

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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
Carol Diliberto	Dave		

### Prayed for on April 19<sup>th</sup>

#### For the sick and recovering:

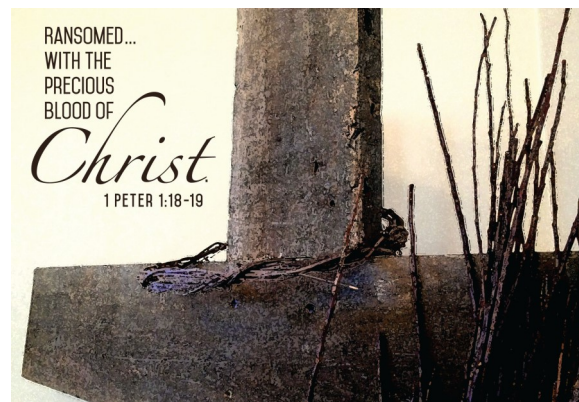
- Family members ill with Covid-19  
Praying especially for Viola, Mark, and Steve
- Fuad, Gary, Marty, Dave, Eve
- Sara – continued recovery from bacterial infection
- Sandy – lumpectomy; also thankful for a clear report
- Karen – radiation treatments
- Austin – child recovering from surgery (now cancer 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, patient endurance:

- 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, Kaly, 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



Jesus joined two disciples who were discussing what had happened in Jerusalem. He interpreted for them His death and resurrection through the Old Testament before revealing Himself in the breaking of the bread. Every day we have the opportunity to walk with Jesus and listen to Him speak to us through Scripture. And every day we have the opportunity to speak with Him in prayer. Today's readings are a reminder of just how close we are to Jesus in Word, Sacrament, and prayer.

### Continued Prayers

#### 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

#### Pray for Our Missionaries:

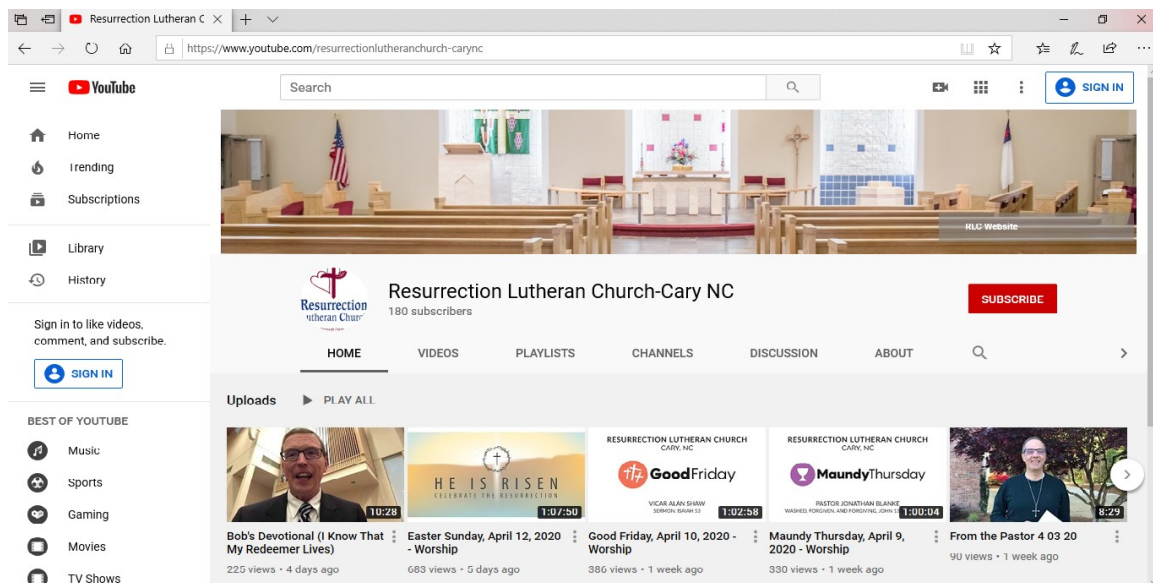
Mark and Megan Mantey, Uganda  
Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya  
JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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!

## Stay connected through online Zoom meetings!

**Men's Ministry** - Mondays, 6:30 pm  
Contact: Tom Gebbia

**Women's Bible Study** - Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm  
Contact: Dawn Leister

**Bagel Bunch** - Tuesdays, 7:30 am  
Contact: Dan Shaltanis

**Pastor's Bible Class of Weekly Readings** - Tuesdays, 10:30 am  
Contact: Pastor Jonathan ([jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org))

Through RCB, join the group you are interested in or email the group leader prior to the start time to receive instructions on how to join the online meeting.

Questions? Contact the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).

## There will be 2 new online Bible studies starting next week.

One is a 4-session short program called *Dealing with Worry in the Time of COVID 19* and the other is an 11-session program called *The Gospel of Mark*.

They will be facilitated through Zoom after participant register (free!) with [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org). We aim to do the 4-session program on Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 pm. The Gospel of Mark will be conducted on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Please sign-up for the classes with the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).

Since our restrictions on travel will extend into the summer, these should be a great opportunity to do some "at-home" Bible study with others in the church. Mindy Stephani will facilitate these. They are free--all materials will be able to be accessed through the Right Now media website. I hope you will join us!

