

THE GOOD NEWS



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Beatitudes



Congratulations to our sixth and seventh grade students, pictured above, who recited the Beatitudes at the Sunday, March 10 church service. They did a fantastic job!

At right, the Sunday School choir sang during the 9:15 a.m. Palm Sunday service on March 24.



PASTOR'S CORNER

It's time for a new photo directory for our church!

However, this time it is different. Olan Mills no longer exists, and Lifetouch no longer does church directories. All of which is maybe good anyway, as many of us never liked the "hard sell" approach we endured in the past when picking out our family picture package.

This time around, we are going with a local vendor named Jessica Thompson. Jessica hails out of Peterson, with her base camp in Harmony. You can see her work at JessicaThompsonPhotography.com. Jessica is endorsed by Ross Himlie and others from our congregation. We are excited to make this change, but we are also aware that it comes with a few challenges (as all change does!)

First, there is a flat fee of \$25 for the photo sitting fee and your personal copy of the directory. Even if you choose to submit a photo, there is still a \$25 fee to be included in the directory. Simply put, if you want a picture directory to help you get to know your fellow members here at RLC, it will cost you \$25.

As it was in the past, the church directory photo sitting is also a wonderful opportunity to get individual, couple, and family pictures done professionally. And at very reasonable rates. More information regarding ordering photo packages will be coming in a separate mailing.

Family portrait sessions are scheduled for June 11-13 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. (10-minute slots). If you are away during this timeframe, a backup date will be provided.

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There are two different ways to sign up for your family portrait. Online sign-up will begin on Wednesday, May 1. The online sign-up link will be provided in the special mailing. In person sign-up will begin on Sunday, May 5, following the worship services. Helpful folks from our directory committee will be available in the upper narthex to help you find a time that works for your family.

During the next couple of months, action shots of group activities for the front part of the directory will be taken by our committee volunteers. If you have any wonderful church-related pictures from the past year, please submit them to the church office at rlc@acegroup.cc.

We also want to do everything we can to ensure the printed phone and address directory at the back of the picture directory is accurate. If you have moved, dropped your landline, changed your phone number, or added family members, please send a brief note to Deanna at rlc@acegroup.cc

This is likely the last time we will print a book for a picture directory. Many churches incorporate an online directory with member-only access on their website. We are looking into that possibility for the future.

Although the \$25 fee for the directory is a change from the past, we hope this will not deter you from scheduling your family portrait starting in May. In many ways a church photo directory is a snapshot in time, a historical record of our congregation. In the New Testament, the word for "church" is gathering or assembly.

The gathering of God's people in one place. What better way to recognize this than through a new church photo directory?

In Christ's Loving Service,

Pastor Steve

RLCW Meeting

Wednesday, April 3 at 1:30 PM

- Program will be Money Smarts for Adults: Fraud & Security Prevention.
- Speaker: Terry Chiglo from Rushford State Bank.
- Lunch will be served by the Ruth Circle. Coffee for April is Miriam Circle.



We Want Your Email Address

You may already be getting emails from RLC. If not, or if you know of a fellow member or a family member of RLC that are not receiving the news, please send the email address to rlc@acegroup.cc (with their permission, of course). If you are not receiving the news in your e-mail after signing up, check the spam folder on your email's inbox. Sometimes it gets swept into the spam folder automatically.

RLC Servanthood Scholarship

Rushford Lutheran Church's high school seniors planning to attend a technical school or college in the fall of 2024 can apply for the Rushford Lutheran Church Servanthood Scholarship. For an application, please email the church office at rlc@acegroup.cc.

The application must be returned to the church office on or before Sunday, April 7, 2024. Get your application today by emailing rlc@acegroup.cc

No late applications will be considered. The amount of the scholarship is determined by a point system. The criteria is based on:

1. Interview (punctuality/appearance);
2. Question responses;
3. Church involvement;
4. Community involvement; and
5. Application appearance.



Maximum scholarship will be \$500 with minimum of \$100. Please take this into consideration when you return your application.



FAMILY EDUCATION NEWS FROM BRITTANY

March was "Food Share Month" so our preschool students were scheduled to walk down to Rushford Foods to shop for SEMCAC Food Shelf. We had one student attend, so we had his sister join us and they did such a fantastic job of shopping as you can see from the photo above!

On Palm Sunday, the students had their annual Palm Branch Processional followed by singing in church. The children also added a little twist this year and handed out bags of jelly beans with the Jelly Bean Gospel on them. During the Sunday School hour they had their annual Easter Egg Hunt - with empty Easter eggs to represent the empty tomb! Don't worry, they still received a goody bag from the Family Education Committee.

ITEMS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN APRIL INCLUDE:

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 6.** The Confirmation Students have the option to attend the Feed My Starving Children event in Winona.
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 21.** The Royal Ball.
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 28.** This is Camp Sunday and the preschool through fifth grade students sing in church. Also, students in grades 2-5 will recite the 23rd Psalm once they are done singing.
- **SUNDAY, MAY 12.** This is the last day of Sunday School for the 2023-2024 year!





Youth group at the Ignite Youth Leadership Conference.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES (GRADES 6-12) FROM KRISTIN

The Ignite Youth Leadership Conference was held March 8-9 in Des Moines. A group of 30 came from our community: 21 from RLC and 9 from Destiny Life Church. Students and adult leaders attended breakout sessions on a variety of topics, attended worship, and got to hear nationally-renowned speakers like The Skit Guys. Thank you RLC for your support of our young people!

YOUTH GROUP, APRIL 14. Prayer stations with Carlyn Wardwell were postponed due to weather on March 24. It has been rescheduled for April 14. She did an amazing job last year, so don't miss out!

