

Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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	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

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

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

For the Sick

- Tiffany and Logan Chobanian (car accident)
- Harold Krause (final stages of cancer)
- Vincent, LaVerne
- Terry (hospice)
- Steve Sumerel (heart attack) and wife, Marie
- 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 Finitsis – 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

Pray for Our Missionaries

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

Prayers for Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Brenda Wiggins, Jennifer, Lucas
- Expectant Moms
- Mike's parents – needing to sell their home in Arizona
- 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

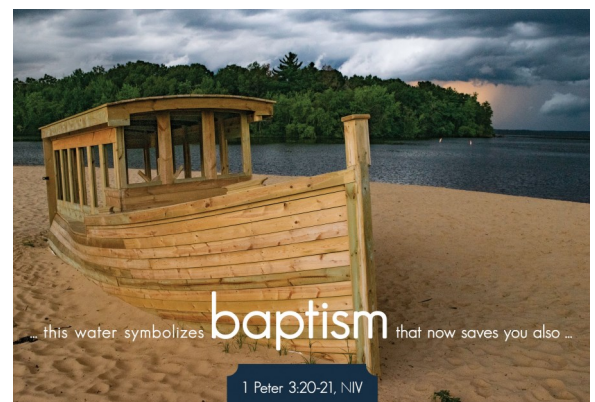
- Our US President, NC Governor, Congressional Representatives, and local Wake County officials
- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Vicar Alan, the church staff and council, and area pastors
- College administrators and faculty, public and private schools nationwide

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
- Scott William Harvey and parents, Sarah and Nick; sister, Lyla
- Glenda's niece, Erica and husband, welcomed baby boy, Decker

Thanking God Today

- 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!



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Peace and joy to all of you in the name of our living Savior Jesus!

If you've been following local news recently, you know that there is a lot of talk among church leaders about whether or not churches will reopen soon...and if they reopen, what that reopening will look like. At Resurrection, we've been having that same conversation among staff and volunteer lay leaders over the last several weeks.

Last Wednesday (5/13), I sent around a survey, put together by the Lay Ministry Standing Committee, with the purpose of assessing what our ability to worship together could be. Please take the time to fill this survey out. There are only three questions for you to answer. And you can rest assured that we value your privacy, so that you may answer freely.

As you complete the survey and wonder about what the future will bring, allow me to pass along the following regarding worship and Holy Communion:

- We will go from pre-recorded services to a weekly live stream beginning May 31 (Pentecost Sunday). This will allow us to continue to send worship content for remote viewing to the members of our congregation while doing in-person Sunday morning worship at the same time. Until in-person worship begins, the weekly live stream will be for one service only and take place on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. After editing, these services will be available for remote viewing as recorded content soon after the Sunday service is over.
- Receiving in-person Holy Communion with a group of nine or fewer people (e.g., the members of your own family) has always been available throughout the shutdown. More of you have been requesting this in recent days. I'm therefore asking the church office to set up a Sign Up Genius for this so as to streamline the scheduling process. As soon as that is ready to go, we will notify you. For now, if you desire to receive the Lord's Supper together with the members of your family, I encourage you to contact me (jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org) to set up an appointment. These services will take from 20-30 minutes and consist of Confession/Absolution, a Bible reading, a brief devotion, the Creed, the Communion Distribution, Prayer, and Blessing. Those scheduling these services at church will be expected to follow social distancing guidelines while in the church building.
- Once all the results of the survey are in (everyone has until the end of the day on Sunday, May 17) and the Phase 2 reopening orders for the State of North Carolina have been announced, we will announce plans for future worship services for June 7 and following. We are committed to seeing that worship content will continue to be made available for off-site viewing for as long as the coronavirus crisis continues. As I've stated before, please remember that we are committed to providing for the spiritual AND physical welfare of all those who enter our building. Therefore, our regular worship schedule (by June that will be our special summer schedule) will only resume once we are permitted to gather 100 people indoors.

I am often humbled by the kind words of encouragement I and the staff here at Resurrection receive from so many of you. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Watching and waiting is never easy or fun...but this is a time for us all to put our trust in our loving God and know that He is with us through it all. In the words of the Psalmist, "He will keep your going out and your coming in; from this time forth and forevermore" (121:8).

Shalom in Jesus,
Pastor Jonathan

Camp Agape Service Days

Lyle Malotky is coordinating Camp Agape service days (where doing service and social distancing are possible). There is an event this weekend. Based on projects identified and safety requirements, volunteer limit for this Saturday is 14. Please let Lyle know if you have interest in this Saturday, or future events, through RCB.

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).

