



# Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Easter Sunday

April 12, 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 April 5<sup>th</sup>

#### For the Sick:

- Parents Sara and Fernley Wagner
- Friends Dave (cancer) and wife, Carolyn
- Reverend Viola Morris and husband, Mark

#### For Those Who Mourn:

- The family of Bob Youhas, (wife, Kathi, former RLC members)

#### Prayers for Safety, Protection, Provision, Comfort, 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
  - ◊ Parents Dallas and Phyllis Schnitzius
- 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 Samaritan's Purse, 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
- 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



Celebrate the Good News of Christ's Resurrection.  
Greet one another with the ringing shout,  
"Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

The stone has been rolled away.  
The tomb stands open wide.  
Christ's Resurrection makes possible the rolling away  
of the stone of eternal death for His Easter people.

And even more—the huge stone of despair,  
discouragement, doubt, and defeat can be rolled  
away from each Christian's heart.

In response we say and sing "Alleluia!"  
Easter begins the church's season of "Alleluias."  
They have been omitted during Lent  
in the contemplation of Christ's suffering.  
This morning, may our "Alleluias" soar Heavenward.



#### Pray for Our Missionaries:

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

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

April 9, 2020

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus!

As we move closer to Easter, amidst this time of uncertainty and fear, we are reminded there is hope because God sent Jesus into our world. As Christians we believe that Jesus comes alongside us in our suffering, and offers comfort, love and healing in all we're going through. We stand with each other, journeying together through the long road ahead, and we see signs of hope and signs of new life.

Again, not being able to worship together during this very special time in the church year is difficult. However we can still connect with each other through our online worship services and other activity resources. All our worship services can be viewed at [www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](http://www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

Our **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** services are available now and our **Festival Easter** worship will be available at 6:00 am Easter Sunday.

Easter will come and no matter where you are or how many people you are with, we can all rejoice saying, "**He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!**" We look forward to the day when we will all be able to worship side by side again.

Pastor Jonathan



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.

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in Groups, and click Join.**

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

### Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of April 10, 2020

*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:

- Mother, Yong Moon - requested by Tanya Douglas

#### For those who mourn:

- The family of Louise Brummeyer – Terry Brummeyer's mother
- The family of Retired Air Force, Lt. Col. John C. Lindsey – Leslie Hiteshew's father
- The family of Marvin Kopetski – Peter Bashaw's brother-in-law

#### 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 experiencing heightened anxiety and depression during 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

#### Thanking God today for:

- His faithfulness!
- The RLC quilters and all those sewing masks and making protective gear for healthcare workers
- Researchers and scientists working around the clock to develop Covid-19 treatments and vaccines. Praying especially for Randy and his team. – Requested by Deb Oesterling

*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.*

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**The Piecemakers (RLC Quilters)** are busy making masks - 319 this week! They went to a paramedic, a local nurse, our congregation, and down to Louisiana.

Also, the North Carolina Food Bank reached out to us for masks for their workers and delivery drivers. We were able to donate 100 masks that will get distributed to 6 branches across the state.



If you are interested in receiving a mask, please contact the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)). Note the masks are made of cloth; they do not provide full protection against the virus.

***And THANK YOU to the Piecemakers!***

We have received many heartfelt calls and notes of appreciation from the recipients of these masks.

**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.



**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).



# 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!

It's Holy Week! Since the kids are trying to get used to doing "homeschool", 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.

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.

## EASTER SUNDAY



April 9, 2020

Greetings, Friends!

I hope you are all enjoying your spring break. This beautiful weather is a blessing as we prepare for Easter.

As I reflect on my morning devotion, I cannot deny the gratitude I have for our first responders and health care workers. I am humbled by the commitment of our nurses, doctors, technicians, custodians, and administrators as they find themselves on the front line in this fight against COVID-19. In response and appreciation, I would like to offer an opportunity for RLS families to share an encouragement to the staff at Wake Med through a program called, **#HeartsForHealthcareWorkers**. We have several parents in our own school community serving at Wake Med and I know this would mean a lot to them personally.

Check it out! We all know how much a kind word can lift our spirits! Let's flood our friends with LOVE. Take a picture, write a poem, or create something beautiful and email it to [share@wakemed.org](mailto:share@wakemed.org) and put "Kudos" in the subject line. Write your first name, grade, and RLS somewhere in the creation so that they feel the love from our school.

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." – Mother Theresa*

The WakeMed tokens of appreciation can be viewed at [www.wakemed.org/KUDOS](http://www.wakemed.org/KUDOS).

- Rosie

#### RLS Email Contacts:

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

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

Teachers - "TeacherName"@rlscary.org

#### From the Worship and Music Ministry:

Feel free to listen to sermons from previous worship services on our website at [www.rlcary.org/about-us/sermons](http://www.rlcary.org/about-us/sermons).

And don't forget about our musical offerings on the Worship Music page, [www.rlcary.org/about-us/worship-music](http://www.rlcary.org/about-us/worship-music).



#### 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).

Please know that when in-person 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).

### 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](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).



### Worship Attendance from RLC's YouTube Channel

**Wednesday, April 1: 174 views**

**Sunday, April 5: 546 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 - March 2020

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$92,916.03	\$910,152.29
Total Disbursements	\$105,418.89	\$945,030.49
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -12,502.86	\$ -34,878.20
Last Week's Offerings		\$31,340.00
Average Weekly Giving for 2019/20		\$23,337.24
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2019/20		\$25,153.85

Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday

Submit to [Susan.Moore@RLCary.org](mailto:Susan.Moore@RLCary.org).

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