

THE TABLE

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS
AND MEMBERS OF ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER • OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • 2019

HOLY MOMENTS

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

As a pastor, I am privileged to be invited into "Holy Moments" of the life of this congregation and the people we serve. These moments happen at the bedside of one who is dying, in the conversations of those who are grieving or in need of a listening ear, in worship as I hear the promises of God sung, strummed, prayed and spoken. Holy moments often catch us by surprise.

*"But then,
that afternoon,
a light was lit
in the darkness"*

Last Fall, in October 2018, I encountered a "holy moment" when I left our regular Tuesday staff meeting and made my way down to the Worship Center to hear the sounds of the Minnesota Orchestra play for over 700 Roseville area students. In the days before this concert there was a mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. My heart was broken and weary from the violence, the anger, the hate and the vitriolic language.



WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

contemplative - 8:00 am • traditional - 9:00 am
praise and worship - 11:00 am

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But then, that afternoon, a light was lit in the darkness. Seven hundred high school and middle school students gathered in our place of worship to hear the Minnesota Orchestra play portions of Brahms First Symphony. In our place of worship, the orchestra sang to us. Gathered under the cross we heard a united, harmonic sound that resonated throughout the space, our bodies and indeed our very souls. The students were stunned into silence. My heart was stirred. It was, indeed, a holy moment.

This past spring, we gathered for ONE Worship at 10:00 am under the theme "Generations." In this worship service we took time to recognize the amazing gifts of past, present and future generations in the life and legacy of the Christian faith here at Roseville Lutheran Church. We heard statements of faith from both young and old, sang old songs of praise and were introduced to new expressions of faith. One of the most meaningful moments of this service came when we, as a congregation, blessed our newly graduated high school seniors. Over twenty-five of our graduating youth came forward and one-by-one told us of their plans for the future. We then invited some of our older members to come forward to lay their hands upon the youth, so they (the congregation) could give a blessing, a sending. A holy moment.

The Bible tells us story after story of God breaking into the ordinary. Moses – out on an ordinary day tending the sheep – is disrupted by a burning bush. Jonah – angry and avoiding his responsibilities – encounters God in the fish's belly and is born again to a new life. Job – out of the depth of his suffering – looks out and sees the extraordinary work of God around him. Two friends on the road to Emmaus experience the holy when they recognize Jesus Christ walking beside them.

We worship and praise a God of the holy who breaks into the ordinary – often surprising us in the moment at hand. Where will God surprise you this day? This week? This month? Perhaps God will turn up in human skin. Perhaps God will appear in the brilliance of the night sky. Perhaps the holiness of God will break through in a reading, a song – or even, in the silence.

May the ordinary become holy through the blessings of God.

Thanks be to God. See you in church!



Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

INTRODUCING DIANE SELL RLC'S DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEER AND CARE MINISTRY

As we continue to grow into our mission and vision to "Love God. Love your neighbor. A community united by grace." we are excited to introduce you to a new member of staff and a new ministry role at RLC.

Diane Sell will join us in mid-October as RLC's Director of Volunteer and Care Ministry. As director, Diane will assist the pastors in coordinating care of those who are hospitalized, ill, or experiencing the death of a loved one, as well as train and encourage our care team ministers. Other essential roles will be supporting our Sunday morning worship volunteers, creating intentional outreach to visitors and friends, designing new ways to welcome and engage new members, and formulating new ways for people to come together in small group ministries. Welcome Diane!

Hello RLC!

I am so happy to have the privilege to come and minister alongside you as RLC's Director of Volunteer and Care Ministry.

My husband David and I were born and raised in Roseville and met each other at our church youth group. I attended Central Park Elementary, Capitol View and graduated from Kellogg High School. So, I'm a Roseville girl! I have been your neighbor!

After graduation I attended Bethel University. While studying for a degree in Musical Performance I "fell" into ministry one summer at my home church when I was asked to direct the Junior High choir and plan events for this age group. From that time forward I never looked back and soon realized that God's plan for my life was in church ministry.

Over the years I have served in six churches, bore three sons and have been in ministry in the Twin Cities, Boulder, Colorado as well as San Antonio, Texas. I have learned a lot on my journey and met many amazing people that I still call friends to this day. Throughout my life God has blessed me and challenged me to serve beside those I am called to live among.

I have witnessed the work of God among God's people and have watched friendships grow as the people of God have "done life" together in Jesus' name. Small group ministries, creating welcoming environments for stranger and friends, and being a part of the ministry of faith are all important to me. I have experienced great grief and buried family and friends, most recently my dad. During this time of grief, I have grown deeper in my faith and experienced the ways in which the people of God come together in comfort and support.

In Luke 27:10 Jesus says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, AND you must love your neighbor as much as you love yourself."

We all have our own journey that God leads us on and I am excited that this next chapter is with you! I look forward to getting to know you and calling you neighbor and friend!

Diane Sell



ATTENDER TO MEMBER CLASS

10:10-11:30 am, Sunday, October 27 in North Lounge (Upstairs)

Are you interested in hearing more about Roseville Lutheran Church? Have you been attending but want to find more ways to become involved with our mission and vision? Please join us for the next "Attender to Member Class" We will welcome new members at the 9:00 service on Sunday, November 10. Please contact the church office for more information at 651-487-7752 or rlc@rosevillelutheran.org.

Have you considered including Roseville Lutheran Church in your will or estate planning? Contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance, for more information at 651-487-7752.

HOME SWEET HOME

Michael Dolan, Congregational President

*We are all
brothers and sisters,
friends and neighbors,
living together
on this world.*

As I write this, our country and the rest of the world look back at the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing in 1969. I am old enough to remember seeing the first steps Commander Neil Armstrong made on the moon, though I admit I was more excited at the time to be allowed to stay up past my normal bedtime! As an adult, I recognize what an accomplishment the flight was in the exploration of the moon. More importantly, the view the astronauts provided all of us looking back at the Earth was a revelation on how fragile a world we live in. All we are and all we have been is on this small world, our home, orbiting an average star in a corner of our galaxy. We are all brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors, living together on this world.

Our church has expressed a desire to love our neighbor through our love of God. This world is our only

home. Together we express our love by looking out for our neighbors, helping where we can and living in the Grace of our Lord and Savior. In that spirit of service, I am blessed to represent our congregation as your President for the upcoming year and welcome new members to serve on committees and the church Council. Heather Awad, Carrie Hefte-Hanton and Scott Roste will join our Council in September, along with incoming Vice-President Joe Zeigler. Please join me in thanking Council members who will complete their term in August: Tom Lund, Beth Jacobson and Stacy Nealy, as well as devoted members finishing terms in committees. A special thank you also goes to John Shardlow, our outgoing Council President, for his wise leadership of church.

Mission and vision statements are only as good as the ministries that fulfill those statements. Roseville Lutheran has lived up to our Mission in countless ways. Our Mission and Outreach activities are focused on community needs and led by revitalized members. Mission advancement has been enthusiastically led by many devoted members and assisted by our phenomenal church staff, working hand in hand to encourage your support of all our ministries. That support of our ministries has increased, become more sustaining and allow our church to provide real help to so many people of all ages. At the same time, our staff work very hard to make the most of your generous support by improving efficiencies in the church and avoiding redundancies and waste.

How we worship and the music we enjoy in expressing our faith continue to be looked at and improved upon, not only for our current members but to encourage friends and guests to join us as new members of RLC. We are blessed to be led by three devoted Pastors, helping us explore our faith and love of God. Our church itself is used extensively by members and non-member groups alike as a community resource. Improvements have been necessary and have been carefully evaluated by the cooperation of church members and staff as part of Campus Improvement Task Force. These improvements will continue as part of a committee forming now, incorporating our staff and members to evaluate the design, function and future needs of the church campus.

