

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

The Day of Pentecost

May 31, 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

### Ongoing Cancer Treatments

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	Jack
Carol Diliberto	Karen Sandy	Mary	Karen Owen
Harold Krause	Hazel Dave	Sheri	Roseanne Candiello

### For Expectant Moms

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

### Those Prayed For on May 24<sup>th</sup>

#### 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)
- 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
- Brenda – death of her caretaker and friend, Bunny

#### Our Missionaries

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



### Prayers Cont'd -

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

- 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

- 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

- 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)

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**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

Dear family and friends,

Greetings in the name of the Triune God who blesses us with the gift of His Spirit, whom we worship and adore again this Pentecost Sunday!

This is a reminder for all of you that this Sunday, May 31, we plan to live stream worship content in the church sanctuary beginning at 9 AM. Because the worship content is "live," it will not be immediately available for viewing afterward as has been the case with our pre-produced worship content up until now. In case you miss the service at 9, please check back or activate your YouTube app notifications to alert you to the video posting. Worship content will be edited and re-posted for remote viewing later on in the day or on Monday.

If you signed up for small group in-person reception of Holy Communion on the afternoon of May 31, we ask the following:

- If you arrive early, please remain in your car until 5 minutes prior to your scheduled worship time.
- Please enter by the narthex door, which will be open; the service will begin as promptly as possible. (There will be no need to handle either a hymnal or bulletin.)
- All worshipers, except for those under 2 years of age or otherwise unable to oversee their own personal use of a face mask, should enter the sanctuary wearing a face covering; face masks will of course be removed prior to reception of the Lord's Supper.
- If you need to use the restroom while in the building, please notify a staff member.
- Please exit and return to the parking lot by way of the office entrance (this will be locked for anyone entering the church from the outside).

I stand by ready to answer any questions that you might have. A very blessed Pentecost Sunday to all of you!

Pastor Jonathan

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The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church. This celebration takes place 50 days after Easter (the word Pentecost means 50<sup>th</sup> day). On this day, the Holy Spirit breathed upon men and women from around the world and sent them to share the wonderful news of God's love for the world.

The "tongues of fire" that were seen above the heads of the disciples were a sign of God's presence, just as God used fire as a sign of His presence in the Old Testament. He spoke to Moses from a burning bush, then He lighted the way for the Israelites as a pillar of fire at night as they fled Egypt for the Promised Land. This is why we celebrate Pentecost with the color red.

### 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.

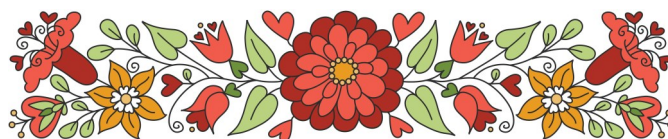
Questions? Contact the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).

### **“Our Light” – Congregational Highlights**

Our lives in total, especially our church lives, have changed dramatically in the past two months. As we adjust to a different environment, the programs and ministries of RLC continue. We are blessed through Pastor Jonathan’s calm and positive leadership guiding us through this uncertain season, and we are thankful for his sermons, Bible Studies, and online devotions. In addition, we continue to learn of the many ways the RLC community has come together to support and encourage one another:

1. Through the efforts of many committed servants, we continue to enhance our pre-recorded online service. We are thankful for the growing number of members who are participating in the services. Thank you to everyone who makes this service happen. Based on the number of views, we are reaching a wider audience. Susan Moore’s efforts in assisting us reach out via YouTube and Facebook is greatly appreciated.
2. We continue to identify new ways we can bring the Word and Sacrament to our members and neighbors. We look forward to beginning a live streaming service format on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Those viewing this service will be able to take home Communion.
3. During this time, we have members reaching out and serving our older community, making sure they have essential things and are secure.
4. The church staff and the Council continue to reach out to our older and newer members to let them know they are important, and ask if there is anything, we can do to assist them. More calls to additional members are planned.
5. The church received notice that our Payroll Protection Program request was granted. Thanks to our Operations Director, Margaret Hyatt, for the overall coordination, and to RLP’s Carol Bostick and RLS’s Deb Mahan for their support and contributions.
6. During the past month, some members have asked, *“How can I help the church during this time?”* Our answers have been to pray for RLC and to continue their financial support. Some members have gone the extra mile to increase their contributions, for which we are very thankful.
7. Our Mealshare program continues to serve members needing meals. Many thanks to Lynne Stevenson for leading this valuable ministry, and for all the volunteers who prepare and deliver meals.
8. How special is it to witness the overall growth of prayer through our Resurrection Prayer Community! The extent and scope of the petitions requested is amazing. Please feel free to contact Deb Oesterling with any prayer requests.
9. Our Visual Faith Team continues to provide new ways for us to understand and share our ministry, as well as supports and encourages members through their *“hugs in a card.”* Special thanks to Jamee Thieme for her leadership and for the volunteers making and sending cards.
10. As we learn to adjust to our new environment, we are finding that *“electronic”* gathering has had a positive impact on overall participation in worship, prayer, Bible Study, and small groups. We are very thankful that this method has allowed us to serve and connect with more members.

