

# RLC Genesis

## November Newsletter



### Just a Note...

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”  
– Romans 12:15

This verse is how I’ve always understood ministry. Of course, there’s also the Great Commission, when Jesus said to “Go and make disciples”... but he ended that proclamation with the words, “Remember I am with you always.” When it comes to ministry and discipleship, presence is at the heart of what we do.

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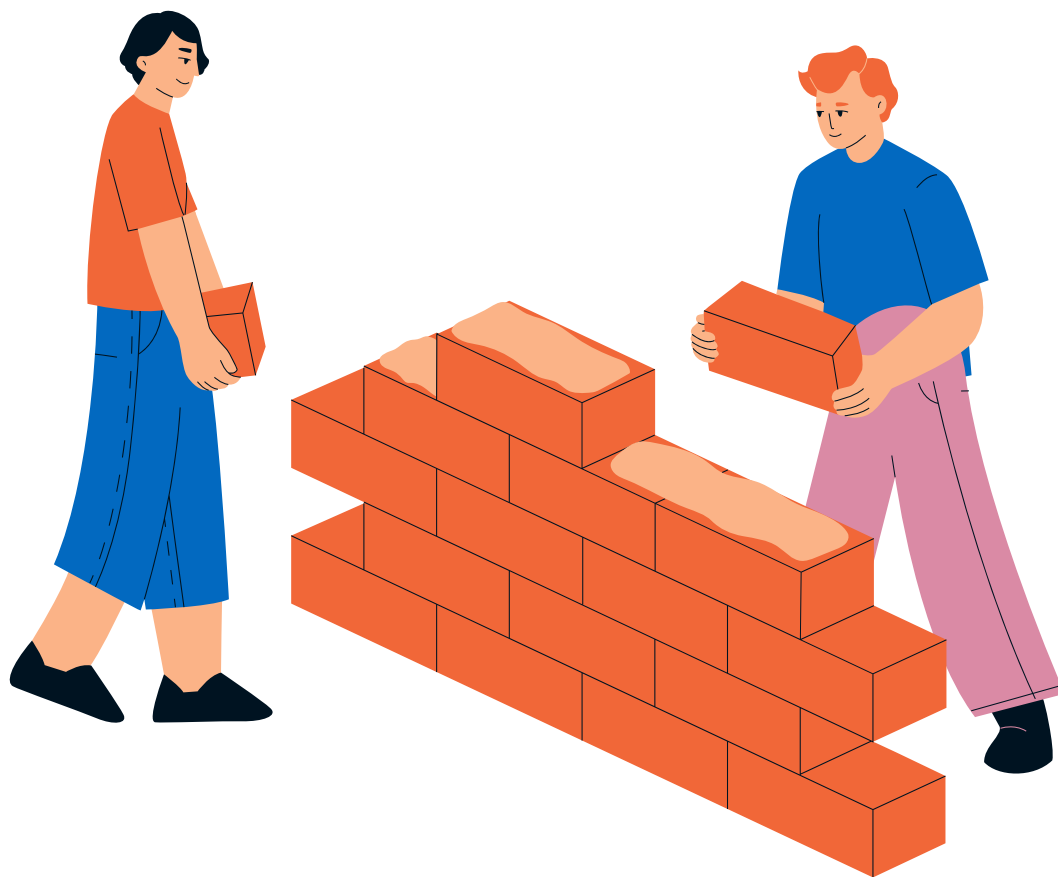
As Christians, we indeed rejoice with those who rejoice, just as we did with our 10th grade confirmands on Reformation Sunday and as we do with families celebrating a baptism. But we also recognize the importance of those times and places where we are called to mourn with those who mourn...particularly as we gather to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us and entered God's eternal kingdom.

During our worship service on Sunday, November 5 (All Saints Sunday), we will have that opportunity to sit in the presence of one another as we are surrounded by the names of saints...loved ones who are no longer physically with us, but who remain within and around us...as their names are displayed in our sanctuary and on our All Saints banner. We will have a special time to remember the saints from our congregation who have entered eternal life this past year: Dale Haug, Mark Curtis, and Jack Freed. And this year, the congregation will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones, a symbol that their love and light lives on.

Our hope is that this is a day to reaffirm our faith while honoring the memory of those whom you have loved. Come, and let us sit in the presence of one another and of our God, the greatest source of comfort who is indeed with us always.

God's peace,  
Pastor Sarah

# Mortgage Match!



Mortgage Reduction Challenge! RLC will be having a focused mortgage debt reduction drive to strive toward the goal of paying down our mortgage debt. A challenge was issued by Galen and Bonnie Kabe of our congregation, who have generously offered to match any donations and pledges made to the building fund, dollar for dollar, up to \$200,000. That would mean \$400,000 off our mortgage debt, which currently sits at just over \$502,000! Pledge cards have been mailed to members and are also available in the narthex. Contributions can be designated as one-time gifts or weekly/monthly/annual contributions (and can span over the course of 3 years). If you currently give to the mortgage fund, your contribution counts in the match as well. To be included in this match challenge, pledge cards and contributions must be submitted by December 31, 2023.