In this Easter season, we continue to celebrate Jesus raised from the dead, and because He lives, we shall live also. In our relationship with Him, created by the Holy Spirit, we follow His Commands of love. When Jesus instituted Holy Communion, He said, "A new command I give you: Love one another."

With this new commandment Christ intends us to move beyond easy words of "I love you," to living acts of love in Christian service to one another. He calls us to love one another genuinely—with a love that exceeds emotions, but dares to invest time, talent, and treasure for the sake of another.

Through Christ's Forgiving Love working in our lives, we can love one another.



*Flowers placed on the altar
in memory of
Nancy's birthday
by Jim Bowen.*



If you are interested in providing Altar Flowers, contact the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10*

This Class of 2020 is a special class for so many reasons. Two of our high school seniors graduating this year have chosen to go on to Concordia Universities and accept a calling in the Ministry field. Allow me to introduce these incredible young men:

Harrison Hulse

Panther Creek High School

Concordia University-Wisconsin, Pre-Seminary – Applied Theology and Theological Studies

Harrison has not been wasting a moment preparing for his studies by taking on studying Greek with Pastor Jonathan and rediscovering the Old Testament. That's how he is! Harrison is constantly working to better himself and learn something new. He has been a part of Breakaway and the Leadership Team for his entire high school career. Music has also always been a major part of Harrison's life. Harrison is an amazing human being and I know God has so much in store for him.



Ross Bowen

Cary High School

Concordia University-Irvine, Christ College DCE program

The word that comes to mind when you mention Ross is JOY. Ross brings a positive attitude to everything! His low moment came when he lost his Grandma (Nancy Bowen) in 2018. However, it was the strong faith foundation and relationships he built in Breakaway that kept him on the right path. While attending NYG last summer, God placed the call on his heart to make sure all youth have the same opportunities that he did. I am excited for all of the amazing things God has in store for Ross.

- Jenny Piontek, High School Youth Director

Council Corner – May 2020 Meeting

We opened our meeting with prayers for many things, our church, the situation in our country, and the hardships individuals and families are facing. 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, especially Pastor Jonathan, who have helped to maintain RLC's ministry.**

1. April receipts were about \$10,000 better than March, totaling \$104,000. **Special thanks to all those who have supported RLC financially during this time period. Some members have opted to increase their contributions during this time period. Much appreciated.**
2. Our expenses were in line (\$82,000) with the comment that due to the extraordinary circumstances during this time, our mortgage payment was made using Next 40 Debt Reduction Funds. As we have a requirement to make every effort to maintain a balanced operating position, we plan on doing this through the quarter ending June 30th.
3. Our net income was a positive \$24,000, with recognition that there was no mortgage payment from operating funds.
4. Our plan is to review our end of year financials and look to repay the Next 40 Debt Reduction fund for the mortgage payments.
5. We received the approval of our Payroll Protection Plan application. Our application was for RLC, RLS, and RLP. The sum of \$346,000 was placed in a separate account at our bank. THIS IS A LOAN THAT NEEDS TO BE EITHER GRANTED FOREGIVENESS OR REPAYED. It is not to be considered income at this time. Council representatives have met with RLS and RLP personnel to discuss usage of these funds. It is anticipated that the final reconciliation will not be completed until we are in our new budget year, beginning July 1st. We have begun working with our bank to better understand the loan forgiveness requirements.
6. Council has done a review of this year's long-term repair and maintenance expenses. As we did last year, an option exists to pay some or all of these expenses from our Next 40 Church Maintenance Fund. This decision will be made prior to closing the year end financials.
7. Our plan is to continue to monitor our giving over the next few months to help us better understand our giving pattern, upon which we can use to new 2020-21 budget. Pastor Blanke is considering starting a Fall "Intentional Giving" program to help support our budget and hopefully get us closer financially to getting an Associate Pastor in 2021.
8. We have identified the security camera system for the church proper that we will be installing this month. The cost is within the budget established for this program. "Video Monitoring" signs will be placed in our parking lot and entrances.
9. Council approved changing our property and liability insurance carrier. We will be getting greater coverage at slightly lower cost.
10. Pastor Jonathan provided an update on our current pre-production service recording and the move back on May 31st to actual live streaming the service. To do this, a new, more powerful computer is needed, and, in addition, replacing the borrowed camera. This \$5,000 cost is being covered by an anonymous donor. No longer term decision has been made regarding adopting live streaming. We will use the next several months to help us "evaluate" the impact of live streaming on our attendance, ability to reach out to others, and giving. Pastor will be sending out more details, including the impact on viewership.
11. RLC is both excited and honored to have two of our graduating high school seniors to enter pre-ministry study programs – Harrison Hulse and Ross Bowen. Council voted to provide financial support for them, along with funding for our current church member, Micah Drengler, who is in his last year of seminary.
12. Council has approved the By Law provision to change Council terms to 3 years. Final approval will be required at the next Voter's Meeting. As this is a By Law change, no S.E. District approval is required.