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT, APRIL 20. WhatConcert presents: The Trampolines and BreakFree on Saturday, April 20 at the Wykoff Commons, Wykoff MN. Doors open at 6 p.m. for ping pong, foosball, air hockey, free snacks and more! Concert starts at 7 p.m. All ages welcome. Admission is free and the first 100 guests will receive a free t-shirt!

THE ROYAL BALL FOR CHILDREN, APRIL 21. The Enchanted Kingdom will be held Sunday, April 21 from 3 -5 p.m. at the Rushford American Legion. There will be games, face painting, princesses, pirates, cotton candy and so much more! Admission is free. There is a \$1 or \$2 charge for some activities. Children AND parents are encouraged to dress up. Money raised will help send youth to the LCMC National Youth Gathering in Des Moines this July.

There will also be a steak sandwich meal available for carryout prepared by the Fillmore County Cattlemen for \$15 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The meal is open and available to everyone.

LCMC YOUTH GATHERING, JULY 9-12

The LCMC National Youth Gathering will be taking place at Grand View University in Des Moines from July 9-12, 2024. Students completing grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend this event.



Special thanks to our chaperones, pictured above, who attended Ignite! At right, members of the RLC Praise Team led worship at our host church to a group of over 100 students.



"This youth event is designed to empower youth ministry in the local church and to encourage students to consider the vocation of ministry in the future. Participants will get inspired and gain practical advice through keynote presentations, breakout sessions, and worship, take part in a service project, and connect with other LCMC-ers from across the country. "

Please note that signup is closed. **RLC Youth is splitting the cost of the LCMC National Youth Gathering for students who have signed up. For members, the registration fee will be divided as follows: \$125 paid by student, \$125 paid through fundraising, and \$125 paid by RLC Youth. Students must participate in at least two fundraisers between now and summer to draw on those funds. Scholarships are available if needed, and opportunities to raise money through the chore board will be posted as received. See Kristin for details.

Church Council Meeting Highlights March 18, 2024

Below are abbreviated board minutes. Complete board minutes are available by contacting the church office.

- A detailed financial report for February was reviewed and approved.
- The minutes for February were approved.
- Pastor Steve provided a verbal report which included an overview of the monthly activities for February:
 - Funeral services for Ada Kjos and Laurine Woxland
 - Member hospital and homebound visits.
- Available committee reports were reviewed.

The next meeting will be held on April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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FEBRUARY CASH SUMMARY

Balance brought forward 1/31/24.....	\$10,783.37
Total receipts.....	\$40,442.00
Total disbursements	<u>\$48,018.21</u>
Cash balance as of 2/29/2024	\$3,207.16



APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

		8 A.M. WORSHIP	9:15 A.M. WORSHIP	PASTOR Steven Chellew
April 7 COMMUNION	Readers: Ushers:	Vicki Nelson Marv Bestul, Claire Olstad	Lauren Volkman Louie Boehmke, John Campe	ORGANIST Shary Evavold, Portia Lee, Robyn Steffens
April 14	Readers: Ushers:	Carol Jeffers Dennie Darr, Gordy Elliott	Tanner Thesing Jim Bernier, Tom Kopperud	FAMILY EDUCATION DIRECTOR Brittany Agrimson
April 21 COMMUNION	Readers: Ushers:	Carol Jeffers Kerry Heiden, Wayne Meyer	Luren Volkman Mike Messenger, John Petersen	YOUTH & CHOIR MINISTRY DIRECTOR Kristin Burdey
April 28	Readers: Ushers:	Lisa Chellew Brendon Honken, Dale Evavold	Cashtyn Eide Milford Paulson, Lowell Rasmussen	ALTAR GUILD Barb Johnson, Karen Nelson
				PROJECTIONISTS Lisa Chellew, Donny Kjos, Isaak Michel, Sandy Rasmussen, Becky Stocker
				VIDEOGRAPHERS Barb Johnson, Jeremy Tesch, June Vitse

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30p NO Coffee House Worship	2	3 9a Ladies Mission Work 9a Men's Helping Hands 1:30p RLCW Meeting w/Lunch 5p Choir Practice 6p NO 9th grade Confirmation Class 6p Family Education & Youth Committees	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 8a & 9:15a Worship w/ Communion, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow in Basement 9:15a Service Livestreamed 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 11:05a Praise Team	8 1p Ladies Quilting 4:30 Worship Committee 5:30p Coffee House 6:30p Church Directory Committee	9	10 9a Ladies Mission Work 9a Men's Helping Hands 5p Choir Practice 6p Confirmation Class	11 10 Bible Study w/ Pastor	12 Office Closed	13
14 8a & 9:15a Worship, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow in Basement 9:15a Service Livestreamed 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 11:05a Praise Team 6:30p Youth Group	15 1p Pastor at Bremmer Suites & GSLH 1:30p Priscilla Circle 5:30p Coffee House Worship 7p Church Council	16	17 9a Ladies Mission Work 9a Men's Helping Hands 5p Choir Practice 6p Confirmation Class	18 9:30a Ruth Circle 1p Miriam Circle 1:30p Hannah Circle 5p Martha Circle	19 Office Closed	20
21 8a & 9:15a Worship w/ Communion, Ladies Choir, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow in Basement 9:15a Service Livestreamed 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 11:05a Praise Team 3p Royal Ball at Rushford American Legion	22 5:30p Coffee House Worship	23	24 9a Ladies Mission Work 9a Men's Helping Hands 5p Choir Practice 6p LAST Confirmation Class; 9th Grade Class Pictures	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 8a & 9:15a Worship, Praise Team, Coffee & Fellowship to Follow in Basement 9:15a Service Livestreamed, Kingsley Baptism, Sunday School Choir 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School 11:05a Praise Team 2p Rite of Confirmation Worship Service 6:30 Youth Group	29 5:30p Coffee House Worship	30				30

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