

RLC Genesis

July Newsletter



Just a Note...

Jesus had a heart for outreach. Everywhere he went, he was seeking out the lost, the lonely, those in need of healing or a word of comfort. He taught his disciples to do the same. After gathering with his disciples, allowing them time to learn and grow and regroup together, what did he do? He consistently sent them out... out into a world that needed to hear about and experience the incredible love and mercy of God through the words of the disciples and their acts of service. Jesus' final words to his disciples in the gospel of Matthew were, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As I have heard from so many people, RLC also has a definite heart for outreach. Time and time again, I hear stories of the ways in which RLC has been there for neighboring organizations and of ways the congregation has stepped up to support various outreach initiatives.

Just a Note...Continued

Some initiatives may have been hampered a bit thanks to Covid and transitions, but as a congregation, you have historically done so much to support this community and beyond. Mission and outreach...it's a part of who you are as a church, and I'm so thankful to be a part of a congregation that has such a rich history of reaching out! Here's a snapshot of some outreach initiatives that are currently underway or in the works:

This summer, some of our members are volunteering their time once a week to help teach a sewing class for a wonderful group of Somali women in the community.

On July 10-12, some of our members will be heading to People's Church in Bemidji to help support them in their ministry, as they serve their community spiritually and physically, through worship, shelter, and food. This intergenerational mission trip honors a long-standing partnership between RLC and People's Church. All are welcome to join in this endeavor! For those who may not be able to attend the event in person but would still love to support their efforts, monetary donations or donations of any of the following would be welcomed: cleaning supplies, blankets (gently used is fine), toilet paper, napkins, disposable plates/cups/silverware, beverage pitchers with lids, coffee, cream and sugar, salt and pepper shakers. We've got the shopping cart out in the narthex, ready to accept donations of any of these items.

Also in July, our very own Gene Boysen will be biking 500km to support Habitat for Humanity. Gene is seeking donations to help support the Central MN chapter of Habitat, which will help support local efforts. Please read his article in this newsletter and prayerfully consider ways of supporting him.

These are just a few examples of how our members are reaching out both within and outside our walls. Our noisy offerings for the months of June and July will go to support our outreach team at People's Church and Gene's ride for Habitat for Humanity. Let's see how far we can fill the bucket!

As we look to the future, what are ways we can continue to emerge and support outreach in our community and beyond? What are ways we can instill those missional values in our young people, raising them up to become amazing servants of God wherever they land in life?

As we grow together into the future, let's look at opportunities to serve alongside one another. Let's carry forward a tradition of serving as Jesus served...feeding the hungry, clothing those in need, giving hope to those who feel hopeless, bringing a little light to the darkness. And may we do so remembering that God is with us always, to the end of the age.

Blessings,
Pastor Sarah

Annual Intergenerational Mission Trip – People's Church

The annual mission trip to The People's Church in Bemidji is coming up soon... July 10-12!! All are welcome to go along and help out with various projects, including cleaning, organizing, serving meals, and helping with a garage sale.

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From now until Sunday, July 9, let's see if we can fill up the shopping cart in the narthex with these needs! Thank you in advance for your participation in this important mission.

For questions about the trip itself, please reach out to Angela Haynes, Sandy Spiczka, or Susan Curtis.



Letter From Gene Boysen

Hello RLC,

I am participating in the Build Bike Home ride next month, July 12 -16th, in La Crosse, WI. This event is a 5-day 500 km bicycle ride raising funds and awareness for affordable housing.

Bike.Build.Home 500 was organized to continue the fine traditions of the Habitat 500 bike ride, which was previously coordinated by Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota. In its 30-year history, bike riders raised over \$7 million to build affordable homes. The Bike.Build.Home 500 committee includes past Habitat 500 riders, volunteers, and committee members. Bike.Build.Home hopes to mobilize the nearly-all-volunteer spirit of the original Habitat 500, updating it with what we learned from Habitat Minnesota. This event replaces the 30-year tradition of the Habitat 500, a bike ride organized by Habitat for Humanity. The ride has been handed over to a group of long-time faithful riders. Same cause just a different name.

