



Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 | Shirley Fanger |
| Lois Keiper | *John Shaeffer | Chobanian Family |
| *Aaron | *Marcus | LaVerne |
| *Luigi Moscatello, Mother and Family in Italy | | |
| Mike Zimmerman, Son of Mark and Sally, US Navy Deployed, Spain | | |

For Expectant Moms

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| Sara | Cheri | Sara | Whitley | Ashley | *Faith | Jenna |
| Kalyn | Lauren | Ali | Molly | Tika | *Megan | Amy |
| Shannon | | | | | | |

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

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| 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 | Karen Sandy | Mary | Karen Owen |
| Harold Krause | Hazel Dave | Sheri | Roseanne Candiello |

For the sick:

- The Chobanian Family (serious car accident)
- Those ill with Covid-19, especially for Mary Finitsis (92)
- Steve Sumerel (heart attack)
- Successful back surgery for Paul Krasner
- Karen Owen (radiation treatments)
- Fuad, Gary, Anne, Mike, Mary (cancer treatments)
- Hazel (pancreatic cancer) - prayers for peace-filled last days
- Karen, Constance, LaVerne, Vincent
- Harold Krause (cancer)

For those recovering from surgery:

- Ken McDonald Sr., John Shaeffer, Karen

For those who mourn:

- Tom Travers – death of childhood friend, Tim Carmody
- The family of Marvin Kopetski – Peter Bashaw's brother-in-law

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

- Healthcare workers and those working on developing vaccine for Covid-19
- The self-employed struggling to maintain their client bases
- Those who are unable to see or tend to the needs of loved ones
- Those living alone, especially for Shirley Fanger and Lois Keiper
- Those involved in recent lay-offs and needing assistance
- Gary, Audrey and Henry
- A permanent job for Pete



We enter God's Presence today and admit that we don't always embrace or live out the faith to which we have been called. Through Jesus' Life, Death, and Resurrection, God guarantees His Promises, Assurances, and Benefits for all who take up their cross and follow Jesus—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—to believe in God and to face without fear whatever may oppose and confront us.

Prayers Cont'd

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

- Our US President, NC Governor, Congressional Representatives and local Wake County officials
- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Vicar Alan, church staff, and council
- Mark and Megan Mantey, missionaries in Uganda – praying also that Covid-19 doesn't spread throughout the country due to limited resources to adequately respond

Thanking God today for:

- Premature infant, James Nugent, now home and thriving
- Continued good health for Lynne Hoffman
- Those working behind the scenes to share the worship service
- New Bible study offerings at Resurrection via Zoom
- Technology that keeps us connected with each other
- Our Visual Faith Community encouraging members and others with cards
- Educators and school administrators across the nation who are continuing to meet the needs of their students in creative ways. Praying especially for our Resurrection preschool and day school teachers and staff.
- Being able to spend more time together as families
- Our Resurrection Family

Pray for Our Missionaries

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

Easter joy to each and every one of you! We are now in the eighth week of social distancing at our church, and I thought it would be a good time, following Governor Cooper's most recent executive order (published last Tuesday), to provide an update on where matters stand at Resurrection.

As I preached last Sunday, we are a people tasked by God to be subject/under the authority of those whom God has placed in governance over us (Romans 13:1; 1 Peter 2:13-15)—so far as conscience will allow. We therefore want to support those who are giving guidance to us and to promote the general welfare of our community to the best of our ability. While the governor has mentioned worship as an exception to a "mass gathering" (an event that brings together more than 10 persons at the same time in a single space), the focus on continued vigilance in the area of social distancing and recommended practices to reduce transmission of the Covid-19 virus requires us to take the continued threat seriously.

To that end, in consultation with staff at Resurrection, I've decided to hold off on opening general in-person worship services to our congregation until we receive permission to gather 100 or more people at a time. No on-site activities will be planned on the church premises for now, and office hours will remain 9 AM to 3 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We continue to maintain a vigorous cleaning regimen for staff and guest safety. However, if you visit the church building for any reason, we ask that you wear a mask and limit your visit to the portion of the building where the church offices are located. Cloth masks are available for you to wear and take with you, should you have need of them.

I do not doubt that many of you yearn for reception of the Lord's Supper together with the members of your church family, as I do. While I encourage you to use this time of a Holy Communion "fast" to focus on the gift of the Lord's presence wherever "two or three gather together" in Jesus' name (Matthew 18:20), please reach out to me if you would like to schedule Holy Communion at any time for yourself or the members of any group you may choose to gather of 9 or fewer people. Groups like this may assemble either at church or in your own home. You can contact me to schedule this at my email address: jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org. Please continue to remain in God's Word through your own personal devotions, our congregation's weekly Bible studies and cyberspace gatherings offered through Zoom, and the online content you can find on our church Facebook page and YouTube channel.

