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ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS & MEMBERS OF ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SOUP SUPPERS COMING SOON!

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS ARE COMING SOON

Every year during Lent RLC members and friends enjoy delicious soup suppers, with two choices of homemade soups and cookies by Grandma Jean, Colleen Hopple and a group of helpers. Come and enjoy a hearty bowl of soup, a full salad bar, a variety of fresh breads and yummy home-baked cookies. No reservations are needed. Cost is \$5 person.

SUPPERS ARE SERVED 6:00 TO 7:00 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING SOUPS:

- March 16 Mulligan Stew and Canadian Cheese Soup
- March 23 Turkey Vegetable Soup and Cream of Broccoli Soup
- March 30 Creamy Clam Chowder and Tomato Basil Soup
- April 6th Vegetable Beef and Barley and Nutty Chicken Wild Rice Soup
- April 13th Vegetarian Minestrone Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup

HELPERS ARE NEEDED TO PREPARE LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:

Each week many helping hands are needed to make these soup suppers possible. Please call Colleen at 651-482-7887 or at 651-487-7752 if you can help. Sign up for just one week or every week, as follows:

Baking cookies: Tuesday afternoon 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Preparing soup: Tuesday afternoon 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Preparing salads: Tuesday afternoon 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Setting tables: Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to noon

Salad bar set-up: Wednesday 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Help during suppers: Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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COOKIE BAKING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

March 15 Gingersnaps and Snickerdoodles

March 22 Crispie Oatmeal and M&M cookies

March 29 Chocolate Chocolate Chip and Sugar cookies

April 5 Fruitcake cookie and Potato Chip cookies

April 12 Oatmeal Chocolate Chip and Soft Ginger Creams

FROM THE HEART ... 2011 MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Recently at a very nice wedding reception, as tradition would have it, the bride's father came up to the front of the reception hall, took the microphone and addressed the guests. Immediately he choked up a bit, his voice trembled and halted. He turns to his daughter and her new husband. He looks at them with tears beginning to come to his eyes, he says, "From my heart (touching his chest) ... I have to tell you ... how much I love you." And that was pretty much it. He wasn't going to be able to say anything else, despite the note cards he had

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR CRAIG



"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore, Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control,

will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." - Philippians 3:20:21-NIV

We were required to memorize the words that Emma Lazarus penned and that are etched onto the Statue of Liberty. Those who are yearning to breathe free, come and hope to find freedom in the United States of America. Some of those searchers are right at our doorstep. They are in our community. I am just getting acquainted with the KaRen people. They are exiles of Burma who have come here to avoid persecution, death and oppression. As I watched the unfolding story in Cairo and northern Egypt, my mind was taken back to the Exodus story

of the Scriptures. Missionaries, students and U.S. Citizens were airlifted back home. They were removed from the situation that had become chaotic and life threatening. Scenes like these are all too common these days.

When I read again the great promise that the Apostle Paul put before the congregation in Philippi, I was filled with hope and joy. We are citizens of this beloved land but greater yet, we are citizens of heaven. We carry a dual citizenship. I had to get my U.S. Passport out recently and I was reminded again of where my earthly citizenship is. Our citizenship is also in heaven. Our exodus is made possible through faith in Christ. He will deliver us at the end of the age to our true and

permanent place of residence. Lady Liberty offers a beautiful invitation to come and experience freedom. As Christians who know our freedom is in Christ, we do have a responsibility to assist in the exodus of those who come to escape the horrid and dreaded conditions in which they find themselves.

I was offered an invitation to assist those who have recently come to this country in preparing for their citizenship test to become U.S. citizens. That appeals to me. I'm planning on following up on that. I'd invite you to join me. I believe it could serve several purposes. What we do for others in Christ's name is powerful; a great witness of our Lord and His calling to be in the world. It will also remind

me of what I too often take for granted in this democracy. I too often complain about taxes, government, laws, etc. and forget about the freedom I enjoy. Most importantly, I hope that a relationship with one who is yearning to breathe free might lead to a moment of sharing where my true citizenship is.

In these days of Lent, the Cross is absolutely central. The crucified Jesus is our exodus. The freedom that comes through him is like no other. Give thanks with me for God's great grace and love.

May the peace of Christ dwell in you richly,

Pastor Craig Hanson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CORNERSTONE KIDS HELP WITH THE BIG WRAP!

On Sunday, January 30th Kindergarten-4th graders and their families used the Cornerstone hour to participate in The Big Wrap mission project held in the Activity Center. Families donated towels and kitchen utensils to be wrapped and sent to Bridging. Much fun was had by enthusiastic families in wrapping utensils and stacking them in the bins

under Pastor David's direction. Thanks for your generosity and participation in this event!

CORNERSTONE SHEPHERDS FILL THEIR CUPS SO THEY HAVE MUCH TO GIVE OTHERS!

On the first Sunday of each month you will see a group gathered at round tables in the Lobby. Cornerstone small group Shepherds gather here

for fellowship and Bible time together, to prepare their hearts for the upcoming month as they lead their small groups. They are given curriculum and Bible background for the topic for the month, as well as share ideas and techniques on how to guide their groups. Challenges and rewarding experiences are shared, ideas given and friendships made. The Shepherds that attend say "This is a great way to connect with and get to know the other Shepherds better, without the rush and busyness that I feel during small group meeting days. I also like to hear more about the lesson for the upcoming month; I think this helps me as I prepare the lesson for the kids in my small group." You are welcome to join them on the first Sunday of the month...add to the discussion, give your thoughts, meet new friends!



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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Roseville Lutheran Church January 2011 Month-End Financial Summary

| Total Giving | January 2011 | | | January 2010 | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 5 Sundays | | | 5 Sundays | | |
| | Dollars | # of Givers | Average Gift | Dollars | # of Givers | Average Gift |
| 2011 General | 127,341 | 611 | 208 | 114,217 | 629 | 182 |
| Building Fund | 6,740 | 95 | 71 | 8,229 | 114 | 72 |
| Latte Challenge | 2,555 | 24 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disaster Relief | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,230 | 231 | 62 |
| All Other | 15,031 | 155 | 97 | 9,668 | 124 | 78 |
| Total | 151,667 | 643 | 236 | 146,342 | 692 | 211 |

| Church Operations Receipt Summary | Jan-11 | Jan-10 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Offering | 127,341 | 114,217 |
| Loose Offering | 1,570 | 1,536 |
| Tran. From Dedicated | 3,220 | 3,455 |
| Misc. Income | 2,050 | 1,895 |
| Total | 134,181 | 120,903 |

| Church Operations | Jan | | YTD Actual | YTD Ministry Plan | YTD Variance | 2010 Jan Actual | 09-10 YTD Actual |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Actual | Ministry Plan | | | | | |
| Receipts | 134,181 | 131,043 | 864,545 | 939,107 | -74,562 | 120,903 | 850,784 |
| Expenses | 130,080 | 126,624 | 838,850 | 908,959 | -70,109 | 108,955 | 812,318 |
| Net | 4,101 | 4,419 | 25,695 | 30,147 | -4,452 | 11,947 | 38,466 |

| Fund Balances | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Operations YTD | 25,695 |
| Designated/Restricted Funds | 652,074 |
| Building Fund | 31,594 |
| Kitchen Fund | 237,906 |
| Memorials | 31,301 |
| Investment Earnings | 30,404 |
| All Other Restricted Funds | 320,869 |
| Nursery School YTD | 13,953 |
| Child Care YTD | -180 |
| Endowment | 243,976 |

| Cash | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Checking / Sweep Inv. Acct | 558,778 |
| Vanguard Money Market | 159,261 |
| Primevest Money Market | 0 |
| Total | 718,039 |

YOUTH MINISTRY

BEING SALT AND LIGHT:

CELEBRATING RLC YOUTH SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Roseville Lutheran youth are letting their lights shine for all to see, serving in various ways and using their spiritual gifts. Praise and thanksgiving to God for each one of them.

