

# **Raised Up for Ministry:** **Reaching UP – Reaching OUT – Reaching IN**

**THEME VERSE:** *“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand - shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:13-16 – The Message Bible)

## **Our 2011-2012 Monthly Emphases and Themes will be:**

**September** Christian Education & Growing in Our Following of Jesus (*Growing in Spiritual Maturity as Disciples of Jesus Christ*) - **“Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth”** (Psalm 86:11a)

**“Growing and Walking in God’s Truth”**

September 05 – Labor Day

September 06 – RLS begins Fall Term – Public school begins

September 11 – RALLY DAY at the CHURCH (8:00 & 11:00 am services only, with Picnic beginning after the 11:00 am Service)

September 18 – RLS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday w/ Installation of RLS Teachers - Beginning of SS & Adult Classes – SPECIAL PROCLAIMER: Rev. Art Umbach, M&M Facilitator, SED

September 25 – Confirmation Enrollment Sunday

**October** Stewardship of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures (Dollars) (*Recognizing and Growing in our Responsibility to be Wise Stewards so to Help Extend God’s Kingdom*) – **“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”** (2 Cor. 8:9)

***“Raised Up for Generosity: Reaching In to Reach Out”***

*October 02 – LWML Sunday*

*October 09 – Stewardship Sunday*

*October 16 – Stewardship Sunday*

*October 23 – Stewardship Commitment Sunday (?)*

*October 30 – Reformation Sunday (May also serve as Stewardship Comm. Sun.)*

*October 31 – True Reformation Day – All Hallows Eve (Halloween)*

**November** Our Christian and Congregational Heritage – 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RLC (*Living and Sharing our Heritage as God’s People as We Face the Future with Hope*) – ***“Hallelujah! Sing to GOD a brand-new song, praise him in the company of all who love him ... And why? Because GOD delights in his people ...”*** (Psalm 149:1 – The Message Bible)

***“Raised Up to Live and Share our Christian Heritage”***

*November 6 – Daylight Savings Time ends*

*Sunday, November 6 – RLCS 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – SPECIAL PRO-CLAIMER: Dr. Jon Diefenthaler, President, SED-LCMS*

*Wednesday, November 09 – P.O.R.T. begins @ RLCS*

*Wednesday, November 16 – P.O.R.T. ends @ RLCS*

*Sunday, November 20 – Christ the King Sunday (end of Church Year)*

*Wednesday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship*

*Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day*

*Sunday, November 27 – Advent 1 – beginning of new Church Year*

**December** Outreach and Evangelism (*Sharing the Good News of Jesus with Those Around Us*) – ***“I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”*** (Isaiah 49:6b)

***“Reaching Out to Share Good News!”***

*December 7, 14, 21 – Advent Midweek Services with Fellowship Meals preceding*

*December 23-January 2 – Christmas Break for Public Schools*

*December 24 – Christmas Eve Services – invite your family & friends*

*December 25 (Sunday) – Christmas Day Service (only one service; time TBD) – invite your family & friends*

**January, 2012** Resurrection’s Youth Ministry – Jr. and Sr. Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Resurrection [LYFR] (*The Ministry to and from our Youth Groups*) - ***“Yes, indeed - God is my salvation. I trust, I won't be afraid. God - yes God! - is my strength and song, best of all, my salvation!”*** (Isaiah 12:2 – The Message Bible)

***“We, too, Are Raised Up for Ministry!”***

January 1 – New Year’s Day - Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday (observed)

January 8 – Baptism of Our Lord

January 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Youth-Led Service will be @ one of the services in January

**February** My Prayer Life – the Power of Prayer (*Deepening our Spirituality through a Dedicated Prayer Life*) – **“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”** (Romans 12:12)

**“Reaching Up with Arms Outstretched!”**

February 5 – “Souper’ Bowl of Caring” Sunday – Super Bowl Sunday

February 14 – Valentine’s Day

February 19 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 20 – Presidents’ Day

February 22 – Ash Wednesday Worship (Beginning of Lent)

February 29 – Leap Year Day – Lent Midweek Worship - 2

**March** Christian Service – Social Ministry (*Using our God-given Gifts of Time and Abilities to God’s Glory and for Our Neighbor*) – **“I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand - shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives.”** (Matthew 5:15b-16a – The Message Bible)

**“Raised Up for Service – Reaching In and Reaching Out”**

March 6 – Transfiguration Sunday

March 7, 14, 21, 28 – Lent Midweek Services with Fellowship Meal

March 11 – Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 25 – Special Presentation by Jews for Jesus: “Christ in the Passover”

**April** Outreach – Evangelism – World Missions (*Sharing the Good News of Salvation locally and Supporting World-wide Mission Endeavors*) – **“He has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell ...”** (Matthew 28:6-7a)

**“Raised Up to ‘Come and See - Go and Tell!’”**

April 1 – Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday

April 2-9 – Easter Break for Peninsula Public School Systems & RLS (Child-Care open)

April 5 – Maundy (Holy) Thursday – Christian Seder (?)

April 6 – Good Friday

April 8 – Easter Sunday

**May** Recognizing and Celebrating our Congregational Auxiliaries and Their Good Work (*Celebrating the Auxiliaries’ Ministries within RLCS, and Their contributions to God’s Kingdom and Our Congregational Mission and Ministry*) – **“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord ...**

***Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*** (Romans 12:11, 12b)

***"Raised Up and Called to Serve Others through Ministry!"***

*May 3 – National Day of Prayer*

*May 13 – Mother's Day – Ascension of Our Lord Sunday*

*May 27 – Day of Pentecost Sunday*

*May 28 – Memorial Day*

**June** ***Raised Up to Celebrate God's Goodness (Celebrating the Landmarks of Graduations, Confirmations, etc. as a Worshiping Community of God) - Sub-Category: Pray, Seek and Plan – "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever."*** (Psalm 136:1)

***"Raised Up to Praise God for His Multitude of Blessings"***

*June 3 – Holy Trinity Sunday*

*June 14 – Last Day of School for RLS & NN*

*June 17 – Fathers Day*

*June \_\_\_\_ - Confirmation Sunday – date TBD*

**July** ***Stewardship of Our Environment (Helping Understand the Role our Faith Play not only as American Citizens, and How that Impacts our God-Given Role to Care for the Earth) - Sub-Category: Pray, Seek and Plan – "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*** (Genesis 1:26)

***"Raised Up to Care for God's Good Creation: the Earth"***

*July 4 – Independence Day*

**August** ***World Missions (Our Needed Support of Funding and Assisting Missionaries Around the World as They Live and Share the Good News) - Sub-Category: Pray, Seek and Plan (Finalizing our Hopes, Dreams and Plans for RLCS after Seeking the Lord in Prayer and Networking with Fellow Believers) – "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*** (Matthew 28:19-20)

***"Raised Up to Reach Out ... Around the World"***