Please feel free to let Pastor Jonathan or Bob Shimmel know of any activity or person who continues to Shine Their Light at RLC.



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### 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!*

### 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).

### 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.

### 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)).

Please share with your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers:

RLP is still enrolling for the **2020-21** preschool year.



RLP provides a balance of academic and social opportunities by means of our 'learning through play' philosophy.



A developmentally age-appropriate curriculum is provided, integrating Jesus' teachings within the daily schedule.

Resurrection Lutheran  
**PRESCHOOL**

+ ENROLLING NOW for +

**2020-21**

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

office@rlpcary.org  
919.851.7270

## Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, May 29, 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:

- Those ill with Covid-19. Remembering Denny today.
- Karen, Mary, Hope M. (cancer)
- Fuad (prayers also for his wife, Kathy)
- Eli (child with brain tumor – undergoing testing)

### For those recovering:

- Jack (esophageal reconstruction). Prayers also for his wife, Pam.
- Vern, Genny

### For those who mourn:

- Pastor Jon and Ellen Richter – mourning the loss of Ellen's mother, Anna Wilcox
- Tiffany Zinna and family – mourning the loss of her mother

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

- The self-employed struggling to maintain their client bases. Remembering Greg today.
- A friend in prison awaiting trial
- Single parents
- Those suffering mental illness and their families
- Those with loved ones who are hospitalized and cannot be with them
- Michigan residents recovering from flooding

### 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 and school staff, council, and area pastors

### Thanking God today for:

- Healing for Fran
- Devin and Heather's anniversary
- Sale of a house
- A new job
- God's faithfulness, guidance and provision

*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*

## 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.

## 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!

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

# Student Ministry

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

I hope you are all well! As tough as this quarantine has been, I am filled with the joy and hope that we have been able to connect in a whole new way and learn some new tricks. God's plans are so much bigger and wiser than our own. The participation in daily Instagram devotions is awesome. Our Zoom Breakaway games have been super fun with lots of laughter involved. Connection Café has been such a success, the youth have decided to extend our Sunday School classes! Praise God for all of these opportunities!

### Here's what's coming up:

Refund checks for YouthWorks have been mailed.

Connection Café on May 31 at 1:00 pm. (Zoom ID and password on Group Me)

June 1<sup>st</sup> the new leadership team will be announced.

I am very hopeful that in the near future we might be able to start coordinating some safe socially distanced events to have some fun and celebrate our wonderful Creator!

As always, I am here for you if you need me! Stay safe and stay 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!

**Fun Fact of the Week:** Spencer Kostansek - Bees sometimes sting other bees!

Tons of Facts, but no Jokes this week. Keep sending in Fun Facts, but add a joke with it and you will be eligible for both drawings.

**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.

All those that send in a joke and fun fact will be added to the final grand prize drawing on Friday, June 19. The more weeks you send in a joke/fact, the more chances you have to win!

**Summer Mission Trip:** All refund checks have been mailed.

**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 6 graders did this with me in confirmation. Text/email me if you need help or there are tons of videos online.

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)

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RLP's staff and I knew it was important to have some sort of closure for the children and their families. We celebrated our year by having a 'Bye-Bye Drive-by.' Staff decorated the covered walkway by the circle drive with signs, table decorations of gifts, colorful pool noodles, a summer beach scene, bubbles, and played music. Over two days, preschool children and families arrived, greeted by teachers and staff with smiles, conversations, and tears of joy. It was heartwarming to finally see our children after an *exceedingly long 11 weeks*. In turn, we were showered with grins from ear to ear, giggles, words of thanks, and vehicles decorated with colorful homemade signs and one outfitted as their class animal- a raccoon- complete with nose, ears, and tail!

Blessings to all~

Diane Hooper and RLP Staff



A picture paints a thousand words. I hope these pictures touch your heart, just as each child has touched ours.



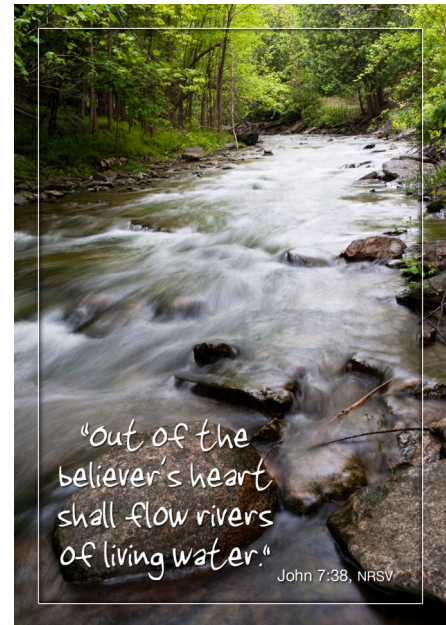


Please know that when in-person worship services stop our offering income decreases. We are grateful for all who are able to maintain financial contributions to our congregation!

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, May 24: 365 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		\$20,012.63
Average Weekly Giving for 2019/20		\$23,593.40
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2019/20		\$25,153.85

Learn more about Resurrection Lutheran Church!

[www.rlcary.org](http://www.rlcary.org)



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

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