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

### **Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of April 24, 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:**

- Robin (fever, exhaustion)
- Carol Diliberto (cancer)
- Karen

#### **For those recovering:**

- Mary, recovering from breast cancer surgery
- Zachary, recovering from Covid-19
- Susan, recovering from bacterial pneumonia

#### **For those who mourn:**

- Tom Kolb and Family
- The family of Dick Sutton - Gina Casselberry's stepfather. Prayers also for Gina's mother, Marlene.
- The family of Lamar Garab – Mark Snyder's uncle
- Andrea and her family (death of father-in-law in Venezuela)

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

- David and Cindy – seeking jobs
- Small businesses struggling to remain open
- Those caring for loved ones who are ill
- Retail, delivery and grocery store workers

#### **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, church and school staff, and our area pastors

#### **Thanking God today for:**

- Zachary Heffner's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and the gift of being able to celebrate with his brother Jacob in VA
- Justin's graduation from first part of military medical program
- For birthdays!
- For the encouragement and support of our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Hannah's release from the hospital (recovering and doing well)
- Premature infant, James Nugent, now home and thriving

*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.*

— RESURRECTION —

# 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*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**The Piecemakers** (RLC Quilters) are still going! Another 562 for this week, bringing the total to over 1,600 masks. They were distributed to our congregation, a nursing home, a first responder, and a local nurse.



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.



**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!*

**Get the Mobile App for RCB!**

Search the App store for Church Community Builder. The app is called Lead and it is free!



Say hello to Josephine Marie Guerin, newest child of God reborn through the water of Holy Baptism at RLC last Sunday, April 19!

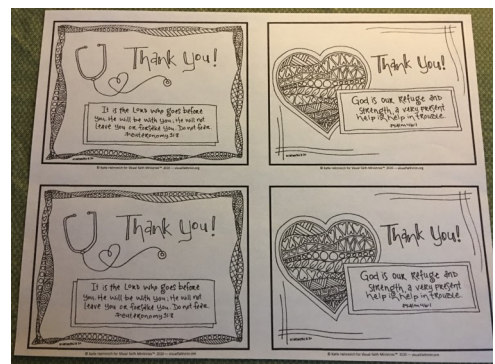
Josie's dad, Zach, administered the baptism while mom Renee held Josie and the rest of us watched via Zoom.

Looking forward to the day we can welcome Josie in person into the "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.

Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB for a set of cards.





# Student Ministry

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

I hope you are all staying well and safe! Even though we are not having face to face meetings, we still have lots of opportunities to interact safely. If you haven't tried it out yet, join our Connection Café at 1:00 pm on Sundays, or our fun events on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm.

**Connection Café** will be starting a 4-week study on Headlines and Heartaches. This Gospel series was put together by Rev. Ken Chitwood and based off a small series from the 2019 NYG.

**Leadership Recruitment** for 2020-2021 is OPEN! The application is now available. **EVERYONE** who wants to be considered must submit an application (even if you are already on the team)! You have until May 15 to submit the form! After May 15, applications will NOT be accepted! Here's the link: <https://forms.gle/s1SRDQYqRh86Bsd8>

**Attention Seniors!** I need your graduation information (which high school you are graduating from, what college you are attending, and what are you intending to major in). Please get this information in as soon as possible, so that I can put together a newsletter article. THANK YOU!

If you need anything at this time, please reach out! I am available via email, phone, social media, group me!

Instagram: rlcbreakaway

Group Me: text me for the information and I will add you to the group

Joyfully His,

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

## YouthWorks Summer 2020 Mission Trip Update (April 16, 2020)

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)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 24, 2020

Dear RLS Families,

You may be aware that yesterday, April 23, Governor Roy Cooper extended the "Stay at Home" Order for NC until May 8. Today, he ordered all NC Public Schools to remain physically closed through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

The RLS Board of Directors has been discussing this eventuality and has determined that **RLS WILL FOLLOW** the Governor's Executive Order and **NOT PHYSICALLY OPEN** our school doors for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. We will work to put into place Distance Learning (DL) "Phase #3" for May 18 until the end of scheduled school on June 5.

Very shortly we will present what DL Phase #3 will look like. Though we have been discussing this already, we have our "Phase #2" plan for Distance Learning (DL) in place until May 15, so there is time for us to make sure of the next steps without a "rush" to do so. We appreciate your patience.

I thank you for your support of our teachers and staff as they have worked to support you and your family through this unprecedented time. God often uses difficult or trying circumstances in our lives to refine and teach us. I know that He does not wish us ill or difficulties, but they come in life. What is so amazing about our God is that He uses these difficulties for our betterment in ways that usually are incomprehensible to us during the time of trial.

Please reach out to us if we can be of assistance to you and know that the patience and understanding we are asking for ourselves we extend to you as well. Thank you for your partnership.

God's Blessings,  
Tom Kolb  
RLS Principal

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

The children and families of RLP  
are greatly missed by all of us!



Resurrection Lutheran

PRESCHOOL

coming soon...

Enrollment for **2020-21**

+ Serving children +  
2-years-old thru 5-years-old

Our program provides a balance of  
academic and social opportunities by means  
of our 'learning through play' philosophy  
in a loving Christian atmosphere.

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[office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org)    **919.851.7270**

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

**Sunday, April 19: 410 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		\$17,545.67
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).

## 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-Friday, August 3-7 \*note date change!**  
**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.

### 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)).

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