I could go on and on about all the great things happening at RLC but there's no need – those great things are being brought about by all of you! Please keep your church staff and lay leadership in your prayers. The energy and love coming from all of you is real and sustains our efforts. Our world is getting smaller all the time. This is our only home here on Earth and Roseville Lutheran is our church home. Thank you so much for being part of this wonderful home of ours. May God bless us all.



RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

Pastors

Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor
Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor
Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor

Hospitality Ministry

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager
Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant

Music Ministry

John Helgen, Director
Martha Mutch, Organist
Maddie Giordana, Music Associate
Ariel Wilberg, Children's Choir
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs

RLC Preschool

Jenifer Johnson, Director

Child Care House

Jenifer Johnson, Director
Shyama Dahal, Assistant

Endowment Committee

Eric Lagerquist, Chair

Children's Ministry

Julie Hanson, Director of Children's Ministry
Tammy Heiple, PMO, Nursery Coordinator

Student Ministry

Audrey Dontje Lindell, Director of Youth Ministry
Abby Matter, Deacon, Director of Faith Formation

Facilities Ministry

Bruce Pelava, Campus Manager
Arlen Rystrom, Building Engineer
Shelton Ingram, Custodian
Vicky Benoit, Custodian
Greg Saiko, Custodian

Ministry Support Staff

Dave Booms, Church Administrator
Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data
Diane Sell, Director of Volunteer and Care Ministry
Daniel Pederson, Communications Manager
Kay Berthiaume, Financial Assistant
Diane Daulton, Financial Assistant
Tammy Swanson, Financial Assistant

Nominating Committee

Carol Solie, Co-Chair
Jake Von De Linde, Co-Chair

Congregation Council

Mike Dolan, President
Jessica Henry, President Elect
Joe Zeigler, Vice President
Mary Peterson
Michael Tostengard
David Werner
Heather Awad
Carrie Hefte Hanton
Scott Roste

Ministry Team Chairs

Georgia Nygaard, Adult Ed
Marlaine Maahs, CYF Co-Chair
Jim Maahs, CYF Co-Chair
Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry Advisory Board
Roxanne Schultz, Christian LIFE
Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach
Greg Johnson, Mission Advancement
Lillian Wassell, Youth & Family

FINANCIAL REPORT

RLC June 2019 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2018-2019						Prior Year	
	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2018 June Actual	2017-2018 YTD Actual
Offering	117,097	101,308	1,521,667	1,536,750	-15,083	95,658	1,462,114
Other receipts	19,967	25,515	146,919	152,500	-5,581	10,081	132,384
Total Receipts	137,064	126,823	1,668,586	1,689,250	-20,664	105,739	1,594,498
Expenses	134,620	134,156	1,635,146	1,689,250	-54,104	120,442	1,623,610
Net	2,445	-7,333	33,440	0	33,440	-14,704	-29,112

Number of Givers 2018-2019				Prior Year		
	June		YTD through June		2017-18 YTD Thru June	
	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving	# Givers	Avg Giving
General Fund	433	\$ 250	800	\$ 1,725	827	\$ 1,570
Bldg Designated*	67	\$ 82	119	\$ 560	186	\$ 443
Spring Campaign	5	\$ 470	250	\$ 317	296	\$ 246
Mission & Outreach	11	\$ 67	203	\$ 307	210	\$ 170
Memorials/Estate	2	\$ 23	63	\$ 173	45	\$ 1,599
Other Designated	11	\$ 72	260	\$ 204	253	\$ 426
EF/Love Lights	1	\$ 25	97	\$ 52	114	\$ 51
All Other	2	\$ 10	9	\$ 46	7	\$ 115
Total	451	\$ 262	934	\$ 1,775	938	\$ 1,828

*2017-18 includes 75th Anniversary/Roof Fund special offering

Fund Balances 6/30/2019	
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments	496,877
Designated/Restricted Funds:	
Building Fund	40,907
Mission & Outreach	33,970
Kitchen Fund	27,215
Memorials	37,519
Matching Funds	11,183
Estate Gifts	79,692
Other Funds	170,575
Total Designated/Restricted	401,061
Child Care:	Current Yr -2,059
Preschool:	Current Yr -6,093
Operating Fund:	Current Yr 33,440

Endowment Fund	
Cash	181
Investments	505,307
Total	505,488

FINANCE OFFICE

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data

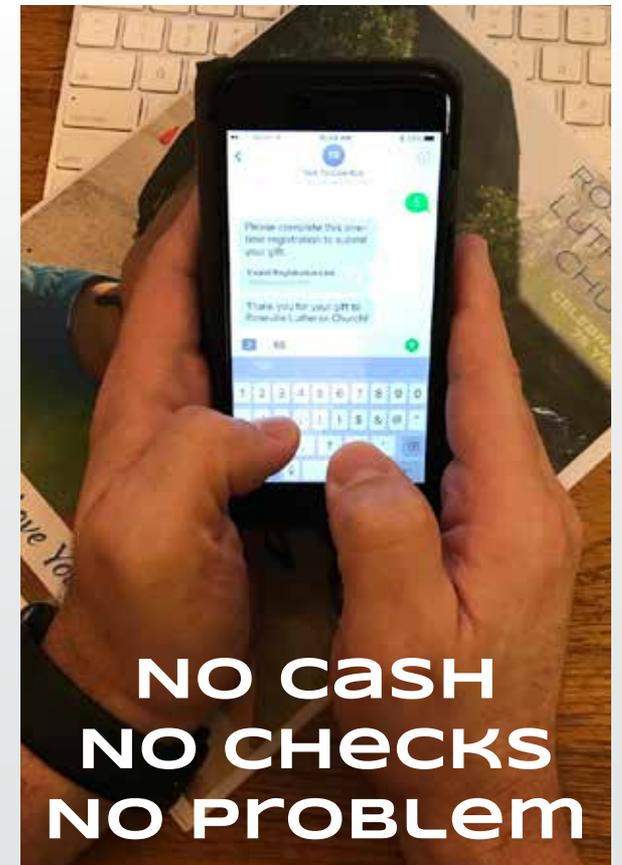
Over 95% of RLC's day-to-day ministry is funded by your financial gifts. Thank you for your generosity!

Offering was \$15,083 less than budgeted as of June 30, 2019, the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Total year-to-date receipts exceeded expenses by \$33,440, meaning we ended the fiscal year with a surplus. Monthly financial summaries are available by calling the Finance department at 651-487-7752 or emailing lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Annual financial reports will be available in September. Plan to attend the Annual Meeting set for Sunday, September 22 at 10:00 am.

Please prayerfully consider what the ministry of RLC means to you and your family and how you will continue to support our vision to be *A Community United by Grace* and our mission to *Love God. Love our Neighbor.*

Learn more about becoming a Sustainer at www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/become-a-sustainer. If you have additional questions please contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.



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LEAVING A LEGACY

Give the Gift That Keeps on Giving

We hope you'll join us at the next **Council and Committee Chairs (CCC) meeting on Oct. 24 at 6:30 pm** to learn more about setting up a Legacy Gift to support the ministries of RLC even after you're gone. Tamara Fanjoy, from Gift Planning Services, LLC, will be presenting information on planned giving/estate planning.



Legacy Giving is quickly becoming an important part of RLC's long term financial sustainability. The \$250,000 Legacy Gift left to RLC by the estate of Roy and Blythe Thompson was critical in allowing RLC to complete the necessary roof repairs that occurred last summer. But even a modest estate can create an incredible legacy for both your heirs and future generations at RLC. These gifts can be set up to be transferred after your death, while at the same time, giving you the ability to preserve and protect your assets for your use and enjoyment while you are still living. And all of this can be done in a way that supports and expands your belief system and values.

You can be a good steward, not only today, but also when it comes time to transfer these gifts after death. You have the ability to make a significant difference...both during your lifetime, and long after you're gone.

