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Sunday, May 2 -
Thursday, May 6

Celebrating the
Mission and
Ministry of
Roseville
Lutheran
Church

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Help Us Meet Our Goal
of \$100,000 in 100 Hours!

LOVE LIVES

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Since our proclamations of "Alleluia's" on Easter Sunday, Christ has been on the move - bringing out this message of hope that "Love Lives!"

- Love lives in the ways in which this community of faith has responded to the needs of those around us.
- Love lives in the ways our online worship and CTV worship services reach out to those both near and far.
- Love lives in the ways in which we are creating spaces for conversation about race and reconciliation.
- Love lives in the food that has been collected and distributed.
- LOVE LIVES!

On behalf of all members and friends of Roseville Lutheran Church, I want to thank you for the multitude of ways in which you are a part of living out our mission and vision to love God and neighbor and be a community united by grace.

Starting on Sunday, May 2nd, we will be launching our "PRAISE RLC 2021: Love



Lives" campaign. This campaign provides gifts to support our general ministry fund. Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000 in 100 hours.

Throughout the campaign we will highlight the various areas of our ministry. Join us daily at www.rosevillelutheran.org/praiseRLC and on our Facebook page to hear more about the work and ministry of RLC, and then, consider a special financial gift to support these ministries. Each day we will offer a challenge to members and friends to help us reach our goal.

As your senior pastor, I encourage you to read through these pages and explore how the work of the church is taking shape in this new era and how we are having an impact on people both near and far as we continue to live out our mission and vision to "Love God. Love your neighbor. A community united by grace."



Love lives at RLC!

Lauren J. Wrightsman, Senior Pastor

pRAISE RLC • \$100,000 IN 100 HOURS

THE “FACES” OF pRAISE

Meet the Hofmeisters

As in past years we are happy to have a “Spokesfamily” for our pRAISE campaign. This year we have the Hofmeister family of Chad, Kelli, and Wesley.



KELLI SHARES ABOUT HER FAMILY

I grew up at Roseville Lutheran Church. Chad and I are excited to be raising our son, Wesley, in the church now. Chad and I were married at Roseville Lutheran in 2012.

We appreciate the effort that RLC puts into building connections within our church and beyond. We have been a part of Project Home, dresser builds for Bridging, and other service projects. We made daily trips during the start of the pandemic to “the big mailbox,” to send out cards to RLC members. This let us have an outing and helped us feel connected. We appreciated VBS in a box and had lots of fun doing activities as a family this summer!

We are excited about our church’s efforts in the area of social justice. Wesley loves squiggles (the children’s bible mascot), and singing with Ms. Gena. We are thankful to be able to support the church.



A BRIGHT YEAR AHEAD

Jessica Henry, RLC Congregational President

The theme of this year’s pRAISE RLC campaign is “Love Lives” and it is truly a celebration of the great ministry happening at RLC. A year of pandemic didn’t stop RLC from sharing God’s love – in fact, we found new ways to share it!

Confirmation students met new mentors online, worship services were available to broader audiences online and on television, Love Lights in the Worship Center became luminaries in our neighborhoods, Mission and Outreach supported more food distribution events and built a record number of dressers for ministry partners, Lenten soup suppers were distributed via drive-thru, and the bagpipes and alleluia honking probably woke up a few neighbors when we worshiped together in the parking lot!

We are all called to let our light so shine that others may see it and give thanks to God (Matthew 5:16); bringing our lights back together will create a bright year ahead for this community united by grace. I invite each of you to join me in supporting this pRAISE RLC campaign in celebration of the past year of ministry and all that is to come.



pRAISE RLC: Love Lives

CELEBRATING OUR MINISTRIES

Rebecca Bedner-Faris, Development Director

As I write this, I am in the middle of my third month as the Development Director at Roseville Lutheran Church. I am enjoying my new role. I am grateful to be part of this loving and gracious team and congregation. I have met so many friendly people and am moved by the work being done here at RLC and in the greater community and world. Thank you for the warm welcome!

