachers, coaches, friends, and family that had helped her to become the person she was today and that their influence would continue to guide her into the future.

"I'm so very thankful ..." For me, this year has been the most incredible year. I too, give thanks to God for those who share in this ministry together. I'm thankful for an incredible congregation that always surprises me. You are open and willing to try new things and to see things in new ways. Your generosity is amazing. When asked, you step up and say "We can do this" and show us that you mean it by sharing your gifts of support. Your prayers have held us together and renewed the Spirit

within us. You share readily your affirmation when we've hit the mark and your wisdom when we've missed the moment. I'm so very thankful for each of you here at RLC.

"I'm so very thankful ..." I'm thankful for the ministry teams I work with. You all care so very much about what God is doing at RLC. Our church council and leadership have joined in an exciting process of strategic planning. They have met more times than I might want to count but in so doing we have been brought together and focused faithfully on a future that God has already planned. I'm thankful for my colleagues in pastoral ministry - Craig, Dave, Lyle and Kris. Your care over these past months has meant the world to me. I'm thankful for our church staff and their dedication to live by a ministry covenant that changed who we are and why we are here in

ministry together. I'm grateful for you all.

"I'm so very thankful ..." Lastly, I'm thankful to God for taking my life and renewing in my heart the joy of serving that may have become empty if not for God's intervention. I'm thankful for the power of the Holy Spirit for every gift given when necessary to open my eyes to the miracles possible, instead of the doubt of limited possibilities. I'm thankful for Stephanie, for her deep understanding of things greater and her heart to be my partner in the crazy world we call "David & Stephanie's life." I would not be anything without her at my side. Yes... without a doubt ... I'm so very thankful...

I'm so very thankful...

Humbly...

David

Proposed 2011-2012 Ministry Plan Budget

Hospitality

Jean Odeen- Director of Hospitality
Colleen Hopple- Hospitality Assistant

Planning for the 2011-2012 ministry year began in August of 2010. Exciting ideas about new approaches to ministry have been discussed in a series of meetings. The meetings have included over fifty participants from ministry teams, lay leadership, staff, and council. The collaboration has been overwhelmingly supportive. Please pray for ongoing discernment as we move into the 2011-2012 ministry year.

We have looked at how we can financially support the ministry of Roseville Lutheran Church in a new way. The proposed plan incorporates ministry gifts, cost savings, reductions in non-relational ministry spending, and redirecting revenue streams for ministry use.

Redirect income streams	29,100
Release accumulated gifts	52,800
Redeploy special gifts in support of budget	5,200
Reallocate expenses to alternative sources	25,150
Reinvigorate giving	76,000
Review expenses for saving opportunities	2,000
Reduce spending not directly related to Relational Ministry	3,850
Total Increased Income	194,100

The budget plan includes strengthened support for areas already included in our budget, and new expenditures to directly support relational ministry.

PT Parish Nurse	
FT Communications Manager	
PT Web/ Social Media	
FT Director of Life Ministry	
PT Administrative Person	
FT Pastoral Administrator	
PT Alpha Coordinator	
Relational Ministry Program Funding	
Worship additions	
Stewardship	
Computer Server	
Staff Education/Development	
Total Increased Expenses	194,100

Proposed 2011-2012 Ministry Plan Budget

Income	1,754,134
Expense	<u>1,754,134</u>
Net	<u>0</u>

Thank you, everyone that assisted with hospitality!

- ❖ To the many volunteers that have continued to assist with the events at R.L.C.
- ❖ To the Custodial Staff for their support.
- ❖ To the Tuesday Work Crew.
- ❖ To all the volunteers that have assisted with the 10:10 Fellowship Breakfast.
- ❖ To you for bringing guests to R.L.C.
- ❖ Thank you to the groups that have chosen to let us serve them. Special events continue to increase each year.

Special thanks to Colleen Hopple for all her assistance and to the people that served on the hospitality committee.