I will update all of you again regarding church reopening, office hours, and opportunities for Holy Communion following the governor's next scheduled executive order regarding Phase 2 of the statewide reopening later this month.

As God's Easter people, let us thrive by draining dry the overflowing cup that our Good Shepherd provides (Psalm 23:5). The One who came did not only come in order that we might have life...but that we might have it abundantly (John 10:10)!

Shalom in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan



*Flowers placed on the Altar
to the Glory of God
by Pastor Jonathan and Juli.*



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!

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).



Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of May 8, 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:

- Tiffany and Logan Chobanian (car accident injuries) – (mother) fractured femur, broken left hand, broken right humerus; (son, 6 yrs.) concussion and broken collar bone
- Harold Krause (final stages of cancer)
- Vincent, LaVerne
- Terry (in hospice care)
- Steve Sumerel (heart attack) and wife, Marie (unable to be with him)
- Roseanne Candiello, Sandy, Karen, Sheri (cancer treatments)
- Genny Upton (broken leg and ankle)

For those recovering:

- Paulette Scott (broken leg)
- Mary (breast cancer surgery) – Prayers also for patience and strength while awaiting next steps
- Karen Owen (completing breast cancer treatments)
- John Shaeffer

For those who mourn:

- The Chobanian family – death of 3 yr. old daughter, Harley
- The family of Mary Finitis – Prayers also for daughter, Kathi
- The family of Hui Yong Moon – Tanya Douglas' mother
Prayers also for Tanya's husband, Bill, and grandchildren, William, Ethan and Olivia
- The family of Shawn Bonner
- The family of KayAnn Sommers – Eve Sommers' sister-in-law

Prayers for provision, peace, strength, and patient endurance for:

- Brenda Wiggins, Jennifer, Lucas
- Expectant moms.
Remembering Megan Moore and Amy Tharp this week.
- Mike's parents – needing to sell their home in Arizona
- Our Coffeehouse and Blind Ministry guests who are unable to gather for fellowship and support. Praying especially for God's comfort for our special needs guests who are frustrated and unable to understand the current restrictions.
- Those experiencing job loss, decreased hours, and wage cuts
- Continued good health for older parents, especially those who live alone
- Family members working outside the home and with the public
- Children adjusting to new routines and learning platforms

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

- Our US President, NC Governor, Congressional Representatives, and local Wake County officials
- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Vicar Alan, the church staff and council, and area pastors
- College administrators and faculty, public and private schools nationwide

Celebrating New Births!

- Bob and MaryAnn Unger's new grandson, Brooks Lionel, born to David and Courtney
- Paul and Jan Wozniak's new great-grandson, Conrad Thomas Wozniak
- Scott William Harvey and parents, Sarah and Nick; sister, Lyla
- Glenda's niece, Erica and husband, welcomed baby boy, Decker

Thanking God today for:

- Mike Heffner's birthday on May 7
- Our mothers and soon-to-be mothers
- National and statewide non-profits involved in feeding our nation's people, especially our local food banks and volunteers
- Rescue and relief workers nationwide
- Our Resurrection Family, and our many blessings!

— 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*

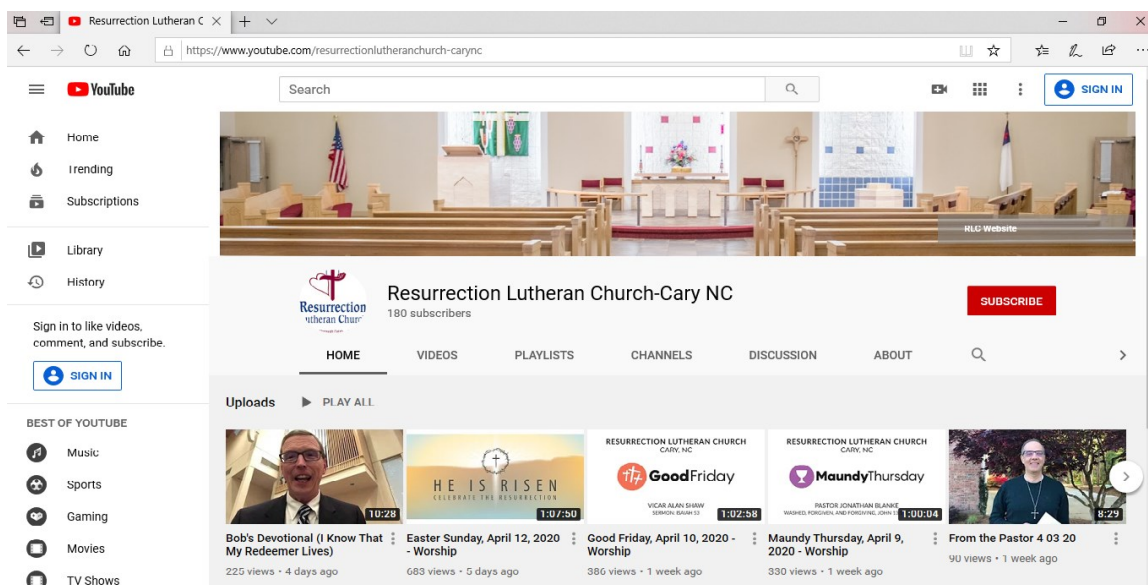
**Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence
and saving grace. All is in Your Hands.
We trust You are working all things according to
Your good plan and purposes, and with that trust
and confidence, we release these prayers to You.
In Your Holy Name, Amen.**

