

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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 12<sup>th</sup>

#### 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, 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

#### Pray for Our Missionaries:

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



Although Thomas felt he had to see Jesus to believe in Him, we see Jesus by believing in Him; and through the eyes of faith, we see Jesus present in our lives by Word and Sacrament. Today’s Gospel moves from the first Easter afternoon, through the following Sunday, and ends with a message of victory and peace and Life addressed to each of us.



#### Baptized is

**Josephine Marie Guerin**

born March 10, 2020

son of Zachary J. Guerin  
and Renee M. Guerin.

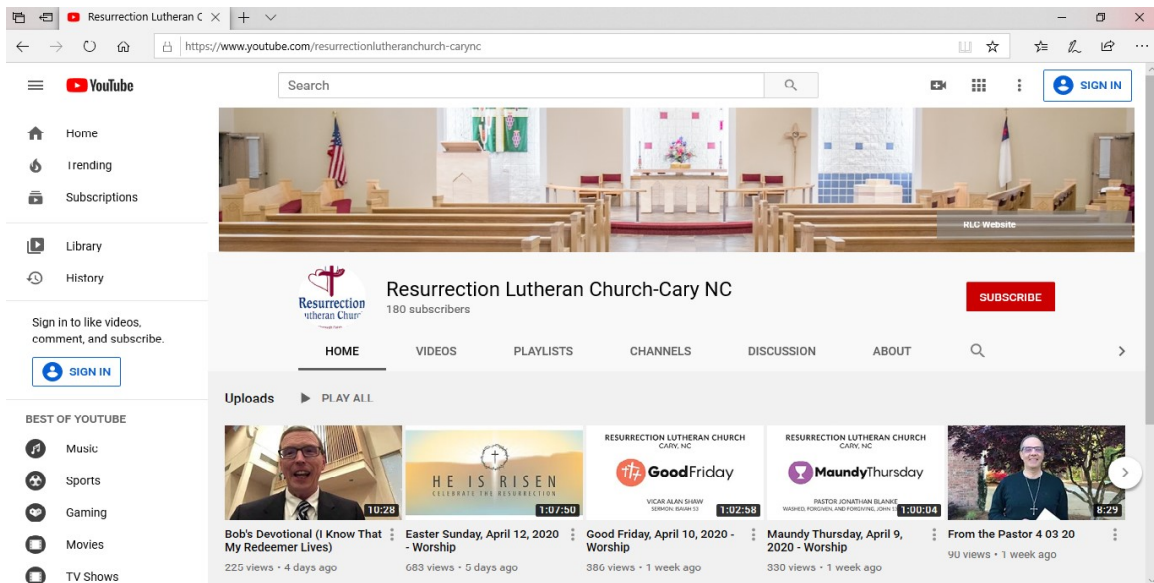
Godparents are Audrey Berry and Eric Swanburg.

May God’s blessing be upon Josephine Marie  
as she grows in her baptismal grace.

## Join us online for worship!

During this different time in our church life, join us online to worship together. We strive to have the week's service on our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurch-CaryNC](https://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurch-CaryNC)), as well as our website at [www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](http://www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship), 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.



Subscribe to our YouTube channel and know when new videos are available!

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*

## Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of April 17, 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 and recovering:

- Family members ill with Covid-19. Praying especially for Viola, Mark, and Steve.
- Fuad, Gary, Marty, Dave, Eve
- Sara – continued recovery from bacterial infection
- Sandy – lumpectomy; also thankful for a clear report
- Karen – radiation treatments
- Austin – child recovering from surgery (now cancer free!)
- Avery – child with cystic fibrosis (prayers to stay healthy)
- Hannah – child with pneumonia and collapsed lung, family separated due to hospital restrictions

### For those who mourn:

- The family of Dallas Schnitzius – Chris Edwards' father
- The family of Eunice Kolb – Tom Kolb's mother

### Prayers for protection, strength, peace and patient endurance for:

- Premature infant, James Nugent, still in NICU (doing well) and parents, Kelsey and Peter
- Expectant mothers, especially Sara, Cheri, Sara, Whitley, Ashley, Faith, Jenna, Courtney, Kalyn, Lauren, Ali, Molly, Sarah
- Those struggling with heightened depression and anxiety during isolation, especially those suffering from addiction and those in addiction recovery
- The elderly and those living alone
- College students displaced due to job and housing loss
- Families burdened by heightened financial concerns
- Families with school-aged children adjusting to the challenges of work and online schooling
- Caregivers
- Those awaiting future surgeries
- Engaged couples awaiting rescheduled wedding dates
- Healthcare workers, especially those in our church family serving in area hospitals
- Essential workers around the world, especially those transporting, stocking and delivering food, medicine and supplies to the nations

### Prayers for reassurance of a hopeful future:

- High school and college seniors
- Small business owners
- The unemployed and underemployed

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

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

### Thanking God today for:

- The gift of technology that keeps us connected with family, friends, and vocation
- God's grace, mercy, safety and provision
- Opportunities to strengthen our faith in Jesus and deepen our relationships with one another
- Opportunities to serve each other and our neighbors in unique ways
- The gift of our church family
- A much-awaited college acceptance

*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.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**The Piecemakers** (RLC Quilters) have made over 1,000 masks to date! Recently, they went to our congregation, the Red Cross, a nursing home in Apex, paramedics, and to Louisiana.