I am excited for our upcoming pRAISE RLC: Love Lives! Campaign. Each day, different ministry areas will be highlighted by sharing members stories, pictures, and videos. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and learn about all the great things happening at RLC.

The goal of the pRAISE RLC campaign is to raise \$100,000 in 100 hours. Your gifts will support the new need for ionization of the campus, the addition of live streaming for those watching online, and to continue to expand our ministries. Beyond fundraising, this campaign is also a time to get to know our members, and to celebrate our ministries and the ways we support each other and the community.

In addition to highlighting different ministry areas each day, we are also planning to hold two in person events. There will be an opportunity to gather for two in person, outdoor worship services on Sunday, May 2nd at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. We are also planning a block party celebration event on May 5th from 5:00-7:00 pm. There will be many family fun activities, food trucks and more. There will even be a pet photo booth! I am looking forward to meeting you, your family, and friends. I hope you can join us!



WORSHIP AND MUSIC • May 2



I have taken advantage of watching the online services and have greatly appreciated them. I've also appreciated the communications from the pastors. I have also made contributions to the special offerings when they have been sent through emails. My sincerest thanks to the church staff and pastors, and musicians for all the efforts taken to continue the church's mission throughout this pandemic. I've also gone to the parking lot services and especially loved the Palm Sunday processional with drums and bagpipes. Wow!

– Vicki Tschida

We adapted to the pandemic worship changes by setting up the laptop to watch the services from our living room, sometimes with a cat on my lap! We also participated in most of the zoom community, Bible study, and Lenten services and the following discussions. All these events helped us to stay connected. We will look forward to greeting people in person, eventually being able to see smiles, hug, and maybe even sing together!

– Marj and Bob Bergstrom

Worship and Music Ministry creates weekly worship and connects us as we praise and sing, hear God's Word, receive messages for our daily needs, and pray for our community and world.

I discovered that my faith in God isn't dependent on a building or other people to remain strong. By watching the weekly services, I remained tied to the RLC community. I missed seeing my friends at RLC, but have become connected with many others in a positive way. I read a lot of books, did a lot of knitting and enjoyed many good meals (which resulted in a few extra pounds.) I'm looking forward to the rituals of the Lutheran service and looking directly into the eyes of other worshippers, even if their eyes are just above the ubiquitous mask!

– Anonymous

Since in person services stopped a year ago, I have watched (with coffee and relaxed dress code) the services online. The services have been excellent, but I look forward to being with fellow worshippers and together saying the creed, the confession of sins, and the Lord's Prayer.

– Erik Wolhowe

I was sad not to attend services and see friends while sharing the word. I also missed the live music, laughter and small talk. Online worship was not a problem and it was quite smooth. The camera person did a fine job varying the view. It felt nice. Look forward to the word shared live, seeing and feeling the message as a congregational body. Then sharing the good news afterwards in social exchange. The instrumental and vocal music, the large space with acoustics, and of course the smiling and laughing people.

– Brian Tempas



I didn't realize how important singing was to my psyche and how much I miss singing with my choir friends. I look forward to getting back to singing praises together through choir anthems, liturgy, and old-fashioned hymns accompanied by Martha at the organ!

–K.J. Bach

With the lockdowns last year and establishments being closed, it's helped me find the motivation to get out and explore parks, and our family has been healthier for it. I look forward to seeing everyone again and being able to worship with others. Technology has certainly helped keep some semblance of normalcy, but you can't beat the feeling of worshipping in person with other people.

– Anonymous



HOSPITALITY AND CARE • May 3

RLC Care Ministry centers around our mission to “love God and neighbor.” Our Care Team reaches out to members, the elderly, and sick, with regular calls, visits, rides, help with chores, and prayer. Our team has over two dozen servants and others who support this work.



During this past year we were so concerned with our members who were shut in that our CYF team and the Care Ministry team joined forces to create a Pen Pal Ministry between young families and older members. We currently have over 15 families participating in this “Love Lives Here” outreach!