Congratulations to Jessica Erskine, RLC 7th grader, daughter of Donna Erskine and John Slavik and granddaughter of Jean Odeen, who was crowned as the Saint Paul Winter Carnival Junior Royalty 2011 Princess of Snow. Dur-

ing the interview process, Jessica and other Winter Carnival Junior Royalty candidates served at Feed My Starving Children, homeless shelters, and for other community organizations. Jessica was known for her smile and enthusiasm for serving others. Watch for Jessica at a variety of events and parades throughout the year representing the Winter Carnival!

The Roseville Area Boys Swim Team, which includes Noah and Jonah Bergman, Will Florek, and Jack McGregor, decided to turn the Win-

ter Swimathon into a fundraiser for the swim team and for Major, a Roseville police dog. Major has been Officer John Jorgensen's canine partner for more than 7 years. In November, while chasing a burglary suspect, Major was beaten with a crowbar to the point that his back legs are now paralyzed, and his K-9 career is over. The Swimathon was a grueling 5-hour practice in which team members swam more than five miles. They called it the 10,000-yard workout, but a workout that was well worth it. The Swimathon raised \$1500, and half of that will go to Major for his rehabilitation. The team was also recognized by WCCO-TV for the community spotlight award and received an additional \$500. Congratulations to these young people for sharing their love of swimming in such a positive way. They are salt and light within our community.

Do you know a RLC youth who is serving the community? Let us know by sending

a detailed e-mail and photograph of the youth serving to communications@rosevillelutheran.org.

LOCK IN

Hey RLC! On January 28th, 2011 the footsteps of 7-9th grade students loomed large at Roseville Lutheran Church. Over 100 kids came to the Lock In this year, ate pizza, danced to Koo Koo Kanga Roo, played on inflatables, played capture the flag, and heard a message about Christ. This year, the kids heard about the calling of the first disciples, and how ordinary people are called into an extraordinary life with Christ. This would not have been possible without the help of over 20 volunteers who offered their time and sacrificed their sleep to make sure that kids came into a safe, loving, and caring environment. Thank you to ALL who helped with the RLC Lock In! Thank you to all who came

to the RLC Lock In! Thank you to all parents who entrusted us with their children for a night! Finally, thank God for moving in us and through us at the RLC Lock In to spread the message of Christ.

In Christ,
Neal Cannon

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION PERIOD!

Hey, Parents! As you know, summer is coming up fast and it's time to start thinking about Camp Hiawatha and the Middle School Mission Trip. Both trips will have a registration period from February 27th to March 27th. Registration for camps will NOT be allowed before or after these dates. Registrations will be made available at the Children's Youth and Family Desk starting February 27th. To sign up, fill out the registration and return it to the main offices at RLC. Following is information regarding each trip:



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YOUTH MINISTRY

CAMP REGISTRATION... CONT'D FROM PAGE 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO DULUTH

What is the Middle School Mission Trip? For the fourth year in a row, RLC is doing mission/service work through Youth Works (youth-works.com). On the mission trip kids will serve, with other youth from across the country, the local community in Duluth by feeding the homeless, working with local youth programs, visiting the elderly, and much more! There are also evening adventures every night where kids will go to the beach, amusement parks, and host community picnics. The mission trip is an amazing experience for kids to come and learn about Christ through service, worship, and community.

Who can go? This trip is for all students who have just completed grades 7-9

When? July 10-15

Where? Duluth, MN

Cost? TBD after the Youth Live/Silent Auction on February 13th. Scholarships are available to all in need.

How do I sign up my son or daughter for the Mission Trip? Registrations will be made available February 27 at the Children's Youth and Family Desk. All registrations are due March 27 to the main office of RLC.

CAMP HIAWATHA INFO

What is Camp Hiawatha? Camp Hiawatha is an amazing place where youth can come and have the time of their lives! Located just outside Grand Rapids, MN on Deer Lake, Camp Hiawatha is a part

of God's Great North Woods. Youth go to play games, swim, camp, sing to an outdoor bonfire, and make lifelong friends. Most importantly, kids go to encounter Christ and find faith they never knew they had.

Who can go to Camp? Camp Hiawatha is for all students and their friends who have just completed grades 4-9.

Date? June 26 - July 1

Cost? TBD after the Youth Live/Silent Auction on February 13th. Scholarships available to all in need.

How do I sign up my son or daughter for Camp? Registrations will be made available February 27 at the Children's Youth and Family Desk. All Registrations are due March 27 to the main office of RLC.



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MUSIC MINISTRY



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NEW MUSIC CD BY RLC MUSICIANS – WALK BY FAITH

The new CD of worship songs recorded by RLC's 11:00 a.m. musicians – "Walk By Faith" – is now available for \$15. May be purchased at the Welcome Desk in the Commons on weekends, from the church office, or by contacting John Helgen. Ensembles included on the CD are the Praise & Worship Group, PW Combo, Band No.3, Youth Choir, and the PW Horns. Purchase a CD and support the ministry of the 11:00 a.m. musicians. Thanks!

RLC JAZZ BAND – DINNER AND CONCERT

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Back by popular demand from a few years past, the RLC Jazz Band returns on Saturday, March 26, with a program of music featuring the sounds of the Big Band Era. Come at 6:00 for a home-cooked Grandma Jean meal, and stay for the concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner are \$6, concert alone is \$5, or dinner/concert combo ticket is \$10. Hard to beat!

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-MORRIS MUSIC ENSEMBLES

SUN., MARCH 27, 2:00 P.M.

RLC will host musical three ensembles – the concert choir, wind ensemble, and jazz ensemble - from the University of Minnesota - Morris on Sunday, March 27 for a 2:00 p.m. concert. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be received. Come and hear these excellent musical organizations!

JOIN THE FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22 AND EASTER SUN., APRIL 24

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

WED., APRIL 6
7:45 - 9:00 P.M.

WED., APRIL 13
7:45 - 9:00 P.M.

WED., APRIL 20
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

FRI., APRIL 22
6:15 REHEARSAL

7:00 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

SAT., APRIL 23
9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

SUN., APRIL 24
8:15 CHORAL WARMUP

8:45 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

MISSION & OUTREACH

MOUNTAIN OF LOVE

Mission and Outreach will match all monetary donations dollar for dollar up to \$4,000 in our Mountain of Love fundraiser from **March 19 to March 27** during Minnesota Food Share Month.

It is time to build the 2011 Mountain of Love. It has been a great tradition at Roseville Lutheran Church to build this mountain of food during Minnesota Food Share Month. The Mountain of Love presents an opportunity for us to reflect on all the blessings we have received from God and to remember the less fortunate. As in James 2:14-17: "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed'" but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Our local food shelf, Keystone Community Food Shelf, is the recipient of the food and cash donations from the Mountain of Love. With the increased fuel and heating costs, the Keystone Food Shelf is experiencing increased requests for food donations and their supplies are low. Mission and Outreach will match dollar for dollar all monetary donations to \$4,000 for Keystone Food Shelf. Keystone is able to buy about \$5 of food for every \$1 it receives in donations.

Please take this great opportunity to help families in our community by participating in the Mountain of Love. We are asking members to bring in cases of food to make the base for the Mountain of Love

on the weekend of the March 19-20th. Then, through Sunday March 27th, please bring bags of groceries to build a Mount Everest-sized Mountain of Love. Please look for the Mountain of Love announcement sheet in the Update in the worship folder starting the weekend of March 5-6th.