If you are not currently serving on one of the committees at RLC but would still like to get more information about Legacy Giving, please contact Laurel Hofeldt in the church office.

WELCOME MINISTRY

Opportunities to Serve at RLC

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.

- Help in the Office (NEW!) We're look to add more people to the group that has office experience to help with taking calls, print production, data input, and various other office tasks.
- 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.



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

Welcome back Roseville Lutheran!

It has been a busy summer getting ready for the fall events, Hospitality has procured events that we hosted here at the church through the summer, and for the following months. This is exciting, as we are building a good foundation, with guests that have not enjoyed this beautiful church before.

Hospitality is looking forward to this fall with several events coming up with in our church walls and outside of them. These are some of our upcoming events in the next few months:

Care Team Brunch, August 10 • Michael Jordan Reception, Sunday August 11 • Ice Cream Social, Wednesday August 14 • ADK resumes August 14 • Rally Sunday Breakfast, September 8 • Jazz Through the Ages, September 13 • Luther College Alumni Luncheon • RLC Annual Meeting September 22 • Vintage 4H Annual Meeting • Prime Time Luncheons (New Schedule: October 10, December 12, March 12, May 14) • ONE Worship Breakfast, Sunday, October 13 • U of M O.L.L.I. Group • U of M Women's Group • St. Marys Luncheon • Veterans Day Service, November 11.

These events will take hospitality through just a few months, with others to follow in the new year. Once again I would like to take the time to thank all our volunteers who work side by side with me to make each of the events more personal to our guests. Thank you for letting me serve with you!

Ciao,
Connie Marchio

- 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 9:00 and 11:00 am 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 a couple times a year. Communion trays are prepared on Saturday mornings before the first and third Sundays of the month.
- Serve communion on Sunday (1st or 3rd) at 9:00 or 11:00 am worship. Servers usually help about once every three months.
- Provide rides using our van and/or your own car to bring people to and from the 9:00 am worship service or Wednesday morning Bible Study or Prime Time. No special driving license required, just a friendly attitude and a willingness to help people on and off the bus. A clean driving record is needed.

Blessings,
Dave Booms, Church Administrator



A NEW ADVENTURE: RLC PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE HOUSE

Jenifer Johnson, Director of Preschool and Childcare

Hello Families of RLC!

I am blessed to be in a community that is "United by Grace." I was thinking about this vision statement as I accepted the new position of Director of Preschool and Childcare. The families have been very welcoming in both programs and I am excited to take on this new leadership role of managing the childcare and preschool. Yet the true test was not from the parents but from the children especially the infants at the childcare – when I got their genuine smile I knew I had been given a gift from the Spirit.

But I am not alone in this new adventure. For the childcare, we have new caregivers who have joined the team, Krystina Eliason who worked at PMO, and Laurie Miller, who has years of early childhood experience. Nicole Moriaty and Shama Dahal are still part of team and are very much appreciated. It will be great to work with them as they share their gifts and talents with the children at the childcare house.

Then in the Preschool, we gained Shana Pearson, who is Assistant Director/MWF Preschool Teacher. She has many years of experience of working in preschools. We are glad to have her aboard with the staff of Lori Kristiansen, Debbie Strobeck, Rachel Lawson, Renee Olson, and Katie Gehrz.



As the preschool continues to celebrate 40 years, the preschool is also excited to add more enrichment classes this year. Enrichment classes are offered four afternoons, Monday – Thursday from 12:45-3:15 pm. Plus Lunch Bunch goes from 11:45 am – 12:45 pm between the morning and afternoon sessions. We have a few spots available for morning and afternoon. To sign up, you may contact Jenifer Johnson at jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org, or 651-488-6887.

Looking at our new logos for both the childcare and preschool - the rainbows not only celebrate our differences but unite us as a community! For God reminds us each day of his promise to us with the colors in the sunrise, rainbows after storms and the sunsets. May you be blessed by God's grace and love each day!



RLC PRESCHOOL STAFF, LEFT TO RIGHT: Shana Pearson, Renee Olson, Rachel Lawson, Katie Gehrz, Jenifer Johnson, Lori Kristiansen, Debbie Strobeck.



Jenifer Johnson



Laurie Miller

HELP WANTED

Rewarding Employment Opportunity:
PMO Helpers Needed

We are seeking people for part-time and for substitute positions with RLC Parents Morning Out (PMO). Work with children (ages 1-5) in the PMO program. Duties: caring for children, leading activities focused on beginning a connection to Faith and God's Love. Hours: 8:45 am - 12:15 pm, with children attending 9:00 am - noon. Days: negotiable. The PMO program runs from September through May.

If you're interested, or know someone who is, contact Tammy at tambobheiple@yahoo.com or call the church office at 651-487-7752.

SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Can You Help Guide Our Littlest Members?

Volunteer in the nursery! We offer care for the 9:00 and 11:00 Worship services as well as the 10:10 hour. If you are willing to volunteer for an hour or two, once each month or be added to our substitute list to volunteer once in a while, please email Tammy at tambobheiple@yahoo.com or call 651-487-7752.

RLC SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Worship at 8:00,
9:00, and 11:00 am

Education for all ages
10:10 am



LOVE GOD • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

CONVERSATION AND CARAMEL APPLES

11:00 am, Sunday, Oct. 27

Come and enjoy caramel apples and conversation with your child's Cornerstone Shepherd on Sunday, October 27, right after Cornerstone in the Social Hall at 11:00. Get to know the other families in your kids' small groups and enjoy freshly dipped caramel apples! If we have a beautiful fall day, you can even go to the park to get to know one another! Mark your calendar – we will have a sign up to make sure we have enough apples for everyone! Look for more info from Julie in mid-September!



PARENTS MORNING OUT

Registration Open for 2019-20 School Year

RLC Parents Morning Out (PMO) is taking registrations for the 2019-20 school year.

Children, ages 1-5, build social skills and learn about God's love through play, stories and crafts. Parents have time to run errands, work, attend an appointment or meet a friend.

PMO runs weekday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Cost is \$17 per session. Registration is for the same morning(s) each week for the school year. To register e-mail tambobheiple@yahoo.com or call 651-487-7752.

NURSERY FACELIFT

Check Out the Updates, and Our Wish List!

The nursery received some much needed and long overdue repairs and updates last summer. We are continuing to improve the space for our families.

We still have many items on our wish list. If you would like to know how you can help, please email Tammy at tambobheiple@yahoo.com.



WELCOME AUDREY DONTJE LINDELL

NEW Director of Youth Ministry at RLC

I was first introduced to Roseville Lutheran's beautiful sanctuary and building by two youth who have been actively involved in our youth ministry programs. As they showed me around the church, they shared funny stories and good memories from their time growing up as members of Roseville Lutheran's community. Both of them agreed that the reason they have been so committed to Roseville Lutheran is that they have found a home and a family. Here is a place where they are loved and could share that love with others.

Afterwards, I remembered when I had been one of the teenagers showing a new youth director around my home church in St. Peter, Minnesota. I still call First Lutheran home, but since then I've found that experience of love in other places, too. I attended Luther College and graduated in 2016 with a degree in Religion and French. I discovered my passion for youth ministry and grew as a leader working at two different churches and two different Bible camps, most recently Camp Amnicon. And I found out about the amazing ministry happening at Roseville Lutheran this past year as I was taking classes at Luther Seminary in St. Paul.

What a joy to be joining the ministry here as Director of Youth Ministry. Already I have felt the warm welcome and energy at Roseville Lutheran that these two youth shared with me from the beginning. And I'm looking forward to getting to know more of the community! This fall specifically, I'd like to extend an invitation to anyone who'd like to grab a coffee or drop into my office to chat and get to know each other. My door is always open! You can reach me, Audrey Dontje Lindell, at adontjelindell@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752 x230.



CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening this Fall at RLC

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

- Sundays – Little Lambs, Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts (2 yr. olds – 8th Grade)
- Tuesdays – FLOCK (High School)
- Wednesdays – Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade)
- Thursdays – Bagels @ Dawn (High School)

SPECIAL EVENTS AND RETREATS:

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| Sept. 8 | 10:00 am | Little Lambs, Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts Start! |
| Sept. 8 | 10:30 am | Intro to Cornerstone for new preschool families in Room 66 |
| Sept. 10 | 7:30 pm | FLOCK begins |
| Sept. 11 | 6:30 pm | CYF Volunteer Training |
| Sept. 12 | 6:45 am | First Bagels @ Dawn |
| Sept. 18 | 7:00 pm | Confirmation Parent and Student Orientation |
| Sept. 29 | 10:00 am | Part 1 Bible Workshop for 3rd Graders and Parents |
| Sept. 29 | 9:00 or 11:00 am | 3rd Graders presented Bibles in Worship |
| Oct. 6 | 10:00 am | Part 2 Bible Workshop for 3rd Graders and Parents |
| Oct. 6 | 10:00 am | Serve Sunday – Care Packages for RLC graduates |
| Oct. 9 | 7:00 pm | Confirmation Prayer Stations |
| Oct. 17-20 | | MEA Getaway & Family Retreat at Camp Vermillion |
| Oct. 18 | 7:00 pm | Confirmation Fellowship Night |
| Oct. 27 | 11:00 am | Cornerstone Conversations and Caramel Apples |
| Nov. 15-17 | | 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat |
| Nov. 22 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm | Parents Night Out |
| Dec. 1 | 10:00 am | Advent Activity Day for kids ages 2 years -6th grade |
| Dec. 8 | 10:00 am | Silly Sock Sunday! |
| Dec. 13 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal for ALL |
| Dec. 14 | 9:00 am | Cornerstone Christmas Program Actors Only Rehearsal |
| Dec. 15 | 10:00 am | Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal |
| Dec. 15 | 11:00 am | Cornerstone Christmas PROGRAM |
| Dec. 18 | 7:00 pm | Confirmation Fellowship Night |

Mark Your Calendars for These December Events!

ADVENT ACTIVITY DAY**Sunday, Dec. 1**

Each year, as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, we hold an Advent Activity Day in Cornerstone Ministry. All Cornerstone and Luther League students from 2 years old through 6th grade 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 every year to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We've held this event for over 30 years and it is a very special tradition! Preschoolers through 4th grade will rehearse the songs for our Christmas program (where they usually practice their songs) prior to doing their Advent project. 5th and 6th graders should go directly to Heritage Hall to make their nativity craft.

**CANDY CANE BREAKFAST****9:00 - 11:00 am, Saturday, Dec. 7**

Last year was so fun, we're doing it again!! This Special Christmas breakfast for kids ages 2-10 and the special adults in their life will be on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Come get your picture taken, dine at our fun tables and enjoy making a craft to take home. Seating is limited so reservations are required! Register online beginning October 15, or using the paper sign up that will be in the Commons Nov 3-10. Tickets are \$9. This special breakfast is designed with kids in mind! Invite your friends and neighbors...open to the public!

**SILLY SOCKS SUNDAY****Sunday, Dec. 8**

Wear your silliest socks to church on Sunday, Dec. 8, and bring a pack of socks for those in need! We will have a toe tapping time in our silly socks and feel so good to be helping others!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Serving in Children's Ministry is a rewarding and amazing opportunity to touch the lives of kids, even if you don't actually lead a small group of them! Our ministry for kids and their families can't exist without the helping hands of many! When you serve, you can connect with others, grow in your own faith and share God's love! You don't have to have a child in our program to share your time! The following are ways you can be a part of Children's Ministry and touch the life of a kid, either directly or indirectly:

- Small Group Shepherd – Co-lead, with another adult or youth, a small group of kids on Sunday mornings. Team teaching offers flexibility in your schedule and kids get to know both of you! We especially need adults to help lead this year, mentoring the youth that also volunteer. Prep is very easy and support and training is provided. Cornerstone Shepherd training will be Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm
- Sunday Morning Welcome/Check-In – Help welcome families to Cornerstone and also learn our check-in system to help parents and guardians! It's pretty easy - This commitment is just once or twice each month.
- Supply Team – Help prepare the supplies used in Cornerstone for future weeks' lessons during the Cornerstone hour on Sunday morning or during the week if that is easier. Help needed one or two times each month.
- Prayer Partners – Pray with the Cornerstone Shepherds before Cornerstone begins at 9:50 on Sunday morning. If you can't pray with our Shepherds in person, please pray for them where you are!
- Large Group Team – Share only 20 minutes of your time on a Sunday morning to change the way kids see the Bible! Puppet plays, active storytelling, skits, and music... if you love any of these, this is the team for you!
- Toy Team – Help to organize and wash the toys in our 2 year old Room (Room 66). This commitment is once each month.

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

**FAMILY SERVE OPPORTUNITIES***Making Memories Together!*

Working together as a family or group gives you the opportunity to meet others and make memories while blessing others with your service! We offer special days on Sundays 3 times a year, called Serve Sundays where we focus on helping a specific group of people during the 10:00 hour. Our first Serve Sunday will be October 6th at 10:00 in the Activity Center when we will pack treats, write notes and make items to send to recent RLC graduates. These Grad Care Packages will be sent to RLC students to remind them that they are being prayed for and cared about while they are away from this place.

Other ongoing service opportunities that you can do as a family include:

- Greeters before one of our Worship services
- Communion Server (kids hold the basket)
- Refresh Busy Bags for the little ones to use during Worship
- Readers in Worship (4th grade and older)
- Take Down team after Cornerstone

Please contact Julie Hanson if you are interested in helping with any of these opportunities. You can bless others by sharing your time!



CORNERSTONE BEGINS SEPT. 8

We are busy getting ready for the start of another fun and faith-filled year in Cornerstone! Kids ages 2 years (by Sept. 1) through 4th grade gather on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:55 to learn about the powerful love of God and his son Jesus Christ. Elementary kids will meet in their class spaces, then praise God and move during our Elementary Large Group time together. Kindergarten – 2nd grade small groups are in the upper level Activity Center, 3rd and 4th grade small groups meet in Ark Alley (classrooms below the preschool).

Preschool kids and their parents or grandparents will start the morning by enjoying Miss Gena and Squiggles as they sing and tell of God's love to our little ones at Large Group Opening together in Room 45A. 3 year olds will then go to their small group spaces in Room 45 A and B, and 4 year old small groups will meet in our RLC Preschool 4 yr old classroom. 2 year olds and their parents/guardians will meet in Room 66. We are excited to begin another year of faith and fun! You need to register online today to be a part of Cornerstone! Online Registration began August 1. Go to rosevillelutheran.org and click on the Cornerstone tab! Reserve your spot today so we know you are joining us!

Beginning Sunday, Sept 8th parents or grandparents will check their child in using the Check In Kiosks in the Lobby and receive their child's nametag and a Child Pick Up Receipt. This Pick-Up Receipt must be presented to pick up your child at the end of Cornerstone. Your child's safety is our top priority!

LITTLE LAMBS

Register Cornerstone for our 2-Year-Olds and Parents/Grandparents

Welcoming all 2 year olds (that turn 2 by Sept. 1) this class offers a comfortable atmosphere for little ones and an opportunity for parents to gather and get to know one another! In a world where family time is limited, we are asking parents or grandparents to stay with their 2 year old during the Cornerstone hour to learn side by side. Little Lambs will include Large Group Opening time with the other preschoolers and their parents in room 45A with Miss Gena, then off to Room 66 for story time and an activity that reinforces the lesson. While the kids are doing their craft with our youth helpers, parents/grandparents will discuss different topics; the joys and challenges involved with 2 year olds and how to infuse faith into what you are already doing.

