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THE TABLE

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

JUNE • JULY • AUGUST • 2020

SUMMER SERIES: JOY IN EVERY SEASON

Worship/Sermon Series • Small Groups • Carryout Camp

This congregation-wide series will draw us into the proclamation of joy for every day. There are many ways to engage with us during this time:

ONLINE WORSHIP

Join us for online worship at www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/stream (also CTV Channel 19, and Facebook) as we explore the experience of joy during times of doubt, of plenty, of waiting, and times of peace.

SMALL GROUPS

Join a weekly online small group Bible study that will encourage you to recognize God's joy within and among us in the world, in your neighborhoods and in your personal life. Please register online today at www.rosevillelutheran.org/joy. More information on page 8.

CARRYOUT CAMP

Join our congregation-wide "Carryout Camp" for people of all ages. Each week we will be offering "drive-thru" service to pick up materials for this active and engaging camp. Register online now at www.rosevillelutheran.org/joy. More information on page 8.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP - JUNE 14, JULY 12

Join us for "drive-in" worship in RLC's parking lot! Look at the invitation and more information on page 4 of this newsletter.

MURAL OF JOY

Join us in creating a "community mural of joy!" Beginning mid-July we will be offering times for members and friends to help us create a beautiful painted mural of joy (think "paint-by numbers"). Times and outdoor location will be posted on our website (www.rosevillelutheran.org/joy) and on Facebook.



DRIVE-IN WORSHIP!

Sunday, June 14, July 12
9:00 am • 11:00 am

WORSHIP WITH ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN

online sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 AM
CTV channel 19 • 10 am sun • 6 PM wed • 2 am, 10 am THURS

LIVING ALLELUIA!

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

As your senior pastor, I cannot begin to tell you how thankful I am for you!

Yes, you!

You! The ones who are living in the spirit of our "Living Alleluia!" each and every day!

You! The people of God who are reaching out to friends and family during this time!

You! The faithful who continue to "Love God. Love your neighbor!" and work towards building a community united by grace!

You!

You are an essential part of this ongoing story of God's love and care in the ways in which you walk the paths of your daily lives.

Thank you!

While we have been unable to gather in person, we are gathering as God's children in our communities and online, and today I wanted to share with you a couple of updates.

pRAISE RLC!

We did it! This annual end-of-year campaign helps us move towards reaching our budget goals for our fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). We set out with the goal of reaching \$100,000 in 100 hours. Through your work we not only met this goal, but we surpassed it and raised over \$132,000! Thank you!

These gifts support our annual budget and help us continue our ongoing ministries as well as support new ministries that have been created during this time of Covid-19: online worship, meals for members, and coffee and donuts to care facilities (just to name a few!).

To read more about this campaign, I encourage you to read the article from our Director of Finance and Data, Laurel Hofeldt (also on this page).

COVID-19

We continue to follow advice from the MN Department of Health and the CDC to give us guidance during these times.

On Wednesday, May 20th, Governor Walz introduced a phased approach to re-opening. I encourage you to look at the posted guidelines at <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/stay-safe-mn/stay-safe-plan.jsp>

For congregations, our reopening will follow as such, subject to changing guidance:

PHASE 1: (May 18 - June 1)

From the guidelines: Indoors: 10 or less. Outdoors: 10 or less, or drive-in services per MDH guidelines.

RLC: No in person worship. Teleworking for all staff. No meetings held on site. Volunteer workers to be scheduled through a staff member. Masks and other protocols enforced.

PHASE 2: (Starting June 1 - August 31)

From the guidelines: Indoors: 10 or less. Outdoors: 10 or less, or drive-in services per MDH guidelines.

RLC: No in person worship. Teleworking for all staff. No meetings held on site. Volunteer workers to be scheduled through a staff member. Masks and other protocols enforced.

PHASE 3: (TBD)

From the guidelines: Indoors: 20 or less. Outdoors: 6 feet of distance, max of 100, must follow MDH guidance. Masks required for workers and attendees.

RLC: No in person worship. Teleworking for all staff. Some meetings and gatherings held on site. Masks and other protocols enforced.

PHASE 4: (TBD)

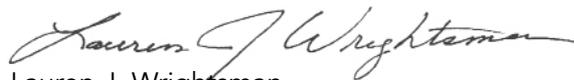
In the meantime, we are creating summer opportunities for all members and friends, and we want you to join us!

