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

March - May 2016



New Font Speaks Artistically of the Sacrament of Baptism

As a people of God, we are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. This is done in a multitude of ways, but often – most clearly – through the means and use of grace we receive in the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.

In the words of Martin Luther, “The blessings of baptism are boundless. No greater jewel can adorn our body and soul than baptism, for through it we obtain perfect holiness and salvation.” In keeping with these words, we recognize that the gifts of baptism are boundless and serve as a powerful example of God’s gracious and unconditional love.

In this past year, the Design Team of RLC has been working on bringing into our Worship Center a newly designed baptismal font. They searched for a design that speaks of the wonder of our creator God who first formed the heavens and the seas and continues to work blessings with us in the renewing and life-giving waters of baptism.

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First Impressions

by Pastor Lauren Wrightsman

I have been with you now, as your Senior Pastor, for just over two months and I wish to thank you all for the warm and welcoming presence you have provided for my family and me in these first few weeks. It has been an exciting time as we have learned more about each other and begun to dream about our shared ministry together.

Over the past months I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you; either in one-on-one conversations, committee meetings, or in the commons area during worship or evening activities. If I have not yet had a chance to greet you or your family, please introduce yourself the next time you are here!

I am sure you have your “first impressions” of me – as I do you. Here are some of them:

RLC is a vibrant and caring congregation!

You are a people who proclaim Christ Jesus whenever you gather. From the youngest to the oldest, these hallways are thriving with the joy of the Spirit that is essential to teaching Christ among us and being Christ among us. I have encountered exuberant youth who are filled with questions and concerns. I have met with adults and others who come seeking answers and looking for a place to belong. And you, the people of RLC embrace all who come. I thank you for this!

RLC wants to make an impact on the lives of those we serve!

From 363 Day Ministries (making over 2500 sandwiches for the homeless), to Vision Slovakia, Project Home, Feed My Starving Children – the list goes on and on – you are a people who are making an impact on those in need both in public (like those mentioned here) or private (in prayer, in the serving of hot meals, in the countless volunteers who teach and minister to our youth). I thank you for this!

RLC has a rich and promising future!

There is an energy and excitement about this place of worship that has been nurtured and fed by countless families and individuals. The power of the Holy Spirit is here – leading and guiding us in ways that are going to surprise us and challenge us. I, for one, am excited about how many times I have had the question posed, “Where are we going next?” This question is a question of hope and promise for a future that is going to be unveiled to us in the months and years ahead. I thank you for this!

RLC is gifted with a committed and passionate staff!

In late January I had the pleasure of meeting with many of the RLC staff for a planning and visioning overnight retreat – and I can tell you this, RLC is blessed to have a wonderfully committed, passionate and caring staff. I feel blessed to work among them.



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Worship with Us!

Traditional: Saturdays, 5:00 p.m. **Contemplative:** Sundays, 8:00 a.m. **Traditional:** Sundays, 9:00 a.m. **Praise & Worship:** Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

President’s Message

By the time you read this, we’ll be wrapping up Project Home, in the midst of Lent and anticipating Easter, and ramping up to package meals for Feed My Starving Children. Children and families have packed sandwiches for the homeless and jumped around in inflatables. The youth had a lock-in and are looking forward to spring break, with confirmation and summer camps around the corner. Adult Ed classes fill rooms at 10:10, and Connie and her teams continue to amaze with breakfasts and soup suppers. The staff came back energized (I have an inside source) after an overnight retreat and are excited to start to plan for next year. I know there’s much more I didn’t mention, but I’ve got limited space on the page (and in my memory), so I hope you’ll fill in what I missed with images and recollections of your own.

A summary of our current financial status looks like this. As of the close of Dec. 2015, we’re still running slightly behind our year-to-date budget. Across the board, expenses are tracking right on budget, but our giving to the general offering is coming in almost 2% under our predictions; the net result is that we enter the second half of the fiscal year about \$11,000 behind budget. That’s a fairly small amount in the total picture, but nevertheless, I’d like to see us get back in the black. So my pitch: please consider how you can give back to RLC to help fund our ministries. And if you haven’t turned in an intent to give card, please stop by the Welcome Desk or the church office. I can assure you it’s easy to do and it’s not binding, but please know that it’s really important to have a good idea of those commitments as we plan the budget for next year. Sara Mohn and Laurel Hofeldt are already working to put that together. On a positive

note, we were able to add \$15,000 for Mission and Outreach activities, thanks to an unrestricted estate gift. And we’ve started the process of putting in place policies for managing restricted gifts and special asks, in part to prepare for an audit of our finances, which is planned for next year.

There are also a couple of staff/committee updates: Amanda Chavis, our Communications Manager, left us for another opportunity, and Daniel Pederson stepped into that position. So we’re looking to refill his prior position. In addition, Pastor Sara’s two-year term call reaches its completion in April and we have started moving towards extending a new, and permanent call, to Pastor Sara. This call will first be approved by the church council and then will, by our constitution, require a congregational vote. We are so thankful for Pastor Sara’s gifts among us and look forward to her continued ministry in the future.

Finally, I thank God for blessing us with Pastor Wrightsman. She’s not just a great pastor, she’s a wonderful person to work with. I’m very upbeat about the rest of this year and looking forward to next year. If you have any thoughts or concerns, please feel free to drop me a note in the office, catch me in church, or grab one of the other council members or staff, and we’ll do what we can to address it.

Grace and peace to you all,

Dave Hofeldt
Dave Hofeldt

Endowment Fund Grant Applications Due May 1

by Sarah Richter, Endowment Committee

The Roseville Lutheran Church Endowment Fund enhances and extends the ministry and mission outreach of the congregation apart from the congregation’s general operations. Gifts to the Endowment Fund are the “gifts that keep on giving.” The principal portion of individual donations to Love Lights, memorials, and estate plan gifts remain in the Endowment Fund in perpetuity and the earnings are distributed as grants twice annually.

Grants from the Endowment Fund are awarded for seed money, education, capital projects, missions, benevolence, worship and music.

If your ministry group is interested in applying for a grant from the Endowment Fund, please review the grant guidelines found on the RLC website and apply by May 1.



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So... “What next?”

As mentioned above, the staff of RLC is passionate and excited – their gifts in their ministry areas are essential to the path ahead. However, none of this is possible without your involvement and gifts.

In the future, we will be seeking your input about our short-term goals and our dreams for our long-term ministry. We will be hosting council conversations to help your leaders hear your dreams and needs and will be seeking input from our youth and our children in Cornerstone, Confirmation and Sr. High Ministry.