Even though this year has been difficult we continue to do the work of Care Ministry with providing rides to appointments and delivering groceries.

“Without rides to my appointments I would be lost! Thank you, Ken Groth and the Care Team at Roseville Lutheran.”

- RLC Member who receives help through our Care Ministry

In the past year Care Ministry has reach out in many ways to our members and neighbors who need a little extra care and love during Covid time. We have served 100s of people with our Hospitality meal program.



“Thank you for the large envelope with your art work and Valentine greetings. It is so nice to be remembered by you.”

“I have been getting pictures and short notes from a family at RLC. This has made me days brighter. Thank you thank you!”

- An older Roseville member who is a part of the pen pal program with Children, Youth and Family



Care Comes in so many forms. But we have Care Team members calling our elderly members EVERY week. Nothing is more precious and life giving than a simple phone call that asks the question “How are you?”

“She calls me every week to see how I am. I look forward to my talks with her”

- A friend of RLC

LOVE GOD • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

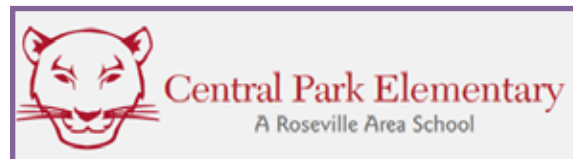
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

MISSION AND OUTREACH • May 4



Mission and Outreach Ministry at Roseville Lutheran Church is deepening partnerships in our Roseville Community in 7 key areas. Through these partnerships people are fed, housed, mentored, and treated with both dignity and grace.



For the past 5 years members of Roseville Lutheran Church have partnered with Central Park Elementary School in a tutoring program. Tutors spend an hour each week during the school day helping students learn and thrive. Most volunteers tutor on Thursday mornings, but there are also some Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon slots available. We help Kindergarten through 6th grade students develop their reading and math skills and/or their English language skills. Each tutor requests the grade level they prefer and works with the same classroom teacher that the school year.

In addition, RLC provides clothing through "back to school" donations and our Christmas Sharing Tree that provides outdoor Weather clothing for students as well as necessities.

"There are now many students of color in all of Roseville's schools, and Central Park is the most diverse school in the district. At first tutoring just seemed like the right thing to do, a way to help. It has become much more than that to me. I am now connected to 2 very important communities. I have come to know and care about many new people from Roseville Lutheran. And I have also met and care about many new children from our community."

7 key areas of RLC Outreach: Bridging, Central Park Elementary, Dorothy Day Center, Every Meal, Feed My Starving Children, Keystone Community Services, and Project Home.

BRIDGING

Bridging was founded on one simple, yet powerful idea – that together we can create a bridge between those in need and those with excess. Bridging has provided basic home essentials to over 100,000 families. Their vision is everyone lives in a furnished home.

"I come every year and attend with my family the dresser build. It is a great way to practically teach our kids how to live out RLC's mission "Love God, Love your neighbor"

- RLC member

PROJECT HOME



For over 23 years, Project Home has provided overnight shelter for area families facing homelessness in partnership with dozens of area churches, synagogues, and schools. RLC pre-pandemic took the month of February and hosted families overnight. Post Pandemic our hope is to continue this program

LOAVES AND FISHES (Dorothy Day)

RLC has been a part of this program serving a meal for many years now. The 2nd Monday of each month RLC volunteers purchase, prep, serve and clean up the meal for those in need.

KEYSTONE

Keystone is a non-profit, working to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, seniors and youth. RLC has worked closely with their food shelf, bringing items of need to their Rice Street and Midway locations. This past year RLC participated in a food distributions 2 times in our parking lot.

"When I heard Roseville was having a food distribution that had food favoring the Latino community I asked some of my coworkers at Highland Park Middle School to come on site to be translators. We ended up seeing many of our students' families and were so happy to help. What a good thing Roseville Lutheran is doing! Thank you!"