It is our goal to make the introduction to Cornerstone an easy one for the kids and meaningful for parents/grandparents, using this ECFE model. Online registration for our 2 year old class is capped at 12 students due to limited space. We are having an Introduction to Cornerstone on this first Sunday, Sept 8th right after the Preschool Large Group Opening. All Parents of a 2 year old, as well as any others new to Cornerstone will learn what Cornerstone is all about in a brief orientation while the kids play and get comfortable with our youth helpers in Room 66.

INTRO TO CORNERSTONE FOR NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to our New Families with Preschoolers Sept. 8

If you are a Preschool parent new to Cornerstone we have a brief and informative orientation to make this experience familiar for you and your child. On Sunday, Sept 8th, after the Preschool Large Group Opening with Miss Gena in Room 45A, all preschool parents new to Cornerstone will gather in Room 66 for a brief intro to what Cornerstone is all about. 3 and 4-year olds will go to their small groups with their leaders when our opening is over, 2 year olds will go with their parents to Room 66 where they can play while the adults meet for a short overview. If you are new to Cornerstone and have an elementary aged child, Julie Hanson will contact you about getting together on a different Sunday to chat.



THIRD GRADE BIBLES

10:00 am Workshops Sept. 29, Oct, 6
Bibles Presented Sept. 29 at 9 and 11

It is very exciting to be a third grader at Roseville Lutheran Church! Each fall we give our third graders a Bible of their own, as a gift from the congregation. This also gives us the opportunity to learn more about this amazing book, the everlasting love of God, and the life lessons it contains for today! If you have a third grader, you are invited to attend two Bible Workshops with your student on Sunday, September 29 and Sunday, October 6 at 10:00 am in the Lounge. There is no regular Cornerstone for 3rd graders on these dates. By attending both of these workshops, you will learn together about the Bible and how to use it. We will share with you the importance of making the study of God's Word a part of daily life. There will be fun activities and some great take home surprises. The students will receive their own Bibles during worship on September 29 at either the 9:00 or 11:00 worship service, whichever you normally attend. Parents/Guardians will be asked to come forward with their student and present their child with their own Bible. More information will be going out to each of our third grade families in early September. Any questions, please contact Julie Hanson or Pastor Sara via the church office: 651-487-7752.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Training is Sept. 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

If you are leading a small group of Cornerstone kids, Luther League or Confirmation you are required to attend this training and orientation. You will hear some tips and tricks to keep the kids engaged and given tools to help you be the best leader you can be! You will also receive curriculum and small group schedules, etc. This training and orientation is required and will be held Wednesday, Sept 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm. If you are interested in leading a small group in any of these areas, please contact Abby or Julie at 651-487-7752.

CYF ACTIVITIES RESUME

Kick-Off Starts September 8

We are excited for all the activities to resume for the school year at RLC!

On **September 8**, all our regular Sunday groups begin:
Little Lambs, Cornerstone, Luther League, Devos & Donuts, Intro to Cornerstone for New Preschool Families

On **September 10** a new season of FLOCK begins

On **September 12** we will have our first Bagels @ Dawn

On **September 18** we will have our Confirmation Parent and Student Orientation

Keep up to date on our Website:

rosevillelutheran.org

and be sure to follow us on Facebook:

facebook.com/RosevilleLutheranChurch/



CONFIRMATION 2019-2020

Confirmation is right around the corner! It is an opportunity for 7th through 9th grade youth to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. It meets during the school year on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. While Wednesday nights typically consist of 45 minutes of large group followed by 45 minutes of small group, we keep kids on their toes by switching up the large group format and throwing in some fellowship nights, service nights, and a prayer stations night. We also offer a lock-in and Confirmation Retreats.

REGISTRATION AND FEE: All students must be registered EACH year they participate in Confirmation. Please have your child registered online by Sunday September 1. At the time of registration, we require a \$75 payment per student. This fee helps cover the cost of supplies and leader training as well as special activities and events. The fee can be paid online or a check can be dropped off at RLC with "Confirmation – (Child's Name)" in the memo line. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please email Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org.

CONFIRMATION BEGINS SEPT 18: Our first night of Confirmation will be Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center. You will be given important information and dates at this time so it is essential that BOTH parents and students are in attendance. Small group leaders will also be there so parents can meet their child's leader.

RETREATS: This year the 7th and 8th Grade Retreat is November 15-17 at Camp Wapo in Amery, Wisconsin. The 9th Grade Retreat is February 21-23 at Urban Immersion in Minneapolis! Please mark your calendars for these dates if you haven't already!

Get Involved! There are many opportunities for parents and adults to be a part of this important stepping-stone of our youth's faith. If you are interested in helping out in any way, contact Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org.



CONFIRMATION MENTORS

We are looking for approximately 35 adults to mentor our 9th grade confirmation students during Lent. This would include meeting in a large group format (mentors and students) on February 5th at 7 p.m. and then again one on one with a confirmation student five of the six Wednesdays in Lent (February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1) from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. after attending 7 p.m. Lenten worship. We will provide conversation starters and talking points so no need to worry about that! If you are interested meeting a 9th grade student and being a mentor please contact Abby Matter at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org or at 651-487-7752 x234. From what I heard, everyone who participated in the last two years found it to be a fruitful experience!



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Luther League - Sundays at 10:00 am

Luther League is our 5th and 6th grade Sunday morning ministry that meets weekly during the 10 o'clock education hour upstairs in the Great Hall. Adult volunteers lead youth through small group discussion and games/activities based on the story of the day (which can also be heard in worship). They will also have an opportunity to participate in things like Serve Sundays, Advent Activity Day, and special music for the Cornerstone Christmas Program. If you have not yet registered your child, please do so online today!

Devos & Donuts - Sundays at 10:00 am

Devos & Donuts is our Sunday morning program for 7th and 8th grade youth that meets downstairs in Heritage Hall during the 10 o'clock education hour. It will be a time to get to know one another, ask questions about faith, God and religion and of course eat some delicious donuts. Registration for Devos and Donuts is only required if your child IS NOT participating in the Confirmation program.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY SUMMER RECAP

This past summer, over 400 children, youth, and families once again participated in transformational camps, mission trips, and service opportunities through RLC. From June 10 through August 3, we had every week packed with action, fun, and faith-filled experiences for all involved! All eight of our camps/trips opened our children and youth to new experiences as they grew closer to God and one another. Our youngest children learned that God is always Good during Vacation Bible School, and our elementary kids had a chance to grow in their confidence of being away from home in the outdoors at Camp Salie. During our week of Camp Hiawatha, we talked about weaving JOY into our lives while being mindful of Jesus, Others, and Yourself in all situations. Over 40 youth spent an entire week loving our local neighbors through Summer of Service. Both our young adult and youth Boundary Waters trips were spectacular as we paddled and portaged through the beautiful remote wilderness. High School youth had a new opportunity to go to Summer Festival Camp where they were moved by the wonderful worship songs and a powerful speaker. 28 youth and adults traveled to Martin, Slovakia for our Service Learning Trip. There, we spent a week serving alongside the Slovak high school students staining and varnishing historic windows and playing with kids at the Gypsy Community Center. Throughout all of these camps and trips, we realized how amazing God is and that we can all be united through God's grace!

Of course, none of these trips could have happened without countless adults choosing to take time to lead these trips, and we deeply thank them for that. Being able to mentor and walk alongside our children and youth is a huge honor and rewarding experience. The impact our leaders have is immeasurable and will positively influence our children and youth for years to come! All of these trips were made possible thanks to the huge support from the congregation here at RLC. Your financial generosity through Gift Cards, Invest in Our Youth envelopes, and the Garage Sale helped offset a significant portion of our summer costs. Our 8 trips had a combined cost to participants of over \$132,000, and through those three fundraisers, we were able to cover over \$33,000 of those expenses to ensure that all children and youth can attend our trips regardless of financial need. Many of you once again kept us in your prayers during our many trips and camps as prayer partners. We definitely felt your support and God's presence through those prayers. As always, thank you all for your continued support, generosity, and love for our children, youth, and families!



