

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

## Prayers of the Church: (\*RLC Members)

### Ongoing Prayers

*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, in Uganda	
*Luigi Moscatello, Mother and Family in Italy		
Mike Zimmerman, Son of Mark and Sally, US Navy Deployed, Spain		

### Ongoing Cancer Treatments

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

### Prayed for on March 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Those suffering chronic illness:

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

#### For the sick:

- Reverend Viola Morris, Sister of Daisy Morris
- Jackson Buser - Malaria while in Uganda awaiting reentry to DRC

#### For those who mourn:

- Family of Mabel Bunting, Mother of Marybeth Childers
- Family of Debbie Wasilak
- Family of Lou Caltrider
- Family of Laura Rush, Daughter of Carolyn Smith
- Family of Mike Kenny, Relative of Lena Licciardi

#### 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:

- Healthcare workers, first responders, and military personnel on front lines
- Hospitalized, premature infant and great nephew, James Nugent, his parents, Peter and Kelsey, and grandparents, by Mindy Stephani
- 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, birth of daughter, Josephine (Josie) Marie
- Hope Studt, birth of 9th grandchild, Charlie Jean Hennes

##### 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
- Community support and generosity
- The love flowing in, among and through our RLC family



Today begins a Holy Week – set apart for the special purpose of remembering and honoring Jesus Christ for the gift of salvation through His Holy Precious Blood, and His innocent suffering and death.

We focus on events in our Lord's Life including His triumphal entry into Jerusalem; and His ensuing Passion and death on the cross; culminating with His Glorious Resurrection.

### 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](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary).

### Pray for Our Missionaries:

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

## PALM SUNDAY



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Bob Youhas**, was called to rest with Jesus on March 29.

Our prayers are with his wife, Kathi, and their family at this time.

Condolences for Kathi can be sent to her daughter: Laurie Bryan, 13350 N. 87th Lane, Peoria AZ 85381.

**The Piecemakers (RLC Quilters)** are busy making masks and would like to make some available to the congregation. Please note the masks are made of cloth and does not provide full protection against the virus. They will be available after Wednesday.

If you are interested in receiving a mask, please contact the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).



### Help Us Grow the Love Fund

As a result of COVID-19, many in our area have lost jobs, including church members. In anticipation of an increased need for assistance, please consider donating to the RLC Love Fund as we support one another in this time of crisis.

Make your check payable to RLC, note Love Fund in memo, or through online giving, enter amount in Love Fund line.

*Thank you!*

Pastor's Bible class on Tuesday mornings will meet online with Zoom at 10:30 am. You will receive an email invitation around 10:20 am. If you would like to join and aren't signed up, email Pastor Jonathan at [jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org).

### Join our Visual Faith Team in Caring for Our Members

Over these past several weeks, our Visual Faith Community has been especially active in sending cards to members who need encouragement and support. Sharing personal notes is just another special way we reach out and share the love of Jesus with our members.

If you would be willing to help with coloring designs at home, we can send them electronically. These will be added to the personal notes being sent to encourage our members.

If you would like to be part of this "hug-in-a-card" ministry, please contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)) for more information.



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 Prayer Community during this time, please login to RCB, search for Prayer Community in Groups, and click Join.

Be encouraged! God is with us. Peace,  
Deb Oesterling, Connections Coordinator

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## Prayer Community

An Online Gathering  
of the Heart.

**Log in to RCB, search Prayer Community  
in Groups, and click Join.**

*The Lord Almighty is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our fortress. — Psalm 46:7*

*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*

**For the sick:**

- Parents Sara and Fernley Wagner – requested by Dawn Leister
- Friends Dave (cancer) and wife, Carolyn – requested by Bill and Eileen Douglas
- Reverend Viola Morris and husband, Mark – requested by Daisy Morris

**For those who mourn:**

- The family of Bob Youhas, (wife, Kathi, former RLC members) – requested by Jan Boyer

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

- Healthcare workers, first responders, and military personnel on the front lines. Praying especially for church members serving in area hospitals
- Those with loved ones in hospitals and care centers in and out-of-state and who are not able to visit them

We especially remember today:

- ◊ Uncle Doug and Aunt Pauline Maynard – Requested by Kelly Zadow
- ◊ Parents Dallas and Phyllis Schnitzius – Requested by Chris Edwards
- Those who are mourning and are not able to gather with their families to grieve, especially the Caltrider family
- Mary and Sandy – upcoming surgeries
- Jackson Buser – travel safety while serving with Samaritan's Purse in Uganda
- Aaron Vagle – safety during isolation
- Marcus – at a crossroads of making a life decision regarding his faith
- Expectant mothers, especially Sara, Cheri, Sara, Whitley, Ashley and Faith
- Families separated due to border travel restrictions – requested by Charlie Shiel
- Tom Bipes – travel safely as he moves to Minnesota
- Friends who have lost jobs and health insurance
- Essential store workers, delivery teams, and those involved in transporting goods cross country

**Prayers for God's protective covering:**

- Spouses and children vulnerable to abuse in their homes

**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

**Thanking God today for:**

- Hayden Watson's release from the hospital – recovering and doing well
- A new job for Sandy Wuori
- God's faithfulness and continued growth in faith in Him
- Our RLC, RLS, and RLP families
- Factories re-directing production toward protective gear and supplies for healthcare workers

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

# 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](mailto:MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org) or [Lea.Webb@rlcary.org](mailto:Lea.Webb@rlcary.org).

Pastor Mike Merker has graciously shared Jordan Lutheran Church's Easter Egg Hunt with local churches. It is very simple to prepare, the pre-video and post-video make it very easy to understand and accomplish. I think this will be a great addition to any Easter plans you already have in place. Please take pictures of your family this Easter and email them to me or Susan at [susan.moore@rlcary.org](mailto:susan.moore@rlcary.org). It will be uplifting to see others celebrating Christ's resurrection. I know we all miss each other greatly. This will be a fun way to share Easter together. Photo suggestions would be coloring eggs, doing the egg hunt, Easter family picture, worshipping or praying together, playing in your yard, eating chocolate...whatever your Easter day finds you doing. I am excited to see your pictures! God's blessings as you walk through Holy Week, experiencing the sadness of His suffering and death, and then finally being able to rejoice in the fact that HE IS RISEN!

- MaryAnn Unger, Co-Director of Children and Family Ministry, [maryann.unger@rlcary.org](mailto:maryann.unger@rlcary.org)

*From Pastor Mike, Jordan Lutheran Church:*

These are very different times for all of us. I wanted to share a possible resource we created at Jordan to permit families and neighbors to have an at home egg hunt mystery. It involves children finding eggs which help to decode the mystery of where is Jesus on Easter morning. We made intro videos and concluding videos, as well as all the resources online (PDF files) for families to complete the mystery with their families over the coming week leading up to Easter.

✦ Hosted by Jordan Lutheran Church, Apex, NC



Participate in our Easter Egg Hunt from your home! Solve the mystery! [JordanApex.org](http://JordanApex.org)

Here is the link to the resources and the videos:

[www.JordanApex.org/egg-hunt](http://www.JordanApex.org/egg-hunt)  
(direct link to the printable resources and video links)

[www.JordanApex.org](http://www.JordanApex.org)  
(it is also accessible from our main page)

## Holy Week is for Spirit Week!

Holy Week starts this Sunday with Palm Sunday on April 5. And kids are trying to get used to doing "homeschool". So let's have a Spirit Week!

Each day there is a theme and when you participate, take a picture. You can either send me your picture for the weekly announcements or to be posted on the RLC Instagram/Facebook pages. If you post a picture, be sure to use #rlcaryHolySpiritWeek and/or #JoyfullyResurrection.

When you submit your picture, please indicate how we can use it on social media or just a church publication (weekly announcements). \*RLC will use no names in postings.

If you aren't currently following [@resurrectionlutherancary](https://www.instagram.com/resurrectionlutherancary) on Instagram or [Resurrection Lutheran Church](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurch) on Facebook be sure to do so. You will get the latest updates and info about the church activities and news.

"Holy Spirit Week" with the Family Schedule is attached to this announcement.

Have fun!

Lea Webb, Co-Director of Children and Family Ministry,  
[lea.webb@rlcary.org](mailto:lea.webb@rlcary.org)

## Vacation Bible School is Coming Summer 2020!

Let's start looking forward to VBS and a fun-filled week!  
**Rocky Railway** is heading down the tracks!



**Preschool (3 year old) through 3rd Grade**  
**Monday, June 29-Friday, July 3**  
**9:00 am-12:00 pm**

The kids will be ready for something fun and exciting after staying home, so sign them up today!