Thank you SO MUCH to the Kabe's for the offer of this generous challenge. And thank you to all of you for the time and commitment you continue to show to this congregation!





**RLC ADVENT  
&  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Advent Services**

*December 6, 2023 6:30pm*

*December 13, 2023 6:30pm*

*December 20, 2023 6:30pm*

**Blue Christmas**

*December 21 6:30pm*

**Christmas Eve**

*December 24, 2023*

*3:00pm & 5:00pm*

## Sunday School All Saints Sunday Song in Worship

On Sunday, November 5, our Sunday School kids will be sharing a song with us during worship! Kiddos should meet in the church nursery at 8:45am to go through the music before worship. We look forward to hearing their special music!



## Last call | National Youth Gathering | Nov 15, 2023

Attention families of 8th – 12th graders! This is the last call for registrations for the National Youth Gathering, which will be held July 16–20, 2024 in New Orleans. This event is an amazing time for faith building, worship, service, and fellowship with youth from across the nation. In previous years, RLC has been able to fundraise the cost of the trip for students to attend. If your child is interested or if you would like additional information, please let Pastor Sarah or the church office know no later than November 15. Thank you!

LAST  
CALL!



# Stewardship Sunday November 19, 2023

## *What Does Stewardship Mean to You?*

*We will discover together on November 19, 2023 for Stewardship Sunday*



Stewardship is the intersection of prayer and action. It's discipleship – living your faith.



### 1. Definition of Stewardship

- A. From Greek, "Oikonomos" – from "oikos" meaning house i.e. management of a household.
- B. "Pisteuo" – trustee – one to whom something is entrusted e.g. Entrusted with gifts - 1 Peter 4:10 according as each hath received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God
- C. "Metochos" – a partner and fellow-worker with God - 1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow-workers; ye are God's husbandry, God's building.

**stewardship**  
noun [ 'stoo-erd-ship, 'styoo- ]  
the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.



## Looking For a Drummer....

The worship team is looking to add a drummer to the team. If you have a secret talent for drumming, now is your time! Please email worship and music or talk to Carol Olson for more information.

[worshipandmusic@rlcstjoe.com](mailto:worshipandmusic@rlcstjoe.com)



## Confirmation Class of 2023

Congratulations to Malea Beeler and Nathan Lyon who were confirmed during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 29. May God continue to bless and guide them all throughout their lives!



## Sunday School Teachers



Sunday School teachers are needed for the second half of the year (January – May). If you are willing to teach and are not currently on the rotation, please reach out to the church office or email [youthandfamily@rlcstjoe.com](mailto:youthandfamily@rlcstjoe.com). Thank you!



## Welcome New Members!

On October 8, we welcomed two families to RLC: Robb Ruegemer and Lindsay Huerd and their daughters, Ellie, Izzy, and Sydney; and Jeff and Lara Larson and their daughters Jayda and Zoey. Welcome to the RLC family! We look forward to worshipping and serving with all of you!



*Pictured from left to right are Robb Ruegemer, Ellie and Izzy Meyers, Sydney Ruegemer, Lindsay Huerd, Lara Larson, Jayda and Zoey Larson, and Jeff Larson.*

## Blessing of the Quilts

Sunday, November 12, we will be holding a "Blessing of the Quilts" during our worship service. Our quilters have generously decided to put some of their quilts up for sale, with all proceeds going toward the building fund match! Please check out their beautiful work when the quilts are on display for the blessing, and if you are interested in purchasing one, you may do so following worship that day. Thank you!





## Christmas Program Rehearsal | Dec. 16 @ 10:00am

The Sunday School Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 17 during our 9am worship service. A rehearsal will be held on December 16 from 10-noon, followed by a fun event for Sunday School families that involves a short holiday movie, cookie decorating, and a light lunch. Kids ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to be a part of the program!



## Silent Auction – Flag Wall hanging



Tom Dosch of our congregation has created a beautiful flag wall hanging, crafted from 2x4 boards, and has generously donated it for a silent auction at the church. All proceeds from the silent auction will go to the building fund match project. The wall hanging will be on display in the narthex from now through Thanksgiving weekend. If you are interested in placing a bid, please do so by signing up in on the silent auction sheet or by contacting the church office. (Thanks so much, Tom!)

## SAVE THE DATE!!

We are showing a series of videos about Bible History and Archeology in the fireplace room on Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. We will end with a discussion. These videos explore archeological digs which match Bible stories. For example, some people think Pontius Pilate was a made up person. But the video shows remains of a cornerstone that bears his name.