- Highland Park Middle School Teacher

EVERY MEAL (Sheridan Story)

More than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. When these children don't have access to the free and reduced meal programs at school, they don't have access to reliable food and the risk of hunger is very real. Every Meal works to fight hunger in our community by filling the gaps in food access that children face during weekends, summers, and extended breaks. RLC participates in this program and the recipients are Central Park Elementary students.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY • May 5

RLC's Children, Youth, and Family ministry impacts over 300 families through weekly programming, special events, and summer trips. All are welcome, including friends and neighbors!

CONNECTIONS CONTINUE

Children, Youth and Family is going strong, despite the need to find new ways to do things! We were able to help others in a variety of ways with the service projects we offered – Tie Blankets, Kitchen Bundles and an at home Dresser Build for the clients of Bridging were fun and very successful service projects.



"Pass It On" replaced our traditional Christmas program. It was very meaningful to see skits by families and kids reciting their memory verses! Take Home packets were mailed out to let parents be the faith leaders in their homes for Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. Family Good Friday worship was held outside and 70 people attended on a very windy day!



We opened up the Activity Center for families to use to let their kids play and run off energy when the temps were cold outside! Fun with Ms. Gena has been delightful as our preschoolers and Kindergarten kids sing, dance and hear a story and bible verse from their favorite Large Group leader, Gena Mickley.



35 families participated in our Pen Pal program, connecting families with our senior members at RLC. Old fashioned "snail mail" was introduced to the youngest kids as a great way to get to know someone!

5th and 6th graders enjoyed games and connecting with Abby Matter via zoom periodically this winter. Confirmation was held remotely, and kids and leaders were able to connect in new and different ways. Lenten Mentors for our 9th graders was also virtual, but they connected and had good conversation about racial disparity and justice.

Grad care packages were assembled in people's homes and sent to our recent graduates last fall. Youth group for our high school students was held outdoors when possible, and many games were played via zoom! Bagels at Dawn was held at RLC for a few weeks, when it was possible, and we look forward to being back at the St Paul Bagelry this fall!

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT RLC

Youth, young adults and lenten mentor leaders share what they love about RLC!

9TH GRADE RESPONSES:

- the fact that everyone is welcome
- the community. No one will judge you for being you and I feel like it's a safe place
- how we get a bunch of fun things to do besides service
- the community that I have found

LENTEN MENTOR RESPONSES:

- I love that RLC is doing the hard work, not just easy things and keeping things as they were
- the community feels like an extended family
- the people, the generosity, the love, and the blessings
- our youth programs
- the opportunity to reconnect with old friends

YOUNG ADULT RESPONSES:

- challenges me to deepen my faith and think differently
- the lifelong friends and mentors that I have met through RLC

ADULT MINISTRY • May 6



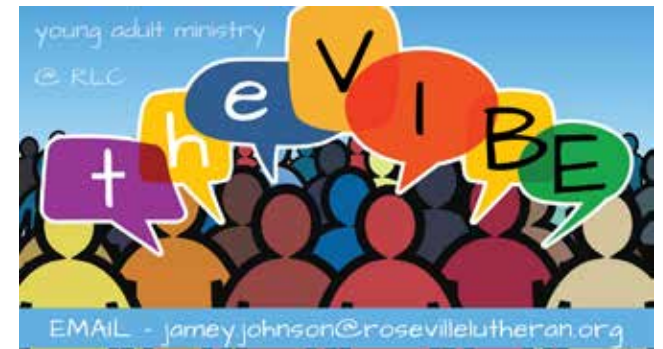
Through bible study, small groups, support groups, men's breakfast, and adult education classes there are many opportunities each week to grow in love for God and neighbor.

REACHING OUT IN NEW WAYS

This year's challenges have also brought about new solutions. Many of our in person opportunities had to be re-imagined online. This year we continued our Adult Education Forums with online video lectures. Pastor Lauren launched a podcast called "Hope in the Healing." And we had a six-week small group discussion during Lent, "Lift Every Voice."



