

pRAISE RLC:

We Are Called to Serve!

Sunday, May 1 – Thursday, May 5, 2022

Throughout the season of Lent we have been exploring the “I am” statements of Jesus. Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd! I am the resurrection and the life. I am the bread of life!”

As we gather together in this season of Easter we are celebrating the many ways in which we are called in Christ’s name.

- ***Because of Jesus Christ, we are...
Saved, freed and redeemed***
- ***Because of Jesus Christ, we are...
Blessed, to be a blessing to others***
- ***Because of Jesus Christ, we are...
Called to serve!***

St. Francis de Sales (d. 1622) wrote, “Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.”

Throughout this year’s pRAISE giving campaign, we will be lifting up and celebrating the ways in which RLC members and friends have responded to this call for service. In the words of new members Andrew and Janelle Olson, “***Church isn’t about existing***

inside our four walls, but making a difference in the world. We are looking forward to finding new ways to connect with our faith on a deeper level – with our hearts, our home and our family.”



As a people of God, our lives and our actions are rooted in the community of Christ. It is in this community that we are nurtured, redeemed and forgiven. But like a tree, we are called to pull from this deep well of blessings, and are sent out to serve, to reach out to communities, individuals and needs. As a tree branches out, new growth is found. As the canopy of the tree spreads, so do its roots. As we reach out to others, new relationships are found, new hope is given, and we discover a strengthening of spirit and hope.

Join us during this campaign of joy and celebration. Join us in worship. Join us in service. Join us as we discover new ways to live out our mission and vision: “Love God. Love your neighbor. A community united by grace!”

Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

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Mark your calendar and save the dates!

I am looking forward to our upcoming pRAISE RLC campaign. In addition to raising \$100,000 in 100 hours, this is also a time to highlight different ministry areas and to celebrate our work together. I am enjoying the planning process and can tell you (because I have a behind the scenes view) that we have some great things in store for you. Check out the next page for highlights of each day, ***May 1-5!***



This campaign is especially exciting for me because of my background in volunteerism, and understanding the importance of sharing your time, talent, and treasure as God intended. Join me and other RLC members throughout the week as we volunteer with our ministry partners at Keystone; drive a meal to someone in our congregation in need; and clean up Bruce Russell Park and our building grounds.

Join us for times of celebration!

We will kick-off our campaign on Sunday morning, May 1, with the sounds of RLC’s Jazz Band leading worship. Then, you’re invited to come back for a community jazz concert at 7:00 pm that evening. On Wednesday, May 4, we will be hosting our second annual “Family Friendly Fun Night” with music, food trucks, free ice cream, kids hair-dying stations, and many activities for kids of all ages.

We hope to have something for everyone. As you look at the ways that you are called to serve, I hope that something from our list of activities speaks to you. We would love to have you and your family join us for one (if not all) of the events we have planned.

Rebecca Bedner-Faris
Director of Development

Together Again! A Reason for Renewed pRAISE!

It’s great to see your unmasked faces! This Easter season ushered in a rebirth of onsite activities at RLC. It’s exciting to witness our campus buzzing again with youth programs, choir, adult education seminars, social gatherings, outreach efforts and so much more.

Throughout the pandemic, RLC continued to heed the call to serve, with video-streamed worship services, Zoom meetings and classes, and new approaches to Sunday school, confirmation, food drives and dresser builds. But social distancing made it challenging to sustain the personal connections that foster healthy community support.

For two years COVID protocols kept people away from campus. While this reduced our operating expenses—no onsite activities meant lower utilities and maintenance costs—this also had a negative impact on giving.

The ability to once again gather in person is reinvigorating RLC, and this year’s pRAISE campaign is timed perfectly to revive the spirit of giving that helps fuel our ministries.

Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve through Roseville Lutheran Church, and demonstrate your commitment with a gift during pRAISE RLC 2022 at www.rosevillelutheran.org/praiseRLC.

Joe Zeigler
RLC Council President





Items for Cleaning Kits

- Container to hold cleaning tools (a covered plastic “shoebox” sized container works well!)
- Rubber gloves, size large
- Sponges
- Dish scrubber
- Hard surface/bathroom scrub brush
- Micro fiber cloths
- Garbage bags: either kitchen and/or bathroom sized
- Bonus Items: additional sponges, mini whisk broom w/dustpan (may not fit into the box)
- Bring to RLC by Tuesday, May 3

All of these items can be purchased at a dollar store. Personalize your kit with a note of encouragement and joy for the people to enjoy!



Highlights for Each Day of pRAISE RLC:

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Worship and Music Ministry



We will kick off our 2022 *pRAISE RLC: We are Called to Serve* campaign on Sunday, May 1 with RLC’s Jazz Band leading us in worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

RLC Kids will be putting together cleaning kits for Bridging on Sunday morning. Join us later that night for an **RLC Jazz Concert** at 7:00 pm!