A THANK YOU FROM FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Thank you to the Youth of Roseville Lutheran church for your financial gift to Feed My Starving Children. Your \$88 contribution will provide 463 life-saving meals to God's hungry children around the world.

JANUARY "NOISY OFFERING"

What a great mission month at Roseville Lutheran Church! During the month we used the "noisy offering" as part of the children's sermon to focus on groups that Roseville supports in our community and around the world. Through the kids efforts during the "noisy offering," the following was raised:

\$491.43 FOR THE CHILDREN OF TANZANIA

\$494.23 FOR THE KAREN IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

\$535.00 FOR THE KIDS OF THE SLOVAKIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$512.26 FOR BRIDGING

Thank you for donating to these organizations. If you are interested in hearing about how Roseville Lutheran is involved and supporting these groups, please contact David Tetzlaff at 651-365-6303 or tetzl001@comcast.net

TOTAL NOISY \$2,032.92

CHINESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP MEAL

APRIL 16, 2011

Are you interested in a cross-cultural experience right here in St. Paul? Did you know that the University of Minnesota has more students from the People's Republic of China than any other university in the United States?

On Saturday night, April 16, 2011, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., join Chinese students and their families and share Christ's love through your hospitality as you help co-host a Chinese-American Friendship Meal, potluck style. This is a fine example of RLC's stated mission to "reach out to others through ministry-based programs...to promote...service within our church, com-

munity, and the world."

These Friendship Meals are held monthly at the Hospitality Center for Chinese located in the China Place building, 1407 Cleveland Avenue North, across from the University of Minnesota's Saint Paul campus. Co-hosting this event once a year has been an outreach ministry tradition at RLC since 1995. Over 100 RLC families have participated during this period.

This year we will be working again with Faith Lutheran Church of Forest Lake. Bring a dish to share, help set up, serve, and enjoy eating and chatting at a potluck supper with Chinese students, scholars, and their families. If you are not able to attend the event, you may still support this outreach ministry by providing a food donation

for the potluck. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in Luther Commons.

Most of the Chinese students who come to Minnesota are not Christian. Through the welcome and support initiatives of the Hospitality Center for Chinese, however, many come to know Jesus Christ and are baptized here. By serving at the Friendship Meal, you are helping spread the Gospel to those from another land and culture.

For more information, contact Kären Dudley at 651-489-7243 or Janice Walker at 651-645-3033. For more information about the Hospitality Center for Chinese, go to www.hchinese.org.



MISSION & OUTREACH

HOSPITALITY CENTER FOR CHINESE FRIENDRAISER



The Hospitality Center for Chinese (HCC) is holding its Third Annual Friendraiser on Thursday, March 31, 2010 at North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 West Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN 55112. Tea tasting and student performances begin at 6:00 with dinner and program at 6:45.

Meet and mingle with HCC students excited to share their talents and stories with those who have given them a "home away from home." It will be an inspiring evening and an opportunity to see God's pow-

erful work in the future leaders of China. Tickets are \$35 a plate. The tax-deductible portion is \$15 per individual ticket. To ask questions or register by phone, contact Janeé Wells, Executive Director, at 651-659-9740. Online payments can be made at www.hcchinese.org. RSVPs appreciated by March 21, 2011.

DONATE CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD GOODS TO JOSEPH'S COAT

Joseph's Coats needs SEASONAL clothing. The donation hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 1107 West 7th Street (1 block West of Randolph). For more information, call 651-291-2472 or visit the website at: <http://josephscoatmn.org>.

The donations are given to people in need at no cost. Consider donating your used clothing and household goods to this charity. You will receive a sheet for tax deduction purposes at the time of your visit.

JANKA'S KITCHEN SPECIAL APPEAL

"A PLACE WHERE KIDS ARE NOURISHED TO LEARN"



The Lutheran Elementary School in Martin, Slovakia started seven years ago from nothing. Since then, it has grown to teach 250 children; it is the best school in Martin and last year was ranked in the top 10 in Slovakia. All of this is in spite of very inadequate facilities including classes scattered in four different buildings, no proper gym, and no cafeteria. The school has outgrown its facilities as it has continued to flourish. In order to keep up with the increasing number of students, the city has helped by donating several buildings behind the school. Parents, along with US volunteers (including dedicated crews organized by RLC) have been working on the renovation. This is a huge blessing

and very unusual for an atheistic city in a post-communist country.

We at RLC have been given a unique opportunity to partner in supporting the renovation of the kitchen. KJ Olson has given a matching gift of \$10,000 in memory of her mother, Jane Olson, (Janka in Slovak). For every \$2 contributed and designated to Janka's Kitchen Special Appeal, \$1 will be matched from this \$10,000. With this fundraising, \$30,000 will then be available toward this renovation! We are invited to take part in Janka's Kitchen Special Appeal here at RLC March 12-31.

Thank you for your generous response!

Mary Schultz, RLC Liaison to Vision Slovakia

LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves & Fishes at the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul is guided by the vision that all people, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural or ethnic backgrounds deserve to meet their basic needs for food, dignity and respect. The second Monday of each month, about

a dozen dedicated Roseville Lutheran volunteers (THANK YOU, volunteers!) join this outreach mission. They bake, shop, chop, slice, dice, peel, stir, and serve.

Corinne DeLaitsch founded the Loaves & Fishes program in 1982. THANK YOU, Corinne!

Beth Reinhart led the Loaves & Fishes Roseville Lutheran volunteers for the past 18 years. THANK YOU, Beth!

Dorothy Borgstrom led the Loaves & Fishes Roseville Lutheran volunteers for the past 10 years. THANK YOU, Dorothy!

As of January, 2011, Beth Keiffer (651-428-8879 keiffers@comcast.net) and Brenda Thompson (651-647-0376 jbdthomp@aol.com) have taken on the leadership of this group of volunteers. THANK YOU, Beth and Brenda!

Call Beth or Brenda if you are interested in learning more about joining this outreach opportunity. As a participant in this ministry, you might think you are giving a lot of yourself, but really, you will be the recipient of more than you could imagine! THANK THE LORD.



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"THE KING WILL REPLY,
'I TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
WHATEVER YOU DID
FOR ONE OF THE LEAST
OF THESE BROTHERS OF
MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.'"
- MATTHEW 25:40

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ADULT EDUCATION!

ALPHA

On Monday, January 17 the Alpha course welcomed & served a DELICIOUS meal to 110 guests at the "Come & See" Dinner!

We are pleased to announce that we have approximately 70 weekly participants in the winter Alpha course at RLC!

*Considering that this is no easy feat in the winter of 2011 --- We are here to tell you that these represent the heartiest of Minnesotans!

We are looking forward to the acclaimed weekend retreat, which will be held in our very own historic Roseville Lutheran Church Great hall on Friday, March 4 & Saturday, March 5.

We gladly welcome any previous Alpha participants as well as those currently taking Alpha.

If, you are interested in this opportunity, or would like more information, please contact alpha@rosevillelutheran.org

Roseville Lutheran has the honor of hosting a Twin Cities Alpha Course Administration Symposium

This will be a gathering to share information, foster ideas and conversation, and to give thanks for all that God has provided to support this important ministry throughout the Twin Cities and beyond. The Alpha Course has continued to touch the lives of many in our community, Christian, and non-Christian.

We are beginning to formulate plans for 2011.

Whether you were a leader or a participant, or a previous Alpha participant, we would like to hear from you!

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your personal commitment to this effort. Thanks be to God!

