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# The Table

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

**June - July - August 2016**



## by Pastor Lauren Wrightsman

As a life-long Minnesotan, I eagerly look forward to spring. At the first sign of a sixty degree day I get out in the garden, take the dog for a walk and enjoy the heat of the sun on my back. I know that not every day is going to be sixty degrees and sunny. In Minnesota spring seems to come hesitantly. A wonderful warm and sunny day is often followed by days of rain and cooler temperatures (there may even be some snow thrown into the mix!) We grumble and complain that spring comes too slowly as we bring back hats and mittens that were stored away on the first warm day.

Spring does seem to come slowly – but under the gray skies and falling rain, something wonderful is happening. A crocus begins to bloom, trees begin to bud and the grass is the greenest of all of the seasons. The vibrancy of spring appears to us slowly – and then suddenly the earth is again renewed. Vibrant renewal!

Vibrant renewal is the proclamation of Easter morning! We declare Christ as risen, and so too shall we rise. In the words of C. S. Lewis, “The spring comes slowly... but the great thing is that the corner has been turned. It remains with us to follow or not, to die in this winter, or to go into that spring and that summer.”

This spring we are inviting you and your family to join us on a journey of Vibrant Faith where we look forward to the future with hope and with great joy. This future that we look forward to is a future that is being woven for us and set before us by a God that does not cease creating and recreating.

### What is the Vibrant Faith challenge?

Quite simply, it is a challenge to be a part of shaping and supporting the many ministries of Roseville Lutheran Church. It is a challenge to step forward in faith to achieve our ministry goals for the next 12-18 months. These ministry goals include:

- continuing our support to ongoing and present ministries
- engaging in focused ministries for welcoming visitors and new members
- creating an area for fellowship in our upper commons
- investing in our building by replacing tired and worn carpet that has welcomed thousands of people into our building
- dedicating gifts for Roseville Lutheran’s 75th anniversary celebrations (fall of 2017)

The challenge is before us! To fully fund all of these initiatives we are seeking new annual commitments of \$300,000 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. This is possible! If each adult and child added (or began!) a weekly gift of \$1.65 we will be able to sustain all initiatives. From a family perspective – a family of four would give \$6.60 weekly (the cost of a fast-food meal).

Roseville Lutheran Church has a long history of being led by the Holy Spirit. Roseville Lutheran also has a long history of proclaiming Christ risen among us!

Join us as we plant seeds of faith that will blossom and grow for years to come through the nurturing of the Holy Spirit.

In the words of Apostle Paul, “*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.*” (Ephesians 3:16-18)

As your senior pastor I thank you for your gifts, your enthusiasm and your sense of God’s promises. There is much work to be done, but together our roots will grow deep and our work will bear much fruit. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman



## Worship with Us!

**Traditional:** 5:00 p.m. Saturday • **Contemplative:** 8:00 a.m. Sunday • **Traditional:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday • **Praise & Worship:** 11:00 a.m. Sunday



## Sunday, June 19

### Service of Blessing for RLC Youth and Service of Installation for Children's Youth and Family Staff

On Sunday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m. we will have a special service of blessing and commissioning as a congregation for our Sr. High Youth traveling to Slovakia and our youth heading off to share in summer camping experiences. We will also have a service of installation for our Children, Youth, and Family staff:

Michael Jordan - Director of Youth Ministry  
Abby Matter - Director of Faith Formation  
Julie Hanson - Director of Children's Ministry



## New Beginnings!

The Russell Quanbeck-RLC Library is beginning to take shape once again. There are many new improvements that have been made such as new carpet, lighting, book shelves, art work and countertop workspace. A big thank you to the task force committee that prepared the library space so that the new Library Team can start to organize and set it up. Books are on shelves but we have some more reconfiguring to do before we're ready for orderly check-out, and there are other books to be shelved.

A new Library Team has been formed to finish up these details so we can be open for business. As a team we are planning an open house celebration in the fall so all members can see the improvements. The Library Team includes Sharon Boyce, Chair, Sharon Carlson, Wanda Fingalson, David Gibbons, Beth Jacobson, Vicki Jacobson, and Bobbie Olson. If you have any questions or thoughts concerning the library, please contact any of these people.

Some might ask: Where is the library anyway? It is on the upper floor across from the church offices. We hope you will stop by and see the new look for yourself. Please notice that we have a good selection of books for all ages, children through adults...see what we have to offer! We will be keeping you updated as we move ahead, making sure our church library is a welcoming space for anyone who loves to read, needs to get some work done on their laptop, or just wants a quiet place to meet.



## Van Ministry

### Dave Booms, Church Administrator

We are excited to let you know that we have a new RLC Van. It reinforces our commitment to being able to provide transportation to the attendees of our church and community so that they may participate in church activities. The van runs each Sunday morning for people that need a ride to and/or from church for the 9:00 a.m. worship service. On Sunday mornings we pick up between 8:00 and 8:30. We would love to be able to expand its use to other services, but to do that we need additional drivers. Please read on to see how you can be a part of our Van Ministry.

Additionally we realize the old bus had reached a point where many no longer used it for group activities. With the new van we are adding a new tool for many of our ministries. The following information will walk you through how you can have access to the van for your ministry.

#### How Do I Reserve?

Reservations must be made by Thursday every week by calling (651) 487-7752. Your name will then be placed on the calendar.

