

Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

Prayers of the Church: (*RLC Members)

Ongoing Prayers

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| *Diane Cuper | *Eve Sommers | *David Brooks |
| *Anne Altieri | *Charlotte Raines | Stephanie Samuels |
| *Eric Hammergren | *Wes Wyatt | Ava Conklin |
| *Helen Puza | Frank Grace | Helen Wolf |
| *Anita Moore | *Wilma Brown | Dennis |
| *Vern Ebert | *Jackson Buser, Working in the Congo | |
| *Luigi Moscatello, Mother and Family in Italy | | |
| Mike Zimmerman, Son of Mark and Sally, US Navy Deployed, Spain | | |

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

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| Jeff Marshall | Carol & Frank | Don | Craig |
| *Mike Allen | Rachel | Bill | Rob |
| Anne Price | *Gary Ferro | Rene | Beth |
| Linda Gilson | Angie Price | Alison | Zieglmeier |
| *Fuad Rihani | | | |

Those Prayed For on March 22nd

Suffering chronic illness:

- Karin Wolfe, friend of Lori Durnbaugh, fighting cancer
- Lou Caltrider, requested by wife, Elaine
- Carolyn Smith's daughter, Laura, fighting leukemia
- Debbie, nearing her heavenly home
- Ken Eckstein
- Tanya Douglas' mother, fighting lung cancer
- Avery Stevenson, hospitalized child with Cystic Fibrosis

Recovering from hospitalizations/surgical procedures:

- Marty Cullen, requested by daughter, Lisa Whynot, and wife, Emmy
- Dorothy Ebert

Prayers for safety, protection, provision, comfort, peace for:

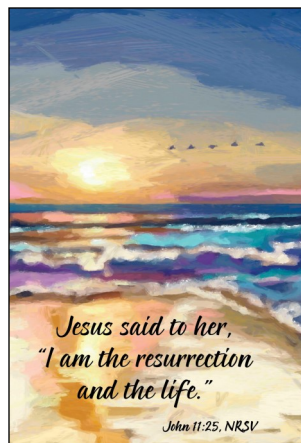
- Healthcare personnel around the globe, especially for RLC members in our local hospitals. Requested by Michele Brake.
- RLC members with family members in virus hot spots around the world. Praying especially for:
 - ◊ Sam Kolb, quarantined, Spain
 - ◊ Jackson Buser, quarantined, Uganda
 - ◊ Luigi Moscatello's mother and family quarantined, Italy
- The elderly, homebound and infirmed, especially:
 - ◊ Ed Norse
 - ◊ Thomas Quetel, requested by wife and caregiver, Jane
 - ◊ Anne Price
- The young, their parents and expectant moms
- Those with compromised autoimmune diseases

Prayers for the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and strength for the health and well-being of the people they serve:

- Leaders in national, state and local government
- LCMS District Leadership
- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, RLC staff, and our area pastors

Thanking God today for:

- His Presence and Love, moving in, around and through our Resurrection Family
- Healthcare workers, first responders and military personnel on the frontlines
- Researchers and scientists working to develop a cure
- Online technology that enables us to stay connected with our church family, individual families, and friends



Our Lord did not intend for us, His creation, to die. Yet, since the time of Adam and Eve's first sin, death is a part of living in this fallen world. When disappointing news comes, sometimes all that can sustain us is our hope in Jesus and His Promises. And that hope does not disappoint. That is why Jesus' proclamation of Himself as "the Resurrection and the Life" is so important.

Death could not hold Jesus. Death could not hold Lazarus. Death cannot hold you. On the Last Day, Jesus will call you out from the grave to enter Eternal Life.

Join us online for worship!

During this different time in our church life, join us online to worship together. We strive to have the service on our website at www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship, as well as our [YouTube channel](#) (search for Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC), for Sunday morning worship.

The service bulletin will be included as an attachment with this weekly announcement, allowing time to print or prepare to view prior to worship. It can also be found on the [Online Worship](#) webpage.

It's a great time to **LIKE** us on Facebook!

Stay connected with your RLC family at www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary.