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.

### **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).

### **New Webpage - Online Devotions!**

We share online devotions on our Facebook page, but in case you are not on social media, we created a new page on our website at [www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-devotions](http://www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-devotions).

Here you can view musical devotions from Bob Unger, videos from Pastor Jonathan, and even Wednesday RLS Chapel's from Principal Tom.

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).



### **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!*

Your prayers and caring notes sent to us during this challenging time have been so very much appreciated. The love and support of church family helps us remember the promise to come, even though we experience such sadness and loss today.

We thank you.

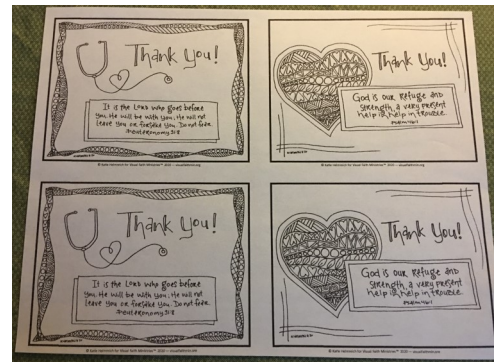
Elaine, and Lou Caltrider's family

### **Thank Our Medical Community**

Are you looking for a way to express encouragement to the medical professionals in your life? Our friends at Visual Faith Ministries have designed these *thank you cards* that can be colored and sent to family, friends, and neighbors who are serving in the medical community.

You can print them from the attachment to this email.

*Jamee Thieme*





## Council Corner – April 2020 Meeting

We opened our meeting with a devotion based on the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Ephesians. This passage, especially verses 9-10, were a good reinforcement of the Easter message. In all things, the health and safety of our members is our top priority, along with the ability to continue to bring the Word through various media platforms. **We are so grateful for the contribution of those church members who have voluntarily given of their time to videotape and edit the worship content.**

1. March receipts (\$93,000) were down about 20% from a typical 5 Sunday month and possibly reflect the impact of the Covid-19 situation. The average weekly giving rate of \$18,500 vs. our weekly budgeted amount of \$25,100 is a major concern. Our expenses were on par with normal expenditures. YTD we are now running at a negative (\$35,000). We greatly appreciate the contributions of all our members. We are going to be emphasizing the importance of giving, as members are able, during this time. To help keep everyone updated on our giving, we are going back to publishing weekly giving totals in the Announcements.
2. With the Church, RLS, and RLP all being under one tax number, we filed our application for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). With the dedication of the financial personnel of the three organizations, we were able to submit our application on the first day our bank, SunTrust, was accepting documents. The financials of our application include salaries and medical/retirement benefits. Our monthly total for these areas is \$138,482. Based on the 2.5 factor, our application totaled \$346,200. To date, we have not received notice of loan approval. There is no loan payment for 6 months and, after two months, we can apply for loan forgiveness. The condition for loan forgiveness requires 75% of the loan be used for actual salaries over 2 months.
3. Our initial financial analysis indicates that if we can improve our giving somewhat and obtain the PPP loan, we should be in a more manageable position.
4. Presently, we can't currently, with any degree of confidence, predict our income until we return to a normal two-month pattern. Given this condition, the Council has endorsed waiting until we have more reliable data to complete our budget and submit it for Congregational Vote. Our target date is early to mid- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020.
5. Pastor Jonathan reported that current viewership of our Sunday services averages about 600 "views", which includes cases where 1 view is a group/family. Our typical Sunday morning worship attendance prior to the shutdown and move to recording worship content was averaging around 500.
6. The current assessment is that going forward it will be impossible from a manpower and timing perspective to pre-produce worship and provide 3 or more in person worship services. To help us learn more about the value of "live streaming", and how it fits as part of our regular services, an Assessment Team has been formed. Team objectives are being finalized.
7. Council approved the RLS Endowment Request for supporting the RLS Junior Kindergarten program. This request should have been part of our normal Fall Endowment reviews.
8. A draft of the proposed By Law language to change the term limit of Council members from 2 to 3 years was reviewed. A couple minor language changes were proposed. In addition, the current language has no limitations as to how many consecutive terms a Council person can serve. A 2-term consecutive provision is being added to the proposed change that will be submitted for approval at the next Voter's Meeting.
9. The Council reviewed the draft Action Plans for the top three Strategic Goals, including hiring an Associate Pastor, 'One Church', and improving our Adult and Youth Sunday School attendance.
  - ◊ With the goal of having an Associate Pastor on board no later than mid-2021, we reviewed timing options for a Seminary Graduate or Current Pastor. To support this program, we are targeting a Spring 2021 Stewardship campaign.
  - ◊ We identified several new programs to support our objective of building our small group ministry. The "live streaming" evaluation will also be key for the development of the concept that we are all part of 'One Church'. We will continue to develop more all-church wide events.
  - ◊ We discussed several ways to help us better understand the relationship between youth and parents both attending Sunday School. A survey of current and potential families is being considered. Understanding the impact any possible Service Change will have on members/families attending Sunday School will also be important.