#### How Can I Get Involved?

If you need transportation or would like to volunteer to drive in the Van Ministry, please call (651) 487-7752. Drivers are needed to pick up the many people who call for transportation. RLC provides the van. Each driver must have:

- A clean driving record
- Submit a copy of your driver's license
- An approved volunteer application must be on file at RLC

#### DRIVER EXPECTATIONS

- Provide a safe, comfortable commuter experience
- Stay in an attitude of serving
- Be consistent in our operation
- Walk in love
- Communicate clearly and effectively

- Keep commitments
- Be flexible and understanding

#### PASSENGER EXPECTATIONS

- All passengers must fill out a liability release form
- No additional stops will be made; unscheduled and recreational stops such as McDonalds are prohibited
- Passengers must be ready when the van arrives or the van will depart without them. NOTE: Passengers will have a 5 minute grace period once they are informed
- Passengers must submit to ALL safety rules
- All passengers must contact the receptionist or fill out the van list in order to be picked up for service

If you have questions, please contact Dave Booms, Church Administrator, at 651-487-7752 ext 257 or at [dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:dbooms@rosevillelutheran.org).



## Summer Opportunities

### Cleaning/Organizing Projects in Children's Ministry Department

The summer offers time and opportunity to get projects done! We have those kinds of projects planned in Children's Ministry to get ready for programming in the fall. We need to clean some spaces up, organize space and make some of the areas more appealing! If you are willing to share your time this summer, please contact Julie Hanson at [jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org)



# RLC News & Notes

## Finance Office

by Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance & Data

### System Upgrades

In the month of May, RLC's membership database, online directory, Simply Giving and Text-2-Give were transitioned to a web-based system under the same provider we have contracted with since 1997. This upgrade will introduce immediate improvements in your ability to look up names, phone numbers and addresses, update your personal information, give online, view and print your giving record, sign up for ministry activities

and volunteer opportunities, and communicate with members of committees or small groups. Stay tuned for more information in the next few weeks, and please feel free to contact the church office if you have any questions.

### Financial Summary

Thank you for your generous giving to RLC. Over 95% of our ministry is funded by free-will offering. Your gifts make sharing the message of Christ's salvation possible. Thank you!

Giving to our ministry plan is \$37,042 less than we had budgeted as of March 31, 2016. Total year-to-date receipts exceed expenses by \$39,069. The budgeted year-to-date surplus is \$41,943, meaning we are \$2,874 below our expected position at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year. Please prayerfully consider what the ministry of RLC means to you and your family and how you will continue to support the vision God has laid before us.

Monthly financial summaries are available at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/about/publications/](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/about/publications/). If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Laurel Hofeldt at 651-487-7752 x203 or [lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org).

## Roseville Lutheran Church March 2016 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2015-2016						Prior Year	
	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2015 March Actual	2014-15 YTD Actual
Giving	132,802	141,826	1,066,396	1,103,439	-37,042	130,439	1,072,237
Other receipts	11,761	10,028	77,858	69,735	8,123	11,309	65,186
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>144,562</b>	<b>151,855</b>	<b>1,144,254</b>	<b>1,173,174</b>	<b>-28,920</b>	<b>141,748</b>	<b>1,137,424</b>
Expenses	131,732	139,193	1,105,185	1,131,231	-26,046	135,360	1,111,038
<b>Net</b>	<b>12,830</b>	<b>12,661</b>	<b>39,069</b>	<b>41,943</b>	<b>-2,874</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>26,385</b>

Number of Givers 2015-2016				Prior Year		
	March		YTD through March		2014-15 YTD Thru Mar	
	# Givers	Avg Gift	# Givers	Avg Gift	# Givers	Avg Gift
General Fund	484	\$ 214	855	\$ 1,241	911*	\$ 1,791
Bldg Designated	95	\$ 72	157	\$ 398	163*	\$ 405
Lent/Easter Offering	330	\$ 99	354	\$ 103	151**	\$ 50
FMSC	11	\$ 166	22	\$ 198	57	\$ 137
Vision Slovakia	28	\$ 229	32	\$ 696	2	\$ 425
Other M&O	7	\$ 61	118	\$ 207	157	\$ 157
Memorials/Estate	17	\$ 150	78	\$ 1,240	90	\$ 968
Other Designated	88	\$ 29	198	\$ 117	260	\$ 181
EF/Love Lights	0	\$ -	79	\$ 61	125	\$ 55
Preschool/Child Care	0	\$ -	13	\$ 284	3	\$ 708
<b>Total</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>\$ 244</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>\$ 1,433</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>\$ 1,336</b>

\*significant one-time gift received in this fund

\*\*Holy Week & Easter in April 2015

Fund Balances 3/31/2016	
<b>Available Cash &amp; Short-Term Investments</b>	<b>606,754</b>
<b>Designated/Restricted Funds:</b>	
Building Fund	41,561
Kitchen Fund	196,050
Memorials	41,975
Other Funds	276,148
<b>Total Designated/Restricted</b>	<b>555,734</b>
<b>Child Care:</b>	Current Yr <b>7,803</b>
<b>Preschool:</b>	Current Yr <b>4,503</b>
<b>Operating Fund:</b>	Current Yr* <b>39,069</b>

\*Note: Cumulative Operating Surplus as of 06/30/2015 = \$6,194

Endowment Fund	
Cash	7,754
Investments	414,426
<b>Total</b>	<b>422,181</b>

## Annual Meeting Set for June 26 at Noon

### Special Congregational Vote to Extend Call to Pastor Sara Spohr

The annual meeting for Roseville Lutheran Church is scheduled for June 26, 2016 at 12:00 noon. The proposed agenda is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review of Meeting Rules
3. Approval of Prior Year's Minutes
4. Congregational Vote to Extend Call
5. Election of Lay Leaders
6. President's Report
7. President-Elect's Report
8. Budget Proposal and Vote
9. Report of Election Results
10. Closing Prayer

As a member of Roseville Lutheran Church, we hope you plan to attend and be involved in this important meeting. At this meeting, we elect the future leadership, discuss budgeting for future resource allocations, and vote on that budget. There will also be an opportunity for additional questions and comments at the end of the meeting.