Summer Series: Joy in Every Season

This congregation-wide series will draw us into the proclamation of joy for every day. Find out more on the front page of this newsletter.

Again, I leave you with the reminder that church isn't cancelled, it has been deployed. I thank our God for you, each and every day. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you during this time.

Blessings,



Lauren J. Wrightsman
Senior Pastor
Roseville Lutheran Church



THANK
YOU!



pRAISE RLC ADVANCING OUR MISSION

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data

What a tremendous response to pRAISE RLC! I am in awe of your generosity and love for the community and ministries of Roseville Lutheran Church. Thank you!!

For those of you who like numbers, here are a few to summarize pRAISE RLC. Over \$132,000 was donated to support our 5 highlighted areas of ministry: Worship and Music, Fellowship and Care, Outreach, Children Youth and Family Ministry, and Adult Ministry.

- These generous donations included:
 - 109 online gifts
 - 57 matching and early gifts
 - 28 text gifts
 - 24 mailed gifts
 - 4 new online sustainers
- Gifts ranging from \$10 to \$10,000 came in to meet our goal of \$100,000 and exceed our stretch goal of \$125,000.
- The median ("middle") gift was \$100, meaning half of the gifts were less than or equal to \$100 and half were greater than or equal to \$100.

In past years, our spring pRAISE RLC campaign found me in my office at church, glued to my computer monitor and ringing a bell on my desk each time a donation arrived, a challenge was met, or a new sustainer signed up online. I hiked down the office hallway multiple times a day to update Daniel on our progress toward the finish line so that he could share posts on Facebook and rosevillelutheran.org. I was even known to use a megaphone on occasion, to share the latest news....

This year's 100 hours looked much different, but was an inspiration in a multitude of new ways. The videos and stories shared by so many of you brought a smile to my face and tears to my eyes. The notes and emails I received shared your love of what God is doing in our midst. We are indeed a community united by grace. Thank you for loving God, neighbor, and this family we call RLC!

OUR MISSION IN MORE THAN WORDS

Michael Dolan, Congregational President



For many of us, we are living in the most challenging times since the second World War. During that era, women and men understood the desperation of recovery from the Great Depression and the coming threat of world war. Their determined response, both here and abroad, quite literally saved our country and formed a place where we can live, prosper and worship together. Their self-sacrifice, and from those in wars since, inspires all of us to celebrate our faith and to give back in a small way by their example. Churchill was credited with saying "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." That seems to me an accurate description of our Savior's teachings and clearly defines our Mission to love God and love our neighbor. Our congregation's devotion means these are not just clever words, they are words to live by.

As I write this last Table article as Council President, we are completing our spring pRAISE campaign. As in past years, our congregation has shown how much it celebrates and values our five ministry programs. Your generosity has surpassed our \$100,000 goal and ensured the church's ministerial support for the coming year. It's hard for me to express my admiration for you all, and that of our staff, who pulled a campaign together under extraordinary difficulties. In only a few months, our Pastoral and office staff not only lead a successful campaign, they have created unique and inspirational messages in their sermons, devotionals and prayers. Many of our congregational members have expressed their own devotionals which are just as impactful. The response necessary in such a short time is truly amazing.

Thank you for the opportunity to help lead the congregation the last few years. I'm grateful for the wise council I've received from many of you and even from those with whom our opinions may differ. There will be continued uncertain times ahead but my faith in our Pastors, Council leadership, volunteers, staff and other lay leaders is strong. Your devotion and faith will see us through.

ANNUAL MEETING SET

Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 AM

Mark your calendars! The Annual Meeting of Roseville Lutheran Church is set for Sunday, August 23. Items on the agenda include:

- Approval of 2020-2021 budget
- Financial update
- Nominations for Council and Committees

Due to Covid-19 we will share more meeting information closer to the date. The Annual Report will be mailed the end of July.

Annual Report Deadline - June 30

The deadline for annual reports is **Tuesday, June 30 at 12:00 noon**. Please send reports and photos to dpederson@rosevillelutheran.org.

TASK FORCE FORMING

Constitutional and By-Law Review Task Force

Over the next 12-18 month period, this task force will review our Roseville Lutheran Church's Constitution and By-laws with a focus on committee and council structure. We will keep the congregation informed as to our work during this time of transition.