- ❖ If you have suggestions for Prime Time programs or menu, please let us know.
- ❖ Funerals: there have been twenty-seven this year. Bible study treats continues to be well received.

Summary of hospitality food events 7/01/10 to 4/30/11

	Income	Food cost	
Sunday Breakfast	\$16,417.	6,238.	38%
Prime time	\$4,508.	1,984.	44%
Funerals	\$12,343.	6,418.	52%
Food events	\$31,482.	16,506.	51%
Totals	\$65,750.		
Total food cost		30,696.	46%
Total kitchen supplies paper goods/cleaning supplies		4,583.	7%
Net balance	\$29,471.		

Transferred to General fund \$20,000.

Hospitality ministry statement:

WE strive to grow in faith and share in fellowship.

WE have learned through life that there is nothing more important than faith family, friends and food.

WELCOME ONE AND ALL

For more detailed information contact Jean.

Jean Odeen Director of Hospitality
Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant

Member News

July 1st 2010 - May 22nd 2011

Members Received (does not include baptism or those confirmed): 86

Baptisms:

Child: 48

Adult: 2

Death of Members: 25

Weddings (officiated at RLC): 10

Confirmed (Sunday, May 15, 2011): 43

Nominating Committee 2011-2012 Election Candidates



Vice President

Gayle F.

Gedstad

My vision for the future of RLC is a vibrant congregation in which members support one another, and

all are encouraged to share their strengths and talents. I see a warm and welcoming environment that is truly a sanctuary for members and visitors.



Council

Bryn

Knatterud

My hope is that RLC would continue to have the vision given to it by our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe the vision is that RLC be a place where men, women and children are transformed through a relationship with Jesus Christ, for there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved. RLC is to be a place where people meet Jesus, Jesus Only.

even after 18 year as a member, RLC still feels really big to me. Although growth is important, sometimes the size of RLC can seem overwhelming, and has the potential to make it harder for some to feel like they "fit in". I believe Roseville Lutheran does a great job of providing many different offerings of programs and classes. My goal would simply be to continue to focus on finding new and creative ways to get more members involved in the church by making it "feel" smaller and more personal, even as RLC continues to grow in size.



Council

Greg

Johnson

I grew up in a much smaller community than Roseville, and attended a much smaller congregation than RLC. So

even after 18 year as a member, RLC still feels really big to me. Although growth is important, sometimes the size of RLC can seem overwhelming, and has the potential to make it harder for some to feel like they "fit in". I believe Roseville Lutheran does a great job of providing many different offerings of programs and classes. My goal would simply be to continue to focus on finding new and creative ways to get more members involved in the church by making it "feel" smaller and more personal, even as RLC continues to grow in size.



Council

Maren

Schultz

I would like to see RLC continue to offer more events in which we can get to know each other better such as the

sleigh ride and dinner at Pastor Hanson's house. Then we can support and encourage each other in our journey to understanding the messages that Jesus is teaching us. I also hope we can continue to offer a variety of educational opportunities for all people no matter what age!



Youth & Family Ministry

Jessica

Henry

I am excited to Connect, Grow, Serve and Go with RLC in the future! I am looking forward to exciting collaborations, sharing new ideas, and strengthening our faith community by building a strong foundation in relational ministry.

of the committee along with members and friends of RLC to prayerfully seek God's desire for worship and prayer at RLC and to find ways to implement His vision.



Worship & Prayer

Marybeth

Hatteberg

As chair of the Worship and Prayer Ministry Committee I would encourage the members

of the committee along with members and friends of RLC to prayerfully seek God's desire for worship and prayer at RLC and to find ways to implement His vision.



Nominating Committee

Grace

Gravelle

RLC has a great many gifts for growing in the neighborhood. I would like to see the church offer more

open activities that invite the "stranger" into our church. I can also see RLC being a pivotal place where the larger community could house or operate social services for those in need, even more so than now. RLC is alive with energy and that means it is alive with the Holy Spirit, and as leaders of the church we need to follow the Spirit



Nominating Committee

Becky

Diekmann

I would like to see our outreach and mission work strengthened both locally and outside our country. I also think it is important to support and strengthen relationships within the RLC Congregation.