Cleaning Kits needed for Bridging

As part of our pRAISE campaign we focus on service and how we can fulfill a need in our community. Our community partner Bridging is in need of cleaning kits for their clients to use as they transition from homelessness to a new home of their own. These kits are very specific, but easy to assemble. We are asking you to purchase the items and assemble kits at home. **Bring them to RLC by Tuesday, May 3.**

MONDAY, MAY 2

Congregational Care, Education and Hospitality



Join us on Monday, May 2 for “RLC At Your Service!”

Families and individuals are invited to **deliver a meal** prepared by RLC. This is an opportunity to be in service to our neighbors in the RLC community. Contact Rebecca Bedner-Faris (rbednerfaris@rosevillelutheran.org) to sign up to receive a meal, or volunteer to drop one off

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Mission and Outreach Ministry



Members and friends are invited to **volunteer at Keystone’s office in St. Paul** on Tuesday, May 3 from 10:00 am – 12 noon. We will be packing non-perishable boxes of food for families in need. We are also collecting cleaning kits for Bridging. These kits will be made at RLC Kids on May 1, and at home by you (if you want to get involved). For more information, contact Diane (dsell@rosevillelutheran.org) or Julie (jhanson@rosevillelutheran.org).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



We are so excited to host our second annual **Family Friendly Fun Night** as part of our pRAISE RLC campaign. This event will take place in the south parking lot on Wednesday, May 4 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend! There will be **food trucks** if you want to purchase dinner, and **free ice cream** for all. There will also be family friendly activities that all are sure to enjoy. Get ready to play yard games, get your face painted, or hair dyed, and have a fun time!

THURSDAY, MAY 5

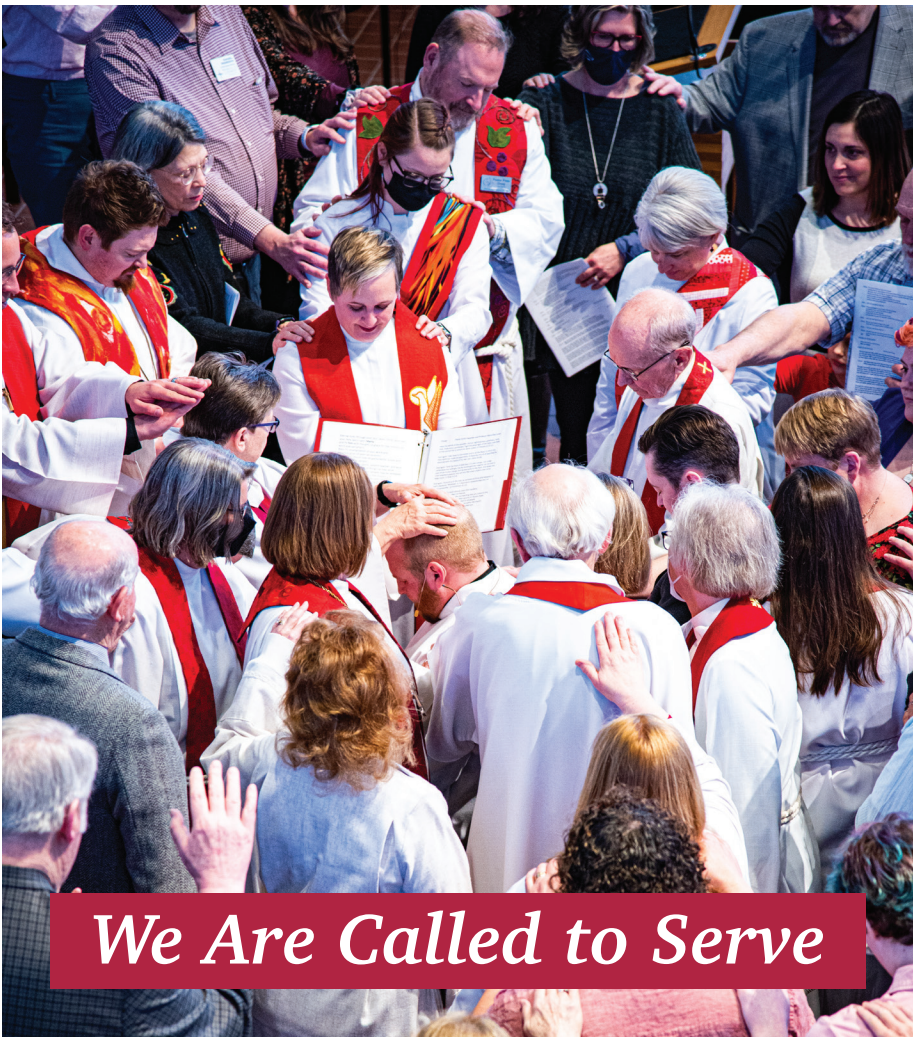
We Are Called to Serve!



Join the **Lively Landscapers** and other members and friends as we work together to **clean up the RLC grounds and Bruce Russell Park** from 4:30-7:00 pm. We will end our campaign and our volunteering with a celebratory bonfire and special treat afterwards. Contact Rebecca Bedner-Faris (rbednerfaris@rosevillelutheran.org) for more information or to sign up!