WEEKLY / MONTHLY STUDIES

BOOK OF EZEKIEL

STARTING MARCH 13, 2011
LED BY LYLE BELLEQUE

Beginning on March 13 come for a month-long study of the book of Ezekiel during the 10:10 hour. Come discuss a Lord that brings dry bones to life, puts His spirit within us, and gives us life. Look for the room location in the worship folder or on the 10:10 bulletin board in Luther Commons!

10:10 HOUR SESSIONS

FACEBOOK, TWITTER & THE GOSPEL

MARCH 6, 2011
LED BY TIANA TOSO

Learn how online applications, like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, are being used to spread hope, new life and the gospel to our neighbors around the world.

BOOK STUDY: WOMEN FOOD AND GOD, BY GENEEN ROTH

GROUP LEADER: DOT
PROBST

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ," Phil. 1:2.

Geneen Roth's best-selling books are well known by hundreds of thousands of women in our culture and abroad. A renowned presenter and workshop leader, Roth was on

the brink of self destruction when she gave up dieting and began living each day seeking to know her true self. In this book study we actively experience seeking God, knowing ourselves as the Father's beautiful and wonderful children, living with beauty, loveliness, gentleness and grace toward ourselves and others.

The study reveals to women a way to freedom and a life of amazement that proceeds from the Word by sharing Scripture, fellowship and Christian principles, and through reading this deeply creative work, "Women Food and God." Each group member is creating personal Vision Books and God Journals and is undertaking in creative ways their unique journey with God. They are practicing personal inquiry; inquiry into all that God has created for them to live and to become.

During February we covered the topics of Introductions, Principles, and Practices. This month we will discuss the following:

MARCH 6: EATING
MARCH 13: YOU AND GOD
MARCH 20: NEW BEGINNINGS

The group meets in Room 43. Books are available for purchase at 10:10 a.m. on Sundays.

MONDAY EVENINGS! LIVE WEBCAST

LIVE FROM LUTHER SEMINARY
TO RLC VIA THE INTERNET.

PAUL ... PASTOR-AT-LARGE

FIVE SESSIONS
RLC LOUNGE NORTH
MONDAY EVENINGS -
MARCH 28, APRIL 4, 11, 18 & 25
TIME: 6:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Come and get to know Paul the pastor-at-large to the Mediterranean world. Paul's letters are the earliest documents we have about how faith in Jesus renews and changes the lives of real people. Before the gospels were written. Paul was speaking, teaching, preaching, and thinking hard about the intersections of the truth of Jesus resurrection, God's faithfulness, and how people live. What were Paul's core convictions? What beliefs kept him on the move? Why did he create such strong reactions among those around him? In this class we'll learn some methods for reading Paul's letters and then we'll dig in to Philemon, 1st Thessalonians, Philippians, and Galatians to see different faces of Paul in his passion for mission.

We have great discussions



in our webcast group as we listen to Prof. Sarah Henrich teach. The session outline, lecture notes, and bibliography are available each week online. If anyone misses a session they can view it online or download to listen on the way to work. Lay School of Theology classes at Luther Seminary cost \$50

Led by Professor of New Testament- Sarah Henrich

For more on Professor Henrich go online to https://www.luthersem.edu/faculty/fac_home.aspx?contact_id=shenrich

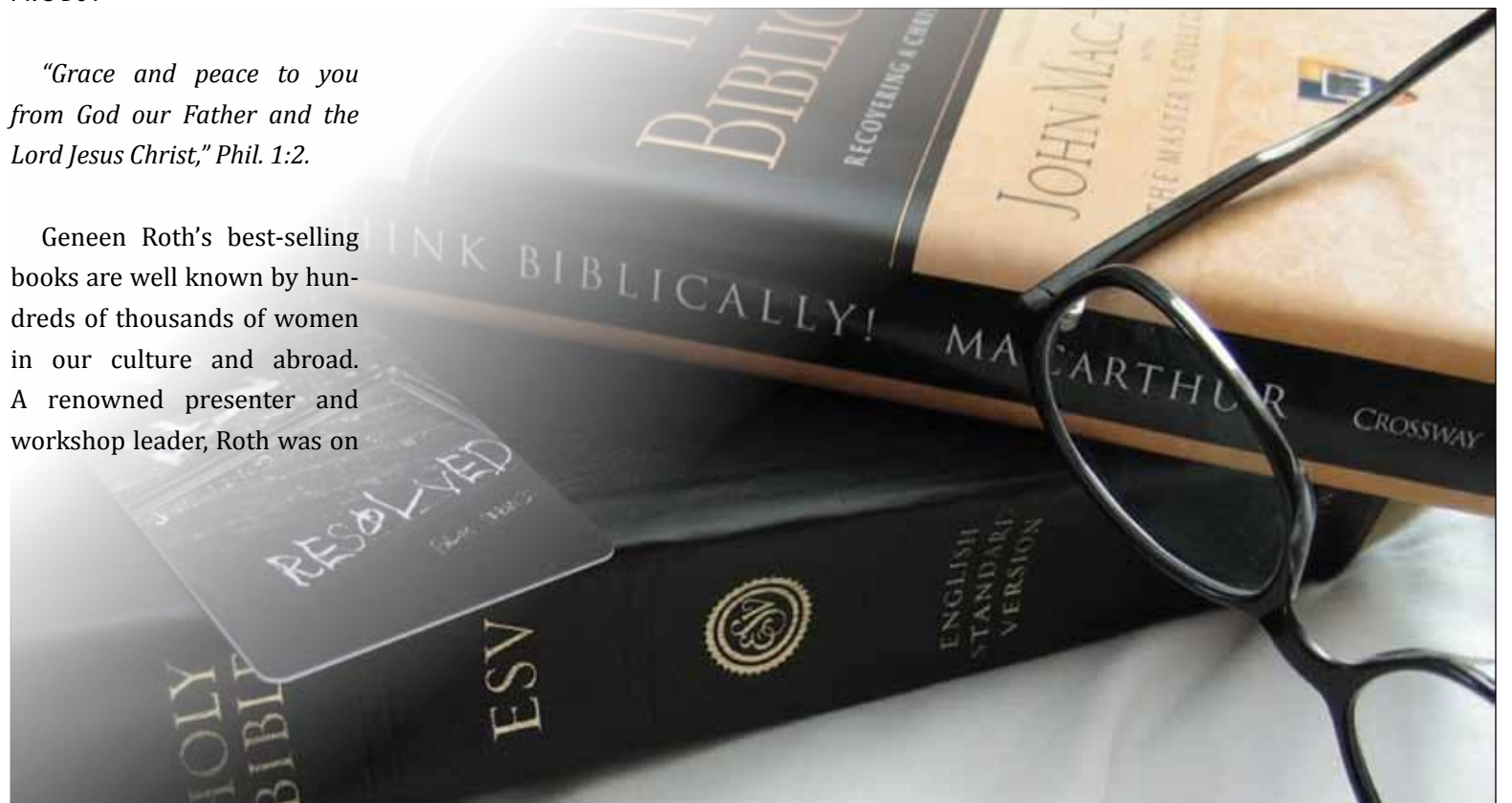


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2011 LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERIES

WEDNESDAYS 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERIES...

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ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9
PASTOR CRAIG HANSON

PSALM 51:1-17

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
LIZ DIESETH

JOHN 1:1-5, 14-18

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
BEN MASON

NEHEMIAH 8:1-12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
GRACE GRAVELLE

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

prepared. They hugged across the table and he sat down. He had said what he needed to, what was most important to say to his daughter and son-in-law and all the others watching understood exactly what he meant.

Sharing from the heart is often difficult because it is so very personal. The heart is the place we associate with emotions and feelings. When we speak from the heart, we are sharing something that is an intimate expression of who we are. When a preacher opens the scriptures, God's Word speaks to their heart. It gets real personal, emotional, convicting, uplifting and more. Sharing that message with others takes on a deeper meaning that shapes the speaker and the listener. When someone speaks from their heart we listen as ones who are receiving a gift from another.

