

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

*The Ascension of Our Lord*

*May 24, 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

### 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  | Hope               |
| Linda Gilson    | Alison Zieglmeier | *Fuad Rihani |                    |
| Carol Diliberto | Karen Sandy       | Mary         | Karen Owen         |
| Harold Krause   | Hazel Dave        | Sheri        | Roseanne Candiello |

### For Expectant Moms

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

### 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 the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, and Strength for the Health and Well-Being of the People They Serve

- 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

### Our Missionaries

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



Today we celebrate Christ's ascension to the Right Hand of the Father.

Ascension Day goes beyond Easter and assures us that our future is in the care of a gracious and powerful God.

As Jesus departed from this earth and was welcomed into Heaven, so we too look forward to worshipping the Lamb upon His Throne with our endless Alleluias.

### Prayers Cont'd -

#### Prayers for Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

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

#### Celebrating with Joy!

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

#### Thanking God Today

- Grandmother Sophie's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Anne Price (cancer in remission)
- Mike and Sharon's 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- Sale of a home
- Maddie (receiving her learner's permit to drive)
- Justin (moving to next phase of Navy medical training)
- 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

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**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

Dear Family and Friends of Resurrection Lutheran Church,

Greetings to each and every one of you as we bask in the enduring light of this Easter season. Alleluia, Christ is risen! (He is risen indeed! Alleluia!)

Now that our congregational survey results have come in and Governor Cooper has announced the latest in the phased approach to reopening in our state, allow me to note the following:

- 1) Half (321) of those receiving the church survey invitations (640 households) responded.
- 2) A high number of RLC survey respondents (18%) indicated the impossibility of returning to in-person worship at this time, even with proper social distancing protocols in place.
- 3) A high number of survey respondents gave positive feedback about the worship content currently being made available for remote viewing and would like to see it continue.
- 4) A relatively high number of survey respondents (67%) indicated an openness to worship in the church parking lot (assuming worship in the church sanctuary was not possible).
- 5) Though the state is now allowing church worship to go forward inside church buildings, proper measures being required for such in-person worship considerably complicates matters (see below);
- 6) We have received information from our church body regarding possible risks associated with singing inside of worship spaces (<https://bit.ly/3d7Wdv7>)

At Resurrection, we will therefore deploy the following:

- 1) Transition from pre-produced worship content to a weekly worship live stream, held every Sunday in the main sanctuary, starting at 9 AM and beginning May 31;
- 2) Offer a weekly opportunity for in-person worship in the church parking lot, beginning June 7, at 10:30 AM;
- 3) Continue to make in-person reception of Holy Communion available to families or small groups of 9 or fewer in the church sanctuary every Sunday from 1–5 PM, beginning May 31 (use the sign-up genius to register [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DABAE2EABFF2-holy](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DABAE2EABFF2-holy));
- 4) Continually assess the quality of worship being offered and determine if greater accessibility to in-person worship inside the church building might be feasible. At this time (5/22), per guidelines from local government about gathering inside, anything resembling a safe environment for in-person worship would require temperature checks at the door, use of face masks by worshipers, usher-directed flow of traffic inside the building, social distancing of six feet between families of worshipers, no physical contact between worshipers, enhanced care exercised in the reception of the Lord's Supper, no use of wind instruments, and no singing by congregants.

Our hearts yearn to be together in person. The day will soon come when that will be possible! In the meantime, please avail yourself of these opportunities for corporate worship and keep all of us in your prayers as we seek to serve you.

On behalf of Resurrection staff and volunteer servant leaders,  
Pastor Jonathan Blanke



The church office will be closed  
on Monday, May 25  
in observance of Memorial Day.

## Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, May 22, 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:

- Jayson (recent diagnosis)
- Sandy, Ellen, Guerry, Vern (pain relief/management)
- Mary (cancer – further testing and insurance concerns)
- Jack (esophageal cancer – reconstructive surgery)
- Fuad, Sandy, Karen, Hope (cancer)
- Joan Youmans (losing sight)
- Louis' Aunt Marie (stroke)
- Cliff's father (hospice)
- Mary Hosey
- Those ill with Covid-19

### For those recovering:

- Genny Upton (surgery - broken leg and ankle)
- Gracie (child in the UK now home and improving – medication management concern)
- Steve Sumerel (recovering from heart attack)
- Terry

### For those who mourn:

- Pastor Jon and Ellen Richter – death of Ellen's mother, Anna Wilcox
- Reilley Family – death of father from Covid-19; mother in care facility
- Brenda – death of her caretaker and friend, Bunny

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

- Cheryl and Don Giles and the Healey family
- A friend's daughter going through a divorce
- Healthcare workers across the nation. Praying especially for Gretchen and Marissa (health care workers in a care facility with Covid-19 positive patients) and Sarah.
- Those suffering mental illness

### 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!

- Birth of Preston Alexander Philips – born to Dawn Leister's niece, Sara

### Thanking God today for:

- Good test results for Sara
- Anna (leg pain improving)
- Jane and family (house fire) – neighborhood support and new housing
- RLC and WakeMed Cary Chaplains, especially Mel Tolliver and Ron Bostick
- Pastor Jonathan and those who assist in preparing online worship services
- RLC Youth Ministry
- Angie (travel safety and family time)

*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.**

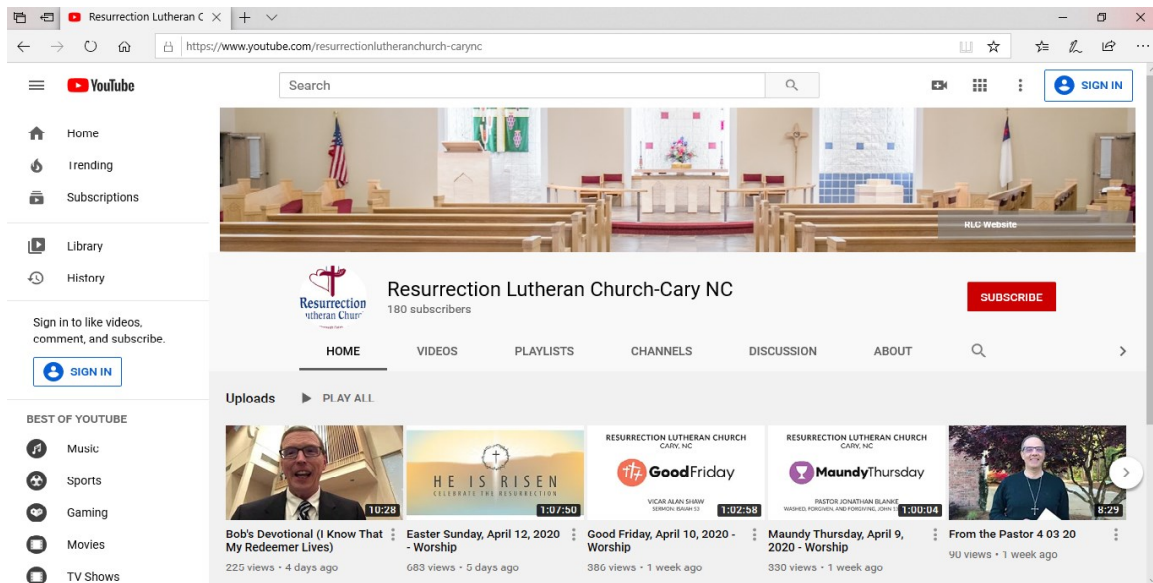
*The Lord Almighty is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our fortress. — Psalm 46:7*

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

### 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](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!

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

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

**Women's Bible Study** - Mondays (June 1, 15, 29), 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](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).

### Join Online Bible Studies!

**Dealing with Worry in the Time of COVID-19**  
Thursdays, 2:00 pm

**The Gospel of Mark**  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Both of these online studies are facilitated through Zoom, after participant registers with [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org) at no cost currently, with Mindy Stephani.