His name and for His glory. My prayers for our church and its ministries include that our outreach and mission efforts as well as Children's Ministries continue to grow and be blessed as we strive to serve our Lord and share the Word. My vision for RLC is that we continue make a difference in our community and the world in significant ways that lead people to a relationship with Christ and support their faith journey.



Nominating Committee

Deanna

Kohanek

RLC has been profoundly blessed. As a body of Christ, we can accomplish awesome things in

His name and for His glory. My prayers for our church and its ministries include that our outreach and mission efforts as well as Children's Ministries continue to grow and be blessed as we strive to serve our Lord and share the Word. My vision for RLC is that we continue make a difference in our community and the world in significant ways that lead people to a relationship with Christ and support their faith journey.



Nominating Committee

Lori

Haaland

What vision do I have for the future of RLC? These three phrases come to mind: All are welcome! Come, stay, and grow with us!! God's work, our hands!!

has been able to provide. I see my role as to help to keep RLC financially strong so that it can continue these activities and expand its programs and outreach as the Council and church membership see fit.



Endowment

Sherwin

Singaas

I have been impressed by the vast number of programs and outreach activities that RLC

has been able to provide. I see my role as to help to keep RLC financially strong so that it can continue these activities and expand its programs and outreach as the Council and church membership see fit.



Endowment

Carl

Mohn

My vision for the future of RLC is its growth as a congregation of believers dedicated to the service of God and all people.



Endowment

Richard

Straumann

The Endowment Fund volunteer service will provide me a fuller picture of the overall

finances of the congregation. It will be my goal to promote a continuing and broader appeal to RLC members and friends to support endowment giving at RLC. That would allow a more stable financial base (from the investment earnings) for the RLC ministries, mission and outreach goals to be reached. Such would also enable us to maintain and renovate the RLC facilities that support our worship, education and other ministries.

Lay Leaders & Staff

Congregational Council

Bill Metzger, President
Scott Cordes, President-Elect
Kathy Pedersen, Vice-President
Brian Heuer
David Lorenz
Larry Gunderson
Marlaine Maahs
Carol Solie
David Werner

Endowment

Shirley Barber, Chair

Ministry Teams

Charles Scott, Worship & Prayer
Susan Christopherson, Education & Children
Heidi Halvorson, Christian Life
Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach
Janet Risinger, Youth & Family

Hospitality Ministry

Jean Odeen, Director
Colleen Hopple, Kitchen Asst.
Tammy Heiple, Nursery Supervisor

Music Ministry

John Helgen, Director
Sharon Boyce, Marys & Marthas
Kristina Hanson, Youth Choir
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs
Theresa Tostengard, Childrens Choir
Martha Mutch, Organist

Child Care House

Sue Menier, Director
Linda Borgstrom, Asst.

Pastors

Craig Hanson, Lead
David W. Hanson, Associate
David Watson, Associate
Kris Kurzejeski, Associate
Lyle Belleque, Intern

Nursery School

Cindy Laszewski, Director

Facilities Ministry

Steve Henry, Campus Manager
Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer
Shelton Ingram, Custodian
Chris Taylor, Custodian
Mary Jo Schaumburg, Custodian

Children's Ministry

Kim Rehfeldt, Director
Julie Hanson, Asst. Director

LIFE Ministry

Andrea Fluegel, Director of LIFE Ministries

Student Ministries

Megan Moroff, Director of HS Ministry
Neal Cannon, Director of MS Ministry
Tyler Moe-Slepica, Director of 5th and 6th grade Ministry

Ministry Support Staff

Paddy Emerson, Financial Mgr.
Kathy Ferry, Financial Assistant
Laurel Hofeldt, Office Manager
Linda Satrom, Administrative Asst.
Jan Harbour, Administrative Asst.