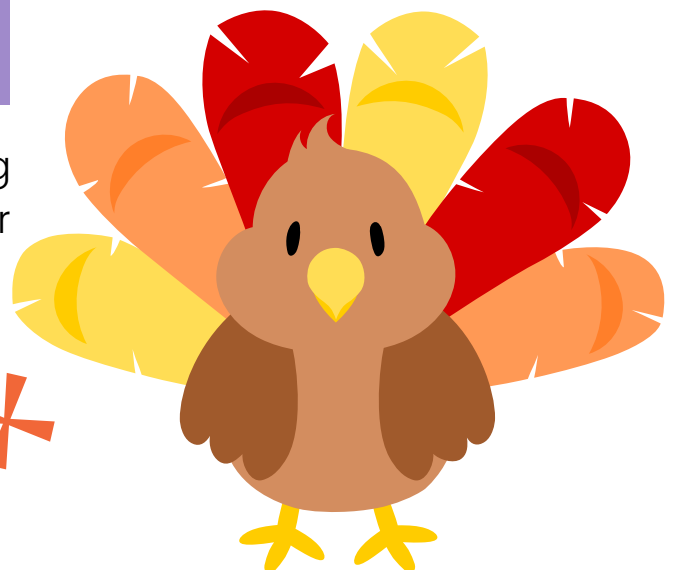


### Youth Event | November 19

Join us on November 19th following Sunday School for a themed scavenger hunt, treats and movie.

(Charlie Brown Thanksgiving)

Starting at 11:00am for grades 7-12.





November 18, 2023 | Holiday Craft Fair



# 8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Support over 20 local artisans, crafters &  
vendors!

Light lunch, coffee & sweets available for sale  
while you shop!

Youth Bake Sale!

Free prize drawings!

Some vendors are cash only. No ATM on site.

**NOVEMBER 18 10AM - 3PM**

**Resurrection Lutheran  
Church, 610 CR 2 N, St.**

**Joseph, MN**





## Having Trouble Hearing in the Sanctuary?

If you have had issues hearing spoken voices in the sanctuary, please let us know! David Krzenski, our volunteer sound technician, has been working hard to improve the microphone sound quality for those with hearing aids and has several solutions that just may do the trick. Please reach out to the church office, or stop by the OBS desk after worship on Sundays, and David would be happy to assist!



## Warm Winter Wear Donation

The Outreach Committee is now collecting new and gently used warm winter wear to distribute locally and to Peoples Church in Bemidji. Donations can be placed in the collection area in the Narthex.



## Grief Group – November 14, 2023 @ 10:00am



Grief Group will be meeting in the Fireside Room, and we will continue working through the book *Good Grief* by Granger Westberg. While we all walk our own path through grief and journey at our own pace, having conversations can help you know you're not alone. Come and share, or simply come to listen and support.

## 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!



## Fare for All November 6, 2023 @ 3:30pm – 5:30pm



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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Nov. Birthdays

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Elleanor Curtis 11/01  
Jody Knopp 11/02  
Adam Tate 11/02  
Tanner Tomasek 11/03  
Dan Keehr 11/04  
Sophia Burnos 11/06  
Therese Emmerich 11/08  
John Frame 11/08  
Franklyn Haynes 11/08  
Cade Tate 11/08  
Nate Lyon 11/10  
Kaydince Dehn 11/11  
Scott Birr 11/12  
Joyce Hasch 11/12  
Jeff Haselhorst 11/12  
Stacy Kirby 11/13  
Ethan Welle 11/13  
Larry Rahn 11/14  
Andrew Peck 11/16  
Nora Frame 11/18  
Susan Heidal-Schiltz 11/19  
Lance Mueffelmann 11/19  
Aurora Voigt 11/20  
Sandy Elsenpeter 11/22  
Gabriel Borgen 11/23  
Michael Nesland 11/23  
Derek Thompson 11/24  
Parker Rudnicki 11/26  
Brad Savola 11/29  
Malea Beeler 11/3

## Council Highlights – Nov.

- Coming soon! Training for worship host duties (communion host, assistant minister, fellowship, acolyte and usher) Sundays November 5, 12 and 19 at 10:00 and Sundays November 12 and 19 at 8:30 am.
- Mark your calendars! The Sunday School Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 17 during worship.
- Our Building Fund Campaign with \$200,000 match is in full swing. Please consider pledging by December 31 to take full advantage of the Kabe's generous match offer. A huge thank you to Galen and Bonnie for this incredible opportunity.
- Stewardship Sunday will be on November 19– the Stewardship Committee will share more information on how our gifts contribute to the ministry at RLC and beyond.

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