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

### Get the Mobile App for RCB!

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

## Camp Agape Service Days

Lyle Malotky is coordinating Camp Agape service days (where doing service and social distancing are possible).

*Thank you to the volunteers who worked on the Woodlands Center parking lot last Saturday! They are Ron Rogers, Ron Bostick, Terry Brummeyer, Tom Campau, Bob Wiley, Bud McCarty, and Lyle!*



Please let Lyle know if you have interest in future events through RCB.

## Monday Night Women's Bible Study

will be meeting via Zoom on June 1, June 15, and June 29 at 7:00 pm.

We will be using several one-session studies from LWML/ Lutheran Women in Mission for these dates.

We invite all interested women of RLC to join us! Please contact Dawn Leister through RCB or the church office to receive a Zoom invitation.



## 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!*

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

## Job Opportunity

Grace Lutheran Church (Durham) is seeking a part-time office assistant (20 hours/week).

Duties include preparation of worship bulletins and weekly and monthly newsletters. Experience in developing websites and social media required. For more information:

[www.gracelutheranchurch.net/employment-at-grace](http://www.gracelutheranchurch.net/employment-at-grace) or email [lmadmin@gracelutheranchurch.net](mailto:lmadmin@gracelutheranchurch.net).

## Life For Uganda Update

Covid-19 continues to rule over our routines and our best laid plans and because of this, the mission team which was scheduled to travel to Uganda this year will not be able to make the journey. Travel restrictions will remain in place in both the US and Uganda for the foreseeable future, therefore Life For Uganda is working with the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) to reschedule in 2021. While we're disappointed, we're also finding ways to support the LCU in their extensive Covid-19 relief efforts. Food insecurity, while normally an issue in rural areas, has become a serious threat in urban areas because of the lack of work or inability to move about, and because food prices have skyrocketed. Access to food, and sanitation supplies has become challenging for thousands of Ugandans and the LCU has been organizing support across the entire country. Life For Uganda has sent a significant portion of the funds intended for our travel to the LCU to be used for Covid-19 relief. Please remember that it's because of the continued and faithful commitment of RLC that Life For Uganda is able to raise funds for our travel and work. We thank you for this unwavering support and we're blessed to provide some assistance to the LCU, even if it's from this great distance.

We're also thrilled to unveil our new website! Please check us out at [www.LifeForUganda.org](http://www.LifeForUganda.org). You'll find pictures and descriptions of projects we've completed or on which we plan to focus. And the website makes donations very easy so be sure to check that link as well!

We ask for your continued prayers for the leadership of the Lutheran Church of Uganda, for all the faithful Christians in Uganda, the seminary students and their families, the church workers, our missionaries working in Uganda and East Africa, and for all of the partners who support the LCU.



## 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.



## Attention, Children!

### Children's Church is coming to you!

I hope you have been enjoying the children's Sunday School lessons that have been sent out during the stay at home time period. Now that the summer season is here, and not sure of when we will all be able to meet again in person, I want to keep providing you with some study guides for you to do at home.

So, I will be sending **Children's Church** to you. The lesson will be short and the craft you can do at home. Look for these fun lessons to start coming to you in an email next week. Contact me with any questions, [lea.webb@rlcary.org](mailto:lea.webb@rlcary.org).

# Student Ministry

## Breakaway (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)

## Ignite (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

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

**Fun Fact of the Week:** Anthony Barton - Spain literally means Land of Rabbits.

**Joke of the Week:** Mary Trautman - Where did the one legged waitress work? IHOP!

**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.

Everyone who enters will be put into the grand prize drawing that will take place in 4 weeks. Every week that you send in a joke/fact, your name goes into the grand prize drawing. The more jokes/facts you send in, the greater your chances of winning. So keep sending in those jokes and fun facts each week!