We are also taking volunteer registrations now, too.

Use the online form on the website at  
[www.rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school](http://www.rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school).

Contact Lea Webb at [lea.webb@rlcary.org](mailto:lea.webb@rlcary.org) or Susan Richard through RCB with any questions.



# Student Ministry

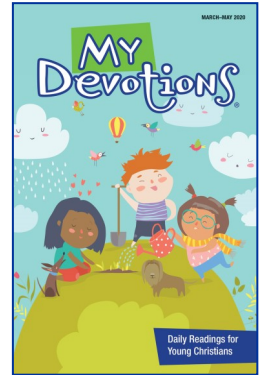
## Ignite (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

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

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](http://www.rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry).



JoyFully,

Ms. LeAnn, Middle School Youth Director - [leann.trautman@rlcary.org](mailto:leann.trautman@rlcary.org)

## Breakaway (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Happy April! One of the youth and I were recently having a virtual conversation. We were working through some technical difficulties with Zoom. While we both agreed that this is not the ideal format to continue Breakaway (in person is so much better), I said to him, "It's all good." He said to me, "Ms. Jen, you always say 'it's all good' even when it's really not." While we laughed about it, it really is all good! We have this moment to make memories, strengthen our relationships with our awesome creator, think outside the box, and find new ways to connect! So, I hope today you can look around and say, "It's all good." God is good! God is good always! Love and miss you all!

Everything Breakaway is cancelled through the end of April. **HOWEVER!**



### Monday-Friday Instagram Live Devotions

Watch them live or on your own time. We are reading from Conversations with Jesus, 365 Daily Devotions for Teens by Lisa Cheater (Lighthouse Publishing of the Carolinas, 2011).

Instagram: rlcbreakaway It is a private account, so please request access.

### Every Sunday Connection Café at 1:00 pm via Zoom! See you then!

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](mailto: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](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)





April 1, 2020

### A MESSAGE FROM MR. KOLB

Greetings RLS Parents,

I wanted to let you know of some of the “virtual” worship opportunities we are providing at Resurrection. Our parent church is taping a weekend service, you are welcome to stop by. You may find them hosted at [www.rlsary.org/about-us/online-worship](http://www.rlsary.org/about-us/online-worship).

Know that our Pastor, Jonathan Blanke, and the church staff is here for you as well during these trying times. Feel free to reach out to him at [jonathan.blanke@rlsary.org](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlsary.org).

We at the school are also working to provide a Children’s Chapel Message for Wednesday mornings (our regular chapel day). This will start after Easter Break on April 15. I think I’ve got the YouTube Channel and Screencastify stuff down (whoa, talk about a learning curve!) and have a greeting for you all to share with your students at [youtu.be/n5V8eCBHPh0](https://youtu.be/n5V8eCBHPh0).

Thank you all for your partnership through these trying days. Know that we at RLS have been keeping you in prayer. Just today members of our faculty met virtually for devotions and prayer. Thank you for your encouraging words for our teachers and your patience as we try to adjust to this “new normal” for school. Here is praying that this will pass quicker than some think and that we will be back physically in school on May 18.

In Christ’s Service,  
Tom Kolb,  
RLS Principal

#### RLS Email Contacts:

Tom Kolb - [tomkolb@rlsary.org](mailto:tomkolb@rlsary.org)

Rosie Creasy - [rosiecreasy@rlsary.org](mailto:rosiecreasy@rlsary.org)

Teachers - “TeacherName”@rlsary.org



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](http://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](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

### **Worship Attendance from RLC YouTube Channel**

**Wednesday, March 25: 93 views**

**Sunday, March 29: 468 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>
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

Learn more about Resurrection Lutheran Church at  
**[www.RLCary.org](http://www.RLCary.org)**



[www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary](http://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary)



[www.instagram.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary](http://www.instagram.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary)



[www.youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](http://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)

**100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518**  
**office@rlcary.org 919-851-7248**

### **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 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, Facetimeing 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](mailto:susan.moore@rlcary.org).

### **Leister's Lawn Help!**

Keith and Dawn helped with yard work for two families last week.

Great way to serve your neighbors!



### **Resurrection Service Project (RSP)**

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

Contact Tim Hiteshow through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday  
Submit to [Susan.Moore@RLCary.org](mailto:Susan.Moore@RLCary.org).