RLC's 2011 mid-week Lenten worship series will focus around this theme – "From the Heart." We have eight insightful and dynamic preachers, all who attend Luther Seminary except for one. Their messages each week will be based on their favorite scripture reading. The message they share will not be for a class or grade – it is from their heart to you. Come and worship!



I'm excited about the fresh new voices and new faces that will be seen and heard this Lent. I will blend my older and seasoned faith experience with some much younger. It will be a good Lenten journey to the Cross for all ages. As Cindy and I live out our fifth year with you, we continue to enjoy the wonderful people that God has placed here with us to share life with. We have been blessed with a wonderful family that now includes four grandchildren. Grandparenting is something we both enjoy. We look forward to spring coming and resuming our walks together in God's creation. We thank God for the opportunity to serve our Lord among you.

Hello! My name is Liz Dieseth. I am a middler at Luther Seminary seeking my Masters of Divinity. I am from Urbandale, Iowa and my home congregation is Saint Stephen Lutheran in Urbandale. My parents and my 16-year-old sister, Anne, still live in Urbandale. I graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa, with a degree in Sociology and a minor in music. I play piano, and I like to sing. I am very excited for the opportunity to do ministry with the people of Roseville Lutheran!

I'm a lifelong Lutheran who moved to Minnesota with his wife, Stephanie, from Colorado, the only place that we had ever lived. It was really hard to move away from loved ones and the mountains. We moved so that I could attend Luther Seminary, where I have been studying for almost two years to become a pastor. I'm preaching on Nehemiah 8, in part, because this book never comes up in the lectionary schedule so it will be new to many people. More importantly, this story from Nehemiah tells of a time when the people of God reclaimed the Biblical heritage that they had forgotten, and in that way it profoundly mirrors our culture today.

I am a junior at Luther Seminary, currently studying for a Master's in Congregational Leadership and Mission. My goal is to switch to the Master's of Divinity program within the year and go on to ordained ministry. I am thrilled to be a member here at RLC since 2000 and look forward to participating more fully in ministry through my contextual education. Ephesians 5 speaks of how we often feel that we live in darkness and our lives can seem unmanageable, but Christ, through His death on the cross, has taken our darkness unto Himself and gives us Light in return. In Christ there is no darkness at all, He has made us children of the Light, God's children.

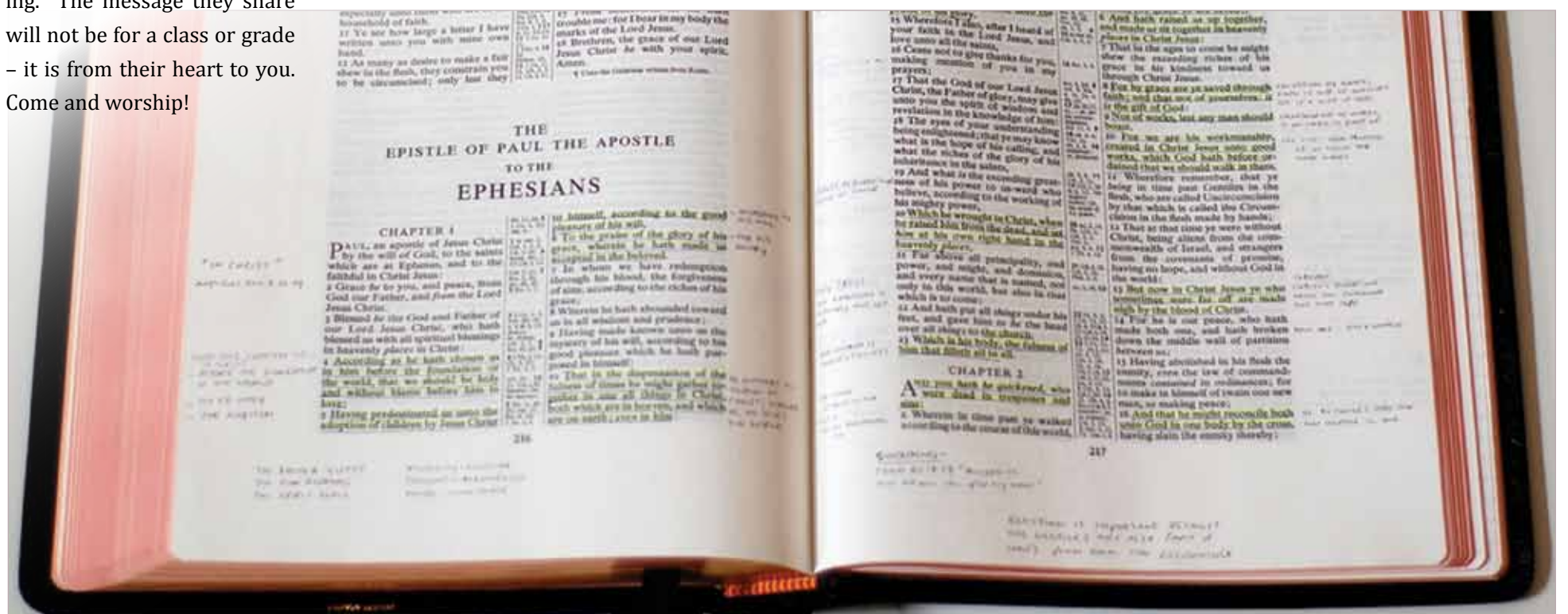


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2011 LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERIES

WEDNESDAYS 5:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
NEAL CANNON

ROMANS 5:1-5



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
KYLE SVENNINGSEN

MARK 7:24-30



MAUNDY THURS, APRIL 21
ERIKA BENSON

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35
(11:00 AM & 7:00 PM - 1ST COMMUNION)



GOODFRIDAY, APRIL 22
TENEBRAE WORSHIP

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EASTER VIGIL, SAT., APRIL 23
ANDREA FLUEGEL

ROMANS 6:3-11
BAPTISM 10TH ANNIVERSARY



You may know me as the Middle School Youth Director at RLC. I'm Neal Cannon. I was born March 7, 1984 in Barrington, Illinois. My Dad, Charles, was an airline pilot for Delta and my Mom, Julie, was a nurse. I graduated in 2002 from Park City High School, Utah. My undergraduate study in business communications was at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I graduated in the spring of 2006. While at college, I spent four summers working for Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry as counselor, Boundary Waters canoe guide, and waterfront coordinator. I'm currently on the youth staff halftime at RLC as well as being a fulltime student at Luther Seminary.

Greetings, Roseville Lutheran Church! My wife and I have felt so welcome and at home here. Thank you for the opportunity to worship with you and develop my experience and skills for pastoral ministry. Now a little about myself . . . I grew up in Kalispell in the Northwestern corner of Montana. I attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota where I received my BA degree in Political Science. I met my lovely wife, Anna, during my time at Concordia and we just happily celebrated our one-year anniversary on August 29 of this year. Anna is a RN at Fairview Southdale in Edina in their emergency department. I am in my first year at Luther Seminary in the Master of Divinity program.

I grew up in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota and graduated from Augsburg College where I studied Youth and Family Ministry and English Literature. I have held lots of jobs; from Community Director at Camp Vermilion, to Executive Assistant and Children's Department Manager at Barnes & Noble and also Youth Director. Right now I fill my days with seminary classes at Luther; usually I have my nose in a book, a cup of coffee in my hand, Cloe, my cat, on my lap, and my knitting close at hand. I'm a member at Roseville Lutheran and enjoy hanging out with some rather cool kids here, both coaching basketball and being a small group leader for confirmation.

