

# THE TABLE

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS  
AND MEMBERS OF ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**December 2017 • January 2018 • February 2018**

## WAITING... WAITING...

This past fall, my oldest daughter began the time-honored tradition of filling out her college applications. As a senior in high school, she and her gaggle of friends have filled out the applications, written the essays and listed all of their achievements and sent their applications off – hoping to be accepted by a college or university of their choice. I have watched them as they have fretted over questions about their GPAs (weighted or non-weighted seems to be a sore spot), their place among their classmates, their sports and extracurricular activities, time and hours spent volunteering, awards and... well, you get the picture. And then they wait... and wait... and wait...

As a grown woman, it is easy for me to shake my head, look up at heaven, and say a little prayer of thanks that that part of my life-journey is thankfully behind me. I am, (I say to myself) more self-assured, not as eager for praise, not looking to others for their approval and acceptance. But, am I? I think all of us struggle with the same sort of hoping and wishing to be accepted. We too, look at our life and start to make lists of our accomplishments, our abilities, our hours spent either at work, in the home or volunteering. We, too, want to “measure up” to the standards of our friends, our coworkers, our family. We, too, long to be accepted.

Which is what makes the words of Jesus Christ, his work and his ministry among us so important! In the yearly cycle of the church we have once again embarked on a new year. With the season of Advent rising on the horizon we, too, find ourselves waiting.

Waiting... for our celebration of the birth of our savior.

Waiting... for the cries of the prophets to arise upon our ears.

Waiting... to once again realize that Christ came for all of us.

Waiting... to once again draw near to our God who chose us to be his children, blessed and loved, endowed with his words of blessing and grace.

There is good news waiting for us! Good news that Christ has come to set us free from the worries and concerns of this world that often weigh heavily upon us.

I tell my daughter that she is doing a good job. She is doing a great job! She will be accepted. I remind her of all of the gifts that she has, all of the gifts she has been given and, that we love her unconditionally. My prayer is that she hears these words of acceptance, of grace, of unconditional love.

My prayer for you and yours this Advent season is that you keep your hearts and minds open to receive the good news that unto us is born a savior, **our** Savior. A savior who comes to us not because we are perfect but because we are imperfect beings with faults, mistakes, and sins. We are accepted simply because God chooses us – warts and all! On the day of our baptism the sign of the cross was made and we were called, claimed and named as children of God and inheritors of all of his promises.



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, NOV. 26 – 10:00 AM**

Cornerstone and Luther League  
Advent Activity Day

**SUNDAY, DEC. 10 – 11:00 AM**

Cornerstone Christmas Program  
(8:00 and 9:00 am Worship as usual)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 16 – 7:30 PM**

Christmas Festival Concert

**SATURDAY, DEC. 23**

NO Saturday Worship

**SUNDAY, DEC. 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**

10:00 am – Lessons and Carols

3:00 pm – Family Worship

4:30 pm – Family Worship

9:00 pm – Candlelight Worship

11:00 pm – Candlelight Worship

**MONDAY, DEC. 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship

**SATURDAY, DEC. 30 – 5:00 PM**

Regular Saturday Worship

**SUNDAY, DEC. 31 – NEW YEARS EVE**

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

9:00 am – Thank You Pastor Carlson (see p.3)

7:00 pm – New Years Eve Jazz Concert

*For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a savior,  
who is Christ the Lord.*

(Luke 2:11)

May the peace of God  
be upon you this Advent season!

*Lauren J. Wrightsman*

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman



## WORSHIP WITH US EACH WEEK!

Traditional - 5:00 PM Saturday • Contemplative - 8:00 am Sunday  
Traditional - 9:00 am Sunday • Praise and worship - 11:00 am Sunday



# RLC News and Notes

## ENDOWMENT FUND

CELEBRATING LIVES THROUGH "LOVE LIGHTS"

On a sunny July day in 1971, Addy Murtaugh, her husband Bob, and their two children walked for the first time from their house on Skillman Avenue to Roseville Lutheran Church (RLC). Forty-six years later, even after a move eight miles away from that first house on Skillman to Highland Park, Addy remains a vibrant member of the RLC community through her service taking care of the indoor plants (a job she's done for 25 years), twelve years of teaching 8th grade confirmation, was the first woman to serve on the RLC Council, serving on various committees, as well as donating to the Endowment Fund through her many contributions to the Love Lights program.

When Addy speaks of how much the church has impacted her and her family – especially through youth activities in which her children made lifelong friends – it is clear that she appreciates the generations of people that created and continue to create a loving and caring community at RLC. Through her contributions to Love Lights, Addy fosters a legacy making sure that others' legacies are remembered, legacies that made RLC feel like a second home for her and her family – "it's my [way of] signifying how much they mean to me, [that] their life will be remembered, and the money I contribute will help others as well."

Contributions to the Endowment Fund can also be made in numerous similar contexts besides Love Lights: in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone whose outstanding efforts deserve acknowledgment, or even the recognition of a birthday, anniversary or graduation. Also, through your estate planning, the RLC Endowment Fund can be designated a beneficiary that provides yet another recognition. Whether through Love Lights, memorials, celebrations, or estate planning, a contribution to the Endowment Fund is a gift that provides continuing additional financial support to RLC and our community.

Starting Nov. 12, the RLC Endowment annual Love Lights campaign will be accepting contributions. Your gifts are then added to the perpetual fund, where the investment earnings are used to fulfill bi-annual grant requests. These grant requests come from RLC ministry areas and from external non-profit organizations, such as The Banyan Community or Operation Bootstrap. Any contribution to the Endowment Fund is truly the gift that keeps on giving. For more information on the Endowment Fund, go to [www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/endowment](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/giving/endowment) or contact the Endowment Committee Chair, KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com.



Addy Murtaugh and her son Bob, who made lifelong friends through RLC's ministry. Addy contributes to the Endowment Fund through their Love Lights campaign each year to remember, recognize and celebrate the many people along her family's life journey.



Beth Orenstein (daughter), Addy, Bob Murtaugh (son) and wife, Jill Clark, granddaughters, Emily and Mara Orenstein, Son-in-law, Kevin Orenstein.

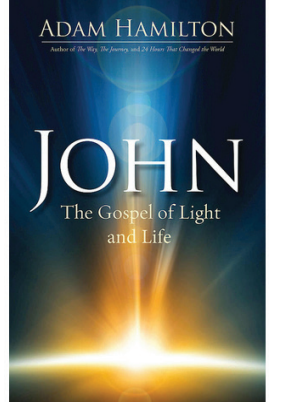
## PASTOR'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

9:30 am, Wednesdays in Lent

Join in as we read and discuss "John: The Gospel of Light and Life" a Bible study by Adam Hamilton. This will be a 6-week study February 7 – March 14. Cost: approximately \$12.00 (we will be reading Hamilton's book).

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." We will follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament.

Books are available on Amazon or other online retailers. Search online with "Adam Hamilton The Gospel of Light and Life."



## SCRAPBOOKING GROUP

7PM ON SECOND FRIDAY

Calling all scrapbookers, crafters and those who have a project they can take with them! We meet at RLC on the second Friday of the month from 7:00 pm to midnight. All are welcome so bring a friend or two and join us to hang out and get your project done. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you want. Questions? Email Gena at [genashawnone@comcast.net](mailto:genashawnone@comcast.net). You're welcome to just show up, the more the merrier. We generally meet upstairs outside the office area. Hope to see you there!