Pray for Our Missionaries:

Mark and Megan Mantey, Uganda
Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 2020

Dear Resurrection Lutheran Church brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord of the cross, Jesus Christ! As we weather the many unexpected twists and turns of life, especially those in these busy weeks that impact our worship life as we count down to Holy Week and Easter, I once again call to mind the verse I mentioned a few weeks ago as our "theme" verse for these challenging days: "[Jesus said:] 'Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world'" (John 16:32-33). Though we, like the first disciples, are good at seeing the world's trouble, in Christ we do not give in to fear and anxiety but live...in the confident hope of our final victory!

By now you have no doubt heard about the stay-at-home order issued by Wake County yesterday, March 26, that is to be in effect until April 17. As an organization that is "subject to the governing authorities" (Rom. 13:1) and desiring to do all that we can possibly do to flatten the curve and be good neighbors to the people of our area, I have consulted with your leadership team at Resurrection and made the following decisions (in effect until April 17, at the earliest):

- 1) All people, whether paid staff, volunteers, or church members 65 years of age and older will be asked to refrain from being on the church premises;
- 2) All church staff that are able to work from home will do so;
- 3) Church staff unable to work from home for the most basic of church maintenance tasks will be in the office only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 AM to 3 PM. This will also allow for an even more thorough sanitation of surfaces on Monday and Friday afternoons that are still being used in certain limited portions of the building;
- 4) Paid and volunteer staff as well as small groups within the church desiring to meet or do Bible study are encouraged to contact Margaret Hyatt in the church office and set up meetings using our church's new video conference platform (Zoom);
- 5) The adjusted date of my pastor's Sabbath will be Saturdays, not Fridays; I intend to maintain a presence at church during regular church hours as much as I can.

Here are the most difficult words for this pastor to write: We will not be able to worship together in person as we are accustomed to doing during Holy Week or for Easter Sunday.

Nevertheless, your church staff are planning for ways that we can encourage you to enjoy a meaningful day of Holy Week and Easter worship. Easter Sunday 2020 is more than just a day on the calendar! It is, rather, a way of life that perhaps God is teaching us to enjoy and live out in unfamiliar (and yet, therefore, more memorable and unexpectedly meaningful) ways this year.

If you need care of any kind, please do not hesitate to call the church office and leave a voicemail for me. You may also leave a message for us at our church's Facebook Page (@ResurrectionLutheranCary). I will check for messages and email on Tuesdays and Thursdays to insure that I don't miss anything. Don't forget to always look for church announcements on our Facebook page, web site, and in your email should any status change.

We joyfully await another day of "resurrection": the day we will once again gather in person and receive the gifts of God together!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jonathan

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Resurrection Service Project (RSP)

assists elderly, infirmed, those in financial difficulty, others in our community with home maintenance and repairs.

Contact Tim Hiteshew through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this time of uncertainty, we have a beautiful opportunity before us to connect with one another in the **Resurrection Prayer Community**. I invite you to be a part of this online gathering of the heart. This group -- birthed from our 2019 Transition Prayer Team -- has been created to hold our church family in prayer and to comfort and encourage one another in the weeks, perhaps months, ahead as the virus keeps us from physically gathering together in study, worship, and prayer. Members can interact with one another, adding prayers, devotional thoughts and words of encouragement at any time during the week.

If you would like to be a part of our Resurrection Prayer Community during this time, please email me or office@rlcary.org.

Be encouraged! God is with us. Peace,

Deb Oesterling, Connections Coordinator, deb.oesterling@rlcary.org

Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of March 27th:

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. — Hebrews 4:16

Those suffering chronic illness:

- Steve Skog, brother of Lori Durnbaugh – Parkinson's Disease

The sick:

- Reverend Viola Morris, Sister of Daisy Morris
- Jackson Buser — Malaria while in Uganda awaiting reentry to DRC after visiting Paris (Prayers for his parents also, Jeff and Sherry)

For those who mourn:

- The family of Mabel Bunting, Mother of Marybeth Childers – requested by Rosie Creasy
- The family of Debbie Wasilak – requested by Don Morrow
- The family of Lou Caltrider – requested by wife, Elaine
- The family of Laura Rush, Daughter of Carolyn Smith – requested by Jamee Thieme
- Relative of Lena Licciardi – requested by Jack Wildey

Prayers for God's provision, peace, and future employment opportunities for those experiencing job loss.