**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](mailto:leann.trautman@rlcary.org)

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



May 22, 2020

Dear RLS Families,

As Governor Cooper cautiously moves NC into “Phase 2” of the easing of restrictions in the state, I wanted to give you all an update on where RLS is in its planning for next school year, as well as finishing up its school year this year. Please remember this weekend is Memorial Day Weekend and **we will NOT operate Distance Learning on Monday, May 25**. Take time out to not only remember our service men and women who serve our country, but also those heroes who are combating this pandemic.

As our academic year winds down for the 2019-2020 year, we transition from our focus on Distance Learning (DL) academics to more of a celebration of the year. This has been quite a year, and it is important to celebrate the blessings God provided us even through the challenges. The last week of school traditionally has mainly been about finishing things off, collecting materials, cleaning out the students’ materials, getting yearbooks, and having FUN! We think we still need to do all of those things this year.

Your student’s teachers will not only be contacting you with a number of “housekeeping” items like which school materials need returning, but also some just for fun, wrap up the year, gatherings to bring closure to the school year for each class. **School wide we will have School Materials Return Days on June 2, 3, and 4**. This will be a time for school families to return textbooks, IT devices, etc. AND pick up **yearbooks** and any personal items that the students may still have left at school. We will order these days by family alphabetically with all materials picked up or dropped off from the gym. More details for this will come to you next week. Furthermore, an option for Standardized Testing/IOWA Testing will be forthcoming as well to you next week.

**We WILL HAVE a year-end chapel on Friday, June 5th at 10:00 am as scheduled on our campus!** Now, it will be a “parking lot/ in car” celebration, but we are working to make this as meaningful and as much fun as possible under our current circumstance. Furthermore, we are working on an **“on campus” outside 8th Grade Graduation for later that night at 7:30 pm**. Please stay tuned for much more details under a separate heading next week.

So many questions are still unanswerable about next school year, but we feel it is prudent for us to as soon as possible, put forth our 2020-2021 Academic Plan for Operation for all returning and new RLS student families. **Right now we plan on being PHYSICALLY OPEN for school on our scheduled start date (August 19)!** We have formed a Task Force to study all of the options for opening school safely. **This Task Force is made up of RLS Staff, Board members, parents, and community experts.** It is researching best practices for reopening schools from local, state, and national standards and norms striving to present the best options for all of our families and staff to be able to most fully participate in an RLS education safely. Calendar/scheduling options, spacing/distancing, enhanced cleaning/disinfection regimens, class size, and educational delivery options are just some of the items on this Task Force’s agenda. Please look for reports from this Task Force soon. We thank you ahead of time for your patience as there are so many variables that this group is considering, but know that they are working hard to provide the best options available for your student and family.

Even if you may not be serving on the Task Force, we strongly desire to know your opinion. Traditionally our **Board of Directors puts forth an End-of-Year Survey**. This year is no exception. You will notice it has been tailored to our present situation. Once you receive the email notification, please take the time to give us the feedback that will help our Task Force and Board set the proper, God-blessed course for our safe return to school in 2020-2021.

Again, keep an eye out for much more from your child’s teachers and me in the office for many more details about finishing this year strong and plans for next. I cannot thank you enough for your support of your teachers and us in the office during this unprecedented time. We miss seeing your children and you so much and know that tomorrow will be a brighter day with God’s blessings.

Thank You and God Bless!  
Tom Kolb  
RLS Principal

**RLS Email Contacts:**

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

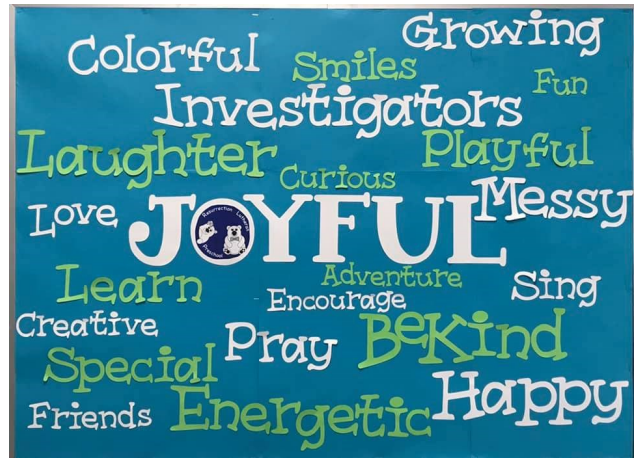


Please know that when in-person worship services stop our offering income decreases. We are grateful for all who are able to maintain financial contributions to our congregation!