Note on Minutes from 2015 Annual Meeting: the draft of the minutes from last year's annual meeting will be reviewed for approval at this year's meeting. Those minutes are posted to the RLC website [rosevillelutheran.org](http://rosevillelutheran.org). You can find the minutes by navigating the following links: => *About* => *Publications* => *Reports and Minutes* => *2015 RLC Annual Meeting Minutes*. Hard copies will be available at the Welcome Desk June 1.



*Simply Giving*

*An easy, generous choice*

The Simply Giving Program is a simple, reliable way to make your regular contributions to the congregation through automated giving.

*Contact the church office for more information.*

# RLC Lay Leadership Candidates

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2016-2017 candidates for RLC lay leadership positions! These candidates will be elected at the annual meeting.



John Shardlow



Keith Gilbert



Joe Ziegler



Darci Bontrager



Rich Wendland



Eric Lagerquist



Tim Hanson

## Council Candidates

### John Shardlow – Council Vice President Candidate

**Member for:** 15 years. **Past participant of:** I've been part of the capital campaign, a past church council president, and co-chaired the committee that created the RLC Vision Statement. My wife and I support the RLC Youth Ministry and RLC's commitment to Feed My Starving Children. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** I am grateful for the spirit-led process that brought us to call Pastor Lauren Wrightsman. Changes come with some uncertainty and discomfort – and RLC has had its share – and I want to do my part to provide lay leadership and support for Pastor Lauren and our staff as we start this next chapter. My hope is that we can continue to chart a course for RLC that can provide an open, inclusive, and mutually-supportive community of faith. I value the diversity of opportunities to support ministry that are both close to home and across the globe. As someone who works to help communities plan to accomplish their goals for the future, I recognize the role that Roseville Lutheran Church plays in the broader Roseville Community. I envision ways our congregation can partner with other congregations, community non-profits and the City of Roseville to support the greater good. It is an exciting time to be connected with RLC.

### Keith Gilbert – Council Candidate

**Member for:** about 25 years. **Past participant of:** Over the years I've served as a greeter, communion server, scripture reader, confirmation leader, Adult Education team chair, and a small group leader. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** My hope and dream for RLC is that it would be a community of believers where the gospel is preached and God's love and grace is modeled and shown to the world.

### Joe Ziegler, Council Candidate

**Member for:** about 11 years. **Past participant of:** I taught Sunday school for three years. I served on the Children's Ministry Advisory committee. I worked with the Tuesday morning volunteer team that did facilities maintenance projects. My wife and I greatly appreciate the way our youngest has embraced the RLC youth ministry, and vice versa. From age 4 to, currently, 15, Regina chooses to stay involved, and counts many good friendships that have grown through her RLC activities. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** RLC has many meaningful, effective ministries. That said, I believe that there are opportunities to promote a stronger, more cohesive community. One with a unified sense of purpose and a more compelling shared experience.

### Darci Bontrager – Council Candidate

**Member since:** 2004. **Past participant of:** Two things I have enjoyed in the past year have been helping out the Youth Director when needed (data-entry, fund-raising) and being part of the Finance committee. What I have enjoyed most in the last few years has been to watch my daughter's faith grow stronger and the Youth group has been an integral part of that. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** I would like to see RLC continue to grow and continue to impact the lives of the young and old alike. I want all people to feel welcome to come to RLC and want to join the wonderful things we are doing here and for our community.

## Endowment Committee Candidates

### Rich Wendland – Endowment Committee Candidate

**Member for:** over 30 years. **Past participant of:** I have sung in the choir, served on the RLC Endowment Committee, served as RLC representative on the Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp board of directors, served as Charter Organizational Representative to Boy Scout Pack and Troop 297, co-chaired the Library committee, co-chaired the Lenten well set-up and take-down, went to Slovakia as part of the Vision Slovakia Builders Group, as well as working events in the kitchen. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** I strongly believe in service. I encourage all RLC members, young and old, to find ways to serve, at church, at home, and in the community. I find by serving others I gain as much benefit as those that I serve.

### Eric Lagerquist – Endowment Committee Candidate

**Member for:** 13 years. **Past participant of:** I have very much enjoyed the children's musical that my sons have participated in, along with the large communal meals at RLC.

### Tim Hanson – Endowment Committee Candidate

**Member for:** 34 years. **Past participant of:** I have enjoyed helping put up the Christmas mural, ushering, reading scripture, serving communion, the men's group, serving soup suppers, Small Group book study, grounds upkeep and other facilities needs. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** RLC has been our family church home for 34 years. I hope that it will continue to grow and be a strong part of our community by showing people the grace and love of Jesus. It should be a church for all people, young and old where they feel welcome and a part of our church family, wanting to serve others both inside and outside our doors.



...candidates continued

## Adult Ed Chair Candidate



Mary Erickson – Adult Ed Chair Candidate

**Member for:** 26 years. **Past participant of:** Currently I am chair of the Adult Education Ministry Team, and was a member of the Leadership Development and Support committee. I also coordinated RLC’s study *The Story*. Lon and I led studies of the Sermon on the Mount titled *Jesus Lifestyle* and 10:10 sessions on the Beatitudes. We also led Alpha groups. In the past I taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and was a member of the Education Committee. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** My hope for RLC is that we will come together as a Christ-centered church focused on love for God, each other and others around the world. I believe that God’s plan for RLC is better than anything any of us can conceive and we need to have faith and trust that He will show us His plan in His time.