We especially pray for:

- People across the nation, church members, and those in our community whose livelihoods are tied to the service, retail, and travel industries
- Small business owners worldwide

Prayers for safety, protection, provision, comfort, and peace for:

- Healthcare workers, first responders, and military personnel on the front lines
- Hospitalized, premature infant and great nephew, James Nugent, his parents, Peter and Kelsey, and grandparents – requested by Mindy Stephani
- The senior residents and caregivers at Woodland Terrace in Cary
- Those suffering from increased anxiety and depression resulting from self-isolation

Prayers for the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and strength for the health and well-being of the people they serve:

- Elected officials in national, state, and local government
- Pastor Jonathan, Juli and our area pastors

Celebrating with Joy!

- Zach and Renee Guerin on the birth of their firstborn daughter, Josephine (Josie) Marie, born March 10
- Hope Studt on the birth of her 9th grandchild, Charlie Jean Hennes, born on March 23

Thanking God today for:

- Sam Kolb's safe and healthy return to North Carolina
- Avery Stevenson's release from the hospital
- God's gift of creativity in His people to develop innovative solutions to provide healthcare workers with much needed supplies
- Community support and generosity
- The love flowing in, among and through our RLC family

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands. We trust You are working all things for good according to Your good plan and purposes, and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.



Share the Joy!

Over these “sheltering-at-home” days, in what ways are you connecting or re-connecting as a family? How are you or your family creatively serving a neighbor or a group?

Send us your photos, stories, or video clips for print in our weekly announcements and monthly newsletters, and on our RLC [Facebook](#) page and [Instagram](#) account.

Here are some ideas: a photo of your family engaged in an activity together or watching worship service together, Facetiming church friends or family, small group Zoom sessions, journaling or Visual Faith prayers, baking a meal for a neighbor, delivering groceries, walking a neighbor’s dog. Be creative! This is just another fun way to keep us connected as a church family and living in joy!

Please send your photos, stories, or videos to Susan Moore at susan.moore@rlcary.org.



Lutheran Hour Ministries — LHM.ORG

Products are free, easy, and digital so that you can use them in your home and share them with your friends and family.

Check out their website for timely and relevant resources to enrich your faith.



This past week, a nurse from UNC Hospital reached out requesting sewn facial masks for their staff. These masks will be worn on top of their CDC certified masks to extend the time that the CDC masks can be worn. These masks will be sanitized and reused throughout the pandemic. The **Piecemakers (RLC Quilters)**, answered the call! In just a few days, they made 87 masks with the first batch delivered on Wednesday. Great job, ladies!

Visual Faith

You will find attached to this announcement sheet Visual Faith bookmarks for coloring. One sheet ties into our worship for this week, Psalm 130:7 and John 11:25. The other is Scripture specifically for this time we are going through. You can print on cardstock paper and color. Or if you have a journaling type Bible, you could print on paper, color, and insert in your Bible.

Let me know if you would like any projects emailed to you, I have resources from Visual Faith Ministry.

Also feel free to join the [Visual Faith Ministry](#) group on Facebook! Great ideas and resources, even a prayer vigil through Facebook Live, led by Connie Denninger and Pat Maier.

Questions? Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



If you could use hearing aid batteries #312, please contact the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

We have some donated from a member who no longer has a use for them.

Children and Family Ministry

Questions you may have regarding any of these programs or events can be directed to the Co-Directors of Children and Family Ministry, MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org or Lea.Webb@rlcary.org.

We miss seeing the smiling faces of the children around church! I would like to see some of the things you are doing with your children and family, so send me a picture (or 2) and description, or a video to lea.webb@rlcary.org.

Reading the Bible is great way for understanding the stories of Jesus. Sharing and showing others what Jesus is about is even better. It makes understanding the Bible lessons a little easier for our children. Why not take this time at home to participate in the work of Jesus. Show others God's love. When we are trying to stay in isolation, why not help to spread a smile or a little love to those we may not even know but serve our community. We can serve and bring Jesus into their lives today. With our situation and daily status changing constantly, I would like to offer some service ideas to your children.

Mission and Service Projects (where kids participate in the work of Jesus) Here are some ideas for helping children participate in the work of Jesus, but the list is endless.

Challenge kids to do some Spring cleaning at home. This is a way to honor your parents and share in Jesus' work of making things new. Get kids into the cleaning action, too!