# RLC Lay Leaders and Staff

### Pastors

Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor  
Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor  
Dick Carlson, Visitation Pastor

### Hospitality Ministry

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager  
Colleen Hopple, Hospitality Assistant

### Music Ministry

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

### Children's Ministry

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

### Student Ministry

Michael Jordan, Director of Youth Ministry  
Abby Matter, Director of Faith Formation

### Facilities Ministry

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

### Ministry Support Staff

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

### RLC Preschool

Jenifer Johnson, Director

### Child Care House

Sue Menier, Director  
Shyama Dahal, Assistant

### Endowment Committee

KJ Bach, Chair

### Nominating Committee

Mike McGregor, Co-Chair  
Chris Smedsrud, Co-Chair

### Congregation Council

Jeff Johnson, President  
John Shardlow, President-Elect  
Mike Dolan, Vice President  
Keith Gilbert  
Joe Zeigler  
Darci Bontrager  
Elizabeth Jacobson  
Jessica Henry  
Tom Lund

### Ministry Team Chairs

Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry Advisory Board  
Lillian Eldred, Youth & Family  
Mary Erickson, Adult Education  
Jane Lagerquist, Christian LIFE Co-Chair  
Janet Risinger, Christian LIFE Co-Chair  
Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach



# RLC NEWS and NOTES

## 75TH REFLECTIONS, THANKS

JEFF JOHNSON, CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT

As I reflect on the events of past months I am in awe of the thoughtful planning and execution that made RLC's 75th Anniversary such a wonderful series of celebrations. Please join me in thanking lay leader committee members K J Bach Co-Chair, Jeff Bowar Co-Chair, Scott Cordes, Elizabeth Jacobson, Bud Helman, Mary Erickson, Sue Metzger, Dorothy Borgstrom, Cathy Nelson, and staff members Pastor Lauren Wrightsman, Daniel Pederson, Stephen Gallen, Connie Marchio, Steve Henry, and Dave Booms. You all did such a wonderful job and made this celebration truly memorable! No doubt the next 75 years will reflect God's love and grace just as the past 75 years have.

As we enter the Christmas season I wish you all safe travels, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy 2018!

Blessings,  
Jeff Johnson

## WITH THANKS AND LOVE

DICK CARLSON, VISITATION PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I write this to inform you that I am resigning from my position as Visitation Pastor as of December 31, 2017. I have been on the staff of RLC in this role since February 2015 and now at the age of 80, it is time.

I am very thankful and blessed to have been invited to do this work here in our home congregation and work together with our Pastors and with the members of the Care Team, Spiritual Team and Prayer Team to focus and expand the ministry of care and prayer.

It has been a privilege and humbling experience to visit members of our congregation in need of pastoral care and support and to listen to their sacred stories of their journey – seeking to connect our story with God's Story.

Carolyn and I will continue to be members of RLC and involved in the life of the congregation going forward with its Vision and Mission.

Thank you for your acceptance, support and encouragement. As we celebrate 75 years here and recall all those who have gone before us in the faith, we continue to gather for worship and then scatter into the intersections of our lives where God calls us to engage with others with the compassion of Jesus and the Spirit of the Lord. This is God's Church and we are God's people.

I close with this benediction from Romans 15:13 (which is lettered on the north balcony wall in the Worship Center.)

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

With thanks and love.  
Respectfully,

*Pastor Dick Carlson*

Pastor Dick Carlson

## BLESSING AND BENEDICTION OF THANKSGIVING!

9:00 am, Sunday, December 31

THANK YOU FOR PASTOR DICK CARLSON

Join us in giving thanks to Pastor Dick Carlson for his work among us as Visitation Pastor on **Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 am worship service.**

If you would like to send a word of thanks to Pastor Dick for his ministry please send cards to:

Pastor Dick Carlson  
Roseville Lutheran Church  
1215 Roselawn Ave W.  
Roseville, MN 55113

THANK  
you!



## LIBRARY NEWS

Check out the RLC Library! We have some new books for children and adults. We will have displays in the library of the many types of books that are on the shelves so that people can see the variety that is there for checking out and reading. Stop in and look them over.



We have reference, global mission, theology, adult and teen fiction books. Monthly we will highlight a few selections on the tables in the library. We are beginning to acquire books on diversity which has been a topic for a group at RLC so we continue to look for books that are a part of not only RLC but the community around us.

We will be starting pop-up libraries to give away free books or sell for a small price starting in February. We need to clean out duplicates or older books that are outdated in their content. We do not have space for all the books that we have and so we want to share the old ones with the congregation or pass on to others in our church community. Sale proceeds will add to our budget for further purchases of new books. Watch the Table or Sunday bulletin for the details.

We are excited to have all the books that we do have and have purchased in the past year but it would be nice to see more people make use of these wonderful books. Please come in on any Sunday morning and someone will be there from 10:00 – 11:00 am to help check out or help you find a book. Thank you for all your support and making this RLC Library the best it can be.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

As with any organization in our congregation the RLC Library is looking for volunteers, so I invite anyone (of any age!) to have a conversation with me on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 am to discuss your interest. Bring a cup of coffee and doughnut to the library and let's talk! If you prefer to call and talk to me that is great as well. Call Sharon Boyce at 651-636-5093 or email me at mnsfboyce@aol.com and I will be happy to chat with you. I hope to hear from some of you as this is a great time to get involved and meet other members of this congregation. Please think and pray about this opportunity.

## REMEMBERING THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE

In our daily busy routines it's easy to forget how we can make a difference in other's lives. Roseville Lutheran's Serve Sunday Dresser Build helped my family remember. We worked as a team; dividing the tasks, following the instructions, and double checking our work. In a short time, we had built a dresser together. I snapped a family selfie next to our handiwork that no one objected to taking. I'm interpreting that photo concession to be a sign of an important lesson learned. We all thought building the dresser was fun and I hope our kids remember the agency they felt in using their skills and time to help other people.

– the Grann family





# STEWARDSHIP

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATIONAL SERIES

**JANUARY 28 – KRIS OLSEN**

**IDENTITY THEFT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

*(RLC South Lounge during 10:10 hour)*

This workshop will inform and empower you to safeguard your identity. As a participant, you'll explore real-life scenarios in order to identify actions that help or hinder the safety of personal data. The workshop is designed to help you:

- Understand how identity theft can occur.
- Learn tips to help protect yourself.
- Know what steps to take if identity theft happens to you.



**FEBRUARY 25 – ERIK STORLIE**

**HEART TO HEART: AS YOUR PARENTS AGE**

*(RLC South Lounge during 10:10 hour)*

Some conversations are too important to put off any longer. Your parents are getting older, and now is the time for a heart-to-heart about their goals, wishes, and potential needs – so you can be ready. In just 50 minutes, you will better understand:

- The impact that caregiving can have on relationships and finances.
- What key information can help support your loved one.
- How to initiate healthy heart-to-heart conversations.



**MARCH 18 – DARCI BONTRAGER**

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:**

**SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES**

*(RLC South Lounge during 10:10 hour)*

This workshop is designed to help you explore the many ways you can be generous and determine those things that provide meaning to you. The workshop will help you:

- Identify your values.
- Explore ways to make the most of your resources – time, talents and treasures.
- Discover what is meaningful for you and create your generosity plan.