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

Dorothy Tostengard, 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
Beth Daniel, Receptionist/CYF Support
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
Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry Advisory Board
Roxanne Schultz, Christian LIFE
Dave Tetzlaff, Mission & Outreach
Greg Johnson, Mission Advancement
Lillian Wassell, Youth & Family

RLC NEEDS YOU

The Time Is Now

Never has our mission been more relevant. **Love God. Love your neighbor.** As we explore new ways to build a community united by grace, RLC members are rolling up their sleeves and getting involved. Share your unique gifts and talents, as together we do God's work in Roseville and across the globe.

Let Diane Know by June 12

We currently need RLC members to serve on church council, and to lead or serve on our ministry teams. Whether your passion is worship and prayer, children's and youth programs, adult education, council, or local and global mission and outreach – please contact Diane Sell, your director of volunteer and care ministry **before June 12** at dsell@RosevilleLutheran.org. Experience the rewards of giving!

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. - 1 Peter 4:10

Volunteer your gifts and talents! Contact Diane today!

GIFTS OF KINDESS

Delivery Drivers Needed

Since March our congregation has been delivering "gifts of kindness" to members of our congregation and those in our community in need of a little reminder that they are loved and not forgotten. It has become an uplifting and beautiful ministry that has come out of this unprecedented time.

We will be continuing these efforts through the summer months. Our next delivery will be June 5th. We have some drivers but need more. If you are able to help us and be on a list of delivery drivers please contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org. We will be COVID safe.

GRIEFSHARE

Second Class Starting Soon

As our State guidelines permits, we will host a second class when we can accommodate 10 to 15 people. If you are interested in hearing more about this program now or get your name on the list, contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org. Zoom meetings continue for our existing GriefShare group through this time of isolation.

IT'S OK TO NOT BE OK

Diane Sell, Director of Volunteer and Care Ministry

"Its OK to not be OK." That is something that I have been thinking about a lot lately. I remember how Paul had referred to a thorn in his flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7-10) that would never go away and although he asked God to take it away that never happened. It kept Paul closer to God. We don't know for sure what that "thorn" was for Paul. Scholars have disputed it. It could have been the persecution that he endured, it could have been temptation, a demon sent by Satan or an actual physical limitation. But it kept him humbled before God.

Now I am not even remotely saying that the Covid 19 pandemic is something that is a thorn to remind us of humility in our lives. But for us as Christians; it can indeed keep us closer to God, knowing and being reminded that we are not in control (we never were) and we don't know what the future holds. Instead we work hard to lean into our faith over fear and search for joy in the moments; in conversations, in nature, in a "good read," in the laughter of a child or in the gifts of kindness. Its OK to not be OK.

I'd like to tell you that I set my mind on things above every day. But the truth is that is not the case. Many times, I have set my mind on the things that I am going to accomplish. I have set my mind on things that will feed me or my immediate family. Neither of which lately are working! I have been humbled by this pandemic. I have turned my mind to a different way.

In Lamentations, Jeremiah weeps for Jerusalem. He pours out his sorrow, page after page until chapter 3. Verse 21 says this "Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this. The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is thy faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him! The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord."

It's OK to not be OK, because we have a great God who's in control, who's faithful, and who's love never ends." As my husband says often now "God's got this!" and more specifically... "Gods got us."



DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

June 14, July 12 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

While we can't worship in "person" we are excited about worshipping together from our parking lot! Join us for our summer Drive-in Worship June 14 and July 12. For those who are unable to join us, worship will still be online at www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/stream.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 AM - Prayers, scripture, sermon, songs
11:00 AM - Prayers, scripture, sermon, songs and Confirmation Celebration

SUNDAY, JULY 12

9:00 AM - Prayers, scripture, sermon, songs
11:00 AM - Prayers, scripture, sermon, songs and First Communion Celebration

As we prepare for this service we are asking all participants to follow these guidelines:

- If you are sick, stay home!
- Arrive at RLC at either of the Roselawn Avenue entrances to the main/south parking lot. Parking assistants will direct you to a parking place.
- Each household must be in a separate vehicle.
- Attendees must stay in their vehicles at all times.
- Roll windows down only on the driver's side of the vehicle. This is to maintain a safe distance between each household.
- You will receive a handout as you enter with information about the worship service.
- Worship will be transmitted to **106.5 FM**.
- RLC will not be serving food or beverages, but feel free to bring your own! Do not share food or drink between vehicles.
- RLC is unable to provide bathrooms during the service. Plan ahead!
- No passing of objects or physical contact between households.
- When the service is over, parking attendants will direct you out of the parking lot.