I look forward to answering the question, “What next?” with you. We covet your prayers, your partnership and your passion. With the power of Christ leading us, this is going to be an exciting ride!

Blessings,

Lauren J Wrightsman
Pastor Lauren Wrightsman

NEW FONT, cont’d.

The Design Team first went to Luther’s Small Catechism for theological and artistic inspiration:

*Baptism is not simple water only.
It works forgiveness of sins and
gives eternal salvation.
The word of God is in and with the water
and creates baptism.
It is gracious water of life and a washing
of regeneration in the Holy Ghost.
A new person daily comes forth
and arises.
We live before God
in righteousness and purity forever.*

Artistic interpretation of the sacramental baptismal font: The elemental iron base with its Christ eternity ring rises from the earth gathering heavenly waters in its undulating bowl. The word of God which is in and with the water, expressed in liturgical blue, is joined with the washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit, expressed in flowing liturgical red. Flowing liturgical white symbolizes the spirit of the new person who arises from the sacrament and is set free from sin to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. Clear glass allows all God’s people of the congregation to actively view and to participate in the sacrament.

The font was designed by Design Team member Dot Probst with creative input from the other members of the Design Team. The font was created by local artists Robinson Scott of Robinson Scott Glass, and by Heather Young of Iron Maiden, who fabricated the base. The font was funded by a generous donation by Debi Rechnagel in memory of her husband Linden Rechnagel and by other gifts.

RLC News & Notes

Finance Office

by Laurel Hofeldt,
Director of Finance & Data

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 \$21,265 less than we had budgeted as of December 31, 2015. Total year-to-date receipts exceed expenses by \$28,973. The budgeted year-to-date surplus is \$40,148, meaning we are \$11,175 below our expected position at the end of the first half 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. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Laurel Hofeldt at lhofeldt@rosevillelutheran.org.

Roseville Lutheran Church December 2015 Month-End Financial Summary

Church Operations 2015-2016						Prior Year	
	December Actual	December Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	2014 December Actual	2014-15 YTD Actual
Giving	180,542	188,240	700,099	721,363	-21,265	202,277	740,836
Other receipts	7,673	7,308	50,186	42,710	7,476	5,923	44,372
Total Receipts	188,215	195,548	750,285	764,073	-13,788	208,200	785,208
Expenses	129,942	131,940	721,312	723,926	-2,614	130,083	727,005
Net	58,273	63,608	28,973	40,148	-11,175	78,117	58,203

Number of Givers 2015-2016				Prior Year	
	December		YTD through December		2014-15 YTD Thru Dec
	# Givers	Avg Gift	# Givers	Avg Gift	# Givers Avg Gift
General Fund	531	260	729	902	802 880
Christmas Offering	310	155	312	156	289 80
Bldg Designated	96	127	134	316	128 374
M&O	21	71	114	288	150 151
Memorials/Estate	7	3,130	53	1,754	81 170
Other Designated	136	52	177	112	191* 226.18*
EF/Love Lights	41	55	78	56	123 52
Preschool/Other	10	149	13	146	2 425
Total	684	340	836	1,078	916 943

*includes Piano Fund

Fund Balances 12/31/2015		
Available Cash & Short-Term Investments		556,376
Designated/Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund	37,857	
Kitchen Fund	194,361	
Memorials	31,520	
Other Funds	265,508	
Total Designated/Restricted	529,247	
Child Care:	Current Yr	222
Preschool:	Current Yr	1,827
Operating Fund:	Current Yr*	28,973

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

Endowment Fund		
Cash	7,414	
Investments	406,397	
Total	413,812	

Ongoing Events

Prime Time

On March 24, join us for Maundy Thursday worship at 11:00 a.m. followed by a lunch of country ham, cheesy hashbrowns, fruit garnish, and a spring dessert.

On April 14, our entertainment will be the North Suburban Chorus. The meal will be chicken salad in a fruit boat with sweet breads and dessert.

Our May 12 entertainer will be Lyndon Peterson, the one-man band, and our meal will be brats on a bun, potato chips, coleslaw, and dessert.

Prime Time provides fun, faith, fellowship and food to RLC senior members and friends. All are welcome. To make reservations, please call the church office at least a week prior to Prime Time at 651-487-7752 or sign up at the Welcome Desk. Cost is \$7 per person.

The Rose Enkas

The Rose Enka organization is a widows' group from Roseville Lutheran Church to provide support and fellowship at their monthly Saturday (third Saturday at 11:30 a.m.) luncheons held at different nearby suburban restaurants. We welcome all widows to join us. Call Kay Shurson at 651-766-6930 or Lori Bergman at 651-635-9563 for more information.

March 19: Outback Restaurant (2181 N. Snelling, Roseville) 651-697-1224.

April 16: Chianti Grill (2050 N. Snelling, Roseville) 651-644-2808.

May 21: Green Mill Restaurant (1000 Gramsie Road, Shoreview) 651-482-1600.

Staff News

Dave Booms, Church Administrator

Sadly I write to inform you that Amanda Chavis has taken a new position with a financial firm. However I am happy to announce that Daniel Pederson has taken the role of Communications Manager. Prior to working with us as the Communications Specialist Daniel held a similar position as Director of Communications at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. In addition to his Church Communications experience he has been a church musician for over 25 years and has had choral works published by Augsburg Fortress and Pavane. He is currently the Music Director at Calvary Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis. Please welcome Daniel in his new role.

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.

Christian LIFE

Looking to Get Involved? LIFE Ministry Has Opportunities for You!

LIFE Ministry plans fun events throughout the year to help you connect with others at RLC.

We hope that you will find something that piques your interest and that you will join us for one or more of these events.

We plan a variety of events for women, men, couples, families and the church at large.

Here are some things to watch for - please join us!

All-Church Theater Event

“Watermelon Hill” at MN History Theater, April 3

Bring a friend and join us for the History Theater’s newest production on Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 PM. This play is based on the book “Shadow Mothers” by Linda Back McKay and is a touching story placed in 1965 in the Twin Cities. Three women share their experiences as pregnant and unwed teenage girls who are sent to the Catholic Infant Home on Cathedral Hill to have their babies and give them up for adoption. While there, they are given a new name and told not to discuss this episode in their life with anyone. Decades later, they relive their personal moments of love and loss and their reunions with the children they never forgot.

We will stay for the post-play discussion and then go out for dinner. Tickets are \$28 and may be purchased on the RLC website under Life Events or from Trish in the church office. Tickets will be distributed in the theater lobby prior to the performance. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wed, March 2. For more information, please contact Jennifer Bergman at mn_bergman@msn.com.