Mary Erickson

## Christian Life Co-Chair Candidates

Janet Risinger – Christian Life Co-Chair Candidate

**Member for:** 26 years. **Past participant of:** I have been involved in many RLC programs and activities over the years, but have been especially thankful for the excellent music, education and youth programs. I have been especially blessed with friendship and prayer support from a group of families that began meeting at a member’s home over 20 years ago. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** I am confident that RLC will continue to its successful mission in Roseville and northern suburban communities. As a co-leader of the Life Ministry committee, I look forward to creating and offering welcoming events that draw new participants and strengthen on-going relationships among our members.



Janet Risinger

Jane Lagerquist – Christian Life Co-Chair Candidate

**Member for:** 13 years. **Past participant of:** I’ve treasured the fellowship and support while singing with our Mary and Martha’s, Praise and Worship Band and other groups at RLC. For the past few years, I’ve served as a team member of LIFE Ministry. Our family has greatly appreciated all the services in Cornerstone, Youth Ministry, Musicals and Camps. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** A vibrant, welcoming congregation where people find their spiritual home, connections are made and feel accepted.



Jane Lagerquist

## Mission and Outreach Candidate

Dave Tetzlaff – Mission and Outreach Candidate

**Member for:** 23 years. **Past participant of:** I been on trips to both Slovakia and Tanzania. I have been working on the Mission and Outreach Team for around 10 years. I enjoy working on this team, as we work with local and international partners to bring together RLC members and our partner organizations. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** I hope we can increase RLC’s footprint and leadership in local outreach to our community. The RLC family needs to increase our presence in our community, to show the great work RLC is doing and how we can involve others from the Roseville area. I want to continue to grow the mission work RLC does locally and internationally.



Dave Tetzlaff

## Nominating Committee Candidates

(Two will be elected)

Michael Tostengard – Nominating Committee Candidate

**Member since:** 1999. **Past participant of:** My wife, Theresa, and our girls Mara and Anna have been members at RLC since 1999. I was also a member of RLC in the 1980’s. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** I am interested in serving RLC to help it continue its mission of serving members and the community, and to grow in this mission. I believe I could be of assistance to the committee.



Michael Tostengard

Dorothy “Dot” Probst – Nominating Committee Candidate

**Member for:** 13 years. **Past participant of:** I enjoy being a part of our Sunday morning services worshipping God together as His people in one accord, in a closely supportive Christian community. I have been a member of the Discipleship Task Force, the Long Range Planning Committee, the Preschool Task Force, and the Facility Feasibility Team. I work on the Design Team, with whose help I designed our new baptismal font in the Worship Center. I also occasionally present during the 10:10 hour Adult Education hour and I am a member of the Mission & Outreach Team. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** I view Roseville Lutheran as a vital and dynamic member of our northeast Metro community. I envision God leading us to reach out beyond our traditions and borders into the diverse communities around us in loving, merciful, wise, and creative ways with the power of the Gospel.



Dot Probst

Kevin Hansen – Nominating Committee Candidate

**Member for:** 7 years. **Past participant of:** Cornerstone teacher and men’s small group participant/leader. **Hopes and dreams for RLC:** My hope for RLC is that it provides opportunity for and ministry to people in every stage of their faith.



Kevin Hansen



# Children's Ministries

## Camp Salie First Camping Experience



We offer an opportunity in July for kids completing grades 2-4 to experience camping for the first time in a setting that is close to home, north of the Twin Cities, near Wyoming MN. Up to 15 boys and 15 girls are welcome to enjoy bible study, devotions, crafts, music, campfires, and great food together with RLC youth counselors and adults. A rewarding "first experience" for the kids! Camp Salie will be on July 5-7 (meeting at Camp Salie at supertime July 5, and finish at supper July 7 to accommodate parents and their work schedules). Cost is \$100 per camper. To register and get more information, go to the RLC website, under the Children tab, Summer Opportunities.

## Cornerstone Wrap Up

It's hard to believe that our Cornerstone year has come to an end! The kids and leaders have enjoyed their time together each Sunday morning. Relationships are being built between kids and their Shepherds, and all are building a stronger relationship with God and his son Jesus!



The highlight of our year this year was combining our school aged Cornerstone kids with Luther League kids for Large Group. The bigger group met in the Great Hall this year, and the energy was high! Their voices rang out during music, and all enjoyed the lesson by their new puppet friends Roger and Kent. Look for even more creativity and fun next year as we expand our Large Group team to include other characters. During all of Cornerstone, even the youngest kids learned the same lesson that the congregation hears during worship...it makes for wonderful conversation during the car ride home or during dinner!

Register online for Cornerstone next fall NOW. Go to the RLC website, under the Children tab, click on Cornerstone.



## Deep Sea Discovery VBS at RLC June 13-17



Vacation Bible School at Roseville Lutheran Church this summer is called *Deep Sea Discovery*. We invite kids ages 3 through 4th grade to KNOW God is always with them, EXPLORE God's presence in their lives, and SERVE God by serving others. *Deep Sea Discovery* is June 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 per child,

with a family maximum at \$60. Take the dive today and register online for VBS @ RLC by going to [www.rosevillelutheran.org](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org) under the *Children tab, Summer Opportunities*. You will not want to miss out on this adventure – invite your friends! Registration deadline is June 6th.

Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at [jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org)

**It's not too late  
to be a part of VBS @ RLC!**

To make VBS @ RLC the best it can be your help is needed! We are looking for adults and youth to help lead our storytelling, crafts, snack time, games, etc. There is a place to share your talents with us in VBS @ RLC! Contact Julie Hanson at [jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org) today!