**APRIL 8 – CINDY AEGERTER**

**ESTATE & LEGACY PLANNING:**

**GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING**

*(RLC South Lounge during 10:10 hour)*

The RLC Endowment Committee and Cindy Aegerter from the inFaith Community Foundation will be presenting ways to approach Legacy and Estate planning. inFaith Community Foundation is a donor advised, collaborative foundation seeking to spread the blessings of God's Kingdom through long-term investing. What passion could your legacy continue to support for the future generations?



## SPECIAL SATURDAY WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

**KRIS OLSEN & DARCI BONTRAGER**

**MORE THAN MONEY MATTERS**

*(RLC Social Hall from 8:00 am – 12 noon, Saturday)*

This 4-hour interactive workshop will help you align your money management with your values. Get the tools and resources you need to help you make informed choices about how you share, save and spend. In this values-based workshop, you'll explore:

- How your values and goals go hand in hand.
- How to manage the pressures to spend so you can save.
- Different ways to plan (budget) how you use your money.
- \*Complimentary coffee, juice and donuts will be provided!



## RLC STEWARDSHIP



## OUR CHILDREN AS CHEERFUL GIVERS

If you have attended worship at RLC, you may have noticed children going up front to add their coins and dollars to the offering basket by the altar. This simple act of sharing what they have is so meaningful for the kids, but even more impactful for us. The joy and enthusiasm they have to give offering is something we all can learn from. Here are a few stories from families at RLC and their experience with giving an offering in church.

***"Each one must give as he has decided in this heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."***

– 2 Corinthians, 9:7

As parishioners at RLC, you may have noticed during Sunday morning worship that there are a growing number of young children bringing their gifts to the altar during the morning offering. What better definition of a 'cheerful giver' than the joyfulness of our kids! They may not be able to count the amount of money in their hand, but the expression on their faces and the confidence in their stride demonstrates the great pride they have in delivering these gifts. As parents we look for ways to instill the act of giving as one of the key components of their budding faith in the Lord. Through this engaging act of worship, we can start to explain that God has given us nothing short of 100% of His love, therefore we should give our gift to be good stewards of His grace. As parents of young kids at RLC, we invite you to join in their gift giving- feel free to send them up front and make sure to wave so they know where to return to their seats!

– From the Morse family

Learn more online at:  
[rosevillelutheran.org/giving](http://rosevillelutheran.org/giving)



# CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES

## KIDS SHARING OFFERING IN CHURCH AT RLC

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As parents we believe that by teaching our children about giving offering at an early age, they will get more out of attending RLC than just worship and Sunday school. By seeing us place a check in the offering plate each week, they are seeing one more aspect to supporting the church and its ministry.

We usually attend the 8:00 church service which typically means that our daughter is the only Sunday school child at the service. At first, this was intimidating for her – everyone watching her walk (run) up to the front and when she would come back she would say “Everyone was smiling at me” or “they must like my dress.” Coincidentally, this has led to her picking and choosing her outfits days before Sunday morning at 8am. When you ask our young daughter what the reason is for giving money to church, she says “So we can help other people. Some people don’t have money for food and this way I can help.”

– From the Richards Family

Having children bring their offering to the altar has made a big difference in how our kids view offering. Our children are much better at remembering to bring their offering each Sunday. They take pride in walking it up to the altar and placing it in the basket. It’s more meaningful to them and it has helped to open up the conversation about the importance of offering and how it impacts the church. They had no idea that all aspects of the church and their activities are possible through offering. They have learned that their offerings are important and needed each week. They always like to add loose change to help feed the hungry. One week our 4th grade got to bring the basket of all Cornerstone offerings for that morning up to the altar. He felt honored to place all the children’s offering in the basket. We are grateful our kids are learning the importance of being involved in offering at a young age, and they are excited to bring their offering each week.

– From the Calzadillas Family

## RLC PRESCHOOL

Roseville Lutheran Preschool is having a fantastic school year for 2017-18! We have enjoyed the Fall activities, which have included: Birthday Celebration, Trike Day, Fire Prevention, Dad’s Nights, Halloween and Thanksgiving.



### UPCOMING WINTER ACTIVITIES:

Nov. 19 – Dec. 10 – Poinsettia Fundraiser  
Dec. 20, 9:30a.m. – MWF 3’s and 4’s combined Christmas Program  
Dec. 21, 9:30a.m. – TTH 3’s and 4’s combined Christmas Program  
Dec. 22 – Jan. 1 – Winter Break  
Jan. 16/17 – Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Jan. 29/30 – June in January Fun!  
Feb. 2018 – Help with Project Home  
Feb. 13/14 – Valentine Fun

## POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 10

Our annual Poinsettia Fundraiser is from NOV. 19 – DEC. 10. This year we will be in the Commons taking Poinsettia orders, **as well as orders for the Christmas Garden of the Worship Center.** If you would like to contribute a poinsettia for the Worship Center you will be able to mark if it is “In Memory or In Honor of Someone.” Poinsettias will be \$14 each, with choice of Red, Pink or White. Funds from the Poinsettia Fundraiser will go towards scholarships, books, supplies and equipment needed for the Preschool. We appreciate your support! Thanks to all who donated to our Preschool Fundraisers last year. We are enjoying our new chairs, class rug and toy shelf!

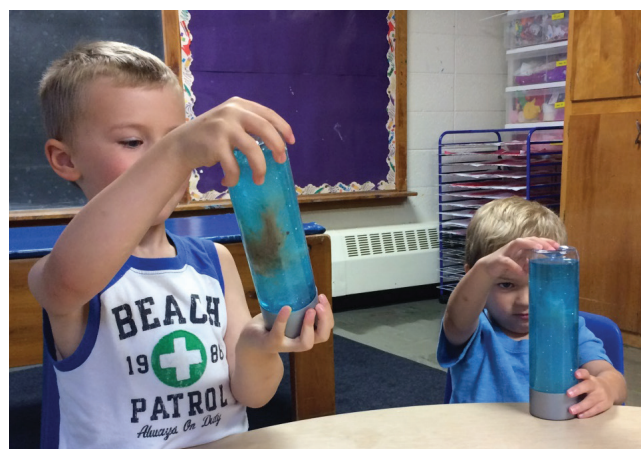
We are so grateful for the love and support you give to our Preschool, whether it is monetary or spiritually. Thank you for helping us plant seeds of God’s love in our youngest members of our church community. It is an honor to watch them grow and teach them our mission “Love God. Love Your Neighbor.”

P.S. - Save the Date – **Preschool Registration for 2018-19 will begin Jan. 29!**

If you have questions, please contact the Preschool Director, Jenifer Johnson at 651-488-6887 or [jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org).



In addition, we have loved our NEW ENRICHMENT CLASS “Creation Station” this Fall! The students have been diving deep into many science and art projects! A New Enrichment Class Session will begin in January 2018! Please check our website for details and registration forms at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/ages-and-stages/rlc-preschool/](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/ages-and-stages/rlc-preschool/)



## LENTEN MENTORS NEEDED

5-week commitment to a confirmation student

This year we are looking for 40 adults in the congregation to be mentors to our 9th grade confirmation students during Lent. It would be a 5-week commitment beginning with a Mentor Meeting on Ash Wednesday, February 14th after the 7 p.m. Lenten service. As a mentor, you would attend the 7 o’clock worship with a 9th grade student and then meet with them afterwards one on one for four weeks (February 21, February 28, March 17, and March 21. Students have Spring Break March 7th so you would not meet that week). You will be given all the materials you need including discussion questions and talking points for your time together. Please contact Abby Matter at [amatter@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:amatter@rosevillelutheran.org) if you are interested in being a mentor. The idea is to connect these students with members of the congregation who can get to know them and call them by name!

## THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - 7:00 PM, FEBRUARY 14

We will again have Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 5:00 and 7:00 pm in the Worship Center, (w/Soup Suppers from 5:30-7:00 pm) on Feb. 21, 28, and March 7, 14, 21.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## CYF MINISTRY CALENDAR

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| SUNDAYS    | Little Lambs, Cornerstone, Luther League,<br>Devos & Donuts, 11 & Lunch (2 yrs thru High School) |
| TUESDAYS   | FLOCK (High School)  |
| WEDNESDAYS | Confirmation (7th-9th Grade)   |
| THURSDAYS  | Bagels @ Dawn (High School)  |

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND RETREATS

|              |                   |   |
|--------------|-------------------|---|
| Nov 26       | 10:00 am          | Advent Activity Day for kids ages 2-6th grade             |
| Dec. 1       | 6:00 - 9:00 pm    | Parents NightOut  |
| Dec. 1-2     |                   | Peer Ministry Leadership Retreat (Pt. 2)                  |
| Dec 3        | 10:00 am          | Pajama Day  |
| Dec. 6       | 7:00 pm           | Confirmation 9th Grade Parent Meeting                     |
| Dec 9        | 9-12:00 pm        | Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal                   |
| Dec 10       | 10:00 am          | Cornerstone Christmas Program Rehearsal                   |
| Dec. 10      | 11:00 am          | Cornerstone Christmas Program                             |
| Dec 17       | 10:00 am          | Birthday Party for Jesus in Cornerstone and Luther League |
| Dec. 17      | 10:00 am          | NO 11 & Lunch   |
| Dec. 20      |                   | NO Confirmation   |
| Dec. 24      |                   | NO Weekly Programs  |
| Dec. 31      |                   | NO Sunday CYF Programming                                 |
| Jan. 2, 2018 |                   | Weekly Programming Resumes (FLOCK, Confirmation, Bagels)  |
| Jan. 7       | 10:00 am          | Sunday CYF Programming Resumes                            |
| Jan. 12-14   |                   | Youth Leader Worship Planning Retreat                     |
| Jan. 17      |                   | Confirmation Service Night - Dresser Build                |
| Jan 19-20    |                   | Confirmation Lock-in                                      |
| Jan. 21      | 10:00 am          | Serve Sunday: Big Wrap and Dresser Build                  |
| Feb. 4       |                   | Summer Youth Trip Registration Forms Due                  |
| Feb. 11      | 9:00 and 11:00 am | Youth-Led Worship Service                                 |
| Feb. 14      | 7:45 pm           | Lenten Mentors Meeting                                    |

## SUMMER TRIPS

2018 BROCHURES AVAILABLE!

One of the highlights of our youth and staff at Roseville Lutheran is our summer trips! The fellowship and faith formation that happen during the week on all of our summer trips, is truly remarkable. We have four summer trip opportunities for youth grades 5 – 12. Registrations will be available online starting in the beginning of 2018. You must register by February 4 to guarantee your spot this summer. To start planning for your trips now, pick up a copy of our summer brochure at the Children, Youth, and Family corner in the Commons.



## INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

On Sunday, February 11, our youth will lead us in worship during the 9 & 11 o'clock services. This Sunday will also kickoff our 2 week Invest in Our Youth fundraiser to help send more youth on summer trips through RLC. We are seeking donations from \$1 – \$144 to offset the costs of our summer trips. At the Children, Youth, & Family Corner in the Commons for those three Sundays (2/11, 2/18, & 2/25), you will see 144 envelopes each with their own number 1 – 144. If all of those envelopes are filled with a donation equal to the number on the envelope, our youth will receive over \$10,000 in support for their summer trips! Also, inside each envelope will be a special thank you note and information about the youth and trips you are helping support!

## CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN

7TH - 9TH Grade LOCK-IN, January 19-20

The Confirmation Lock-In is coming soon! As always, it will be an all-night event of fun, fellowship, and games. Youth will have a great time with giant inflatables, movies, games, midnight worship, pizza party, laser tag, and much, MUCH more! The Confirmation Lock-In is open to 7th through 9th graders and their friends. It begins Friday Jan. 19, at 8:00 pm and will end on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 am. The cost is \$20 per youth and the deadline to register is Sunday, January 7. Registration forms will be available online beginning in December. Contact Abby at [amatter@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:amatter@rosevillelutheran.org) with any questions.



## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

9TH Grade RETREAT, February 23-25

This year the 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat is Friday February 23rd through Sunday February 25th. We will be heading to Urban Immersion in Minneapolis for a weekend of fellowship and service. It will be a hands on experience for students and leaders as they work alongside one another to serve their neighbors in their own backyard. Online registration will be available in January, but until then mark your calendars as this will be a weekend you won't want to miss! If you have any questions, please contact Abby Matter at [amatter@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:amatter@rosevillelutheran.org).



## MICHAEL'S MINUTE

MICHAEL JORDAN,  
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

What another amazing kickoff to our fall programming! Our youth truly enjoy being here and it is wonderful to see the deeper bonds that are forming. It has been great to have more volunteer leaders helping out with the high school programming, and so many families willing to help serve a meal for 11&Lunch.

At the end of September, our youth leadership team spent a full day going through part of the Peer Ministry Leadership training. We worked on the Good Samaritan leadership model, asking better questions, and developing soulful curiosity. A couple weeks later, we took our largest group ever to Camp Castaway for the MEA Getaway (our group size nearly doubled from last year). Our youth leaders really stepped into the role of being peer ministers as they welcomed the first time participants and worked together to make it the best weekend ever. The weekend challenged all of us to work on spiritual practices and sitting in silence to better understand our own barriers that limit us from seeing our neighbors. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings, but if it's anything like these first few months, we're going to have increasingly more fun, more fellowship, all while growing deeper in our faith and love for the Lord.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SPECIAL REHEARSAL

9:00 AM, SATURDAY, DEC. 9



Our big full rehearsal will be on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 9:00 in the Worship Center. All those involved with the program are expected to be at this final rehearsal. Preschoolers will be excused at 10:00 am, others at 12 noon if things go well! Parents are needed to help serve snack to the kids. Please let Julie know if you can help on Dec 9th.

### PROPS AND COSTUME HELP NEEDED!

We have to create a few props and head pieces for our Cornerstone Christmas program. If you are able to help with this fun, please join the people at the tables in the lobby on Sunday mornings. Stop by and lend a hand!

## SOMEONE IS COMING!

### CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - 11:00 AM, DEC. 10

The kids have been rehearsing their music for the Cornerstone Christmas program and are excited for you to be a part of this special worship service on Sunday, December 10 at 11:00. This year's program will be filled with some special highlights that include our Christmas Choir of 5th and 6th grade students and others with special speaking parts. Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus will also be part of the morning. We have Cornerstone on Sunday, Dec 10 at 10:00. All Kindergarten-4th Graders and Christmas Choir kids should meet in the Activity Center at 10:00 on Dec 10th. The 2, 3 and 4 year olds should meet in their Large Group space, Room 45A to put the final touches on the songs and then will have stories and playtime before the big program at 11:00! We are working hard to make this program amazing and look forward telling you this special story in word and song!



## ADVENT ACTIVITY DAY

10:00 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Each year, as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, we hold an Advent Activity Day in Cornerstone Ministry. This fun event will be held on November 26th this year. 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 year after year as you focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We have held this event for 30 years and it is a very special tradition!