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

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

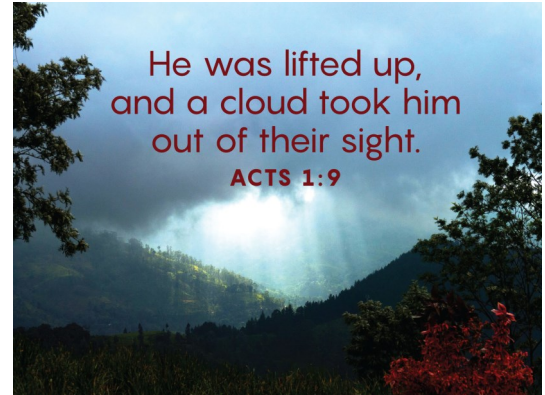
**Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel**

**Sunday, May 17: 390 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 - April 2020**

|  | <u>Current Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u>   |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Receipts                           | \$104,414.12         | \$1,014,516.41        |
| Total Disbursements                        | <u>\$ 80,173.95</u>  | <u>\$1,024,982.80</u> |
| Receipts Less Disbursements                | \$ 24,240.17         | \$ - 10,466.39        |
| Last Week's Offerings                      |                      | \$21,285.63           |
| Average Weekly Giving for 2019/20          |                      | \$23,593.40           |
| Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2019/20 |                      | \$25,153.85           |



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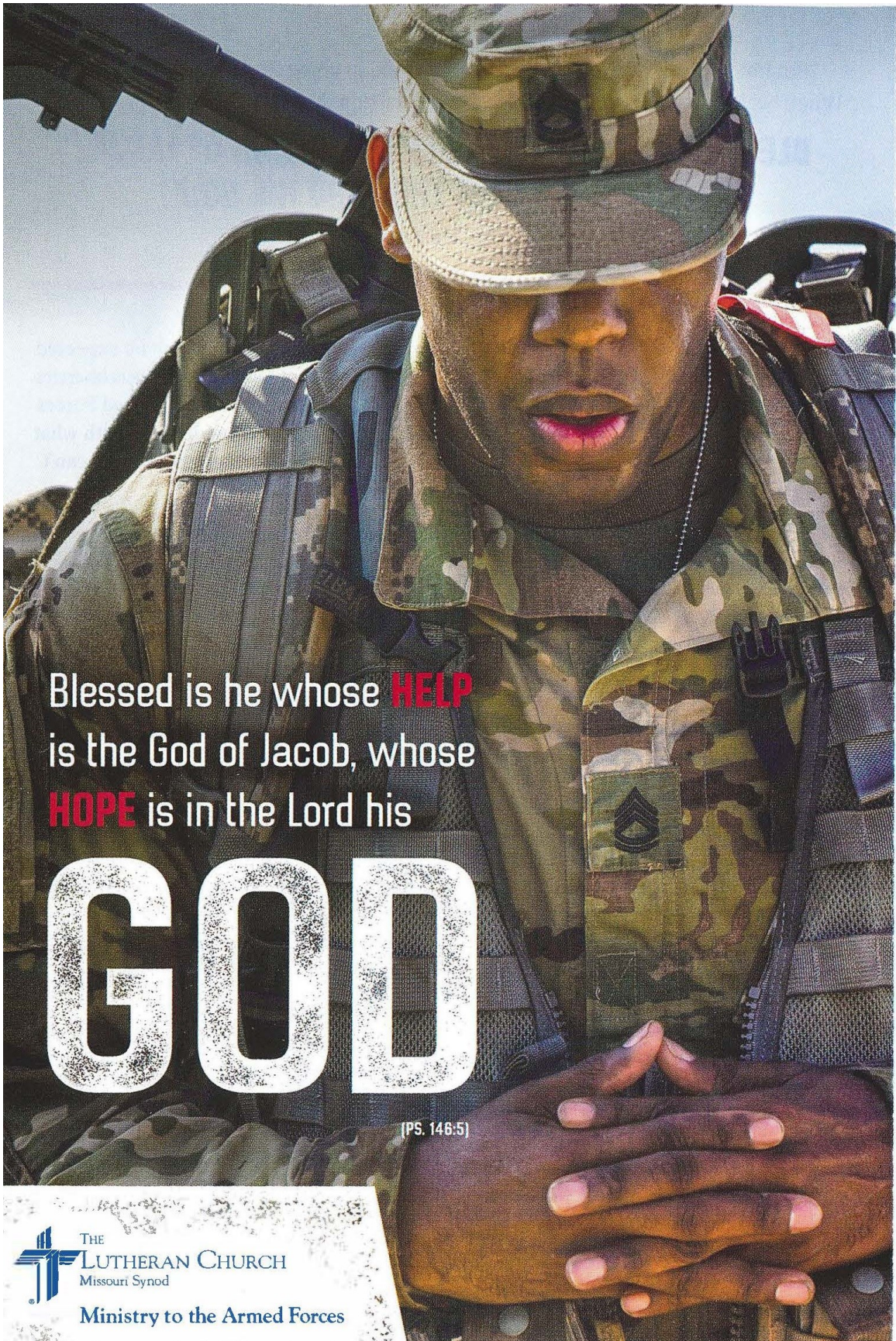
[www.instagram.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://www.instagram.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary)