Scrapbooking

Never can find time to get craft projects done? Here’s a friendly, welcoming ladies group that meets at RLC each month. Bring your scrapbooking projects, electronic scrapbooking (accessing the RLC wifi), stamping, cards, jewelry making, grading papers, knitting . . . if you can bring it, you can do it!

We meet in the RLC lobby on the 2nd Friday of the month, from 7 p.m. – midnight; join us anytime during the session for an evening of crafts, snacks and making friends! All are welcome, and the more the merrier! Our dates are posted on the RLC calendar. Contact Gena Mickley at genashawnone@comcast.net.



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Women’s Event: Roller Girls

MN RollerGirls at Roy Wilkens Auditorium on Saturday, April 9

We have 20 tickets to see the RollerGirls’ final bout of the season which is their All-Star Program featuring some of the best derby in the world. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased on the RLC website under Life Events or from Trish in the church office. We have only 20 tickets, so don’t delay. Many people have heard of this new fast-paced sport, so if you would like to find out what

it is all about, this is your chance. We will be in our seats in time for the introductory explanation/demonstration before the event begins. And we will have some experienced spectators in our group who can help with explanations.

Those with tickets will have the option of gathering for pizza at Pizza Luce at 5:30, and then we will carpool to the event, leaving at 6:30. The pizza is included with your ticket price. For more information or if you have questions, contact Jill Lund at jillklund@aol.com or 651-487-2357.

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NEW BANNERS COMING TO THE COMMONS AREA

Submitted by the Design Team

The Commons area at Roseville Lutheran serves as a welcoming area for all who enter the church. The entry has many uses: a place to gather with friends, meet new people, or travel through.

Two new banners have been created by Anne Anderson to welcome everyone to RLC! Anne is the fiber artist who also created the triptych banners, altar cloth and lectern cloths in the worship center.

The banners will hang from the two columns in the front of the doors to the sanctuary. The flow of water and spirit as seen in the worship

center pieces were the inspiration for the design of the new banners. They are lightweight and undulate with air currents. The banners are brightly colored yet translucent and the design can be seen from the front and back sides as worshipers enter and leave the worship center.

As stated by Anne Anderson, “The new banners redefine the space between the entry and the sanctuary. They give us a moment, maybe a buffer, as we move from the busyness of the entry to the quiet calm of the sanctuary. They welcome, beckon and draw us in as we prepare to gather together for worship.”

Couples’ Progressive Dinner Event

Saturday, April 23, at 5:00 PM

You and your spouse, partner or BFF are invited to an evening of great food and fun fellowship. During the evening you will journey to three different homes in Roseville to enjoy appetizers, a main course and dessert. All who participate will be asked to help provide food for one of the courses. We are still looking for a few more host homes. We intend to have multiple homes for appetizers and the main course, and then everyone will gather at a single home for dessert. Sign up on the RLC website or with Trish in the church office. Sign-up deadline is Friday, April 15. Contact Jill Lund at jillklund@aol.com or 651-487-2357 or Jennifer Bergman at mn_bergman@msn.com with questions.

Adult Education

Back to the Basics . . . and Beyond

Scripture—Prayer—Worship—Catechism—Confession—Community & Mission—Music
Art—Faith—Stepping Stones—Baptism—First Communion—Confirmation

So those who received the word were baptized . . . and they continually devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, to sharing in community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Acts 2:41-42

Sunday 10:10 Faith and Fellowship

Each month we are focusing on a separate theme of the “Basics.” In the fall we focused on Scripture, November on Prayer, December on Worship, January on Mission and Outreach and February on the Catechism and Confessions. We continue in March with a look at Music and Art, beginning February 28.

Worship and Music February 28, Led by John Helgen

In 2017, we will observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (1517). In the first of a two-week series, we will trace the role of music in worship for the first 1500 years of the Christian church, and discuss changes that Martin Luther advocated for in worship practice including the use of music.

Worship and Music March 6, Led by John Helgen

The role of music in Lutheran worship since the time of the Reformation will be explored and revealed with histories and musical examples from eminent composers of hymns, anthems, songs, and liturgical music up to the present time.

God’s Gifts: Sight and Insight March 13, Led by Dr. Sarah Henrich

God gifts us and calls us to look, to see, to create. What is it about the visual that is important to our relationship with God and each other? How do artists participate in helping us see both literally and figuratively? We will explore, with the help of Scripture, how the artist “makes visible” (Paul Klee) and how our faith can be shaped in many ways by what we see.

The Cross in Art March 20, Led by Pastor Robert Brusic

Lutherans resonate and highly value the theology of the cross. They affirm the cross and the crucifixion as central to Christian belief and experience. Pastor Brusic will ask if and how that is so in this illustrated presentation and discussion. He will trace the place and various shapes of the cross in western art through the ages. On the edge of Holy Week, this conversation about the cross seems timely and pertinent.

Back to the Basics: The Bible and Faith April 3, Led by Dr. Jim Boyce

On more than one occasion in the gospels Jesus said, “Your faith has saved you; Go in peace.” In Jesus’ words, faith and salvation are closely linked together.

As Martin Luther put it, faith is not something we dream up, but something that God effects in us when we are reborn as God’s children. This session will explore some of the Bible’s understanding of faith as it is seen through the varied terms of “faith,” “trust,” “confidence,” or “belief,” and its expression of our living and unshakeable confidence in the grace of God.

The Augsburg Confession – Why it matters April 10, Led by Dr. Mary Jane Haemig

We will consider what role creeds and confessions play in the Christian life. We will look specifically at the Augsburg Confession of 1530 and how it has defined what it means to be Lutheran.

The “Greatest Hits” in Confessing the Faith April 17, Led by Dr. Mary Jane Haemig

We will look at the contents of the Augsburg Confession. What is its center? What follows from that center? And what has been controversial?

Taking Faith Home April 24, Led by Dr. David and Gloria Anderson

Many people in the church want to share their Christian faith with family and friends but are not sure how to begin. Taking Faith Home is a resource that will be introduced as a tool to foster faith-filled conversations and prayer in home and congregation. Come and join David and Gloria Anderson, authors and developers of TFH, for a discussion that will include lots of examples and stories. Bring your questions and ideas to further the discussion.

Stepping Stones – Baptism May 1 Led by Pastor Lauren Wrightsman

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is, for many of us, the first “stepping stone” of our Christian faith. Indeed, Martin Luther described baptism as the “greatest jewel that can adorn our body and soul.” During this time together we will explore the differences between baptismal practices across the faith spectrum, as well as the different theological practices that discern between infant and adult baptism.