rosevillelutheran.org/drive-in-worship

CONFIRMATION SET FOR JUNE 14 AT 11:00 AM

Abby Matter

Deacon, Director of Faith Formation

After postponing Confirmation Sunday, originally set for Palm Sunday, we have decided to reschedule for Sunday June 14. While originally the plan was to wait until we could all gather together again to celebrate this milestone, it was determined that the unpredictability of the time calls for creativity instead of indefinite postponement. Therefore the plan is to have a parking lot Confirmation Service on June 14th at 11:00 am, so students can affirm their baptism in front of family, small group leaders and mentors. Please pray for these 35 students as they continue their faith journey.

Cleary Anderson
Liv Bakken
Colin Becker
Alexa Campbell
Grace Campbell
Nathan Caswell
Sophie DeJong
Ben Foxhoven
Johnathan Greco
Sara Grosse
Emilia Gusdal
Mallory Homzik
Sydney Johnson
Nolan Johnston
Addie Kinstler
Ellie Lysne
Kate Maahs
Amaya Minea
Lauren Nottestad
Jacqueline Olson
Lily Peper
Maya Peterson
Julia Robbins
Justin Robert
Carmella Sandy
Holden Saumweber
Tyler Schultz
Leo Soulia
Colin Sundeen
Holly Swiglo
Lexi Swiglo
Bjorn Torvi
Oliver Tran
Ryan Von De Linde
Alex Young

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

MUSIC NOTES

John Helgen, Director of Music

It's hard to believe that we have not been able to gather for worship together since March 8! I miss seeing the people of Roseville Lutheran, and I particularly miss working with the many musicians in our various choirs and ensembles. But even though we will not be gathering together in-person for the summer months, you may have heard it said that the church is not closed!



Here are some wise words from church musician Tom Trenney:

"Our church is open. Open to patience and wisdom. Open to science and common sense. Open to discovering new ways to connect when it is unsafe to 'do it the way we've always done it.' Open to saving lives by giving up some of the traditions and sacraments we hold dear. Open to wearing masks to show we love our neighbor. Open to keeping the sanctuary closed so more of us can come back together safely when it is time. Our church is open to following Jesus who, himself, spent time in the wilderness. We will remain open, and someday, by the grace of God, we will be able to worship together again."

Or, as my friend Pastor Kris Tostengard Michel recently wrote: "Churches happen to meet in particular buildings most of the time, but churches are communities, and in these days of pandemic, we have figured out some pretty effective ways to continue being community. We don't need to come together in our buildings to do what we do."

Roseville Lutheran Church is busy – busy "doing what we do" with online worship, Bible study, Storytime, and using technologies new and old - telephones, emails, texts, zoom meetings - to stay connected with one another. Our summer worship series is "Joy in Every Season", which includes not only the seasons of the year, but also the season of uncertainty that we now face. We can face that uncertainty with the knowledge that God is with us, bringing us love and peace and joy.

The news about musicians resuming practicing and performing together, particularly singing in choirs, is not good during this time that illness from the virus is still spreading. We can only wait and see and trust that we will be singing and ringing and playing together in the future.

As Lutherans, we have inherited a wonderful musical tradition, and the hymns that have been written through the ages are a powerful expression of our faith. I find that simply reading the words from hymns is inspiring, and since we are not able to gather together in worship at present, turning to their beautiful poetry is a great thing to do.

A hymn that is one of my favorites is found in the ELW hymnal at No. 729 - "The Church of Christ, In Every Age". Written in the late 1960s by Fred Pratt Green, a Methodist minister from Liverpool in England, it was first included in Lutheran hymnody in the Lutheran Book of Worship (1978). Its remarkable text is an expression of the ways in which the Christian church moves through the ages, facing change, always being led by the Holy Spirit. One can imagine the author writing these words during the turbulent times of the late 1960s. But one can also see that they are true throughout the decades and centuries.

*The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

*For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.*

*We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord;
To care for all without reserve, and spread his liberating word.*

These compelling words are no less relevant today than at the time of their writing. The world continues to be filled with countless changes, including now the ordeal of a devastating health pandemic such as we have not experienced in our lifetimes. The church of Christ, facing these changes along with humanity, moves forward, guided and led by the Spirit of God's love. May you know the presence of God as you continue to serve, loving God and neighbor, and caring for all without reserve.