FAMILY RETREAT ON LAKE VERMILLION

Oct. 18-20 in God's Great Northwoods

Over MEA weekend, October 18-20, come experience a weekend retreat at VLM's Camp Vermilion, located on Lake Vermilion outside of Cook, MN. We will be staying in the Bakk House Retreat Center, which has a total of 6 bedrooms: three with beds for 8, and three with beds for 4. There are indoor bathrooms and showers just down the hall from the bedrooms; a common area with sofas, foosball, fireplace, and wireless; cooking facilities; an outdoor fire pit; and a BRAND NEW SAUNA 20 yards out the back door. Your family would spend a relaxing autumn weekend in the pine forests of northern Minnesota, hiking, canoeing, playing games, and spending quality time in God's great Northwoods.

Families of all ages are welcome, and we hope to offer parents with young children a couple of hours of quiet time for themselves while others watch over the children. Saturday brunch in Voyageurs Lodge is included, and we'll share common meals Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Final cost will depend on how many people register, but the TOTAL COST for a family of 4 will be approximately \$100 (yes, that covers the whole family for the entire weekend)!

For questions or to register, please contact Kathy Miller (kmiller@comcast.net, 651-494-8639) or Dave Hofeldt (dlhofeldt@mmm.com, 612-845-8401).

For your information, VLM stands for "Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry" which is the organization that runs Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion; the former hosts our 5th-9th graders for summer camp and the latter hosts our 9th-12th graders for canoe outings to BWCA. More information about Camp Vermilion and the Bakk House can be found online at www.vlmcamps.org/facilities.



ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Ed Committee invites you to come and hear a variety of diverse educational sessions planned for this fall. We meet Sundays at 10:10 am in Room 40. Bring your coffee and join us.

***Celebrating Together:
God's Work, Our Hands***
September 8
with Pastor Jim Boyce

Sunday, September 8, is designated as "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday in the ELCA. It is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a church—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. This special Sunday fits so nicely with our Mission Statement at RLC—Love God. Love your neighbor. As we start off another year of worship and education together, this will be an opportunity to reconnect with one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living and daring confidence in God's grace.



Exploring Genesis and Exodus
September 15, 29, October 6
with Pastor Dr. Mark Thronveit

Narrative Lectionary texts in September once again draw upon the riches of Genesis and Exodus. Last year we looked at what happens to God's promise when it is entrusted to that patriarchal conman, and all-around rascal, Jacob. This year we will begin by looking at the connections between Genesis and Exodus. Session Two will examine the story of the crossing of the Red Sea (the Exodus itself!) and the several traditions that have been combined in the telling of the tale. We will conclude with a discussion of the Breaking and Renewal of the Covenant, that lies at the literary center of the Pentateuch.



LOVE GOD
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR

A Heart to Care
October 20
with Bethany Husby

In 2017 Bethany Husby took a family vacation to Tanzania. Over the past two years she and Emmanuel Boaz, a young Tanzanian man she met while on vacation, have built a pre and primary school near Arusha. The English speaking school now has 156 students enrolled from pre school to grade 2, and will continue to grow to grade 7. Bethany and her family's charity, Heart To Care Tanzania, helps support the children and the school.



Story of Faith
October 27
with Pastor Dick and Carolyn Carlson

"It just happened." Born in 1937, meeting and graduating from high school together in 1955, married in 1959, and now it's 60 years later. Along the way we have experienced The spirit of the Lord leading and guiding us in and through the ups and downs, twists and turns and sorrows and joys on our journey of faith. "It just happened."



Foods of the Bible
November 3
with Diane Jacobson, Ph.D.

One possible lens for reading the Bible is to take one theme and follow it through. Have you ever considered how central food and drink is to the stories, laws, poetry, and images of the Scriptures? Consider – just for example – the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Sarah, Passover, Manna and Wilderness, Dietary Laws, Images in Psalms, Feasting with Woman Wisdom in Proverbs as well as food in Jesus' ministry and teachings, Eucharist, Fishing, Eating and Drinking in Paul's letters, and Revelation's banquet.

We will look at a quick overview of how food and drink function in a few encounters, in moments of anxiety, in divine promise and so much more throughout the Bible.



Women of the Bible
November 10, 17
with Dr. Michael Rogness

In ancient times women had little status or importance. The Jewish people in Biblical times were an exception. In both the Old and New Testaments women played important roles, which we will survey.



The Lift Garage Story
November 24
with Cathy Heying

A journey from pastoral minister to auto mechanic: the story of The Lift Garage. Cathy Heying, Founder and Executive and Operations Director of The Lift Garage will be with us to talk about what led her from church work to attending Dunwoody at age 38 in order to become an auto tech with the goal of helping low income people get their cars fixed at a discounted rate. To learn more about Cathy and The Lift Garage visit www.theliftgarage.org



MEN WANTED

Mens Breakfast 1st and 3rd Saturdays

Join with other RLC men twice a month for conversation, bagels, and coffee. During the school year we meet at church on the first and third Saturdays from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Conversations center on the Gospel of Mark and cover whatever topics come up. We average about 20 guys. Join us! For more information you may contact Pastor Rolf Olson.

WIDOW SUPPORT

Monthly Rose Enkas Luncheons

The Rose Enka widows' organization meets monthly, on a selected Saturday at 11:30 am, at area restaurants to provide support and fellowship for each other. All widows are welcome to join. Call Kay Shurson at 651-766-6930 or Lori Bergman at 651-635-9563 for more information.

Saturday, September 21 - Chianti Grill
2050 Snelling Avenue Ave. N, Roseville

Saturday, October 19 - Tavern Grill
3561 Lexington Avenue N, Arden Hills

Saturday, November 16 - Grumpy's Restaurant
2801 Snelling Avenue, N.

RLC LADIES!

Meet, Meat, and Mead - Sept. 24

Ladies - come join us on Tuesday, Sept. 24, as we meet at local restaurant/microbrewery, The Urban Growler, the first Woman-Owned Microbrewery in Minnesota (started in 2014) located in the Midway area. They are the winner of the 2019 Midway Business of the year. Their slogan states - *Great Beer, Amazing Food, Welcoming Community.*

We'll meet at 6:00 pm at our reserved table in the taproom. Their menu showcases 14+ beers and a full pub dinner menu. The Urban Growler also makes their own vanilla cream soda as well, if beer isn't your specialty.

At 7:00 pm we will have our own private tour with Deb Loch, the Master Brewer at Urban Growler and co-owner. For more information and a map - check out their website www.urbangrowler.com.

Please pre-register if you can at the welcome desk, so we have enough space reserved. (but you are welcome to attend even if not pre-registered).

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Flu season is approaching, and RLC is partnering with our local Cub Pharmacy for a flu shot clinic this September.

8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Sunday, September 29
Social Hall Stage

Flu, pneumonia, and tetanus shots will be available. Shingles shots will be offered if the vaccine is available. Sign up in advance in the office or at the welcome desk. Please remember to wear clothes that allow access to your upper arm, and bring your insurance card on the day of the clinic. The best way to protect yourself and your family during flu season is with the flu shot.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, October 19 from 5:00 - 10:00 pm

You are invited to join friends for an evening of great food, fun and fellowship at our 4th annual Progressive Dinner!

Join us to meet new RLC friends or to reconnect with old ones. During the evening, you will journey to three different homes in Roseville to enjoy appetizers, a main course and dessert.

All who participate will be asked to help provide food for one of the courses. We are also in need of a few more host homes for appetizer or main course. We will have multiple homes for appetizers and the main course, and then everyone will gather at a single home for dessert.