## Cornerstone Volunteers Are AWESOME You Can Be AWESOME Too!

A big Thank You to the over 50 people that share their time and talent with the kids of RLC on Sunday mornings! We have a dedicated group of people that serve as small group leaders, music leaders, large group presenters and puppeteers, tech team, administrative team, etc. Their dedication and commitment is admirable. This team makes our ministry on Sunday morning possible!

If you want to JUMP IN and help us next fall, please contact Julie Hanson. The prep is easy and the rewards of time spent with the kids is immeasurable! There are few ministry opportunities that allow you to impact the future in such a direct way. When you love and teach kids on Sunday, you are influencing generations to come. These kids will one day become parents and church leaders themselves. If you want to change the world long-term, then you should serve in Children's Ministry! Contact Julie Hanson and learn more about sharing your time with the kids of RLC! Julie is happy to share the joy this opportunity gives!



14 Cornerstone Shepherds will be graduating this spring. We thank them for their leadership! Pictured are (L-R) Front: Marisa Smedsrud, Hanna Torvi, Middle: Abby Jackson, Hannah Mein, Molly Dickson, Jack Witthauer, Katie Martin, Kailey King, Back: Mari Youngquist, Tony Landucci. Not pictured are Emma Brown Thunder, Collin Ethen, Ella Maahs, Isabel Tomb.



# Youth Ministries



## Thank You to Middle School Ministry Volunteers

What a wonderful, fun-filled year it has been in Middle School Ministry! A big thank you to all the amazing volunteers that made it happen from Sunday morning Luther League and RAW to Wednesday night Confirmation. We appreciate the time and dedication you have given to our youth to walk alongside them and help them grow in their faith. We couldn't do it without you!

Confirmation: Steve Anderson, Tana Bogenholm, Tom Berkas, Lillian Eldred, Jess Henry, Taylor Henthorne, Jim Maahs, Alex Kocilja, Max Kostecki, Amy Lundell, Michelle Hofeldt, Lara Mac Lean, Ella Maahs, Jack Miller, Michael Jordan, Nathan Thompson, Jay Henthorne, Mike Dolan, Leon Neve, Gena Mickley, Kristina Olson, Jake Kostecki, Theresa Hofeldt, and Vicky Lorenz

Luther League, RAW, and Large Group Music: Scott Larsson, Chris Smedsrud, Tricia Smedsrud, Sheila Thalhuber, Tom Berkas, Alec Walker, and Joe Husby.

## Senior High Send-Off

It has been another great year in Senior High Youth Ministry. Our youth leadership team comprised of Collin Ethen, Tony Landucci, Ella Maahs, Katie Martin, Philip Moulton, Jack Witthauer, and Mari Youngquist did a fantastic job of planning and leading our FLOCK youth group throughout the year. A special thanks to Tom Berkas, Lillian Eldred, Maggie Jones, and Paula & Denny Olander for their adult leadership. We give a special blessing to our graduating seniors. May God continue to watch over all of you on the next step of your journey!



## Spots Available!

### Join a Family Mission Trip

There are still spots available for the Family Mission Trip coming this summer! We will be traveling to Duluth/Superior where families will work alongside one another to serve the surrounding community and grow in faith. All service sites are tailored to different age ranges, so everyone in the family will have the opportunity to serve. The dates are July 21-24 with the cost of \$130 per person. Please contact Abby Matter at [amatter@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:amatter@rosevillelutheran.org) if you want to join the fun in July!

## Prayer Partners

Please consider partnering in prayer with our youth this summer. Over 130 of our youth and families will be attending RLC's various summer camps and mission trips. Being a prayer partner is really simple. Pick a youth and write your name next to them on the sign-up sheet. Repeat this for as many youth as you wish to pray for. Then during the week they are on their trip with RLC, pray for that youth so that they may have a wonderful, safe, Christ-filled week! Sign-ups as well as information on our trips are available in the Commons to pray for our youth. You can stay up-to-date with all of our trips by following RLC Youth on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## Children's Musical "iAm!" Inspiring!

31 kids shared the story of a real life with Jesus in this year's Children's Musical "iAm!"

Directed by volunteer and RLC member Tammy Pust, many were inspired by the enthusiasm and conviction of the actors. Live accompaniment by Maddie Giordana, the Husby family and others helped to make the amazing songs sound like they were singing to a track, with the kids voices blending beautifully. Even the youngest participants shared Psalm 23 from their hearts!

Thank you to the kids and adults that made this musical happen and to present it at three Worship Services so many could receive the heartfelt message from Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."



## Summer Events for High School

Throughout the summer, there will be various fellowship events and gatherings for all current and incoming high school youth. Dates and details will be finalized soon. Potential activities include tubing and bonfires on the lake, baseball game, ValleyFair trip, drive-in movie theater, and more! For those that will be in 9th grade this fall, you are invited to join, too. Parents and youth can receive updates and reminders via text or email over the summer about these events by signing-up at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/students/senior-high-ministry-9th-12th-grade-students](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/students/senior-high-ministry-9th-12th-grade-students)





# Mission and Outreach

## Tanzanian Students Benefit from RLC Support

For over a decade, Roseville Lutheran has been in a companion congregation relationship with a Lutheran parish in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania. Perhaps the most meaningful aspect of this relationship has been the generosity of RLC members in sponsoring students from the parish who are attending secondary schools. These sponsorships help cover school fees and other costs which enables these young Christians to continue their education beyond the primary level.



*Sponsored students attending Bomalagom'be Secondary School*

RLC has also sponsored post-secondary students in the Theology program at the University of Iringa. During the current school year, five of these sponsored students will graduate and begin serving as faithful pastors in Tanzania and other East African countries.