Stepping Stones – First Communion May 8, Led by Pastor Sara Spohr

Jesus says “this is my body given for you” and “this is my blood shed for you.” In this sacred meal Jesus promises his presence with us, in this meal our faith is strengthened and renewed. How do we prepare for such a meal? In this session we’ll talk about the preparation for students receiving communion for the first time, but we’ll address as Martin Luther did that a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

Stepping Stones - Confirmation May 15, Led Dr. Jim Boyce

Confirmation is one of the most well-known “stepping stones” of life for Lutherans. It comes at a crucial time of life—during those years of transition from youth to adult, exploring what it will mean to live as a disciple in a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ. Many pastors describe “Confirmation” as one of the most frustrating and rewarding aspects of their ministry. And many parents will identify with its key part in the sometimes whirlwind events of those years. This session explores some of the basic aspects of Confirmation and its importance in the journey of the Christian life.

Stepping Stones - Sharing our Stories May 22, Led by Jim Boyce

In previous weeks we have explored basic stepping stones of the Christian life and journey. Each of us has different experiences and stories as they relate to these important events in our lives. This session will offer a chance to share and learn from one another the ways in which these events have enriched our lives of faith. Come share your special story of how these events have shaped your journey of faith.

Volunteers Needed: Lent/Holy Week/Easter

Did you know it takes up to 36 volunteers to aid in any one service with communion? Who are they? They are our ushers, greeters, communion servers, altar guild, readers and others. And this does not include all those who assist RLC with their musical talents. Because of the additional services over Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, we need not only our routine volunteers but also others who wish to provide inspiration and service with a smile and an enthusiastic attitude. Please contact the church office (phone 651-487-7752) or stop by the Welcome Desk to sign-up.

-Dave Booms, Church Administrator

Children, Youth & Family

Garage Sale April 29-30 Donate Your “Best Stuff”

Volunteers Needed!

As you do your spring cleaning why not set aside your good, salable items for the Children Youth and Family Garage Sale to be held this Spring?! We are looking for clothing, furniture, electronics, sports equipment, household items, lawn & garden equipment, tools, books, and anything else that is in salable condition. We will begin accepting donations on Saturday, April 23.

The Garage Sale will be held April 29 and 30, and all proceeds will go toward scholarships to allow RLC children, youth and families to attend summer camps and mission trips. A lot of hands are needed to make this sale a success! Adults, youth and children are all welcome to help make this sale a great experience for all that attend! We need people to pick up donations, sort and price merchandise, work the sale, etc. Check your calendar and try to find a few hours in your schedule to



contribute to the success of this sale! Please go online to sign up for a shift to sort and organize donations, and to work at the sale itself! Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org.

Deep Sea Discovery VBS at RLC June 13-17

At Deep Sea Discovery, kids dive into God's Word to see how God has been with us every step of the way. Hands-on service projects and sea science will help kids experience a VBS adventure like no other!

Kids will:

- Know that God is always with them!
- Explore God's presence in their lives!
- Serve God by serving others!

Registration is required for VBS at RLC. Go to the RLC website, under the Children tab, and Summer Opportunities to register online.



Volunteers Needed for VBS @ RLC

We want Vacation Bible School at RLC to have a big impact on the children that attend! Many of the kids that enroll are not from RLC, and it's a great opportunity to show how awesome our Children's Ministry is! To make VBS @ RLC the best it can be, your help is needed!

If you are an adult or a youth... young or more mature... like crafts or lead games... small group leaders or behind the scenes... Making sets or making snacks... There is a place to share your talents with us in VBS @ RLC!

Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org today! We will be meeting in April for training.

RLC Preschool Learning in God's Love

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: such as a spaceship, a campground, a zoo and many more. Big and small blocks are also available to stimulate creativity, as well as practice at learning to work cooperatively at a task.



We work at refining large muscle development by hopping, climbing, running, and crawling. Small muscle development activities include things such as cutting and pasting, working on puzzles and 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.



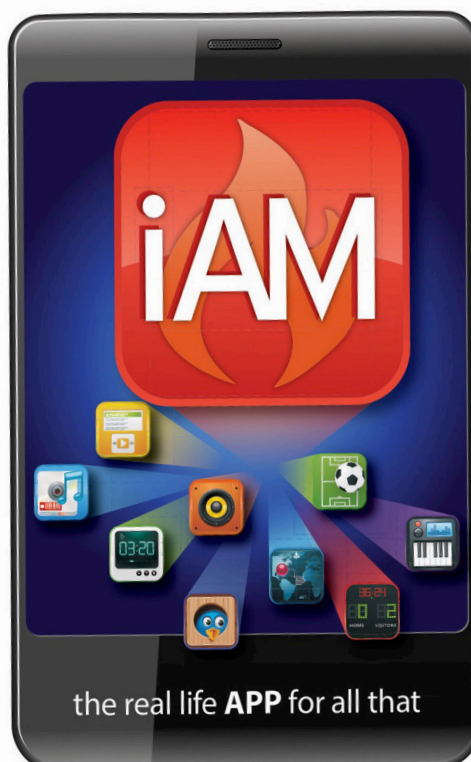
RLC Preschool Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is now open. For more information, or to schedule a tour of the school, please call Cindy at 651-488-6887.

Children's Musical: I AM April 23-24

April 23 at 5:00 p.m.

April 24 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

This year's Spring Musical teaches that even though our world is full of fun digital technology, the most exciting thing in life is getting to know the God who made us! Come meet super App-designer Solomon and the amazing creative team at the App Factory – plus Bible-quoting robots and a room full of kids exploring the wonder of the world God has made us for and made for us!



Children, Youth & Family

Serving Sandwiches: Making a Difference!

During the week of January 25th many hands worked together to make 2500 sandwiches for the homeless! Our high school youth in FLOCK started the week by making 250 sandwiches. Confirmation students and their leaders assembled 1000 sandwiches, and those that participated in Family Serve Sunday on January 31st added 1250 sandwiches. Allan Law of 363 Days Ministries spoke to the group in the Activity Center on Sunday, Jan 31st. He had come directly from delivering sandwiches to area homeless, after stopping by the side of the road to take a short nap. What a dedicated and driven man! Having him talk to the group was very meaningful. Mr. Law is a retired teacher from Minneapolis who began feeding homeless individuals and families in need every evening in 1999. Mr. Law goes out every evening from 9:00



p.m.–5:00 a.m. to deliver sandwiches. He distributes an average of 1,600 sandwiches a night to individuals, shelters and locations serving the homeless. In addition, Allan distributes sandwiches that provide an extra meal for overnight residents to 10 Twin Cities partner organizations serving the homeless and poor in Minneapolis and St Paul.