Adult Education at RLC has shared many online options. Presenters in the past year included: Jim Boyce, Rolf Olson, John Helgen, Marty Haugen, Rollie Johnson, Roland Martinson, Mark Tranvik, George Shardlow, Madison Johnston, and Chris Gehrz.



NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Now that we have our Life Coach, Jamey Johnson on board, he's started a new way for our young adults to connect called "The VIBE."



This is an online, multi-ethnic environment, designed to inspire young adults to connect both, with God, and to each other. Everyone needs a safe space to connect and grow during the week - a time for authentic conversation, to be emotionally open, and spiritually inspired to go deeper.

If this is of interest to you, please contact Jamey.Johnson@rosevillelutheran.org.

LOVE LIVES THROUGH OUR PEN PALS!

Our pen pal project is touching hearts! Marion Glasow, age 89, called me at home and wanted to tell me how much it meant to her that a family from church would write to her. Marion said she was having a very down day, and she went to her mailbox and got a letter from an RLC family. It was a delightful letter and colored artwork! Marion said she was so filled with joy that she sat down right away and wrote back to them. She laughed because the kids asked her if she had any brothers and sisters - Marion told me "No, I am a very old lady and don't have brothers and sisters anymore." Marion talked about this project and how wonderful it was, and thanked me for connecting her with a family. God is in the middle of this - That is why we do what we do!



- Julie Hanson, Director of Children's Ministry



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HIGHLIGHTED MINISTRY AREAS EACH DAY:

- Sunday, May 2** **Worship and Music Ministry**
Drive-in Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am
Make Kitchen Bundles between 9:30 - 10:30 am
- Monday, May 3** **Hospitality and Care Ministry**
Tuesday, May 4 **Mission and Outreach Ministry**
Special Highlight: Feed My Starving Children
- Wednesday, May 5** **Children's, Youth, and Family Ministry**
Family Fun Block Party from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Thursday, May 6** **Adult Ministry**

MAY 5 BLOCK PARTY Food Trucks and Fun!

Come to the south parking lot and enjoy a festive and fun time together outdoors. We will have several stations set up for kids to enjoy, Egg Roll Queen food truck, and 2 Scoops Ice Cream truck. Stations include a bubble machine dance party, chalk obstacle course, a pet photo booth (bring your pet!), storytime, and a take home craft. Come help us celebrate what God is doing through our church during our pRAISE RLC Campaign!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN - 2021 REVENGE OF THE ROBOTS?

Roseville Lutheran has been part of FMSC Mobile pack with Incarnation Lutheran for 7 years. The Mobile pack was cancelled last year, and this year will not include multiple churches at Incarnation. Slowly and safely in-person packing is moving forward, but RLC will not be part of the Mobile pack in 2021.

Hunger has not taken a holiday during this pandemic, as a matter of fact, meal demand has increased. The traditional rocking room full of meal packers has been prohibited in order to comply with pandemic public health safety measures. To safely meet the need, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) has successfully implemented machine packing in this past year. This allows the meals to be produced and shipped where needed and keep the volunteer packers safe.

Marc Crea, Executive Director/CEO, says, "Because of God's faithfulness and your support, FMSC was able to continue to feed kids during one of the most difficult years any of us have lived through."

DONATIONS MATCHED UP TO \$6,250 ON MAY 4 FROM 11:00 - 1:00

This year, RLC has an opportunity to provide the ingredients for a machine pack. We are being replaced temporarily with robots! Our goal is \$12,500, which will provide 50,000 meals. You can make an amazing difference in the lives of a child, family, classroom and village. Donors have generously provided matching funds to double your giving (up to a \$6,250 match!) during the "Power Hour" (from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesday, May 4). Please consider a donation!

\$10,000 feeds a village • \$1,866 feeds a classroom of 20 children for a year
\$365 feeds a family for a year • \$88 feeds a child for a year