According to Peter Harrits, Director of Bega Kwa Bega, Saint Paul Area Synod, "we'll be looking at incorporating the theology students into a larger post-secondary support system through BKB; as more students complete secondary school there has been a noticeably higher demand for further education of all types." This might include vocational as well as academic education.

This ongoing commitment by RLC not only benefits many young people from our companion congregation, Ng'ang'ange, but also equips others to spread the good news of the Gospel throughout East Africa as the Lutheran Church continues to grow in this part of God's world.



*Graduating theology student Huruma Nsemwa*

## Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels (MOW) program is great for the person who lives at home but needs a bit of help getting a meal prepared and onto the table. MOW delivers a hot nutritious meal daily directly into their home. A side benefit of the program is safety. MOW volunteers also deliver a smile, a quick greeting, and a reliable communication link to the outside should the person need immediate help. So in a way, MOW delivers peace of mind to the person and the person's family.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please know that signing up for meal delivery is easy. Call the MOW at the Fairview Community Center at 651-604-3524.

Volunteering to deliver meals or help with packaging them is easy, too. If you can spare a couple hours on a Friday morning for this very worthwhile program, call Erik Wolhowe, RLC's MOW coordinator, at 651-636-5077. The meals are delivered daily by area churches and businesses and RLC takes its turn every third Friday.

Pictured here are some of the volunteers from RLC: Donna Anfinson, Bob Bergstrom, Kari Burd, Ken Ljung, Kathy Pederson and Zack, Jim Roth, Wayne Serkland, Bob and Pearl Thompson, Curt Thoreson, Kay Vilendrer, and Erik Wolhowe. Other regular volunteers are:

Irene and Dan Brink, Deanna Hiew, Mark Nelson, Elaine Sime, and Celine Stanton. Our thanks go out to all of them.



## Feed My Starving Children MobilePack™ Event 2016

### Thank You for Your Support!

Who knew volunteering could be so much fun?! Who knew that this labor of love would make such a difference in the lives of children in need and the communities where they live?! Over 200 Roseville Lutheran friends and family participated in packing meals with FMSC at Incarnation Lutheran the first week in May. Thanks to you we met our goal of raising \$22,000.00 which provided 100,000 meals, or enough food to feed 364 kids for a year. Check out the Feed My Starving Children website at <http://fmsc.org/> and see how this Minnesota based organization is giving hope and a future to children in the US and around the world.





# Reflections From Abroad

## ELCA Churchwide Partners in Ministry – Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission has called six young adults from the Saint Paul Area Synod to serve a year abroad in a variety of countries, doing congregational ministry, human rights work, development projects, healthcare, education, and youth work. More about YAGM can be found at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

### Ryan Berkas

*This article was taken from the January 2016 Saint Paul Area Synod Faith Link Newsletter.*

My toothpaste is on its last few squeezes, I am running low on toilet paper, my shampoo is getting more difficult to squeeze out of the bottle and my deodorant is almost used up. To many this is a sign that I practice poor hygiene or maybe need to go shopping, to me I see it as more than that... It is a sign that I have truly settled in. When I go out and purchase a new set of all these things it will be me committing to another set time of this year abroad. It is a statement to myself that I am here to stay. It is a good feeling.

Over the last four months I have been thrown into a culture so loving, gentle and warm (both meteorologically and personally) that the transition hasn't had to feel like the most difficult thing I have ever done. Thank God for that... Actually though, I take time to thank God for what he has given me:

A community that recognizes, respects and cares about me. (They call me teacher and brother. Two words that carry a lot of weight in this country.) A loving and supporting sending community back home that have taken it upon themselves to send me notes and reminders that the people I know and love have not forgotten about me. Work that inspires me and makes me feel fulfilled and utilized in the communities that I serve. My work mainly focuses on teaching English. Something that is craved by the people of this country so much so that I find myself teaching outside the classroom as often as inside of it. I am thankful, so very thankful for all this.

One of the most important things I have learned about life here in Cambodia is about their attitude of acceptance. As a YAGM I am asked to take on a simple life. I have much to learn about it and I don't think I could be taught by anyone better. The average Cambodian gets a salary of about 150 U.S. dollars per month. They use this money to pay rent, buy food, and anything else they need to spend money on. Even though the cost of living is lower than it is in the states, this still is not very much money. Although they do want material things they aren't burdened by them. In the States I think we are so connected to our expenses that our happiness has become tied to it. We tend to measure what we have in direct relation to our happiness. In Cambodia there is simple joy in conversation and being present with each other. Relationships are the currency of happiness in this country, and everyone is rich. They know how to maximize time with each other and spend a lot of time being happy, smiling and laughing. It is truly beautiful... Thank you God for the comfort, teaching and learning that has been provided thus far and will continue to be provided in the next half of my year

*Ryan Berkas is serving a year in Cambodia. Berkas names his faith homes as Roseville Lutheran, Roseville and Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries, Cook, MN.*



### Maridith Lewellyn

*This article was taken from the March 2016 Saint Paul Area Synod Faith Link Newsletter.*

Spring is in the air. The trees are sprouting budding leaves, the grass is a luminous green dotted with seas of purple flowers and brilliant yellow daffodils, and, for the first time since November, I have seen blue skies and sunshine for a week straight! Never in my life have I experienced Springtime in March, as I have become much accustomed to the snowy, blustery Midwest weather. With the comings of Spring, it also brings us the reminder of change, new life, and new growth. Springtime is gently nuzzling its reminder that this year of service abroad in England has also brought about change and new growth in my own life. Living abroad, I have learned to understand and appreciate a completely different culture, and surprisingly, although English, a very different language. God knew what He was doing when he called me into this adventure, and has humbled me by teaching me the meaning of patience. He has also given me an overwhelming amount of compassion for my new community I now consider 'home.' This year, I have learned to become more confident in my own abilities, and have been given the opportunity to take some serious time to deepen my relationship with God.