Because Mr. Law had a high inventory of sandwiches from the generous giving that occurs in Dec and January, the sandwiches made at FLOCK and Confirmation were delivered to the Dorothy Day Center to be given to guests there. The Dorothy Day Center is one of the organizations that partners with Mr. Law. Mr. Law took the sandwiches assembled on Sunday with him for future use.

Thank you to the generous families that attended the Hop-pin' Helpers Family Fun Fest on Saturday, Jan 30. Many socks and financial donations were received to benefit 363 Days Ministries.

These corporations either donated product to us, or gave us a big discount on the supplies needed to assemble 2500 sand-



wiches this year: Bimbo Bakeries (Sara Lee Bread), Cub Foods in Har Mar (meat and cheese), Land O'Lakes (cheese). Please thank them! Because the cost of these sandwiches was reduced, RLC was able to give Mr. Law a financial donation to help with the cost of bus tokens, socks, and storage of the sandwiches.

How can you help? Begin by praying for Mr. Law and the people he serves. If you would like to donate financially toward this effort, either go to the RLC website, under the Giving Tab and click on Online Giving, then Sponsor a Sandwich, or write a check to RLC with "sandwiches" in the memo line. If you are interested in making sandwiches for 363 Days Ministries with your scouting troops, neighbors, sports teams, etc. go to their website, <http://www.363days.org> to sign up. Sandwiches are especially needed in the spring and summer months.

Congratulations and Thank You to Our Senior Shepherds

Please join in thanking these outstanding young people for sharing their faith and their time to lead a Cornerstone group of kids! Many of these seniors have taught Cornerstone for a number of years. These young mentors show the kids the love of Jesus each week! They welcome and engage kids to learn more about our amazing and loving God and his son, Jesus Christ. They are great examples to the kids they lead. We will miss them, and wish them well in the next chapter of their lives!

We present our Cornerstone Shepherd Graduating Class of 2016:

Emma Brown Thunder	2 year old Shepherd
Kaylie King	2 year old Shepherd
Hanna Torvi	4 year old Group B Shepherd
Molly Dickson	4 year old Group B Shepherd
Hannah Mein	4 year old Group C Shepherd
Mari Youngquist	1st Grade Group B Shepherd
Isabel Tomb	1st Grade Group B Shepherd
Abby Jackson	1st Grade Group C Shepherd
Marisa Smedsrud	2nd Grade Group B Shepherd
Katie Martin	2nd Grade Group B Shepherd
Tony Landucci	3rd Grade Group B Shepherd
Jack Witthauer	3rd Grade Group B Shepherd
Collin Ethen	3rd Grade Group B Shepherd
Ella Maahs	3rd Grade Group C Shepherd

Slovakia Bound Plus Family Serve Sunday

Throughout the month of March, our congregation will get a chance to focus on and learn more about our partnership with Slovakia. As hopefully you all know by now, we will be taking a group of 19 youth and 5 adult leaders to Martin, Slovakia this summer from June 24 – July 5. During our time there, we will be immersed into the school and culture of their high school aged students. In March, we will have many opportunities for you as members of RLC to learn more about our youth and leaders that will be traveling there as well as find out many ways you can help support and encourage us in this journey! We'll kick off this month's focus with a Family Serve Sunday on March 6. On this day, families and members will be able to do a variety of activities in the Activity Center to learn about Slovakia and help put together gifts that we will take with us when we travel there. If you have a favorite family photo, bring two copies of it with you to the Family Serve Sunday on March 6.



Children, Youth & Family

Moonlight Madness 2016

Sixth through eighth graders and their friends are invited to attend Moonlight Madness, a lock-out with hundreds of other youth from greater Twin Cities area, on Friday April 15 through Saturday April 16. We will depart at 9 p.m. to our first of four locations for the night, and end back at Roseville Lutheran at 7 a.m. the following morning. Registration forms will be available in March for all who are interested. The cost is \$30 per person (scholarships available).

Contact Abby Matter with any questions at youth5-8@rosevillelutheran.org. You won't want to miss out on this night of fun and fellowship!

First Communion Now for 4th and 5th Graders

We are opening up our instruction for First Communion to include all 4th and 5th graders and their parents, or significant adult and other students whose parents feel they are ready to understand this sacrament. This includes any students older than 5th grade that have not yet attended this instruction. Our First Communion Workshop will be on Saturday, March 19th from 9 – noon. The workshop will give students and their parents information about what communion is and why we do it, and also experience other activities to reinforce our understanding of God's tremendous love for us. If you are interested in participating in this workshop, please sign up on the RLC website, click on the Children tab and you will see First Communion Workshop. Questions? Contact Julie Hanson at jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org.

Seder Meal for First Communion

As part of preparation to receive their First Communion, all First Communion students and their families are invited to attend a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 in the Activity Center. This symbolic meal is representative of Jesus' Last Supper. When the Seder Meal is completed, families will enter the worship center for Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 where they will receive communion as a family. Sign up for the Seder Meal is on the RLC website, found under our First Communion Workshop.



Camp Sallie 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 Sallie will be on July 5-7 (meet at Camp Sallie at supper-time July 5, and finish at supper July 7 to accommodate parents and their work schedules). To register and get more information, go to the RLC website, under the Children tab, Summer Opportunities.

May Celebrations

The month of May marks the end of our programming year with youth and family ministry and we'll have two very special celebrations.

Sunday, May 1: Recognition of graduating high school seniors. At the 11 o'clock service, we will be giving them a special congratulations and sendoff. Please join us on this day to congratulate all of our graduates and wish them the greatest of blessings on the next step of their journeys.

Sunday, May 15: At the 11 o'clock service, we will witness as 48 9th graders publicly affirm their faith on this Confirmation Sunday. For those who have journeyed alongside any of these youth, we invite you to write letters of encouragement and congratulations for them. All letters submitted by May 6th to the RLC office clearly labeled with the confirmand's name will be included with each confirmand's certificate packet.

RECHARGED!

In January, over fifteen Children, Youth, & Family volunteer leaders and staff attended a one day conference to be RECHARGED! It was a day full of seminars, worship, fellowship, and speakers. We can't thank our leaders enough for the time they take out of their schedules to be involved in the lives of our Children and Youth. We truly appreciate them, and look forward to taking an even larger group to RECHARGE next year!