Council Corner Cont'd-

13. Council members have completed their calls to many of the newer members who have joined our church over the last 3 years.
14. We discussed the impact Zoom is having on our church meetings and programs. To date, we find more participation in both Bible studies and other programs.
15. We reviewed our top 3 strategic goals, which include an Associate Pastor, building on the "One Church" theme, and Improving our Adult/Youth Sunday School attendance. For the Associate Pastor, the timetable to begin the formal Call process is late 1st Quarter 2021, with the objective of having someone in place summer, 2021. We will begin doing some of the preliminary work, including updating the Congregational Profile, in Fall 2020. In addition, we will be targeting a 2021 Stewardship program to support this key staff position. A new program is in early stages of development for our One Church strategic objective. Details to follow.

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

Bob Shimmel – President – bbshimmel@yahoo.com
 Claudia Guthrie – Vice President – claudia.guthrie5@gmail.com
 Dave Geisler – Treasurer – dgeisler3355@gmail.com
 Joe Bastante – Secretary – joe.bastante@bcbsmnc.com
 Barry Needle – Member – bjneedle@gmail.com
 Dan Mitchell – Member – d697mitch@gmail.com
 Dave Upton – Member – drupton@gmail.com
 Erika Hulse – Member – 4thehulses@bellsouth.net
 Jacin Suskin – Member – jespinet1@gmail.com



Everyone Enjoys Online Worship!

Christopher & Megan Moore's four labradoodles have been enjoying online worship, too!

Megan said they get confused when they stand up during the Gospel, Lord's Prayer, etc. and they don't understand why they are talking along with the TV. Megan loves this photo

because Arwen is looking right at the screen and listening intently to the music. So precious!



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.

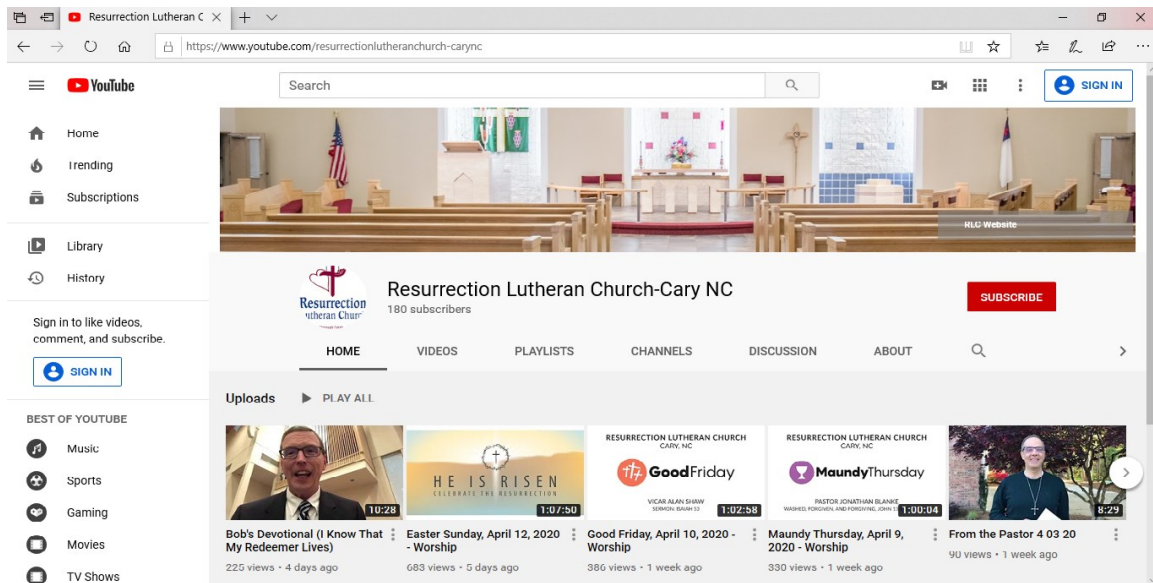
Make your check payable to RLC, note Love Fund in memo, or through online giving, enter amount in Love Fund line.

Thank you!

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).

The Piecemakers (RLC Quilters) are still going!

And were happy to send 36 masks to veterans this week.

If you are interested in receiving masks, 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.



Get the Mobile App for RCB!