I have already spent more time here than what is left of my YAGM year, and it has gone by quickly! These past six months, I have been living in Sutton Coldfield – a small city located just north of Birmingham, England. I have been placed at Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church (SCBC) as the Mission and Outreach Intern, and most of my time is spent organizing and attending all of the outreach events that are held within the church and surrounding community. These events include monthly informal church sessions at a local coffee shop, and a Monday evening dedicated to praying for our church Missionary partners. Weekly events include free tea and coffee Tuesday's open to the public, Wednesday evening church courses dedicated to teaching people about Christianity and the Baptist core values, and Friday afternoon lunches served to anyone looking for a hot meal and a safe, friendly atmosphere. However, the best part of being the Mission Intern is that I get to meet new faces, listen to inspiring stories, and journey with my new friends through life and faith. I also drink way too much coffee, but such is life as an intern!

If you would like to read more about my experiences here in England, my blog is available. Feel free to browse through blog posts, or catch up on small snap-shots in my bi-monthly newsletters. The website is [www.MaridithLewellyn.wordpress.com](http://www.MaridithLewellyn.wordpress.com)

*Maridith Lewellyn is serving in the United Kingdom. Lewellyn names her faith homes as First Presbyterian Church (Kingsford, Michigan) and Roseville Lutheran Church.*





# Adult Education

## Sunday 10:10 Faith and Fellowship

### Summer Psalms Return



In June our 10:10 Faith and Fellowship hour will once again focus on Psalms. The Book of Psalms is a compilation of 150 pieces of literature that people of God have embraced for thousands of years. This summer RLC members will share their favorites and we will have the opportunity to discuss our thoughts and ideas with others. Psalms of lament, thanksgiving and praise will be our textbook. The schedule is:

- June 5** Psalm 46 led by Pam McCulloch
- June 12** Psalm 130 & 121 led by Dick Carlson
- June 19** Psalm 19 led by Dot Probst
- June 26** Psalm 8 led by Bill Schultz

## FUN RUN is Here! May 22 at 10:10 a.m.

Strap on your shoes, tighten your roller blades, pull out the stroller, and get the family ready for some fun! Walk, run, or roll along a 3K or 5K route as others cheer you on! Sign-up online or in the Commons on Sunday. Wear blue, and add your own flare. Prizes for first place, largest team and best flare. Start time on May 22 is 10:10 a.m. Outdoor worship, weather permitting, follows at 11:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events: LIFE Ministry

*Looking to connect with others at RLC?  
Join us for one of these FUN social events this summer!  
We hope to see you there!*

### All-Church Event: Hymn Sing at Ol' Mexico! Wednesday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Mexican food and Lutheran hymns! Come and enjoy the sounds of our very own John "Juan" Helgen while harmonizing to some of your favorite hymns. Ol' Mexico is located at 1754 Lexington Ave. N. in Roseville. Our reserved party room with patio is available from the bar entrance from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. The hymn sing is from 6:30 to 9. (Food Specials are on from 4 to 6 pm). No pre-registration is necessary. Come for all or part of the evening. Email Jane Lagerquist at [jglager@gmail.com](mailto:jglager@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



### All-Church Event: Jazz in the Vineyard Sunday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Relax on Sunday afternoon with some wine or sangria while listening to live jazz, playing bocce ball and visiting with RLC friends. \$5.00 to taste all of the wines or buy a glass or bottle of wine individually. Bring lawn chairs and a snack to share. Meet at Alexis Bailly Vineyard, 18200 Kirby Ave. S., Hastings, MN. No need to sign up in advance. Email Jen Bergman with questions at [mn\\_bergman@msn.com](mailto:mn_bergman@msn.com) or call 651-490-9839. See you there!



## RLC Lay Leaders & 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  
Kristina Olson, Youth Choir  
Lori Haaland, Handbell Choirs  
Cassandra McNally, Children's Choir

### Children's Ministry

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

### 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  
Roman Voronchak, Custodian  
Jessica Hunt, Facilities

### Ministry Support Staff

Dave Booms, Church Administrator  
Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance and Data  
Daniel Pederson, Communications Manager  
Chris Beck, Webmaster and Graphic Designer  
Kay Berthiaume, Financial Assistant  
Diane Daulton, Financial Assistant  
Trish Clifford, Administrative Assistant

### Preschool

Cindy Laszewski, Director

### Child Care House

Sue Menier, Director  
Linda Borgstrom, Assistant

### Congregation Council

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Sara Mohn, President-Elect  
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Georgia Nygaard  
Jim Stark  
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Alice Neve, Co-Chair

### Ministry Team Chairs

Gena Mickley, Children's Ministry  
Mary Erickson, Adult Education  
Jill Lund, Christian LIFE  
Erik Wolhowe, Mission & Outreach  
Jim & Marlaine Maahs, Youth & Family

### Endowment Committee

Mike Dolan, Chair



# Music and Art

## Thanks to Our Musicians!



Thanks to all the many and varied musicians of RLC for all their dedication and good work in our worship presentations all year long, and especially from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday: Saturday and Sunday worship, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday mid-week services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and our Easter Sunday celebrations – a total of about 50 worship services! During this time period, music was presented and led by ensembles comprising over 150 musicians - Senior Choir, Marys and Marthas, Children's Choir, Brass Ensemble, Jubilate Bell Choir, Bells of Praise, Praise and Worship Group, Praise and Worship Combo, Acoustic Band, as well as numerous soloists and other ensembles. Thanks as well to the music staff for all their good work: Lori Haaland, Kristina Olson, Martha Mutch, and Cassandra McNally.