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Weekly Programs:

Sundays: Cornerstone, Luther League, RAW, 11&Lunch (Age 2 - Senior High)

Tuesdays: FLOCK (Senior High)

Wednesdays: Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade)

Thursdays: Bagels @ Dawn (Senior High)

Special Events & Retreats:

- March 6 Family Serve Sunday – Slovakia! (No Cornerstone, LL, RAW)
- March 9 No Confirmation (Roseville Spring Break)
- March 19 First Communion Workshop (4th - 5th Grade)
- March 23 No Confirmation (Holy Week)
- March 24 First Communion, and Seder Meal (4th - 5th Grade)
- March 25 Family Good Friday Worship
- March 27 No Cornerstone, Luther League, RAW, 11&Lunch (Easter)
- April 15-16 Moonlight Madness (6th - 8th Grade)
- April 23/24 I Am! Children's Musical
- April 23 First date to accept donations for CYF Garage Sale
- April 25-28 CYF Garage Sale Preparation - volunteers needed!
- April 29/30 Children Youth and Family Garage Sale
- May 3/4 CYF MobilePack shift for FMSC. 7-9 p.m. each day
- May 8 Cornerstone Preschoolers sing in 11:00 Worship
- May 22 Last Day of Cornerstone, Luther League, RAW, 11&Lunch
- June 13-17 VBS for preschoolers through 4th grade
- July 5-7 Camp Salie for kids completing 2nd – 4th grades
- July 21-24 Family Mission Trip to Duluth

Music and Art

Join the Gospel Choir for May 7-8 Events!

Join the RLC Gospel Choir to sing for the concert and worship services on May 7-8 along with guest vocalist Roosevelt Credit. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, April 6. This is a one-time event and it should be a wonderful experience!

- Rehearsals:**
- Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27

7:00 to 8:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Concert/Worship Services:**
- Saturday, May 7

7:30 p.m. concert
- Sunday May 8

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship

For more information about any of the music opportunities you see on this page, contact John Helgen (jhelgen@rosevillelutheran.org).

Join Holy Week and Easter Festival Choir

Plan now to join the Festival Choir and sing for worship on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday – rehearsals begin on Wednesday, March 2. It's a great way to get involved in singing without joining the choir full time. Rehearsal schedule as follows:

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, and 16	7:45 to 9:15 p.m.
Palm Sunday, March 20	8:15 a.m. choral warmup, 9:00a.m. worship
Wednesday, March 23	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Good Friday, March 25	6:15 p.m. rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. worship
Saturday, March 26	9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday, March 27	8:15 a.m. choral warmup, 8:45 and 10:00 a.m.worship

Roosevelt Credit Returns to RLC

Vocalist Roosevelt Credit returns to RLC in May for a concert and to help lead our worship. You may recall Roosevelt's prior appearances here in the spring of 2010 and again in 2014. "Roo" will appear in concert with the RLC Gospel Choir and RLC Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, and then will be on hand to help lead in our morning worship at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, May 8. You do not want to miss this.



Art Exhibit by James Quentin Young

Young's crosses are a visual reminder of redemption and transformation, reminding us of the breadth and complexity of the Christian story. We find that we are no longer cast off, but are found and restored through grace on the cross.

James received a BA from Macalester College and an MFA from the University of the Americas in Mexico City. He taught for 30 years in the Anoka-Hennepin School District, and has been an artist-in-residence at the Henry Luce Center in Washington, DC (Wesley Theological Seminary), and in Prague, Czech Republic.

Currently James has a studio and gallery in Riverstreet Station Antiques in Monticello, MN, and is a member of Word of Peace Lutheran in Rogers. He lives in Elk River with his wife, Joyce. He has four children and fifteen grandchildren.



Upcoming Music Events

Make note of these free concert opportunities at RLC in the coming months. Events have no admission charge – a free will offering will be collected. Check out www.rosevillelutheran.org for details.

Thursday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.	Castle Singers - Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa Nikki Bakko Toliver, conductor
Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m.	St. Paul Civic Symphony Jeffrey Stirling, conductor
Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra William Schrickel, conductor
Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.	Two Rivers Chorale Bruce Phelps, conductor
Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.	Minneapolis Youth Chorus Patricia Arasim, conductor
Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.	Vocalist Roosevelt Credit with RLC Gospel Choir and RLC Jazz Band

Hospitality

A Place of Welcome and Kindness

Hello Roseville Lutheran,

Below is a note we received after hosting the funeral reception for St. Paul Central student, Fischer Anderson, on January 19. What a tribute to our dedicated volunteers and staff, but also to the spirit of hospitality at RLC! It is so humbling to be able to provide a time and space of comfort for grieving families. Thanks to all who help in any way to be the face of Christ, not only for our own events, but to the whole community.

“Dear Connie: I was one of the helper ladies for Fischer’s funeral. I just wanted to thank you and the rest of the staff for doing such a beautiful and professional job. The availability of the worship space and gathering areas afterward were greatly appreciated by the family and large community of friends. You all helped make a very difficult time in many people’s lives a little easier. Speaking specifically to the Hospitality staff, you did a wonderful job of laying out a wonderful spread for everyone to share after the funeral. Thank you for your time, kindness to guests, and superb catering skills. And thank you for being patient with us “helpers” as we tried to do what we could to help it all run smoothly as well.”

Ciao,
Connie Marchio and Collen Hopple

Lenten Soup Suppers

Please join us Wednesdays during Lent from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for dinner! Salad and dessert will be available buffet style, and soups will be brought to your table. Servers will ask which soup you would like. Dinner is \$7 per person. If you are interested in helping out one Wednesday - or more than one! - please call Colleen at 651-487-7752.

Stewardship and Generosity

The following was written by Adam Copeland, director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary, in response to a Stewardship Conference held at Luther that was also attended by 3 members of RLC’s Stewardship Committee. We want to share this message with you because of its relevance and timeliness, as we try to better define Stewardship and Generosity at RLC.

What is Generosity?

In a class exercise, David King asked us to stop and consider the generous people we’ve encountered in our lives. When we did so, financial giving was perhaps part of their story, but just as likely to surface were other forms of generosity. People might be generous by sharing their time, skills, knowledge, or even their gift of listening well and asking good questions.

When we address generous giving in our congregations, it’s important not to limit our imagination of those so-called “generous givers” as those who give the highest dollar amounts. Generous giving takes many forms. Plus, when it does come to financial giving, let’s not forget members who depend on relatively small income streams, but who give a large portion of those financial resources to ministry. These generous folk may not show up on our list of “top ten givers,” but surely we should describe them as generous.