LEARN MORE AND GIVE NOW: www.rosevillelutheran.org/praiseRLC





We Are Called to Serve

When RLC was closed due to Covid 19, it became evident the importance of community to stave off isolation. I was asked to be a mentor to a 9th grade confirmation student. It has given me a sense of renewed connection at the church and a feeling of “giving back.” Thank you, RLC for this opportunity.

– Don Nygaard

I enjoy being a part of the Lively Landscapers, a small team of RLC members with a passion for giving the grounds a colorful welcome to our church community with patches of annuals, perennials and native plants. What is seen on the outside is a reflection of who we are as a community united by grace.

– KJ Bach



Thanks, RLC, for reaching out through virtual opportunities! I am a cautious senior; yet, I have been able to regularly attend RLC’s worship services, join small group Bible Studies, participate in RLC Reads, and serve on the church council.

– Linda Nelson



It’s a pleasure to help with Holiday and musical celebrations at RLC. My calling to serve is motivated by so many past and present members. I’m grateful to continue their spirit of celebrating our love of God and our neighbors!

– Mike Dolan



– Kelli Hofmeister



– Pam McCulloch



When I retired, the Pastor’s Bible Study was an opportunity to continue my lifelong learning and develop relationships with others. In the fall of 2020 I led a small group Zoom study that has continued to learn more about our relationship with Jesus and with each other with weekly meetings. Serving God and each other through learning has been a blessing.

We were in the penpal program at RLC. We connected with Carol and were so excited that we got to meet with her. We felt a special connection. Not long after we visited Carol, she passed away. We feel blessed to have been a positive part of her final days. One thing we learned through this service opportunity is that small acts of service can serve great importance.

Why Are We Having pRAISE RLC?

\$100,000 in 100 hours!



This years campaign is specifically geared towards these goals:

\$50,000

Support our current and future ministries as we are called to live out our mission and vision

RLC Kids, worship, adult education, hospitality, mission and outreach – these are all examples of ways in which our day-to-day ministries make a difference in our world. Gifts given during the pRAISE campaign help support our day-to-day ministries and outreach events.

\$20,000

Finalizing the construction for our online studio booth

Throughout the past two years, many members and friends have stayed connected through our online ministries and worship services. Through this ministry family members living in different parts of the country have been able to share their faith as baptisms, confirmations, funerals and other celebrations have been able to be streamed live online. As an ongoing ministry of RLC we are creating the space for more opportunities for connection and celebration.

\$30,000

Organ repair fund

Installed in 1979 for the 1969 Worship Center (now Activity Center) and reinstalled in our current Worship Center in 1996, the organ is in need of extensive repairs. Organs have moving parts which are affected by heat, humidity, and the passage of time. The organ is an integral and essential part of worship life at RLC and is also used for community concert events. Repairing the organ is necessary as we consider the possibilities for a newer instrument in the near future.





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Everything Is But a Trust from God

Janelle and Andrew Olson, Noelle, Sofia, Solveig

The Olson family began attending RLC in September of 2021. They were looking for a church home within their community, a place where the circles of their lives (work, school, activities) intersected. They knew they had found their church home when they saw all of the outreach and ministry events offered through RLC. Janelle says that they were impressed with this “ready, set, rich life” that they could be a part of. “There are so many activities that we can engage in.”

The Olson’s have participated in worship, RLC Kids, Serve Sunday events like the Dresser Build and the Soap Scoop, as well as supporting donations to Immigration Resettlement, RLC’s Youth Red-Envelope Fundraiser and gifts to support those affected by the war in Ukraine.

“How we choose to support our community teaches our kids that everything is but a trust from God. We want to teach them to be generous. When life is so abundant, we don’t have any other choice but to give generously. We want to raise our kids to know they are able to make a difference.”

As we engage in these activities we tell our girls, “This is church, too! Church isn’t about existing inside our four walls, but about making a difference in the world.”



Three Generations of Service

Gena and Shawnone Mickley, Taylor, Madeline

When Karen and Edwin Lindquist joined RLC thirty-five years ago, little did they know the impact their family would have on the life and ministry of Roseville Lutheran Church. With two little girls in tow, the family became ingrained into the fabric of ministry and service. While they initially joined because of the great youth programs that would be a large part of their life for many years, both daughters were confirmed and married at RLC, and all five grandchildren were baptized and welcomed as members.

Their daughter, Gena (known as Ms. Gena to many of our preschool families) says of her time growing up at RLC, “I always enjoyed going on retreats, mission trips, strengthening my faith and sharing my faith with others. The community at RLC has supported my faith journey and I see how it is doing the same for my girls.”

Taylor Mickley (age 16) expresses this same spirit of connection and community. Taylor has been engaged with the ministry at RLC from an early age and is now sharing her time and talent with the younger members of RLC as an RLC Kids teacher (just like her mother, Gena).

Supporting and sustaining the ministries of RLC is important to all of them. Gena says, “We share in the promise that we make to those being baptized to help them see God and nurture their faith as they grow.”



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