Any questions can be directed to the following 2020 Council members:

Bob Shimmel – President – [bbshimmel@yahoo.com](mailto:bbshimmel@yahoo.com)  
 Claudia Guthrie – Vice President – [claudia.guthrie5@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.guthrie5@gmail.com)  
 Dave Geisler – Treasurer – [dgeisler3355@gmail.com](mailto:dgeisler3355@gmail.com)  
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## YouthWorks Summer 2020 Mission Trip Update

First, let me say thank you so much for your quick and honest responses. This has been an impossibly hard decision! So many times during this pandemic I find myself falling back into the Psalms. Psalm 46:1-2, "God is our refuge and strength, our very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change." We are currently living in a time where nothing is certain, except that God is our strength! What could be better than that?

With all that said, after multiple conversations with YouthWorks, the cancellation of ASP, and majority of the votes from parents, we have made the very impossible decision to cancel our YouthWorks 2020 Mission Trip. We are saddened, but know and trust that the Lord has a plan that is bigger than our human vision. So here is what that means:

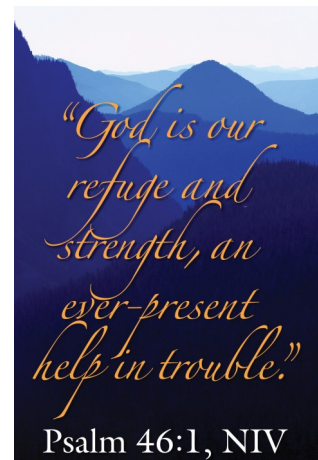
- Your deposits will be returned. However, please be patient. We will officially put the cancellation in with YouthWorks. They will start to process the payment and once we receive our refund, we will work with the church office to mail checks to all of you. We will send you a heads up once checks are in the mail.
- We will be looking into doing some sort of local, at-home project during the summer, if the time comes where it is safe to participate in larger groups. We will also be coordinating with the ASP group as they are also saddened by the loss of their trip as well.

Please feel free to reach out, if you have any questions or concerns. We know that our mission journey does not end here. There will be so many more opportunities for us in the future to use our hands to do God's work. Stay safe and well and if you need us, please reach out.

God's Peace and Love,

Jenny Piontek, High School Youth Director, [jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)

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




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## 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.



April 14, 2020

Greetings, RLS Families,

I wanted to let you know that we have "published" a Chapel Talk for Wednesday, April 15. You may want to show it to your students as part of their morning routine on Wednesdays, so it is most like Chapel.

It's not much, but a little talk with a visual demonstration based on Matthew 6:33 and is entitled "Putting First Things First." You can find it on my YouTube Channel, [https://youtu.be/deMkuAhxd\\_8](https://youtu.be/deMkuAhxd_8).

Blessings,  
Mr. Kolb



## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

It has been an absolute pleasure to speak with so many RLS parents and students over these past few weeks and learn about how your family is adjusting to lifestyle changes precipitated by COVID 19. As we navigate these uncharted waters together, I am reminded of the special personal relationships that we share as a school family. My heart is full as I listen to reports of rich family time around the dinner table and feelings of gratitude for all that God has given us. Cooperation and support are evident as we exchange ideas about how to continue to meet the needs of our students in the most efficient and productive way possible during this time of uncertainty. If you have not heard from me yet, you will!

And as always, you are invited to reach out anytime for anything!

Rosie Creasy, Admissions Director, [admissions@rlscary.org](mailto:admissions@rlscary.org)

### 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

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## 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 [Facebook](#) page and [Instagram](#).

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](mailto:susan.moore@rlcary.org).

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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).

### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

**Mauddy Thursday, April 9: 330 views**

**Good Friday, April 10: 386 views**

**Easter Sunday, April 12: 683 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	<u>\$105,418.89</u>	<u>\$945,030.49</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -12,502.86	\$ -34,878.20
Last Week's Offerings		\$28,336.27
Average Weekly Giving for 2019/20		\$23,337.24
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2019/20		\$25,153.85

### **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)).



Thanks, Bob, for the smile!

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

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