SUPPORT MINISTRY

Dave Booms, Church Administrator

We derive our mission statement from the Book of Matthew where Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39, ESV).

In the weeks and months to come during this pandemic, the RLC administration, campus, communication, and hospitality staff will be focused on the ways we protect our membership, friends and our neighbors from getting infected. As Pastor Lauren mentioned in her communication of May 18, we are working out the protocols for "... masks, handwashing, temperature checks, physical distancing measures, etc." In order to carry these protocols out we are buying masks, sanitizer for hands and surfaces, thermometers, gloves and plexiglass barriers. All of this is just another expression of working hard to keep everyone in a safe and clean environment.

In another article on this page of the TABLE newsletter, you will read about acts of love in the form of meals and treats put together under the direction of our Hospitality Manager, Connie Marcio, in conjunction with our Ministries. This will continue in the months ahead.

Worship, to borrow a phrase from one of the late night shows, is now "Live on Tape." So is the children's message, Storytime. I want to gratefully acknowledge Nick Clausen for being our videographer and editor. Communications now are primarily via email, webpages, videos, and social media. That said, the TABLE and occasional letters are still being printed and mailed. This is all being done under the direction of Daniel Pederson, Communications Manager.

In addition to the extra cleaning, it being the start of summer, Bruce Pelava, Campus Manager, and crew will be busy on the lawn and taking on those projects, like painting, best done in the summer months.

SUMMER WORSHIP READERS NEEDED

As we will be continuing online worship for the foreseeable future, we are organizing the readers in a new way. We need people that feel comfortable recording themselves on their phone, and then sending that into the church.

If this is something that you would be willing to do, please contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org

HOSPITALITY

Connie Marchio, Hospitality Manager

Hello, Roseville Lutheran Church!

In these challenging times I see how strong this church is and know we will get through this. We will be stronger. And your Hospitality Ministry will be prepared to welcome back everyone when that time comes.

Even though we can not welcome guests at the church right now, Hospitality has been busy serving a range of guests from our safe kitchen following all CDC rules and health department consultations. Here is an example of what's been happening, on your behalf, since you have not been here.

- Several hundred Donuts delivered to care centers where our members are residing
- 32 Complete Lasagna meals
- 130 pizzas delivered to Roseville Area Schools
- 38 Easter dinners
- Many pot roast dinners
- 118 May Day boxes with cake pops and chocolate covered nuts
- Chocolate-dipped strawberry boxes to our RLC graduating class
- Family meals to members in the congregation that lost a loved one since January 2020

These meals will be an ongoing venture to keep us all connected and cared for at this time.

This meal preparation and delivery could not have happened without the team work of the staff at RLC and all the volunteers that delivered these gifts of kindness to all these homes. I would also like you to know that ALL of the food preparation was done with only ONE other licenced serve safe volunteer – a special thanks to Julie Wendland for being available and so gracious to do this with me

I have been working with facilities and the Health department to navigate how food service will look like in the near future. We are not sure how all this will play out, but what we do know is that we are preparing for your return to a safe environment. So as we get a little closer to reopen the church we will keep you updated on the progress that has been achieved since we were last together.

Stay safe and healthy and remember: *this is just a chapter in our book it's not the last page.*

LIVELY LANDSCAPERS

Volunteers Livening Up the RLC Campus

This spring, a few folks gathered at RLC (yet keeping our distance!) who have a passion for making gardens grow and flourish. Julie and Tim Hanson, KJ Bach, Martha Mutch, Joanne Otis, Rich and Julie Wendland, and Dave Risinger along with Greg Saiko, RLC Custodian met a couple of evenings in May to 'adopt-a-plot' for this year.

"Adopt a Plot" for the Summer! (Also seeking Master Gardener Advice!)

Several plots were adopted but there are a few more plots available for any one else who is interested adding their own 'touch' to our church home. This is just a one year commitment to keep your adopted plot clean and weed-free and to consider other plantings that are not invasive. Also, this group is seeking a Master Gardener (or 2) that could advise them on what plants (perennial or annual or shrubby) would work well in each plot. If you are a Master Gardener reading this, please consider joining the "Lively Landscapers!"