Tenebrae (Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness') is a worship celebrated in the evening on Good Friday. The experience of Tenebrae is felt in the gradual extinguishing of seven candles. As the lighting dims, we hear the scriptures read in between choral and congregational singing. We leave Good Friday worship in silence and darkness.

My family and I have been members at Roseville Lutheran Church since April 14, 2001 (Easter Vigil) when I was baptized. I'm currently serving as the pastoral administrator at RLC. I'm also mid-dler at Luther Seminary in the Masters of Divinity Program. Bloomington-Normal, Illinois was where I called home, until my parents decided they were tired of the cold and snowy winters and moved the family to Tucson, Arizona. I graduate from Tucson High School and Knox College (Galesburg, Illinois) with a Bachelors of Arts in International Relations. My husband, Erik, and I have three children and reside in White Bear Lake. We love hiking, camping, backpacking, snowshoeing, Boundary Waters, Superior Hiking Trail, Wild River State Park and anything outdoors.

RLC SEMINARIANS

Liz Dieseth - contextual ed. student
Grace Gravelle- contextual ed. student
Ben Mason - contextual ed. student
Kyle Svenningsen - contextual ed. student
Lyle Belleque - intern pastor
Erika Benson - RLC sponsored seminarian
Neal Cannon - RLC sponsored seminarian
Andrea Fluegel - RLC sponsored seminarian

ADDITIONAL LENTEN WORSHIP PREACHERS: SEMINARIANS / PASTORS

Pastor Cheryl Sable
Pastor Candice Moser
Pastor Lori Lathrop
Pastor Dick Carlson
Pastor Jack Miller
Pastor Jim Boyce

MARRIED COUPLES

PRE-MARITAL WORKSHOP

RLC has an exciting opportunity for couples in long-term relationships or couples planning on getting married. A pre-marital workshop will be offered on Friday, April 29, 2011, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This workshop will discuss topics such as faith, conflict resolution, communication, personality types, finances and spirituality.

This series of workshops will be lead by Rebecca Bednar, a marriage and family therapist, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and RLC pastoral staff. RLC pastors and staff highly recommend that any couple preparing for marriage attend this series.

Couples who attend this workshop, in conjunction with additional pre-marital sessions will be able to apply for the marriage license fee reduction for having completed 12-hours of pre-marital counseling. In addition, couples will be able to meet other couples who will be getting married in the upcoming year.

It is recommend that couples participating in the pre-marital workshop series complete the PREPARE inventory and Myers-Briggs before the first workshop.

If you are planning to get married at RLC, please contact Andrea Fluegel at 651-487-7752 ext. 201 or at afluegel@rosevillelutheran.org for more specific information.

These workshops are open to the community. The cost of

the workshop is \$125 per couple for those not getting married by a RLC pastor, due at the time of registration.

If you will be attending the workshop, please contact Andrea Fluegel at 651-487-7752 ext. 201 or at afluegel@rosevillelutheran.org.

HOW DO I SCHEDULE A WEDDING?

For more information or to schedule a wedding at Roseville Lutheran Church, visit the RLC website at www.rosevillelutheran.org/weddings/. You can also contact Andrea Fluegel at 651-487-7752 ext. 201 or at afluegel@rosevillelutheran.org.

ECONOMY AFFECTS MARRIAGES!

It takes a lot of effort just to make ends meet with today's economy. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

In a relaxed atmosphere, four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling or required group sharing.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in

Minnesota are March 11-13 in Brooklyn Center and April 8-10 in Duluth. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.



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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

LYNGBLOMSTEN EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Join us for books-cheese-wine at the 5-5-1 Club & Café (on the Lyngblomsten campus at 1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul, MN) from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Stowe wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin, the anti-slavery novel that convinced thousands of readers that slavery was wrong. Our guest, Nancy Koester, Ph.D., is writing a biography of Harriet Beecher Stowe with special emphasis on her religious faith and how that inspired her writing. Koester will have a conversation with you about her work in progress and what it is like to get to know someone from the past – someone really worth knowing. Event cost is \$5 if registered before March 1, or \$8 at the door. Questions or to RSVP, please contact Cindy Albing at (651) 414-5292 or calbing@lyngblomsten.org.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Join us for an educational presentation, Angels Around Us, at the 5-5-1 Club & Café (on the Lyngblomsten campus at

1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul, MN) from 10 - 11 a.m. This presentation reviews some of the stories of angels in the Bible – some very well known, some fascinating, and the ones most often overlooked. We then consider appearances of angels reported today. Presenter: Michael Rogness, Ph.D. – Professor Emeritus in Church History, Luther Seminary.

Presentation fee is \$5. Questions or to RSVP, please contact Cindy Albing at (651) 414-5292 or calbing@lyngblomsten.org. (Flyer enclosed)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Attend Transportation Essentials for Volunteer Drivers and discover how to effectively and safely transport older adults and persons with special needs, be informed on the latest liability and insurance issues, connect with other volunteer drivers in the community, and learn about proper body mechanics, safe wheelchair transfers, and effective positioning. This mini workshop takes place from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the 5-5-1 Club & Café community center (lower level of 1415 Almond

Avenue, St. Paul, MN). It is free to corporate congregations and open to others for \$10 per person (or \$25 for a group of 3 or more). To register, contact Debbie at (651) 632-5330 or dseverson@lyngblomsten.org. Registration deadline is Monday, March 7. Sponsored by Lyngblomsten's Care Team Ministry. Be a blessing to others by sharing your ability to drive!

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Please save the date for the 2011 Lyngblomsten Foundation Benefit*: Making History Together. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at The Minnesota History Center (345 Kellogg Blvd W, St. Paul MN). Donations will support Lyngblomsten's Home- and Community-Based Services. For more information, contact Mary Grupa at (651) 632-5324 or mgrupa@lyngblomsten.org. More details will be available next month. *This event was formerly known as Spring Rhapsody.

Volunteer positions are available at Lyngblomsten! Volunteers help to enhance the lives of older adults in many different ways. There are day-

time, evening, and weekend opportunities available for volunteers of all ages. Please contact Shelli Beck at (651) 414-5297 or sbeck@lyngblomsten.org for more information.

JOIN THE CARE TEAM MINISTRY

Remember the words spoken by a past president –

"Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country."

How about paraphrasing these words in the context of our church community –

"Ask not what your church can do for you – ask what you can do for your church."

Answer: Join the Care Team Ministry. This is a hands-on ministry whereby teams of volunteers assist a family or individual with practical needs such as being an escort to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, or providing a friendly visit.

Schedules are very flexible. If you want more information call Naomi Miller (651-631-9613) or Carol Solie (651-917-2386).

RLC ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

ARE YOU THINKING OF APPLYING FOR A GRANT TO SUPPORT YOUR SPECIAL PROJECT OR OUTREACH THROUGH ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN? UP TO \$2,000 CAN BE AVAILABLE IN GRANT SUPPORT FOR YOUR SPECIAL PROJECT. AVAILABLE TO RLC MEMBERS, THE RLC ENDOWMENT REVIEWS COMPETITIVE GRANTS SUBMITTED BY MAY 1 AND OCTOBER 1 ANNUALLY. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.



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FEATURES

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE FROM RLC PRESIDENT, BILL METZGER

UPDATE WAS PRESENTED
AT ALL WORSHIP TIMES ON
JANUARY 22-23, 2011

We are midway through our church calendar and it is time for an update on progress in this year's church plans.