This is my 7th year participating in this event. I have found this event to be very rewarding. Being part of something bigger than myself and supporting a great cause keeps me coming back each year. All the funds raised from my efforts are going to Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity. <https://www.cmhfh.org/> They are active and making a difference in our community. In St. Joseph, the Genesis House Renovation is in progress. <https://www.cmhfh.org/women-build>

This is community outreach that, I believe, fits the mission statement we at Resurrection Lutheran Church support and work for daily. Join me in helping fund this great cause right here in our community.

There is a link on Central Minnesota Habitat's website for Donations. In the drop-down menu, there is an item labeled Gene's Bike Build Home 500 Ride. 100% of donations then reach Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity. <https://www.cmhfh.org/make-a-gift>

The ride is this month but fundraising continues through Sept 2023. Thank you for considering.

Sincerely,

Gene Boysen



St. Joe Community Vacation Bible School



St. Joe Community Vacation Bible School welcomes families to Stellar VBS, July 30th-August 3rd at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Participants will launch into a quest to learn about and shine light on God's stellar love. There will be science experiments, delicious snacks, fun games, and catchy music as we shine a light on God's love. EVERYONE is welcome to this community event, so invite your neighbors and friends!

VBS - Volunteers Needed

As always we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in decorating before VBS, volunteering as a guide, station leader, or making a donation during VBS or helping with clean up and heavy lifting, please contact Rachel Kuebelbeck or the Church Office. It is a super fun week, for everyone participating!



Social Ethics Project

Summer Research at RLC!



Gilbert Perez

- Recent SJU Graduate
- Upcoming School of Theology graduate student
- Co-researcher

Project: Symbol and Social Ethics in Rural Christianity

- Throughout the Summer, Gilbert will be attending worship and gatherings, observing
- Later in summer, Gilbert will seek interviews with church members who volunteer



Benjamin Durheim

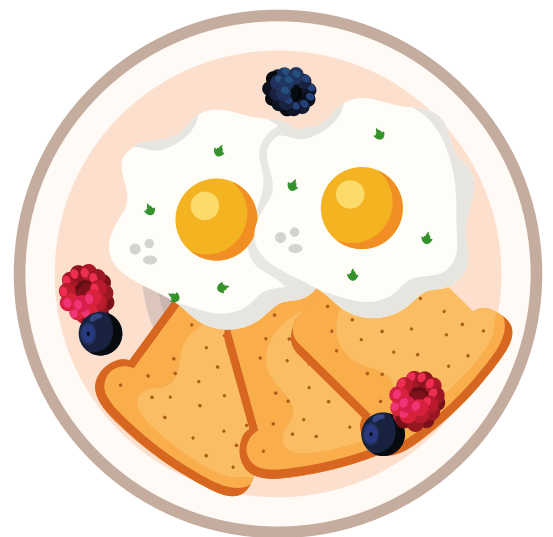
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- Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, CSB/SJU
- Ph.D., Boston College

We would love to talk about the research with you!

Breakfast Ministry

In support of a Breakfast Ministry started by member David Dawson, the Outreach Committee is collecting scrip to help cover the cost. The Breakfast Ministry happens every Sunday and is directed at youth from the St. Cloud area who come from homes broken apart by many reasons such as divorce, imprisonment, or abandonment. If you are interested in supporting this ministry please stop at the interest table in the narthex and leave your name and donation with Connie. Thank you for your support!



Could YOU be our next Treasurer?



Do you have a finance background and a willingness to put your talents to use for a great cause? RLC could use your help! If you're willing to learn the ropes or hear more about what our Treasurer position entails, please reach out to Rich Haselhorst or Pastor Sarah for more information.

Bible Study in-person or Zoom!

Join us for morning Bible study either in-person (Fireside Room at the church) or via Zoom on Thursdays at 9am! Together we look at and discuss the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. It's a great group with good conversation, and there's no participation pressure. Come and share, or just come and listen. We'd love to have you join! To receive a copy of the Zoom link, please reach out to the church office.