In the book *The Paradox of Generosity: Giving We Receive, Grasping We Lose*, Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson describe generosity this way:

“Generosity is the virtue of giving good things to others freely and abundantly. It is a learned character trait that involves attitude and action entailing both the inclination and actual practice of giving liberally. It is not a haphazard behavior but a basic orientation to life...”

Smith and Davidson’s work suggests generosity may be measured by looking at financial giving, and also...volunteering, relational giving (social connections), neighborly generosity (care and hospitality toward one’s neighbors), and self-evaluated generosity. In other words, like all

stewardship, generosity is holistic. It includes financial giving, but cannot be limited to money.

When I think of the people in my life I’ve experienced as particularly generous, I recall:

- The generosity of confirmation mentors who gave of their time, and shared their wisdom, with high school youth in my congregation growing up.
- The generosity of my internship congregation’s newsletter folding team who every month, without fail, folded hundreds of newsletters to be mailed to members of the congregation.
- The generosity of a friend who developed a pen pal relationship with an inmate on death row.
- The generosity of a neighbor who mowed my lawn, just because.
- The generosity of donors who funded my seminary education.

Like all virtues, generosity can be learned. And, like all spiritual practices, generosity takes, well, practice. With practice, in response to God’s generous grace, we can succeed in becoming more generous ourselves.

As you seek to follow God this week, look particularly for those times and places where you see generosity. Notice generosity—in all its incarnations. Give thanks for generosity. Tell others when you see it. And, with a prayerful spirit, respond in kind.

Nominations Open, Due April 1

It’s that time of year again when the Nominating Committee is hard at work looking to fill all open congregational committee positions for the 2016-2017 year! Each year this is such an exciting time for our congregation as it allows our members to get more involved in areas they feel passionate about. Some of these committees involve more time and work than others, but the fun and experience to help guide RLC is there for ALL. The Nominating Committee would like to extend an invitation to our entire congregation to review and consider each upcoming open position and to contact us with your interest. Here is a list of open positions.

- Vice President Elect
- Council Members
- Endowment Committee
- Christian Life Committee
- Mission and Outreach Committee
- Nominating Committee

Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Nominating Committee directly with any questions or to discuss your interest. We would love to hear from you!

Rick Glubke, Alice Neve,
Mike McGregor, and Chris Smesrud

Holy Week
and
Easter
Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 24
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25
10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26
5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27
7:00, 8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m.

RLC Lay Leaders & Staff

Pastors Lauren Wrightsman, Senior Pastor Sara Spohr, Associate Pastor Dick Carlson, Visitation Pastor	Student Ministry Michael Jordan, Director of Senior High Ministry Abby Matter, Director of Middle School Ministry	Congregation Council Dave Hofeldt, President Sara Mohn, President-Elect Jeff Johnson, Vice President Vanessa Anderson Heidi George Kevan Moulton Georgia Nygaard Jim Stark Jake Von de Linde
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Mission & Outreach

Project Home Returns to RLC

by Kathy Pedersen, Project Home Coordinator

If you have nowhere to sleep at night, there is no place warmer than Roseville Lutheran! That's how our guest families felt in February when our church opened its heart and its doors to Project Home. Serving as an emergency overnight shelter to homeless families, 7 guest families – 11 children (ages 2-16) and 7 adults – spent every night in February with us enjoying family time, snacks, hearty soup suppers during Lent, relishing a warm and safe place to lay their heads, and gulping down a light breakfast as they rushed to catch the bus that picked them up for school or took them back to The Family Place where they received childcare and resources to help them get back on their feet. Our guests were so appreciative of your warm hospitality and enjoyed all of those who touched their lives while they were at RLC--all our evening and overnight volunteers, the people who donated fruit and homemade goodies, warm outerwear and other essentials, those who loaned us furniture, provided financial gifts, our terrific custodians who provided daily clean up of our large space, and everyone who stopped by to say welcome and hello!

Project Home is supported by your gifts which fund the M&O ministry team.

M&O extends a huge thank you to these same individuals as well as all our staff, pastors, and faithful RLC members, visitors and friends who supported this ministry and contributed to its success.

In addition, Project Home thanks all of you who generously donated PJs, gift cards and other items under the Christmas Sharing Tree. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Finally, thanks to a terrific team of Dorothy Bremer, Kevin Miller, Gayle Medlock, Kathy Pedersen and Doreen Richter who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this ministry happen. See you all again next February!



Quilters Report

Last year we gave baby and youth quilts, lap robes, large quilts, and pillows to ten organizations: United Hospital, Bridging, Rose of Sharon Care Center, Women's Care Center, Union Gospel Mission, Ramsey County Care Center, Apple Valley Foster Home, St. Paul Indian Counsel, fundraisers, and more. A total of 317 quilts and 76 pillows were donated.

We meet Wednesday mornings (except in December) from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There are many different tasks to accomplish our goal of making quilts and pillows. Some can be done seated, some standing, and you don't need to quilt to be welcome and useful in our group. If you can't join in person, we also need people to cut squares at home. We supply all materials. An added benefit is to work with a caring and fun-loving group of ladies, and a coffee break adds to the fun.

We would like to send out a huge thank you to all who have supported us with material and donations, and especially to our much-appreciate custodians, without whose help we would not carry out our mission.

We are not planning on a quilt sale for a while, but we do have quilts available to sell Wednesday mornings in our quilting room in the basement. For more information, please call Muriel Anderson at 651-484-2660 or Virginia Cronin at 651-697-1856 or the church office.

Vision Slovakia: Growing Stronger

Roseville Lutheran's connection with Vision Slovakia started in 2003 with a Builders Group and partnering with St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN and their Vacation Bible School and English as a Foreign Language programs. There have been trips to Martin every year since 2003, and in some cases multiple trips. Roseville Lutheran sent EIGHT 'hardy' folks to Martin for 11 days in January to prep for the April Builders Group (April 18 - May 4). Sending TWO Builders Groups in the same year is a first this year. There may be available spots for folks to join the April team, so if interested, contact KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn.com or Joe Lunders at lundersjoeboy@gmail.com.