Let me start by talking about how we are changing our working relationships. It started with a Congregational Survey last year at this time. Thanks to those of you who responded to that survey. That input was a part of a new budgeting process for this church calendar. We have met as a full council, staff, ministry teams and committees four different times since that survey; Twice for the new budgeting process in response to your survey input; once for a September

Fall Retreat; once for the January Winter Workshop. The result of these activities was to increase our operating budget for this year, enhance communication, nurture better connections between leaders and to strengthen our Vision, Mission and Values through increased Relational Ministry (Connect, Grow, Serve and Go) opportunities.

YOUR COUNCIL HAS ALSO SET 4 GOALS FOR 2010 - 2011 AND IS COMMITTED TO:

- Foster good relationships through healthy communications
- Enhance the stewardship of our facilities and grounds.
- Grow our giving of resources and time to support additional RLC activities.
- Build more relational ministry opportunities into our church calendar

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need your prayers as we build new relational ministry programs next year to ensure they are relevant. We also need your prayers and participation for successful implementation of these plans to bring honor to our God and the work we do in His name.

WE WANT YOU TO PRAY ABOUT OUR RLC STEWARDSHIP EFFORTS.

We are currently \$80,000 behind in general giving to our operational budget this year and our building fund giving continues to drop on a year to year comparison. We currently have a balance of \$30,000 in this fund. This is the minimum balance as recommended by the finance committee.

Just to recap what these two giving areas are used for: The general giving provides the resources and support for our work. It is the funding of our dedicated staff and other resources covered by the operational budget. Building fund giving provides for building improvements. Both of these giving areas are foundational to all ministries at RLC. They provide the necessary operational resources for all RLC programs and ministries.

We also need your support and prayers for the SIP survey. Out of 3,000 member and friends we have had a small response from our congregation to the SIP survey for skills, interest and passions.

HOW BAD IS OUR FINANCIAL SHAPE WITH AN \$80,000 SHORTFALL IN OPERATIONAL GIVING?

We can and will make it through the year with our current giving shortfall if we cut and/or stop our investment plans for the year. Investment plans like - parish nurse, funded welcome desk coordinator, building improvements and \$16,000 pool for funding new ministries.

Q: HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

A: BY ACCEPTING THE LATTÉ & SIP CHALLENGES.

The Latté challenge is to donate one Latté a week and give that additional money to either the RLC operational giving or building fund giving. If 1,000 giving units of members or friends gave an additional Latté amount per week for a commitment of 26 weeks (which is an additional \$90 dollars of giving per giving unit accepting this challenge) it would result in an additional \$90,000 of resources for God's good work at RLC.

The SIP challenge is to have 1,000 people (members and friends) respond to the SIP survey of skills, interest and passions. We have mailed out 1,400 paper survey to members and friends without email addresses in our church data base. We are prayerfully asking you to turn our stamp investment into your personal investment of skills, interests and passions. If you received the email request and are having problems with the online survey or lost your email connection, please contact the church office. They can help connect you to SIP.

This information is important to the productivity and life of our church. A recent example: Two days before the Winter Tea it became apparent we were short of servers for this event. In the past, staff would have taken the lead and called a small list of faithful volunteers. These are the same people we rely on all the time. This time the staff used SIP survey information to identify people who would make phone calls and people who identified skills or passion for serving food, the ministry gift of serving, of fellowship service and of hospitality. In hours staff had three people willing to make phone calls and 32 new people to call with

serving interest and gifts. The additional volunteers were found quickly. Everyone associated with solving this problem was impressed how effective and easy it was to find new volunteers. The information has been used by many teams already. If you have a passion and haven't been called, please don't wait -- call the church office and they will connect you. Think what we could do if we understood how 100% of this congregation would like to serve?

IN SUMMARY

We are looking for 1,000 giving units to accept the Latté challenge for an increase of \$90,000 in giving which equates to an additional \$90 gift from each giving unit. And, we are looking for a 1,000 people to respond to the SIP survey. A score card will be posted to track our progress on these challenges and supporting ministries.

Please pray about these requests and calls for support. You can contact me or any church council member if you have questions or thoughts on this message. Thank you for your time and support.

We are thankful and grateful to have you as a part of our RLC community.

Blessings always,
Bill Metzger, RLC President



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SCOTT CORDES APPOINTED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF RLC



Your Council is very pleased to announce that Scott Cordes has been appointed to fill the President Elect vacancy. Welcome Scott to the Church Council!

He will have an 18 month interim assignment filling the remaining term vacated by Joel Toso. Scott and his family joined RLC in 1988. He and his wife Jill have been involved in various areas of ministry since joining RLC 23 years ago. Most importantly he was the congregational president in 2003 - 2004. This experience was important to the Council and will provide a smooth transition for the void created by Joel's resignation. Scott also has valuable experience with RLC's Facility Planning Committee (FPC). This is an area of focus for Council and one of their goals this year.

Scott and Jill have 3 daughters: Rachel, a senior at U of MN; Shannon, a freshman at St. Olaf; and Allison, a sophomore at RAHS. Scott is employed by CHS, managing their commodity brokerage division, and Jill is employed by the U of MN in cancer research.

Thank you Scott for your willingness to share your leadership gifts with RLC.

DCBC COMMITTEE UPDATE

One of the goals of the DCBC (Design, Color and Building Coordination) Committee has been bringing an enveloping sense of God's presence through Christ in a visual way at RLC. This has happened in many ways: through wall color; balcony-mounted Scripture texts in the Worship Center and Luther Commons; Worship Center art glass windows; an artistic rendering of the Vision Statement in Luther Commons; and is a continuing effort in other areas.

Enhancing the Chancel (altar) area with color and meaning will be coming soon. The goal is to give visual representation of our faith and Vision and Mission Statements of RLC. After several meetings with the pastors and Church Council, the design was approved and fabrics have been ordered. Anne Anderson, a well known liturgical artist from Forest City, IA, has been commissioned to do a large three-panel fiber art piece for the Chancel area. Steve Henry, RLC's campus manager, has been instrumental in designing the hanging mechanism and working with Anne Anderson.

The fiber artist describes the work as: "A cross with people. A complex design with the theme of the cross being central to our faith. The people gather around the cross as the body of Christ, entwined and connected to one another. Lines flow away from the cross as Christ calls us to serve. The natural elements of wind, flame and water evoke the presence of the Holy Spirit, cleansing and renewing."

This artwork invites people to reflect on the Glory of God through Jesus Christ and calls us to serve through the power of the Holy Spirit. The completion date for this project is mid to late March.

LETTER FROM INTERN PASTOR LYLE BELLEQUE

Having moved past the midpoint of my internship, it is timely to pause to give thanks to all of you for your time and patience as I go through this year of doing and learning. RLC continues to be very supportive of me and other seminarians as we progress through the candidacy process. I thank you for your support and encouragement.

Beyond the internship, it is also a good time for all of us to take a fresh look at how things are going. I have seen the people of RLC live out their faith in many ways; we teach, serve, worship and pray together. By doing these activities together we encourage one another in faith, and often learn about the gifts and abilities of others.

So reflect on the gifts of others and think about how these gifts might bring glory to God through service with and for others. Encourage them in what they are presently doing and encourage them to consider growing in service. What type of service? There are plenty of options. Those of you who have completed the Skills, Interests, Passions (SIP) survey in the last few months have seen the breadth of the options. If you haven't completed it yet, take a look at it on the church website.

The church staff is continually looking for people to step forward and serve in many capacities. One area I value highly is Bible study. Encourage someone who you think would do a good job of leading a Bible study to do so. Also, have you considered leading one? Perhaps you would be more comfortable co-leading one with a friend—or even someone new to you! Please contact me or the church office so we can discuss it.

In all these things, think about, pray about it, and sleep

on it. Should you be interested, contact us. We would love for you to draw closer to the Lord by serving His people.