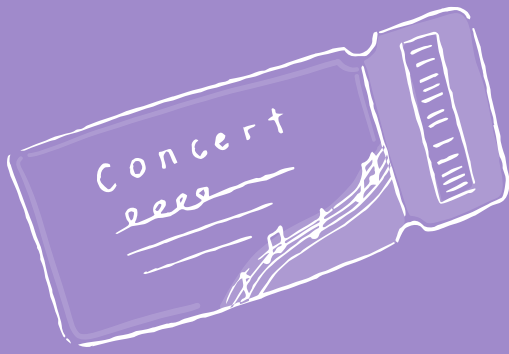
Fare for All – July 10



FARE FOR ALL
Food that makes cents

Fare For All sells packages of fresh produce and frozen meat with no quantity limit. With prices ranging from \$11 to \$35 per package, Fare For All offers savings that are much less than retail prices. The program has no income requirements and is open to everyone who is looking to save money on their grocery dollar. There are no forms to complete, and cash, credit, debit and EBT cards are all accepted.

Community Concert at RLC!



A free community concert will be held at Resurrection on July 22 at 7pm, thanks to a memorial given for Jack Freed. Stay tuned to Friday Reflections for more information!

Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, June 25, we welcomed the following new members to RLC:

- Dick and Dorothy Rasmussen
- David and Jane Ford
- Noah Ford (not pictured)

Please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves and welcome them, as together we grow in faith and discipleship here at RLC!

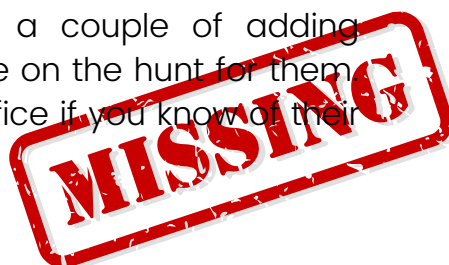


Budget Snapshot – May

Actual						
Actual Giving	Actual Expenses	YTD Actual Giving	YTD Actual Expenses	April mortgage payment	April building fund giving:	Mortgage Principal Balance
\$13,035.70	\$10,841.28	\$100,575.86	\$94,996.26	\$3,566.00	\$1,388.38	\$509,955.72
Budgeted						
Budget Giving	Budget Expenses	Year to Date Budget Giving	Year to Date Budget Expenses			
\$21,649.75	\$21,649.75	\$108,248.75	\$108,248.75			

Lost/Missing Adding Machines

If anyone happened to borrow a couple of adding machines from the church, we are on the hunt for them. Please reach out to the church office if you know of their whereabouts. Thank you!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July Birthdays

Terri Boysen 07/09

Heidi DeFord 07/09

Richard Haselhorst 07/10

Melanie Mueffelman 07/10

Alana Curtis 07/11

Roger Linn 07/11

Weston Schaefer 07/11

Henry Skaggs 07/11

Kylie Tate 07/12

Eloise Westby 07/12

MacKenzie Akkerman 07/13

Sharron Bolin 07/13 |

Nancy Holy 07/13

Arvin Richter 07/13

Jennifer Lage 07/16

DeAnn Hennigs 07/18

Sarah Lage 07/18

Gladys Smith 07/18

Ginelle Richter 07/19

Troy Buchheit 07/20

Joseph Baggenstoss 07/21

Luke Barrow 07/23

Fiona Welker 07/26

Joshua Akkerman 07/30

Luke Frame 07/30

Sophia Welle 07/30

Council Highlights - June

- We are moving forward with updating the landscaping around the building (replacing rocks, adding perennials and shrubs)
- We are still looking for a Treasurer. If you have a finance background and are interested, please contact Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com.
- We welcomed new members David and Jane Ford and Noah Ford and Dick and Dorothy Rasmussen on Sunday, June 25.
- Social Ethics Project is ongoing. You may see Gilbert at worship or someone might ask you to visit with Gilbert as part of this project.
- Bailey is back part time and will be back to her regular hours July 19.

*For corrections or additions,
please reach out to the church office
so our records can be updated. Thank you!*