The January Builders Group was nicknamed Team 'Hardy' for being hardy to head to Slovakia in January, but the team quickly realized that 'hardy' also meant working HARD (and gaining new muscles!) at demolishing clayblock/plaster walls and ceilings in the space that will soon be the Physics and Chemistry Labs for the newly acquired high school building at the Center of Christian Education. The team members were Bob and KJ Bach, Brad and Randi Lundell, Rich and Julie Wendland, Kristin Kuhens, & Mark Daniel. A couple hundred feet of wall was demolished and the debris removed in less than 5 work days, then spending 2 days in Krakow, Poland sightseeing before returning home on January 29th. The Builders Groups continue to provide financial support to the CCE but even more important is the moral support they provide to the CCE staff and students that what they are doing at the CCE is the right thing.

Roseville Lutheran has financially supported the CCE in other renovation projects, including the Dormitory, Classroom building, Preschool building and in 2011 over \$54,000 was contributed for the renovation of a much needed cafeteria (Janka's Kitchen). That cafeteria has been used 5 days a week to feed 400+ students and also provides lunch for many other church mission teams. Now in March 2016 another fundraiser will commence for the renovation of the Physics Lab for the CCE high school.

Nineteen RLC students will be traveling to Martin this summer. A portion of the fundraiser will be for student sponsorships for their summer trip to Martin. This fundraiser is an opportunity for the RLC Congregation to truly be a part of the High School renovation with their contributions. Please prayerfully consider a contribution – large or small – to this mission and ministry. Look for more information in the Update and e-Blast in March and April.



Roseville Lutheran's partnership with the CCE continues to grow through the relationships that are nurtured and through newly forged relationships with each mission trip. Strong leadership on both sides provides well-grounded foundations for the future of this school and its students. The CCE now has over 580 students and with the additional classroom space could accommodate over 750 or perhaps 800 students from pre-school through high school. The Slovak high school students are quite proud of THEIR school as they realize the hard work it takes to have this opportunity to have CHRISTIAN education.

As the Building Group motto so succinctly and simply states: Renovating Rooms... Renovating Lives (the life renovated could be yours!).

Fun Run Returns May 22

The Roseville Lutheran Fun Run is returning! Please mark your calendars now for May 22nd as we celebrate a year of stewardship and new beginnings. Walk, run or roll along a 3K or 5K route while members of RLC cheer you on! More details will be posted in the upcoming months, but if you're interested in helping with the event, please contact Jen Souvignier (Jen.souvignier@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!



Mission & Outreach

Friendship Meal at Hospitality Center for Chinese

RLC will work with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Roseville hosting the April 16, 2016, Friendship Meal at the Hospitality Center for Chinese located at 1407 Cleveland Ave. in St. Paul.

Volunteers are needed to prepare main dishes, salads, fruit, desserts, and buns and to host and serve this meal to University of Minnesota Chinese students, scholars and their families. This gathering, including a dinner and a program, has been an annual outreach for RLC for nearly 20 years. Save the date to prepare food, work at the Center, meet and get to know the students. For more information, contact Jill Peterson at: jspeters1@icloud.com or Mary Schultz at mh8gaschultz@q.com



Greetings from Cameroon

RLC is thankful for Pastor Elisabeth Johnson, our missionary, serving the ELCA in Meiganga, Cameroon. This is her third year teaching New Testament and Greek at the Lutheran Institute of Theology where pastors and leaders are



trained for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon and other churches in west and central Africa. She sends greetings from the seminary and congregation. Please keep Pastor Johnson in your daily prayers. Dr. Johnson's blog can be found at: <https://camerooniangrace.wordpress.com/>

Tanzanian Students Receive Scholarships from RLC



Again in 2016, Roseville Lutheran Church is continuing to provide ongoing support for students from our companion congregation in Ng'ang'ange, Tanzania. Of the \$18,500 sent through the Saint Paul Area Synod for this purpose, roughly 16% came from the Mission and Outreach budget of RLC, and the remaining 84% came from the designated gifts of generous RLC members.

RLC has been in a covenant relationship with the Lutheran parish in Ng'ang'ange since

2002. Our members have gone on three mission trips to Tanzania since then, visiting the parish and participating in joint worship services there. As our two churches work together as companion congregations, RLC's annual scholarship support is in response to the highest priority of the Ng'ang'ange parish leaders — to secure a better education and brighter future for their young people. To God be the glory!

FMSC Mobile Pack May 2-5

Roseville Lutheran is again partnering with Incarnation Lutheran with a goal of packing 750,000 meals which will feed 2,055 kids for a year!!

Feed my Starving Children (FMSC) is an incredible organization committed to feeding God's children in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and these meals are shipped around the world. An amazing set of pictures on their web site shows the life changing difference these meals make. Before: lethargic, malnourished, sullen child. After: bright eyed, healthy looking little girl. These meals can change lives, and we can be a part of this!



The packing event is May 2-5 at Incarnation Lutheran Church. You can help in two ways:

- 1. Volunteers.** 2755 volunteers are needed to pack the 750,000 meals. You can sign up once or multiple times. You can bring your family, friends, book club, scout troop, work team or just come by yourself. The minimum age for volunteering is 5 years old; below is the adult/youth ratio for volunteering.
Kindergarten-2 grade: 1 adult per 1 student;
3-6 grade: 1 adult per 3 students
7-9 grade: 1 adult per 4 students;
10-12 grade: 1 adult per 5 students
- 2. Financial support.** We do need to pay for the groceries for the MobilePack events. RLC has pledged \$22,000 to support this ministry. You may donate on the church web site, or designate your offering for FMSC.

The TIME IS NOW! Many hands make the load lighter and the journey more fun. **If you are interested in packing, go to RLC website and click on the FMSC icon.** For sign up help, please call the church office at 651-487-7752.

If you have questions, feel free to ask a team member: John Shardlow, Kathy Miller, Jennifer Bergman or Jill Pederson.

Nourishing Hope, Faith Study

How are we called to follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry? Join Incarnation Lutheran Church Pastor Gary Medin for a four-session faith study called "Nourishing Hope," on April 7, 21, and May 19, including a packing session during the May FMSC MobilePack™ at Incarnation. These are designed to enrich your FMSC MobilePack™ experience. Find out how you can be part of this solution. Register for this enlightening faith study at the Incarnation Web site or their Office (651-484-7213) until March 30. Contact Kathy Miller with any questions: Kathy.a.miller@comcast.net or 651-494-8639. We could car pool from RLC.

Warm Tummies, Toes Thanks to You!

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity providing socks for the homeless! Resurrection Lutheran and RLC gave over 500 pairs of socks wrapped in packages of two pair to everyone at our Dorothy Day Friendship Meal on Monday night, December 14! We also gave 22 pounds of socks to the Union Gospel Mission and 40 pairs of women and kid's socks to the Naomi Family Center for women and children in St. Paul. Thank you so much!