## Sign Up Now for Summer Music Musicians Needed!



Summer is a great time to share your musical gifts with your RLC family and friends. Most of the RLC choirs and ensembles will be taking a well-deserved break from regular rehearsing and performing, therefore vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles are needed for use in both Saturday and Sunday worship services starting June 4-5. Call your friends, comrades, co-workers, neighbors, acquaintances, and family members, and make a plan! Play/sing for a single service, or take a whole weekend! Have fun!

If you are willing to participate, please contact John Helgen, Director of Music Ministry at 651-288-4236 or [jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org)

# Hospitality

## Hello, Roseville Lutheran Church!

**Connie Marcio, Hospitality Manager**

Hospitality ministry has had a fun and exciting quarter with the installation of Lauren Wrightsman as our new Senior Pastor, and other outside events that put me to the challenge of making every event we do unique and personalized.

Roseville Lutheran has allowed us to use all of our talents to also serve outside events. This helps to extend the ministry of this beautiful church and all it has to offer the wider community.

The most popular events for this quarter have been the Lenten suppers, Ecus and Clovia. We have had several events throughout this period and have had good comments on how well we all work together.

This hospitality ministry only works well due to all the volunteer hours that people give to it. The volunteers that I encounter for all the different events that we do are talented, compassionate, and so generous in doing what is asked of them.

I do like to challenge them now and then as they are up to it. And, as I have mentioned before, we no longer are the church basement ladies... we have stepped up the game and will continue to rise to the next level!

A special thank you to Colleen who puts up with all the crazy that I throw at her. Her assistance is priceless to me.

These are just a few pictures of the beauty of food that we can produce for Roseville Lutheran.

- *Ciao! Connie*





# Roseville Lutheran Preschool

Cindy Laszewski, Director



## Our Goals:

- Teach God's great love and salvation for all his children
- Build a community that will last beyond preschool – a faith based community that supports parents in one of their most important endeavors – their families and their faith
- Prepare children for elementary school
- Keep preschool at Roseville Lutheran Church affordable, so that all may attend

## So how do we go about reaching our goals?

At RLC Preschool we work and play in a Christian setting where God's love is emphasized by how we treat each other, by going to Chapel, and praying before snack. We develop social skills by providing dramatic play areas where children can be in control of a situation and act out their feelings: a spaceship, a campground, a zoo and much more. Big and small blocks are available to stimulate creativity, and practice learning to work together cooperatively at a task. We work at refining large muscle development by hopping, climbing, running and crawling. Small muscle development activities include activities such as puzzles, cutting and pasting, playing in the water and sand tables. Storytelling, cognitive games, music, science are all a part of school. These activities help children to develop language skills, number skills and writing skills.



In the fall each family is visited in their home by their teachers. This gives the children a chance to meet their teachers in their home environment, and gives teachers and parents a chance for some private one-on-one conversation.

During October, which is fire safety month, – children learn to never hide from a firefighter because of the way they look by observing Roseville firefighter men and women getting dressed into firefighting garb and respirators. It is quite a transformation.



Dads' nights are held for each class in November. These nights provide fathers an opportunity for some one-on-one time with their children and also a chance to connect with other fathers. Moms' nights are held in the spring.

At Christmas each class has its own program, which is not as overwhelming as an all-school program. By celebrating one class at a time, we have an opportunity to build community. This year Pastor Sara came and circulated among the people most important to our children – their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and special friends, before the programs started. During the official welcome, Pastor Sara invited those without a church home to come to Christmas services. Christmas is a perfect time to welcome families into our church. From my own experience raising children, the importance of a church family cannot be discounted.

Parents are required to be in the classroom 3-5 times during the year. The benefits of this are many. And all are invited to our Chapel time each month.

We strive to keep preschool affordable, so that all can afford to come – so that all may hear the good news and be prepared for school. We thank you for that support. We do not take it lightly and strive to make the Congregation proud of their preschool.



# STAFF NEWS

## Director of Children's Ministry: Julie Hanson

Julie Hanson assumed the role of Director of Children's Ministry at RLC on April 1. We are excited to have Julie in this position. She has been working with RLC's Children's Ministry for more than 10 years and has shown immense dedication to the children and families of RLC. Julie has helped our programs grow and thrive even through the past year of transition in our staff. It is a true gift to our congregation to have Julie Hanson officially move into this role as Director of Children's Ministry.



## Webmaster & Graphic Designer: Chris Beck

As the new Webmaster & Graphic Designer here at Roseville Lutheran Church, I am excited to bring new ideas and possibilities to the RLC brand and vision. My responsibilities include producing and updating content for the RLC website, designing communications materials for the congregation and staff, and assisting in other duties as assigned.

Originally from Rapid City, South Dakota, I have spent most of my life here in Minnesota. I reside in West St. Paul with my wife, Angie, and our 4 baby animals (Buddy, our border collie, and 3 cats – Brian, Baxter and Blanche). We have 2 nephews in Illinois, and are close with our family and friends. My mom was church organist for Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Owatonna, MN for several years. I also have one aunt who was a Lutheran Minister in Aberdeen, SD; a cousin who is a Youth Minister in Wisconsin; and a grandmother who was the Church Office Assistant at South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD.

With a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and a minor in Art, I am always looking for new and exciting ways to promote RLC and what it represents. In my former life I was a Marketing Specialist/Coordinator for several companies here in the Twin Cities and in south central Minnesota prior to coming on board with RLC. Those duties included handling all marketing and advertising aspects for specialized business entities. To wrap up, my hobbies include line drawing, trout fishing and spending time with family and friends.