Because the cost of these items is not part of the Children's Ministry budget, we ask that each child bring \$2.00 with them on Sunday, Nov 26, to help defray the materials cost. Please place the \$2.00 per child in the Cornerstone offering basket.

Kindergarten-4th grades should meet in the Activity Center on Nov 26 at 10:00 to rehearse their Christmas music before doing their Advent Activity Day projects. 5th and 6th graders should go directly to Heritage Hall at 10:00 to work on their projects. Preschoolers will start with music in Room 45A and then do their projects in the same rooms that they meet in for Cornerstone Small Groups.

Extra hands will be needed to assist the students in completing their projects, especially at the preschool and early-elementary level. Please talk with your child's Small Group Shepherd and offer to join your child's small group on November 26, to provide an extra set of hands. It is very important that all the children have the opportunity to complete their project on Sunday, November 26. Please help to make this a wonderful experience for all in the preparation.



## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

6:00 - 9:00 PM, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1. PRE-REGISTER NOW

Need an evening to get shopping done, wrap presents or just go to dinner without kids? Friday, December 1st we are hosting a Parents Night Out from 6-9 pm. Enter through our Roselawn entrance to bring your kids ages 12 mos-10 yrs to the Commons and sign them in. Our youth will care for them with games, crafts and fun while you get an evening off! Cost is \$15 per child or \$40 per family. Proceeds from this event go toward scholarships for youth to attend summer camps and trips. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** to make sure we have enough care givers for the number of kids. Sign up at the Children, Youth and Family desk in the Commons or Lobby, or call the main office to give your kids names/ages. Questions? Please contact Julie Hanson at [jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org)

## PAJAMA DAY IS DECEMBER 3

Sunday, December 3rd is Pajama Day for all kids big and small at Roseville Lutheran Church! All kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas to Cornerstone, Luther League and Devos & Donuts AND bring a new pair of pajamas to give to the Sharing Tree for others this Christmas. The kids will lounge in their Small Group spaces and learn about the love of God in a comfy, cozy way!

If you are not a part of Cornerstone but would like to donate a new pair of pajamas to the Sharing Tree, please join the fun!! Take advantage of Black Friday deals to get new pajamas for kids on sale! We are especially looking for larger sizes for kids age 10-12. Kids... bring a pair of new pajamas to give to others, and wear your pajamas to Cornerstone, Luther League and Devos & Donuts on December 3rd!

## SERVE SUNDAY IS JANUARY 21!

### DRESSER BUILD AND THE BIG WRAP

All are invited to participate in a Serve Sunday to benefit clients of Bridging. Bridging is a local organization that helps people get back on their feet and into homes of their own by supplying home furnishings and things that many of us take for granted. On January 21st at 10:00 the whole congregation is invited to help with this project- there will be no regular Cornerstone, Luther League or Devos & Donuts. Instead of our regular programming, kids and their families are invited to assemble a dresser in the Activity Center and/or wrap kitchen utensils and bath towels for the clients of Bridging on the mezzanines. Serving side by side to be a blessing to others is meaningful for all that participate.

Donations are needed to make this project successful. To make the Kitchen Bundles and Bath Bundles for The Big Wrap we need the following new items: Bath towels, Hand towels and washcloths, Kitchen towels and dishcloths, wooden spoons, hand can openers, spatulas and flippers. Bring your donations to the Children, Youth and Family corner in the Commons or the CYF desk in the lobby upstairs. Join us as we assemble dressers and pack bundles for Bridging clients!





# LIFE EVENTS • MORE!

## RESTAURANT WEEK

Jan. 12-19: 7 DAYS, 7 HOSTS, 7 restaurants!

A new dining concept and an opportunity to choose from new restaurants, eat out and make new friends. Coming in December, we'll have sign-up sheets, pick the one or two or seven restaurants that you want to try. Sign up, show up and enjoy!



People will sign up at the Welcome Desk with their name, number or email address. Hosts will make the reservations and place a follow up call or send a reminder email to those who have signed up. Sit back, relax, eat and enjoy the fellowship of new friends! All participants will pay their own tabs. Easy fun for everyone.

We are also looking for a few additional people to serve as hosts. The job of the dining host will be simple – choose a favorite restaurant, café or coffee shop. Verify the group size that can comfortably dine together and let the LIFE MINISTRY committee know how many can join you at the restaurant of your choice. On the day of your reservation, show up first and make sure the tables have been arranged for your group.

Interested... please contact Janet Risinger at janet.ruth@comcast.net

## HOP'N HELPERS

1:30 PM, Saturday, Jan. 20

Using our bodies to have fun and do God's work! January 20 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, wear your silly socks, have fun and help others at our Family LIFE Ministry event in January.

We will have inflatables such as a Jumhouse and a two-lane obstacle course climb, crafting stations with creations to enrich Meals on Wheels, photo booth, music, hula hoop, games and more. We'll have drinks and snacks too.

This is a family event, so a parent or guardian needs to be present. Children aged Preschool thru Grade school.

Admittance fee: Bring a pack of kids white socks, or a set of hat and mittens or a donation (suggested donation of \$5). These clothing supplies and donations will be used to benefit Project Home.



## HOLY ROLLERS BOWLING!

1:00-5:00 PM, Sunday, Feb. 11

Join us for a fun afternoon of old school bowling at St. Francis Bowling Center, a hidden "church basement" gem in St. Paul. Once common throughout the Midwest, St. Francis is one of last remaining holy bowling alleys left in the Twin Cities.

We are renting the whole facility (6 lanes!) for our event and there's lots of seating. Sign up now...just 50 spots available. All ages are welcome. Over half the lanes will have gutter guards ready for the kids. Snacks and soda will be provided. You are welcome to bring your favorite beverage (beer and wine are welcome in this facility). Sign up online or at the Welcome Center for a 1-3 pm timeslot or a 3-5 pm timeslot.

The St. Francis Bowling Center is located in the St. Francis school building at 426 S. Osceola Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102. One block north of Randolph and West 7th.

Suggested donation at this all-church event is \$5 to help us cover costs. There is shoe rental available at St. Francis for \$2 cash. Register now!

## CRAFTING BEE

7:00 PM, Friday, Jan. 12

Calling all Crafters, Designers, Artists and Needlecrafters! Mark your calendar and bring your project and supplies to RLC for a Crafting Bee on Friday, January 12, 7:00 PM – into the night. It will be a wonderful time to show off your work, share inspirations and make progress on the piece you are creating. Guaranteed fun and fellowship! All are welcome!



## GIFT CARDS

SHARING TREE AND STOCKING STUFFERS

Many people are searching for ways to get the most out of the money they spend, and also want to make sure their dollars have the largest impact when they donate. Our Youth Gift Card fundraiser provides both of those opportunities. If you choose to participate in the Sharing Tree this year at RLC, please consider purchasing a gift card from the youth to pay for the gift. We receive a rebate on all the gift cards we sell that go directly into our scholarship fund to send more youth to camp each summer. The face value of the gift card stays the same, which means you pay exactly for what you're getting. It's a WIN-WIN! If you're looking to use gift cards as a gift for the holidays, you can purchase them through our youth. We provide gift cards to over 400 retailers nationwide! Stop by the Children, Youth and Family corner in the Commons to learn more and purchase your gift cards.



## HOSPITALITY NOTE

CONNIE MARCHIO, HOSPITALITY MANAGER

Hello Roseville Lutheran! As we begin to close out this year, there are so many great things that we have finished in time for the events that followed the kitchen remodel.