In the side yard or extra space... **plant a garden** with the goal of sharing the harvest with neighbors. This is a great way to connect with your neighbors also. Add a note, "Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)

Let's go ol'school.... **invite children to write** an encouragement letter (or draw a picture) and mail it to a friend, neighbor, or health care worker. Help them remember their [Pastor](#), [School Teacher](#), [Firefighter](#), [Police](#), or any everyday heroes.

Encourage kids to **video call** their grandparents, aunts and uncles, or friends from church.

Plan for the children to **lead their own prayer ministry**. This can be done in your home or shared with family and friends. They can call a family member and pray to them over the phone or text.

Remember... let us know what your kids are doing during the "stay-at-home" order. Email pictures or videos of any activity your child is doing in the mission field or studying their church lesson to Lea.Webb@rlcary.org.

Update on Confirmation Service and Banquet

Due to the continuing ramifications from Covid-19, we are now holding the 9:30 am service on Sunday, May 31 for Confirmation. We are also looking at having the Banquet on Wednesday, May 27.

For those who have attended a Confirmation Banquet in the past, we might make some changes to the format. We are looking at perhaps lighter food choices and more time for everyone to mingle and visit with each other after a long time apart. All of this is contingent on everything being in a better situation come mid-May.

Thank you for your patience as we together adjust to the current restrictions. This will definitely be a celebration to remember!



8th Grade Confirmation

All 8th grade Confirmation students have been asked to submit a video of them presenting their faith statement. This includes students who have already presented their statements. We would like to give the entire congregation an opportunity to hear all of the faith statements.

Some parents may not want to participate, if you prefer to not have your child's image posted. That is totally fine. If you are willing to submit a written copy that can potentially be shared with the congregation instead of the video, please send it to me.

Thank you to those who have already sent me their video, it is greatly appreciated!

Send Faith Statements to maryann.unger@rlcary.org, use Google Docs, and give me access to edit.

Student Ministry

Ignite (6th-8th grades)

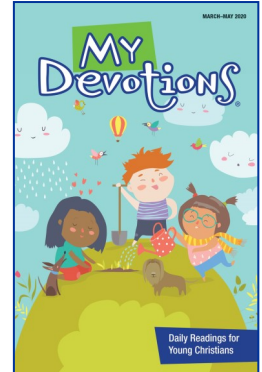
There will be **no Ignite/Middle School events** until further notice.

Rockfish Retreat has been cancelled. Those that have paid for Rockfish will be getting a full refund, as soon as checks can be written. Please be patient as we are unsure when this will occur.

While you are home, I encourage you to take advantage of a **free issue of devotions from CPH.**

From [Concordia Publishing House](#), "Forming devotional habits in older children's lives will help set them up for a lifetime of faith-focused thinking. Devotions are also a way for children to carve time out of their daily routines to reflect on their lives and their own personal relationship with Jesus. The **free issue** of *My Devotions* can help kids to explore their faith, whether on their own or in a family setting. Daily stories and Bible readings will keep God's Word in their hearts, even while they are away from a normal classroom setting. Coordinating journal ideas will give time for kids to reflect on the readings and what they mean for their lives."

This issue can also be found on the church website at www.rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry.



Joyfully,

Ms. LeAnn, Middle School Youth Director - leann.trautman@rlcary.org

Breakaway (9th-12th grades)

I hope this finds all of you well and safely adjusting to your new routines and ways of life. I am sure that there will be growing pains along the way, but I will continue to lift all of you up in my prayers. I will be here for you throughout the challenges we are facing. While there is a lot of uncertainty in the days and weeks to come, we can rest assured in our faith that God is there.

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10*

There will be **no Breakaway activities** or group meetings until further notice.

Rockfish is cancelled!

Refunds will be processed, but please be patient. Though we are looking to reschedule, it may not be feasible for this school year.



Did you know Breakaway has an Instagram account? We do!

I will be going live with devotions at least 5 days a week to start. You can either watch and join the conversation live, or you can watch the replay later in the day. But you have to be on Instagram! It is a private group, so please request access. This is a special way to keep socially distanced, but **NOT** spiritually distant! *Instagram: rlcbreakaway*

Connection Café (High School Sunday School) Online!

I will be teaching online through Zoom on Sunday morning (March 29). Please watch for the Group Me message containing the meeting ID number. If you are not on Group Me, contact me to be added.