FIFTH 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/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)), as well as our website at 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!

Prayer Community - Mondays, 11:00 am
Contact: Deb Oesterling

Men's Ministry - Mondays, 7:00 pm
Contact: Tom Gebbia

Women's Bible Study - Mondays, 7:00 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)

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, 919-851-7248).

Still time to join these online Bible studies!

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. 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, 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!

The Piecemakers (RLC Quilters) hit 2,000 masks!

346 were made this week, and 125 will be sent to Lutheran World Relief.



If you are interested in receiving a mask, please contact the church office (919-851-7248, 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.

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.

Contact Lea Webb at lea.webb@rlcary.org or Susan Richard through RCB with any questions.



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool (RLP) has openings for 2-5 year old children for the 2020-21 school year!

office@rlpcary.org



Our playground is tucked securely behind our building, completely fenced in, filled with rubber mulch, and a spacious area to run, climb, slide, swing, and play in the sand.

Student Ministry

Breakaway (9th-12th grades)

Join us for:

*Daily Instagram Devotions *Connection Café at 1:00 pm via Zoom on Sundays *Wednesdays is Fun Day Zoom Meetings

ALL SENIORS!

I need the following information from you whether you have been a part of Breakaway or not, we would like to celebrate your graduation from High School with your church family. Please email me: high school name, college attending, and area of study if known.

As always, I am here for you all. If you need me, please reach out through GroupMe, text, or email. Be safe and well!

Joyfully His,

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

Ignite (6th-8th grades)

Hope everyone has gotten used to their new routines... online school, etc. This virus has sure changed our everyday life and also paused our normal Ignite events, but I want you all to know that I am thinking of you guys and miss hanging out with you. Please know that you can email or text me anytime you get bored or need a break, because I am probably just as bored and needing a break as you!

Looking Ahead:

Joke of the Week/Crazy Fact of the Week: I really miss all the jokes and fun facts that you would share with me when we were together, so I have decided to create a contest. Email/text me a joke or a fun/crazy fact any time between Monday and Thursday each week. On Friday, I will pick 2 winners! One winner for Joke and one for Fun Fact. Winners will receive a small prize that I will deliver to their doorstep on Saturday.

Service Projects: Since we are unable to do our normal service projects, I have a few stay at home ones that you can do. When you are finished, I can do a porch pickup and get them delivered.

- Thank You Notes/ Notes of Encouragement (let me know if you need supplies)
 - Volunteers - quilters who have been making face masks
 - Seniors - congratulate them on graduation
 - Shut ins and elderly members of the church that are alone and needing a little pick me up note
- Homeless Mat - Plarn Making
Take your plastic grocery bags and turn them into plarn for our homeless mats. Most of my 6th graders did this with me in confirmation. Text/email me, if you need help or there are tons of videos online.
- Neighborhood Food Drive
Right now the food banks are very low on supplies. Create a neighborhood food drive by making posters, posting on neighborhood social media (with parents' permission), asking family and friends. You can put a container in your driveway or on your porch for people to safely drop off their donations. Once your bin is full, contact me and I will come pick it up to deliver to the local food banks.

Up Next:

Group Events: I have been planning some group events for the summer, or whenever we are able to get back together. Have an idea of something you would like to do? Let me know and I can add it to my list. I will email everyone when the church feels it is safe to be together.

I miss you all and can't wait until we can be together! Stay safe and healthy!

Joyfully,

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

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 3: 391 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 | | \$33,323.25 |
| Average Weekly Giving for 2019/20 | | \$23,337.24 |
| Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2019/20 | | \$25,153.85 |

GRADUATING?

Please contact the church office with High School and College graduate information by May 20.

We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter.

Please include the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans.

Email to susan.moore@rlcary.org.



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Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday
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