### LICENSED KITCHEN STATUS!

The big news: as of November 3, 2017, RLC is a Licensed Kitchen. This means not only are we certified as food safe, we can now rent the kitchen to outside groups. This also enables us to apply for an outside catering license in order to serve food at an off-site event (like a wedding or social event at a country club). If you have any questions please contact Connie. She can discuss any catering needs YOU may have: Graduation parties, Anniversaries, Confirmation gatherings.



### LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD

(Note: this article was written before our 75th anniversary celebration) My hopes are that our November 19 celebration went well. This was truly a labor of love, and I had the opportunity to work with several people in preparation for the 75th. Guest count for this event was targeted at 700...that is a lot of food to prepare and distribute, but with the help of the volunteers, we are going to make this happen!

We are looking forward to this holiday season, too. The next Breakfast will be on December 3, and will have the social hall decorated for the holiday breakfast. Since we are having only 4 per year, we have an opportunity to make each of them special. Invite your family and friends to kick off the Christmas season.

In the past 3 months this great kitchen served and fed over 650 guests and we are still counting, and October is not quite over! Total for the year will be great number.

Prime time is getting to be a fun place for not just older adults, but they are bringing their kids as well. We now have Gift Certificates available for our guests, which they give out as a holiday gift or birthday present.

We look forward to our Lenten soup suppers, and all the outside events that would like us to cater for their events. The goal for the 2018 year is to be able to serve 5000 guest...lets see how close we can get to that goal.

I cannot conclude without thanking the wonderful volunteers that work tirelessly with me. They have made this job a dream. Also to my assistant and equal partner Colleen Hopple who puts up with all the crazy things that I do – and when I make last minute changes she just smiles and says "OK."

Thank you for this wonderful journey not a job.

Sempre Famiglia,  
Connie Marchio  
Hospitality Manager





Financial and Staff News

FINANCE OFFICE

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance & Data

Over 95% of our ministry is funded by your generous financial gifts. Thank you for your dedicated commitment!

Giving to our ministry plan is \$21,413 less than we had budgeted as of October 31, 2017. Total year-to-date expenses exceed receipts by \$63,398. The budgeted year-to-date deficit is \$54,434, meaning we are \$8,964 below our expected position at the end of October. Monthly financial summaries are available by calling the Finance department at 651-487-7752 or

emailing lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org. Please prayerfully consider what the ministry of RLC means to you and your family and how you will continue to support the vision and mission God has set before us. To learn more about becoming a Sustainer, go to our website at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/sustainer). If you have additional questions please contact Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Roseville Lutheran Church  
October 2017 Month-End Financial Summary

| Church Operations 2017-2018 |            |            |            |            |              | Prior Year      |                      |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                             | Oct Actual | Oct Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | YTD Variance | 2016 Oct Actual | 2016-2017 YTD Actual |
| Offering                    | 127,209    | 117,652    | 414,710    | 436,123    | -21,413      | 113,044         | 420,425              |
| Other receipts              | 7,583      | 5,085      | 36,629     | 33,940     | 2,689        | 6,162           | 25,084               |
| Total Receipts              | 134,791    | 122,737    | 451,339    | 470,063    | -18,724      | 119,206         | 445,509              |
| Expenses                    | 141,543    | 133,158    | 514,737    | 524,497    | -9,760       | 136,529         | 511,255              |
| Net                         | -6,752     | -10,420    | -63,398    | -54,434    | -8,964       | -17,323         | -65,745              |

| Number of Givers 2017-2018 |          |            |                     |            | Prior Year           |            |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
|                            | October  |            | YTD through October |            | 2016-17 YTD Thru Oct |            |
|                            | # Givers | Avg Giving | # Givers            | Avg Giving | # Givers             | Avg Giving |
| General Fund               | 497      | \$ 248     | 602                 | \$ 651     | 640                  | \$ 626     |
| Bldg Designated            | 79       | \$ 70      | 96                  | \$ 207     | 121                  | \$ 254     |
| M&O Iringa                 | 34       | \$ 362     | 34                  | \$ 362     | 28                   | \$ 505     |
| M&O Other                  | 14       | \$ 242     | 22                  | \$ 925     | 15                   | \$ 158     |
| Memorials/Estate           | 6        | \$ 45      | 13                  | \$ 162     | 37                   | \$ 128     |
| Other Designated           | 25       | \$ 130     | 50                  | \$ 109     | 15                   | \$ 1,925   |
| Endowment Fund             | 7        | \$ 58      | 12                  | \$ 58      | 13                   | \$ 91      |
| All Other                  | 0        | \$ -       | 1                   | \$ 39      | 0                    | \$ -       |
| Total                      | 520      | \$ 285     | 638                 | \$ 710     | 673                  | \$ 719     |

| Fund Balances 10/31/2017                |            |         |
|---|------------|---------|
| Available Cash & Short-Term Investments |            | 603,189 |
| Designated/Restricted Funds:            |            |         |
| Building Fund                           |            | 42,926  |
| Building Fees                           |            | 30,114  |
| Mission & Outreach                      |            | 50,632  |
| Kitchen Fund                            |            | 45,659  |
| Memorials                               |            | 32,784  |
| Estate Gifts                            |            | 285,057 |
| Matching Gifts                          |            | 2,300   |
| Other Funds                             |            | 156,811 |
| Total Designated/Restricted             |            | 646,284 |
| Child Care:                             | Current Yr | -7,326  |
| Preschool:                              | Current Yr | -263    |
| Operating Fund:                         | Current Yr | -63,398 |

| Endowment Fund |  |         |
|----------------|--|---------|
| Cash           |  | 160     |
| Investments    |  | 468,223 |
| Total          |  | 468,383 |

"STAFF" THANKS

Dave Booms, Administrator

You don't have to travel too far back in time to identify what would have been considered a typical church. It was small in numbers and size and limited to spiritual functions, "sanctuary and a sermon," and fellowship. Now the needs that are brought to the church are complex and varied.

In response RLC offers so much more than all the spiritual help it should. Examples include a day care house, pre-school, youth organizations, senior citizen programs, help for those coping with divorce, economic downturns or death, temporary shelter for the homeless, providing a gathering place for the community, just to mention a few.

RLC has now entered into its 75th year and I thought I would digress from my usual appeal for volunteers to talk about our Support staff, more often than not when you say "Staff" you'll need to say "and Volunteers," in their efforts in making all that we do "happen."

On Mondays you'll hear calculator's spitting out tape, the soft sound of paper money, and the clatter of coins coming from the Finance office. You'll also hear peals of laughter and guffaws. Here are the folks that account for your weekly offering of gifts that allow RLC to do Gods ministry.



Any day of the week our custodial team is setting up for meetings, lectures, and/or meals, sometimes in the same room in the course of a single day. Soon there will be a Friday where much of America will be out shopping for Christmas gifts. Here at RLC a dedicated group of volunteers and staff will be putting up the massive Hetland mural that will serve as our worship backdrop for Advent and Christmas.

Speaking of Fridays, that is when you'll find volunteers staffing our Receptionist area ready to serve up information and compassion. The rest of the week Trish is there dispensing knowledge, care, and occasionally food for the needy. And every Thursday you'll find a group of volunteers stuffing the inserts into our weekly worship bulletins.

Like the custodial team, any day of the week you can find our Hospitality staff and volunteers serving a meal. It may be the Fellowship breakfast, a luncheon for a grieving family at a funeral, the Veterans Day meal, or a community group like the MN Christian Fellowship of the Blind.