I look forward to continuing to serve with you.

"HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID."

- MATTHEW 28:6



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WHAT IS ALANON?

Do you know what Al-Anon and Ala-Teen are?

Did you know that Al-Anon meets at RLC on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.?

Did you know that there are thousands of Al-Anon and Ala-Teen groups in more than 110 countries around the world?

As part of the Faith Partners ministry, we are trying to be "more visible" and to let people know more about resources available to them at RLC and in the community.

The mission of Faith Partners is to offer education, referral, and support to anyone affected by addiction. As many of you know, addiction is a "family disease"... not only is the person with the addiction affected by the disease- it affects everyone around that individual, be it family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, or even strangers on the street.

Recently we highlighted Alcoholic Anonymous... this month we want to focus on Al-Anon and Ala-Teen.

Here is some info about Al-Anon and Ala-Teen from www.al-anon-alateen-msp.org.

AL-ANON MEMBERS SAY:

Members are all kinds of people from all walks of life: wives, husbands, lovers, sisters, brothers, children and parents of alcoholics. No matter what our relationship has been with a problem drinker, we share a common bond: we feel our lives have been deeply affected by another person's drinking. We meet together to share our experience, strength and hope.

Al-Anon is a spiritual fellowship, not a religious one. Members of any faith are welcome. The Al-Anon program is based on the spiritual idea that we can depend on a "Power greater than ourselves" for help in solving our problems and achieving peace of mind.

I love the Al-Anon promises... here they are:

THE AL-ANON PROMISES

If we willing surrender our-

selves to the spiritual discipline of the Twelve steps, our lives will be transformed. We will become mature, responsible individuals with a great capacity for joy, fulfillment, and wonder. Though we may never be perfect, continued spiritual progress will reveal to us our enormous potential. We will discover that we are both worthy of love and loving. We will love others without losing ourselves, and will learn to accept love in return. Our sight, once clouded and confused, will clear and we will be able to perceive reality and recognize truth. Courage and fellowship will replace fear. We will be able to risk failure to develop new, hidden talents.

Our lives, no matter how battered and degraded, will yield hope to share with others. We will begin to feel and will come to know the vastness of our emotions, but we will not be slave to them. Our secrets will no longer bind us in shame. As we gain the ability

to forgive ourselves, our families, and the world, our choices will expand. With dignity we will stand for ourselves, but not against our fellows. Serenity and peace will have meaning for us as we allow our lives and the lives of those we love to flow day by day with God's ease, balance and grace. No longer terrified, we will discover we are free to delight in life's paradox, mystery and awe. We will laugh more. Fear will be replaced by faith, and gratitude will come naturally as we realize that our Higher Power is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Can we really grow to such proportions? Only if we accept life as a continuing process of maturation and evolution toward wholeness.

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For more info about Al-Anon or Ala-Teen, go to www.al-anon-alateen-msp.org. You can find out meeting info and other resources here. There

are also "electronic meetings" available at this site.

For info on Alcoholics Anonymous, go to www.alcoholics-anonymous.org

RLC has an Al-Anon meeting on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.

There is a Beginner Al-Anon meeting at the Uptown House 1344 Summit Ave (corner of Summit and Hamline) on Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

There is an Ala-Teen group at the Uptown House 1344 Summit Ave (corner of Summit and Hamline) on Thursday at 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If you would like more info or support from a member of the Faith Partners team, contact the church office. We are hoping to host another Recovery Weekend this Spring- we will keep you posted.



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CHRISTIAN LIFE

BAPTISM: IT'S FOR EVERYONE!

**SPLASHING IN THE WATERS
BAPTISM WORKSHOP
MONDAYS, APRIL 11 & 18
6:30 P.M.
FAMILY ROOM**

Not everyone is baptized and too often we talk in the church as if everyone is. The truth is that more and more people are not. Parents mention that they have delayed baptism until their children were older. Adults have said that they were never baptized. Some people feel embarrassed about it and don't want to mention that they are not baptized. It's never too late to be baptized.

This course on baptism will help each person understand the gift we have of God's grace in baptism. It will help participants prepare to be baptized at the Easter Vigil candlelight worship on Saturday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m. In previous years, infants, elementary-aged students, teenagers, adults, and senior citizens have been baptized.

For more information, please contact Pastor David Hanson at 651-487-7752 ext. 224 or at dhanson@rosevillelutheran.org or Andrea Fluegel at 651-487-7752 ext. 201 or afluegel@

rosevillelutheran.org.

Peter fairly exploded with his good news: "It's God's own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or

where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put

together again—well, he's doing it everywhere, among everyone. (Acts 10:34-36 from The Message).



EASTER GARDEN

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTING: SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011

During the weekend of Easter on April 23-24, the Roseville Lutheran congregation will have about 3,000 worshippers. In order to prepare the Worship Center for this special time, a beautiful Easter garden will grace the altar. You may consider a monetary donation to this Easter Garden in memory of a loved one, in honor of somebody special in your life, or in celebration of a special occasion. A list of contributors will be in the worship folders for the Easter weekend. If you wish to contribute, please obtain a form in the church office, at the Welcome Desk, or make a contribution by accessing the website, www.rosevillelutheran.org. Minimum donation amount for each flowering plant is \$15. Please make your check payable to Roseville Lutheran Church – Easter Garden. Deadline: Sunday, April 3, 2011.

Easter Garden

Gift Given By: _____
 Phone number: _____
 Email: _____

Please indicate the wording you would like printed in the worship folder.

In Honor of: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 In Thankfulness for: _____
 In Celebration of: _____

Amount of gift (minimum of \$25): \$ _____

Enclose your check with this form payable to Roseville Lutheran Church - Easter Garden. The form may be dropped off at the Welcome Desk or in the church office. Thank you!

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Newsletters: E-mail newsletter submissions to communications@RosevilleLutheran.org **by the 10th of every month by 5:00 P.M.**

Weekly updates: E-mail articles for the weekly updates to communications@RosevilleLutheran.org **by Monday morning at 8:00 A.M. for that weekend.**

WORSHIP WITH US

Relaxed Traditional | Saturday evenings, 5:00 p.m.

Contemplative | Sunday mornings, 8:00 a.m.

Traditional | Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m.

Faith & Fellowship | Sunday mornings, 10:10 a.m.

Praise & Worship | Sundays mornings, 11:00 a.m.

NURSERY PROVIDED

Children of all ages are welcome to worship with their family; however, a nursery is provided for your convenience for infants and children up to age 5, at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship times and during the Faith and Fellowship hour every Sunday.

PRIME TIME

Please RSVP to all monthly Prime Time events by calling (651) 487-7752 or sign up at the Welcome Desk after worship on weekends. Suggested donation: \$5.00.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 11:45 A.M.

A gathering of seniors will meet at Prime Time for fellowship, good food, fun and entertainment. Grandma Jean will provide a home-cooked fish dinner, complete with tiny whole spiced potatoes, whole green beans and lemon meringue bars. You are invited to be a part of this event on March 10 at 11:45 a.m. Come and be inspired by RLC members Stephanie Anderson and Nate Berkas, who will share their experiences as missionaries in Africa.

ROSE ENKAS

MARCH 19, 11:30 A.M.
Don Pablo's Restaurant
2700 Lincoln Drive
Roseville, MN
Phone 651-639-3916

NAOMI CIRCLE

MARCH 15, 10:00 A.M.
Lyngblomsten Care Center.
Following the meeting will be lunch at the 5-5-1 Café at Lyngblomsten.

REBECCA CIRCLE

MARCH 15, 10:00 A.M.
Roseville Lutheran Church.
The hostesses are:
Marge Jessen and Ginny Lindahl.



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