If you have a passion for flower gardening or just like to be outside 'playing in the dirt' and would like to share your time to make our Church Home more welcoming and inviting, please contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org or KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com. It would be great to see the RLC Campus blooming with flowers and color when coming together in community to worship at RLC...post COVID-19!



ADULT EDUCATION

Classes Resume in September

Due to the guidelines related to the Covid-19 virus, the Adult Education sessions have been cancelled until September. Our fall season starts on Sunday, September 13, and begins with a series on "Christianity's Family Tree" presented by Pastor Sara. Please watch for the fall Table Newsletter for further details related to the fall Adult Ed schedule.

ONAM SPONSORS ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAY, JULY 26

What Does Our Christian Faith Say About Being a Citizen?

Madison Johnston

In the face of a national election, we will dig into the origin story of government as we know it according to Scripture. Then, we will explore together what it means to live out our faith and to be in relationship with God in the political arena today.

Madison Johnston is a financial advisor at Thrivent. She earned a Master of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary with a focus on Lutheran Studies. A friend and fan of RLC, Madison serves as a preacher at Calvary Lutheran in Edina.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Voting 101: A Christian Perspective

George Shardlow

How do we as Christians exercise our most basic right in the midst of a global pandemic? In this session, we will outline the options we have as voters this fall, and reflect on the power and importance of voting.

George Shardlow is the Associate Director for State Government Relations at Cargill. He earned a Master of Public Policy at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

COME ALONG TO SLOVAKIA IN 2021

Like most travel plans in 2020, COVID-19 disrupted the Vision Slovakia Builders Group trip of May 29-June 13. The current plan is to re-schedule the mission trip to approximately the same dates in 2021. Please consider joining the 2021 Builders Group trip. Come be a part of an amazing ministry in a former Communist country. Talk with Slovaks who lived through the 1989 'Gentle Revolution' that split Czechoslovakia into two independent countries and how today's Center for Christian Education (CCE) in Martin, Slovakia is truly 'Living the Miracle' of teaching Christianity in post-communism. See for yourself the beauty of the tree-covered Low Fatra Mountains and experience the generous hospitality of the Slovaks.

Here are quotes from 2018 Builders Group Mission Trip participants.

Mary Gookins, Hosanna Lutheran, writes:

"I feel very fortunate and blessed to have been able to work, play and worship five times with the beautiful people at the CCE in Martin, Slovakia. At each visit since my first in 2008 I have seen changes in the community, the congregation and school, and have loved connecting with old friends and making new ones. It's like going home to see the family."

Rich & Julie Wendland, RLC, write:

"Not sure who benefits the most, the school by the work that gets done, the friendships that develop and grow or our own personal growth."

Mark Schmaedeke, RLC, writes:

"My favorite thing about my Slovakia trip was the wonderful people I got to work with. Working together on the school building was a great time. What I found surprising about the country was how beautiful it is."

The Builders Group Motto is "Renovating Rooms...Renovating Lives!" To join this 2021 trip or for more information, contact KJ Bach (k-j-o@msn.com). *D'akujem* – Thank you!



PANDEMIC REACHES TANZANIA

RLC Sponsored Students Affected

The global COVID-19 pandemic also reached Tanzania in March of this year. We at RLC are concerned about our brothers and sisters in Christ at our companion congregation in the village of Ng'ang'ange. We especially pray for the health of the four dozen secondary school students RLC is sponsoring there this year.

Bishop Gaville of the Iringa Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT), wrote this to us in the Saint Paul Area Synod.

"Receive our warm and tender heart of prayers and empathy in this tragedy of Coronavirus and COVID-19. In Iringa and Tanzania at large, the whole week is the week of prayers for you, our beloved ones, and all over the world for the great catastrophe tormenting the church of Christ as whole. What I know is our Lord God is in control. God will do the best always for the church and for the whole world."

Even in Tanzania, all schools from kindergarten to form six are closed since 17th March 2020, and later on 18th March, all the colleges and Universities in Tanzania were officially closed. It is very hard to explain the situation. But we hold you all in our prayers. I hope this is a wonderful gift that God bestowed to us, and we meet each other spiritually in prayers alone."

The practice of mutual prayer, done with and for one another, is one of the foundational pillars of our Bega Kwa Bega companion synod relationship with the Iringa Diocese of the ELCT. As communities of faith around the world grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, let us join our hearts and voices in prayer with our dear companions in Ng'ang'ange.