Sign up by Friday, Oct. 11, with the church office or at the Welcome Desk. Contact Jennifer Bergman at mn_bergman@msn.com or 651.249.3192 or Jill Lund at jillklund@aol.com with questions.

RLC BRIDGE GROUP RESUMES

Do you play bridge? If so, please consider joining the RLC bridge group. Each team plays six times between October and May, hosting in their home 3 times and then being a guest in another home the other 3 times on a date of their choosing. Please sign up by Sept 27. This is a great way to get to know fellow members and to have fun! For more information, contact Jill Lund at 651-487-2357 or jillklund@aol.com

READERS, JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

LIFE Ministry Book Discussions Begin

Christian Life Ministries is kicking off our next round of book discussions with a wide variety of selections. You can purchase your own book or check out our local library. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to let us know you'll be there! Here's what we're reading.

Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in America

by Sarah Smarsh

September (Date/Time TBD) – Hosted by Rolf and Nancy Olson

This beautifully written memoir combines personal narrative with powerful analysis and cultural commentary. Heartland examines the myths about people thought to be less because they earn less. A heartfelt memoir and social commentary.

Love Thy Neighbor: Muslim Doctor's Struggle for Home in Rural America

by Dr. Ayaz Virji with Alan Eisenstock, published in 2019.

October 26, 9:30 am – Hosted by Alice and Leon Neve

In 2013, Ayaz Virji left a comfortable job at an East Coast hospital and moved to a town of 1,400 in Minnesota, feeling called to address the shortage of doctors in rural America. But in 2016, this decision was tested when the reliably blue, working-class county swung for Donald Trump. Virji watched in horror as his children faced anti-Muslim remarks at school and some of his most loyal patients began questioning whether he belonged in the community.

In *Love Thy Neighbor*, Virji relates his story in a gripping, unforgettable narrative that shows the human consequences of our toxic politics, the power of faith and personal conviction, and the potential for a renewal of understanding in America's heartland.

The Bohemian Flats

by Mary Relinders Ellis

November (Date/Time/Host TBD)

World War I historical fiction. Following the lives of Raimund and Albert Kaufmann, *The Bohemian Flats* conjures both the sweep of irresistible history and the intimate reality of a man, and a family, caught up in it. From a nineteenth-century German farm to the thriving, wildly diverse immigrant village below Minneapolis on the Mississippi to the European front in World War I, and returning to twentieth-century America—this is a story that takes a reader to the far reaches of human experience and the depths of the human heart.

Pastor's Bible Study

~ OLD TESTAMENT ~

Wednesdays at 9:30 in Room 40

Join us for a lively discussion as we study Old Testament texts. We will be exploring how the gifts of a generous God continues to shape, transform and inspire us.

No registration required. Come when you can!

Classes begin Wednesday, September 18.

TUTORING AT CENTRAL PARK ELEMENTARY

It Takes a Village to Educate a Child

For the past four years members of Roseville Lutheran Church have partnered with Central Park Elementary School in a tutoring program. Last year we had 25 tutors from RLC! Tutors spend an hour each week during the school day helping students learn and thrive. Most volunteers tutor on Thursday mornings, but there are also some Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon slots available. We help Kindergarten through 6th grade students develop their reading and math skills and/or their English language skills. Each tutor requests the grade level they prefer and then works with the same classroom teacher throughout the school year.

You are invited to stop by the Welcome Desk in the Commons and visit with past tutors during the **10:10 hour on Sundays, September 15 or 29**, to learn more about our successful program or to sign up for the coming school year. Tutors will have two orientation sessions in early October. Tutoring begins the week of October 21 and runs through the end of May. Many tutors choose to participate in our optional coffee/fellowship time following tutoring each week where we can share our experiences and get to know each other better.

Teachers and tutors alike speak very favorably of this tutoring program. Teachers feel the support of their community, and tutors enjoy getting to know the students they work with and watching them learn and grow. Many positive, supportive relationships develop over the course of the year. Perhaps you would consider joining our group of caring adults. Tutors do make a difference!

If you would like more information, please contact Jill Lund at 651-487-2357 or jillklund@aol.com



OUR NEIGHBORS AND ME

*If I cannot do great things,
I can do small things in a great way.*

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We the members of the Our Neighbors and Me team are looking to this new 2019-2020 church season with hearts seeking the grace of God, that God would grow our everyday experiences into actions performed in great ways while serving our fellow human beings, our neighbors. We have come to learn through the book groups we have participated in, the discussions we have all held and the presenters and focus group leaders we have invited into our congregation that we need to seek to live well-rounded desegregated lives. This is a deep, earthy transformation only God can accomplish within us. We offer this prayer to you to consider for yourself. May we be receptive to ask God to accomplish this spiritual process.

As we move from the written pages and spoken words we have experienced together as God's people these past three years, one of our foci this year will be "hospitality." ONAM will offer opportunities of fellowship, hospitality and education to you. We will be sponsoring outings to local theatre productions and historical events, such as the Penumbra Theatre, the History Theater and other upcoming occasions. We will also offer further book groups and another Roseville Area Schools partnership called Intentional Social Interaction (ISI) to continue our intentional cross-cultural conversation about the racial and generational walls that keep us divided as a community.

We look forward to building and growing friendships with you, our church neighbors, and also with our local neighborhood.



HELP WANTED: GET THE KIDS OFF THE SCREEN

Vision Slovakia Dinner, Fundraiser, and CCE Update
4:30 - 8:00 pm, Sunday, Sept. 29 at St. Andrew's Lutheran

Special guests Center for Christian Education (CCE) President Bohdan Hroban, PhD, and Rev. Adrian Kacian from Martin, Slovakia, will be in attendance to share news of a new building project and other updates. You'll hear heartwarming and life-changing stories from the RLC Youth, St. Andrew's Pre-School VBS and Peer Ministry of their 2019 mission trips.

Your contributions are needed to renovate rooms for Art, Music and Gym Studios to encourage kids to 'get off the screen' and have access to Art, Music and Exercise studios. The evening's festivities will also feature St. Paul's own SOKOL Slovak Dancers, and authentic Slovak music. A Slovak favorite 'Chicken Paprish' will be served for dinner, too.

RSVP and/or donate at www.rosevillelutheran.org/RECONNECT by September 15, 2019. The miracle continues in Martin with your help! See you there on Sunday, September 29 from 4:30-8:00 pm in the Great Hall at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 900 Stillwater Rd, Mahtomedi MN.



SHERIDAN STORY

Volunteers Needed to Help Distribute Food to Students

Currently, there are 85 students per week receiving bags of food from the Sheridan Story Project, at Central Park School. On the third Friday of every month, four volunteers from RLC meet at the school to put the



bags of food into the students' backpacks in the hallways. The bags are stored in a custodial closet, where the volunteers organize the different types of bags onto carts and then, find the right bag for each student. There are 5 food options: Regular, Hispanic, Asian, East African, and Mobile, for students who may be in a transitory home situation.

Pictured is an example of the basic meal, which 38 of the students receive. We are always in need of volunteers to distribute the food, which takes about 1 hour. Watch for sign-ups at RLC next fall if this is something you would like to do. You can sign up for as little as one month, or all nine months! It requires a bit of lifting and walking, so it can count as a work-out if you like!

TANZANIAN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

A Global Outreach Ministry of RLC

"Dear Sponsor, I say thank you for help(ing) me (with) school fees," writes Asha Aloyce, a Form IV student at Lutangilo Secondary School in Tanzania. She and her classmates in the photo all depend on RLC's scholarship support. "Thank you for this chance which I have. This is very important to me because there are many people who want this chance but they did not (get it). Jesus be with you in your life."