How do you know any of this is happening? Our Communications team built the newsletter that you are reading. They put together weekly Updates, weekly E-blasts, the informational slides for our monitors, and the Worship Bulletin to name a few. The videos that have talked about RLC's history were shot and produced right here at RLC. We recently shared a magazine with our membership and over 2,800 of our neighbors.

So Roseville Lutheran is a vibrant, busy place engaged in our mission "Love God. Love your Neighbor." If you are so inclined to be one of our volunteers, Ok I put in a volunteer appeal after all; do contact the church office at 651-487-7752.

BECOME A  
SUSTAINER

THANKS FOR your Generous Investment

Your regular online giving provides dependable funding that sustains the daily ministry of RLC even when you are away. Sign up today at [rosevillelutheran.org/giving/become-a-sustainer](http://rosevillelutheran.org/giving/become-a-sustainer).



# MUSIC, M&O, and MORE

## PROJECT HOME

February 2018 at RLC

Plans are underway for RLC to once again host homeless families this winter. Project Home will take place each night during February 2018. This important ministry provides homeless families with a warm, friendly and safe place to sleep at night. However, it takes many volunteers of all ages to make this happen! So, what are YOU doing in February?

Unfortunately, because of things like job loss, medical emergencies, divorce and a myriad of other circumstances, families can often find themselves without a place to live. It's hard to believe that on any given night in Minnesota, nearly 3,500 children (most under the age of 5) are homeless. Each February, RLC hosts homeless families through an initiative called "Project Home" a division of Interfaith Action (formerly SPCC). Project Home partners with The Family Place (TFP), a non-profit in downtown St. Paul that works with homeless families to provide them with the resources they need to get back on their feet and ultimately find a place to live. After vetting families, they're placed in a permanent family shelter until housing becomes available. However, those shelters are often full and every night there are families that still need a safe place to sleep. This is where Project Home gets involved.

Project Home works with dozens of area faith communities to provide temporary overflow emergency shelter for children and their parents in Ramsey County each night. Every month, two area churches open their doors to host up to 20 people. The host churches provide families with a place to spend "family" time, share an evening snack and breakfast, and get a good night's rest.



### 100 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This has become a popular and humbling ministry at RLC. However, we need over 100 volunteers to make this ministry happen. Most of our volunteers work on-site with our guests. The EVENING SHIFT\* volunteers serve from 5:30 – 8:30 pm providing a warm welcome and friendly face. You will visit with the families, engage with them as appropriate, play/read with the children, and coordinate a light snack (provided by PH). The NIGHT SHIFT\* serves from 8:00 pm – 7:00 am ensuring our guests have a safe sleep. You will turn off the lights, wake the families in the morning, start the coffee, set out a cold breakfast and send them off with a smile and a kind word. Overnight volunteers will be provided with a separate place to sleep. (\*Full shift descriptions are available on our website and at the welcome desk.) During the day the children go to school and parents/toddlers return to The Family Place for meals and on-going support.

## LENTEN SEASON AT RLC

ASH Wednesday is February 14

We begin the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday worship on Feb. 14 at 7:00 pm. This service includes the imposition of ashes and the celebration of Holy Communion.

### Wednesday worship and Lenten soup suppers

We will be holding Wednesday evening worship during Lent, with two services: one at 5:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm. In conjunction with these worship services we'll be having our Lenten Soup Suppers, too, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Join us Wednesdays Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21.

## RLC CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT

7:30 PM, Saturday, December 16

The choirs, brass, handbells and instrumental musicians of Roseville Lutheran will gather to present our Christmas Festival Concert at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 16. Mark your calendars and plan to attend – and invite a friend!



## THANK YOU, MUSICIANS!

Thanks to all the musicians who sang and played for the special fall events in celebration of our 75th anniversary: RLC Jazz, Choir for Ken Medema Weekend, En Gang Til women's choir, Brass Ensemble for Reformation Sunday, 75th Anniversary Choir for November 19 worship, as well as to the senior choir, children's choir, youth and adult handbells choirs, 11 AM ensembles, soloists, organists and accompanists for all their regular contributions to our worship.

## CONNECT WITH MUSIC AT RLC

John Helgen, Director of Music Ministry

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

## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

December at Roseville Lutheran

Get out your calendar and mark down these concert opportunities at RLC for November and December.

|                       |         |  |
|-----------------------|---------|--|
| Sunday, November 26   | 2:30 pm | Lake Country/Northstar Chorus Concert<br>Tickets sold at door                |
| Friday, December 8    | 7:30 pm | VocalEssence - "Welcome Christmas"<br>(tickets through VocalEssence website) |
| Sunday, December 10   | 4:00 pm | Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies<br>(free concert by youth musicians)    |
| Saturday, December 16 | 7:30 pm | RLC Christmas Festival Concert<br>(free-will offering)                       |
| Sunday, December 31   | 7:00 pm | RLC Jazz in Concert<br>(free-will offering)                                  |

In an effort to accommodate all who want to volunteer, our on-line registration is now open! Go to RLC's website for a link to the registration site. Manual registrations (if needed) will take place in the Commons in January. We hope you will prayerfully consider this volunteer opportunity for yourself or your entire family. All we ask is that you consider volunteering for one of the shifts on one of the nights during the month.

If your circumstances don't allow for this, you might consider helping behind the scenes

with setting up and/or taking down PH materials, making a homemade "treat" for the week or miscellaneous other opportunities. Even if you are not called to this ministry, please remember our guests and others who are homeless in your prayers.

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

– Matthew 25:35



# MISSION and OUTREACH

## SPEAKER SERIES A SUCCESS

RLC OUTREACH SERIES, "RACIAL JUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITY"

Wednesday evenings during October here at RLC a total of 128 people participated in Roseville Lutheran's first community outreach speaker series sponsored by Our Neighbors and Me and supported by the Mission and Outreach Team. The series was a repeat presentation of our July events, "Racial Justice in Our Community," and 90% of those who attended were our local Roseville and Falcon Heights neighbors, those who participate in Do Good Roseville, and also several members of local area churches.

The Our Neighbors and Me leadership team advertised heavily on Facebook, Next Door email lists, with Do Good Roseville's general members and Faith Community Group, and with colorful posters designed by our Communications Staff posted throughout local libraries, coffee shops, and the Bethel University campus.

The series presenters were our own Jake Von De Linde, Roseville Area Schools District Administrator of Teaching and Learning; Minneapolis School Board member and MicroGrants CEO Don Samuels, M. Div; The Rev. Dr. Karen McKinney, professor at Bethel University, and Jonathan Stuart, PhD and Colette Campbell of Better2Gether, who are local Falcon Heights residents.

Following each weekly event there was an open question and answer forum with much discussion and many insightful comments shared among the speakers and participants. Our local community let us know they were thankful for the leadership our church has shown regarding racial justice and white privilege issues in Roseville, Falcon Heights, and our Twin Cities areas.

This was Our Neighbors and Me's first community-wide endeavor to consciously move forward in concert with our local neighborhood as our new mission and vision statements encourage us to do: "Love God, Love Your Neighbor" as a "Community United by Grace." We are pleased to report to you that our efforts were fruitful. Thanks be to God.



## SUPPORT FOR TANZANIAN STUDENTS CONTINUES IN 2018

Recognizing the importance of education everywhere, RLC is continuing to provide scholarship funds supporting students in Tanzania again in 2018. Many are members of RLC's companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania, who are attending secondary schools in nearby villages. These students are chosen by the parish leaders in Ng'ang'ange, and each student receives scholarship support based on the cost of their particular school and their family's ability to pay.