I will be available to you through email (jenny.piontek@rlcary.org), Instagram (rlcbreakaway), Group Me, or text/phone (check RCB). *If you are not a part of any of these, please reach out and I will add you.*

Joyfully His,

Ms. Jenny, High School Youth Director - jenny.piontek@rlcary.org



March 25, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM MR. KOLB

Greetings RLS Families,

Another day of working from home and the craziness of Distance Learning. Know that we have heard you and are working to streamline the content we are providing to maximize student learning, but minimize the STRESS I know many of you are feeling. We are in this together, we will work it out. I am meeting "virtually" with the teachers again and then our RLS Board of Directors on our "phase 2" plans. Hang in there!

I also wanted to share another devotion from our District. It talks about fear and love. I hope you find it comforting.

In Christ's Service,
Tom Kolb
RLS Principal

(Principal Tom sent out an updated email on Friday, March 27 with details regarding RLS Distance Learning, Phase 2.)

From Rev. Don Schaefer, SED Mission Engagement Facilitator:

1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear"

"Don't be afraid," well-meaning people say to us. Having a fearful heart however is part of the human experience. It paralyzes, makes us hesitant, and stifles joy. Fear clouds our days and haunts our nights. While we are never free of fear completely, we can learn to live with it without being overcome by it.

With the increased connectivity between people in our crowded and busy world, the coronavirus brings fear to all of us. It is subtle in its approach making us feel uneasy. While it is important to exercise due caution, it is equally important to not let fear darken our hearts. Our faith here is our strong ally.

Christians are not naïve, nor are we wishful thinkers. Instead we find our courage in the gospel we profess. Some of the first words surrounding both the birth of Christ and His resurrection are the encouragement to not be afraid. Jesus backed up his words with his loving willingness to go the cross.

God's deep love for us in Christ means that God is present in our lives. We are bold to believe that love can overcome our deepest fears. Through Christ, we know whose we are, why we are here, and where we are going. That identity as beloved child of God provides a courage to stand against our fears.

It is Christ's "perfect love" that can cast out our deepest fears. Please live in that "joyful awareness" so that fears live in your shadows instead of controlling your heart. Thanks be to God!

RLS Email Contacts:

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Rosie Creasy - rosiecreasy@rlscary.org

Teachers - "TeacherName"@rlscary.org



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Please know that when worship services stop our offering income decreases. We are grateful for all who are able to maintain financial contributions to our congregation!

There are three ways to make your offering:

- Mail to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary, NC 27518.
- Online Giving through our church website at www.rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving.
- Prefer mobile banking? There's an APP for that! Download the "GivePlus+" APP, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC.

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Worship Attendance from RLC YouTube Channel

Sunday, March 22: 640 views

Most households consist of more than one person, so each view probably indicated at least 2 people, if not more. What a way to share God's love during this time!

General Fund Giving and Spending - February 2020

| | <u>Current Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
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| General Receipts | \$120,140.65 | \$846,187.69 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$112,251.44</u> | <u>\$839,661.60</u> |
| Receipts Less Disbursements | \$7,889.21 | \$6,526.09 |
| Average Weekly Giving for 2019/20 | | \$24,887.87 |
| Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2019/20 | | \$25,153.85 |

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Reaching Out with the Love of Christ to all People through Lent Offerings

Each Season of Lent, RLC designates ministries to support in reaching out with Christ's love to all people. This year, the following three organizations were chosen to support:

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

is a nonprofit organization that has provided food for our friends and neighbors facing hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina for 40 years. The Food Bank is an affiliate member of Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger relief charity. In terms of total food distributed, the Food Bank ranks in the top 15 nationally among 200 Feeding America food banks and first in NC. foodbankcenc.org

Urban Ministries of Wake County

engages our community to serve and advocate on behalf of those affected by poverty by providing food and nutrition, promoting health and wellness, and by laying foundations of home. urbanmin.org

H. E. R. O. E. S. Care (Homefront Enabling Relationships, Opportunities, and Empowerment through Support)

is a collaborative effort among well established non-governmental organizations (NGOs) designed to provide complete and proactive support for members of all branches of the military and their families through pre-deployment, deployment, family reintegration and post-deployment. The program consists of a network of tens of thousands of trained caregivers and thousands of professional mental health care and service providers working together to provide an unprecedented system of support for military members and their families.

heroescare.org

Please indicate 'Lent Offerings' on your donation.



Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday
Submit to Susan.Moore@RLCary.org.