*Yours in Christ,
Asha Aloyce*

For more than a decade RLC has faithfully provided scholarship support for secondary school students like Asha from RLC's companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania. This year church leaders there have named more than 50 students who are eligible to receive RLC's scholarship support. Our Mission and Outreach Ministry Team's goal is to maintain this ministry, enabling new high-potential students to enter school and successful students to continue their education in 2020.

These students range from first-year secondary students to university and seminary students. Virtually all are members of the Ng'ang'ange parish. During previous visits to Ng'ang'ange by RLC members, the parish leaders told us that the education of their young people is their highest priority. Through the Bega Kwa Bega program of the Saint Paul Area Synod, we are able to extend RLC's outreach ministry abroad to support these fine young Lutherans.

Here is how you can personally join this vital outreach ministry. Prayerfully consider providing scholarship funds for a student yourself for the 2020 school year. To do so simply send a check to the church office and designate your gift by writing "Iringa Student, acct. 33250" in the memo line. The deadline for receiving these scholarship funds is November 4, 2019.

Individual scholarships are based on need, and vary from student to student. The average award is about \$380. Partial or multiple scholarship donations will all be consolidated and transferred to Tanzania this November in time for awarding next year's scholarships.

We at RLC are blessed to have this unique and inspiring companion congregation relationship with Lutherans in far-away Tanzania. We can learn so much from each other on both sides of the ocean, not only about our common faith, but also about our individual hopes and dreams. Together we become a global community united by grace through prayer and a deeper understanding of each other.

Reflecting what Asha wrote, we too pray that Jesus be with her in her life, and also with her classmates at Lutangilo.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

FMSC MobilePack 2020

Do you have questions about FMSC? Want to hear some of the stories about where the food is delivered to and the impact it is making? Dave Gunnlauggson from FMSC will be at RLC on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 10:10 to answer questions and share testimonies of the impact FMSC is having around the world. Be sure to put this on your calendar!



Planning has begun for the 2020 FMSC MobilePack on May 4 through 7, 2020. This will be Roseville Lutheran's 6th year in partnership with Incarnation Lutheran Church of Shoreview (4880 Hodgson Road) to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. What can you do:

- Join the RLC FMSC team to help with the planning and coordinating
- Consider becoming a Green Shirt volunteer for the event
- Volunteer to drive RLC participants

- Start now to put together groups of friends, neighbors and/or co-workers to attend one or more of the packing sessions
- Donate funds to help pay for the ingredients that will be packed. Each meal will cost 24 cents, a two cent increase from previous years. RLC has committed to pay for 100,000 meals, which is \$24,000. Any and all amounts are greatly welcomed to help pay for the ingredients. Checks can be made out to RLC with FMSC on the memo line. Donations welcome NOW via the weekly offering plate or online.



If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bergman at mn_bergman@msn.com or 651-249-3192 or Kathy Miller at Kathy.a.miller@comcast.net.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Learn More About Volunteering and About Receiving Meals

Roseville Area Meals on Wheels (MOW) serves approximately 20,000 meals each year to 170 people. The made-from-scratch meals are prepared fresh daily in the kitchen at Fairview Community Center. The delivered meal provides 1/3 of the daily recommended dietary allowances as adopted by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Science. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Alternate meals are provided on Thursdays and Fridays for those wanting meals on Saturdays and Sundays.

Meals on Wheels is more than a hot, delicious and nutritious meal delivered to homes. It is a safety check from friendly volunteers. Family members and loved ones will have peace of mind knowing that these caring volunteers will report any health concerns to Meals on Wheels staff, who in turn will notify designated family members or friends.

Who Qualifies for Meals on Wheels

Meals are available to all adults living in the Roseville Area School District, which includes Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Roseville, and parts of Arden Hills, Maplewood, Shoreview, and Como Park/St. Paul. There are no qualifying criteria.

Meal Cost

Roseville Area Meals on Wheels, a program of the Roseville Area Senior Program (RASP) and Roseville Area Schools, provides meals on a sliding fee scale based on monthly income. You can specify how many meals you want each week, and you can select your delivery dates.

Getting Started

Call 651-318-9091 to begin getting delicious meals delivered to your home.



Volunteering

A happy group of RLC volunteers deliver meals about once a month. Volunteers make Meals on Wheels service possible. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals or pack meals, please contact Erik Wolhowe at erik.wolhowe@gmail.com.

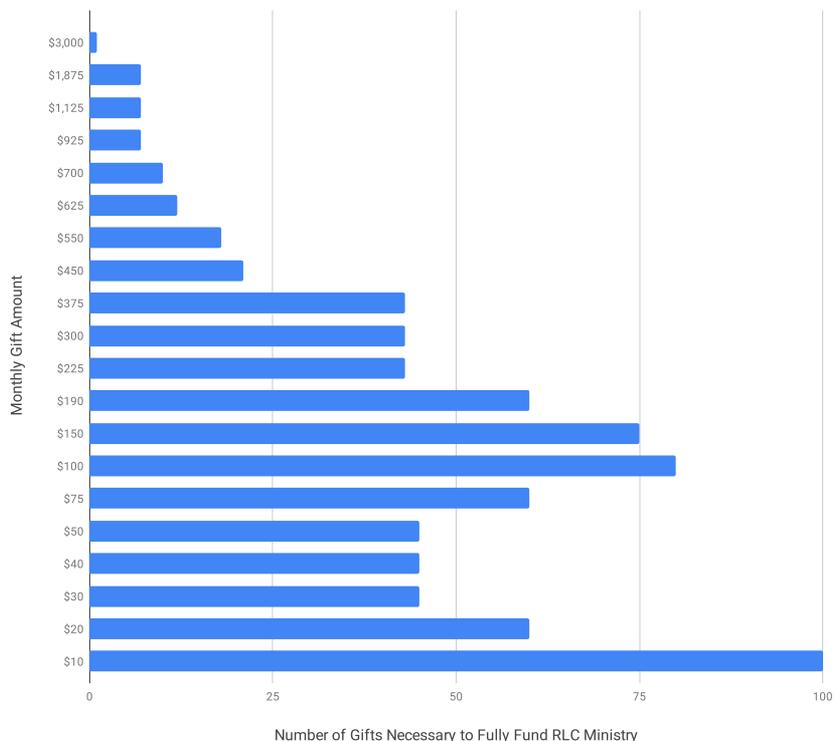
**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE
RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**
Worship at 8:00, 9:00, 11:00 am
Education for all at 10:10 am

**ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2018-2019 ANNUAL MEETING**
Sunday, September 22
In the Social Hall - 10:00 am
Coffee and Refreshments
will be available

MISSION ADVANCEMENT

God of All

ONE WORSHIP
10:00 am • Sunday, October 13
Free Brunch Follows



ADVANCING OUR MISSION IN 2019-20

How We Will Get There

As we continue to live out our vision and mission to “Love God. Love your neighbor. A community united by grace” we are excited about what the future holds for us!

As you consider the proposed budget (shared in our Annual Report), please know that every gift is essential for the continued support and growth of our mission and ministry.

The graph to the left indicates a model of the number of monthly gifts and pledges that are necessary to fully fund RLC’s ministry. As you look at this, prayerfully consider the gifts that you and/or your family give to support our shared ministry. Please consider your present support and how you may be able to either begin a commitment to RLC’s mission, or step up your giving.

We can’t advance our mission without you! As a ministry of the people of God for the people of God, we rely on all gifts, both large and small to shape, transform, and empower people of all ages.

Join us on Sunday, October 13 for a special 10:00 am ONE Worship as we celebrate “God of All: Living in Community Together.” We will be receiving Intents to Give during this worship celebration. Look for more information about ways you can support and advance our mission in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your gifts, support, time and talent! I am excited for where the Holy Spirit is leading this community of faith!

Blessings,
Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

MISSION ADVANCEMENT FOR 2019-2020
ONE Worship, Sunday, October 13 at 10:00 am