Later this year RLC will be asking for continued student scholarship support through the Bega Kwa Bega ministry of the Saint Paul Area Synod. With our prayers and offerings we are a global community united by grace.

CARRYOUT CAMP

With Curbside Pick up!

It has been two months since our in-person worship was suspended. It's been one month since we let you know that our CYF summer programs at Roseville Lutheran were cancelled. Today I learned that the State Fair has been cancelled. Are you asking the same question I am?

WHAT AM I EVEN GOING TO DO THIS SUMMER?

We've got a great answer for you. Carryout Camp! We're bringing camp, VBS, service opportunities, and more to you this summer.

- All the things you love about VBS – crafts, music, snack time
- All the things you love about Camp Hiawatha – counselors, tie dye, and all camp game
- All the things you love about Summer of Service – working hard, making a difference, a community united by grace

Plus, we're going to paint a mural together (separately, but together), we're going to play a giant game of tag (separately, but together), and we're going to discover joy in the ups and downs of life.

We've had some serious disappointments this year, how can we really think about spending a summer talking about joy? Well, the kind of Joy that God promises to us is this deep down kind of joy, an inner peace, a gift of hope, a promise that blooms even in the face of difficult things.

Join us Roseville Lutheran – we know what you're going to do this summer! Register, pick up your first carryout camp box on June 14, and watch the garden burst to life with amazing color.

Carryout Camp Box Pick Ups

- Sundays Noon to 1 pm (lower parking lot)
- Sundays 6 to 7 pm (lower parking lot)

Group Activity

- Wednesdays 6 to 7 pm (location TBD - physical distance protocol enforced)

Weekly Photo Contest

- Prompt given in your weekly box
- To be Eligible for weekly prizes, photos due by noon on Thursday, send to pics@rosevillelutheran.org



Joy in Every Season

- Carryout Camp is **FREE** and **Starts June 14**
- **Register today:** [rosevillelutheran.org/joy](https://www.rosevillelutheran.org/joy)
- Sign up for 1 week or all of the 6 week camp
- Weekly prizes and photo contest winners
 - Join in the fun of a tie-dye in July
 - Your kids will love the music play list

VBS, Camp Hiawatha, and a mission trip all wrapped up in a socially distanced, safe summer camp!

CARRYOUT CAMP 2020

SMALL GROUPS STARTING

Joy in Every Season - Sign up Today!

Small Groups will run from June 7 thru July 26. Please sign up at www.rosevillelutheran.org/ joy to choose from a number of small group Zoom meetings that will be happening during the week. The theme comes from our weekly sermon series and we will unpack the sermon a bit more during the week with others from RLC. We have 10 hosts who will facilitate these online gatherings.

This will be a great time to connect with your RLC community! Join us! Any questions, please contact Diane Sell at dsell@rosevillelutheran.org. Sign up today!

WORSHIP ONLINE AND CABLE CHANNEL 19

Join us on our Facebook page:
[facebook.com/RosevilleLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/RosevilleLutheranChurch)
or website:
[rosevillelutheran.org/worship/stream](https://www.rosevillelutheran.org/worship/stream)
for our worship service video.

We are also broadcasting on
CTV Channel 19
(Xfinity/Comcast in Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, and St. Anthony)

Sunday - 10:00 am
Wednesday - 6:00 pm
Thursday - 2:00 am, 10:00 am

RLC PRESCHOOL

Spots available
for 2020-21

If you have a child turning three or four years old by September 1, and they are toilet trained, you can register for RLC Preschool 2020-21! To learn more about our preschool you can go to our webpage for more information at <https://www.rosevillelutheran.org/ages-and-stages/rlc-preschool/>. On our webpage there is fantastic video about our preschool. Plus, there is information about registration and much more. If you have further questions, please contact our preschool director, Jenifer Johnson, at 651-488-6887 or jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org.



To register, go directly to this link:
<http://bit.ly/RLCPreK2020>

Due to Covid-19, our preschool may look different this Fall 2020. We are making plans to abide by the Covid-19 guidelines from the CDC, MN Health Department, and Department of Human Services. As a registrant of the Preschool you will be notified in early August how we will proceed, and what these changes will be. We appreciate your support and patience as we go through this process together.

Please note: Class 3 – MWF 4-year old's is FULL! For the latest information, you can contact Jenifer at jjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org and be put on a waiting list.