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

Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of May 15, 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:

- Roseanne Candiello, Sheri, Sandy M. (cancer)
- Grace (special needs child, hospitalized in the UK)
- Karen (aggressive brain cancer)
- Anna, Ellen, Wilma R., Fran, Graceyn, Sandy, Vern (pain relief)
- Sara Wagner (cardio-version)
- Jeanetta (hospice care)
- Genny Upton (broken leg and ankle – upcoming surgery)
- Jayson (recent diagnosis)

For those recovering:

- Steve Sumerel (heart attack – rehab now at home)

For those who mourn:

- The family of KayAnn Sommers, Eve Sommers' sister-in-law
- Ann (death of former husband), friend of Mindy Stephani
- Those suffering loss and complicated grief

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

- Expectant Moms – Remembering Amy Tharp and Kandi this week
- Lucas, Kandi (seeking guidance and direction)
- Jane and family (loss of home and belongings in a Florida house fire)
- Angie (travel safety)
- Those with compromised immune systems, especially the elderly, navigating outside interaction
- Those unable to receive medical treatment, and those anxious about receiving medical care during this time, especially Ellen and Guerry
- Teens struggling with faith, missing friends, and interaction
- Those seeking employment, especially Rick and Ryan
- Leah (job security - facing possible reassignment/work reorganization)

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

Celebrating with Joy!

- Celebrating with Nathan and Faith Jahnke the birth of their firstborn son, Caleb Nathan, on May 12

Thanking God today for:

- Grandmother Sophie's 100th birthday
- Anne Price (cancer in remission)
- Mike and Sharon's 45th wedding anniversary
- Sale of a home
- Maddie (receiving her learner's permit to drive)
- Justin (moving on to next phase of Navy medical training program)
- Birthdays! Karen, Grace Ann, Ellen
- Faithful financial support of RLC's ministry
- Technology that allows us to reach others, far and wide, with the good news of Jesus Christ

*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.*



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.

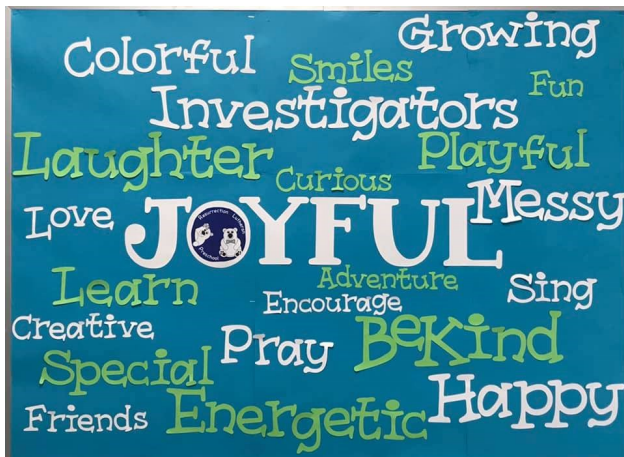
Contact Lea Webb at lea.webb@rlcary.org or Susan Richard through RCB with any questions.

Congratulations to Resurrection Lutheran School's Class of 2020!



Go shine your light!

Check out [RLS' Facebook](#) page (@RLScary) for great pictures of their congratulatory day!



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

office@rlpcary.org



All children at RLP go to Music class once a week.

Singing and movement are included, as well as exposure to various instruments.

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

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)

Thank you to all who joined the Zoom meeting last Friday. We will try to have a meeting every other week to chat and catch up with everyone. The group came up with a few ideas for activities this summer and I can't wait to get together and try them out!

This Week's WINNERS: I will be delivering a bag of goodies to their doorstep on Saturday afternoon!

Fun Fact of the Week: Eva Robinson - The average person will spend 6 months of their life waiting for red lights to turn green.

Joke of the Week: Ben Piontek - What is the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but their flag is a big plus!

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 Saturday and Thursday each week. On Friday, I will pick 2 winners! One winner for Joke and one for Fun Fact. Winners will receive a bag of goodies that I will deliver to their doorstep on Saturday.

Summer Mission Trip: Our mission trip to Pennsylvania was canceled due to the health and safety issues. Ms. Jenny and I are in the process of getting our deposit refunded by YouthWorks and hope to mail checks out to the youth families this next week. Thank you for your patience.

Service Projects: Since we are unable to do our normal service projects, I have a few stay at home ones that you can do and 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)
 - To Volunteers - quilters who have been making face masks
 - To Seniors - congratulate them on graduation
 - To 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, get ahold of me and I will pick it up to deliver to the local food banks.

Up Next:

Group Events - I have been planning some group events for this 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 state/city/etc. declares that 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

SIXTH 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
- 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.

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.



Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 10: 370 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		\$17,227.21
Average Weekly Giving for 2019/20		\$23,337.24
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2019/20		\$25,153.85

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Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday
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