[www.youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)

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

**100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518**  
**office@rlcary.org 919-851-7248**



Blessed is he whose **HELP**  
is the God of Jacob, whose  
**HOPE** is in the Lord his

**GOD**

(PS. 148:5)



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Ministry to the Armed Forces

“Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

**BLESSED IS HE WHOSE HELP IS THE GOD OF JACOB,  
WHOSE HOPE IS IN THE LORD HIS GOD”**

(PS. 146:3-5).

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I want to personally thank you for your most generous and kind gift to our LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces to provide Lutheran spiritual support to all those who serve or have served our nation in uniform. THANK YOU! You are a blessing!

As I write this, I just saw an update that we now have eight LCMS chaplains deployed overseas and in harm's way, where they are providing pastoral care to our brave men and women who selflessly serve our nation. We will never forget all those who sacrifice so much to protect those freedoms we enjoy.

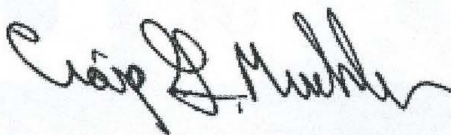
Through it all, Ministry to the Armed Forces is there with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the message we also bring to all our veterans and their families. Our courageous service members and veterans need support from their church to keep them spiritually fit and to assist in protecting their religious liberties. We need to stand up, support and defend them. They need good chaplains who will bring them the Word of God, even in combat situations and austere locations. They need good devotional materials to nourish and feed them when there is no chaplain nearby. They need someone to defend their religious liberties even as they protect our freedoms with their lives, if necessary. The men and women who selflessly volunteer

to serve our nation should not be expected or forced to abandon their religious liberties. Your LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces is ready and able to provide them with what they need to be spiritually fit, but we can't do it without your help.

Ministry to the Armed Forces is only supported by designated financial donations sent by people like you. Your sincere Christian care for our service members and their families is greatly appreciated. Your generous act of love through your donation to LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces will ensure that we can continue to provide Gospel-centered materials and support to our service members and their families for years to come. Thank you!

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil” (Eph. 6:10-11).

In Christ's Service,



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