In addition, a few post-secondary students will also benefit from RLC scholarships next year. This expansion of the original secondary school program is in response to the growing number of qualified students now graduating from secondary schools in the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

Thanks to the generous support of many RLC members and friends, RLC is again able to transfer scholarship funds through the Saint Paul Area Synod to their Bega Kwa Bega office in Iringa, Tanzania. Scholarships will be awarded to over three dozen students in 2018. This important ministry helps fulfill RLC's vision to be A Community United by Grace on a truly global scale.



Student scholarships are but one of several ways RLC is working together with our companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange to strengthen our mutual relationship in a global ministry of service and Christian love. RLC's Mission and Outreach Ministry Team extends a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who gave a special scholarship contribution this fall for this purpose. Your help will make our shared ministry possible for many worthy students during 2018. We hold these young scholars in our prayers.

## DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

If you have a story you'd like to share with the RLC community, contact Daniel at 651-487-7752 or dpederson@rosevillelutheran.org. We are looking for stories about events at RLC, stories about your faith journey at RLC, and what being involved with the Roseville Lutheran community means to you. These can be short, 3-sentence write-ups, a longer piece, or a conversation that has many parts.

## SHARING TREE

BRING GIFTS BY DEC. 22

The Sharing Tree has been a great tradition at Roseville Lutheran Church. The Sharing Tree will be in Luther Commons starting the weekend after Thanksgiving. The Sharing Tree creates a way for Roseville Lutheran friends and family to purchase and give holiday gifts to local families. We will be collecting the Sharing Tree gifts from Saturday, Nov. 25 until Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Please take an ornament from the tree that you would like to purchase for a RLC partner organization. Then place the unwrapped gift under the tree by Dec. 22.

Your gifts will benefit children and adults served by local RLC partners including Hospitality Center for Chinese, Bridging, Sheridan Story, The Dwelling Place, MORE Community, Plymouth Christian Youth Center, Project Home, and Banyan Community.

Thank you for your support as we use the Sharing Tree tradition to show Jesus' love and grace to those in need during the Holiday Season!

## WARM TOES AND TUMMIES

BRING SOCKS UNTIL DEC. 10



Help the homeless keep warm this winter. RLC members provide a warm meal for the Dorothy Day Center each month on the second Monday. Each year, Roseville Lutheran Church collects new socks to give to the homeless and those in need at the Dorothy Day Center.

On Monday December 11, RLC members will give free new socks to everyone coming for dinner as a gift to help them keep warm during the cold winter months.

Please look for the collection bins throughout the church during from Nov. 25 - Dec. 10.

## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

THROUGH DECEMBER

Our local food shelf, Keystone Community Services, has increased need for donations over the Holiday Season. Roseville Lutheran Church will be collecting food donations over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. We are asking for high needs items.

### High Protein items:

canned meat, tuna, stews, and other protein items

### Pantry Basics:

cooking oil, flour, sugar and baking items

We will also be accepting monetary donations during this food drive. Keystone Community Services can purchase \$4 of food for every \$1 of donations. Please help us feed those in need in our community this Holiday Season.



# ADULT EDUCATION

## ABOUNDING IN THANKSGIVING

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

– Colossians 2:6-9

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:10 in Room 40.

### THE ART OF CONTENTMENT

by Colin Smith

Sessions 2-4 with Pam McCulloch  
December 3, 10, 17

To be Content  
December 3

From a prison in Rome Paul writes to the church at Philippi to encourage them to rejoice in the Lord and not to be anxious about anything. He adds: "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need. I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, well fed or hungry, living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."



We move forward as we:

- gratefully savor the blessings of Christ
- think about and choose the good things
- find the secret of the sufficiency is in Christ

### How to Handle the Blessings of God December 10

In 62 AD Paul, still in prison, writes to his "son in the faith", Timothy, an epistle that would close in what could bring contentment. He writes in the sixth chapter: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world and can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap ... For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." He adds: "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love endurance and gentleness. Be rich in godliness."

Come and hear how to be content with much or less.

Contented in Christ  
December 17

The last chapter of Hebrews continues with the theme of money or lack of it. Verse 5 is a command: "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have."

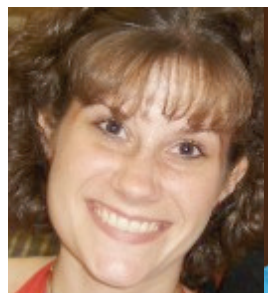
**NO ADULT ED ON  
DECEMBER 24  
OR DECEMBER 31**

### MISSION AND OUTREACH MONTH

*January is Mission and Outreach Month at RLC and the M & O committee has scheduled four sessions during the 10:10 hour in Room 40.*

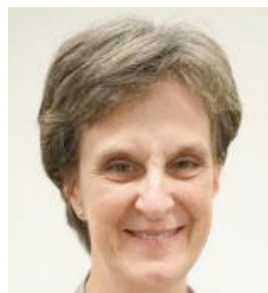
Jessica Henry and  
Michael Jordan  
January 7

Jessica Henry, Roseville Lutheran Church Council Representative, and RLC Director of Youth Ministry Michael Jordan, will share their stories and witness about their experiences in Tanzania while on an ELCA Young Adult Trip in the late spring of 2017.



Becky Berkas  
January 14

Becky Berkas, Principal of Central Park Elementary School and RLC member shares information about her school and how members of RLC are volunteering with her students. Becky reminds us that Central Park Elementary is a neighborhood school rich in cultural and linguistic diversity nestled within the heart of Roseville. Central Park students join together from a variety of cultures and diverse background and each child brings a unique and valuable set of skills and talents to school.



Kathy Rucci  
January 21

Cathy Rucci, Executive Director of MORE Empowerment will share information about this multicultural community-based organization providing refugees and immigrants with the education and support they seek to become fully engaged members of our community. MORE has a longstanding commitment to focusing its efforts on services targeting: New Americans in areas of economic opportunity and security, English education/workforce readiness and strong human services and family support.



January 28  
Dresser Build and Big Wrap!

We are blessed to take an active part in our annual Dresser Build and Big Wrap. This last weekend in January event benefits Bridging MN! Last year we made 53 dressers, 99 kitchen bundles and 25 cleaning kits. Everyone can take part in this event. See you Sunday, January 28, 2018!!



PREACHING FROM HOME  
with Gracia Grindal  
February 4, 11 and 18

Gracia Grindal, Professor Emeritus of Rhetoric at Luther Seminary, will speak on her book Preaching from Home: The Stories of Seven Lutheran Women Hymn Writers. Gracia will introduce seven significant, yet unsung, Lutheran women hymn writers from the sixteenth century to the present. After a brief introductory discussion of Elisabeth Cruciger, the first woman hymn writer of the Reformation, she provides fascinating profiles of these women who "preached from home".



GETTING TO KNOW  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN  
with Karoline Lewis,  
February 25, March 4 and 11

Led by Dr. Karoline Lewis, Marbury E Anderson Chair for Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary. John has a unique voice among the four Gospels, with a very different portrait of Jesus and distinctive stories. These sessions will provide an overview of the Fourth Gospel with a view toward how this Gospel helps us imagine faith and discipleship in a whole new light.



### ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The RLC Stewardship Committee will hold monthly discussions around personal finance and life matters January – April. *See Page 4 in this issue for more information.*