

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 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	*Vern Ebert	Dennis			
*Jackson Buser	Shirley Fanger	Lois Keiper			
*John Shaeffer	Chobanian Family	*Aaron			
*Marcus	LaVerne	Bradley B.			
Maureen B.	Darcey	Ruth Bloedorn			
*John and Sarah Illsley					
Marc and Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption					

Mike Zimmerman, Son of Mark and Sally, US Navy Deployed, Spain

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

Jeff Marshall	Carol & I	Frank	Don	Craig	Rachel
*Mike Allen	Anne Price		Bill	Rob	Rene
*Gary Ferro	Angie Price		Beth	Hope	Jack
Linda Gilson	Alison Zieglmeier		Jen E.	Carol Diliberto	
Karen Owen	Sandy	Mary	Hazel	Roseanne	e Candiello
Harold Krause	Dave	Sheri	Paul	Margie C	alloway

For Expectant Moms

Whitley Ashley Kalyn Lauren Ali Molly Shannon Kandi

Those Prayed For on July 26th

For the Sick

- Hadley (almost 1 yr. old infection, in critical care) Prayers also for parents, Joshua and Laura Schumacher and grandparents, John and Connie Denninger.
- Vern, Else, Kathy, Marty, Karen, Anne, Terrie
- Those ill with Covid-19 and those exposed and awaiting test results
- Bill Donovan (stem cell transplant 7/24) and his brother, Brian (donor). Prayers also for Bill's wife, Taki, and their family.
- Ed Chappell (heart attack) Prayers also for wife, Susan.

For Those Who Mourn

- The family of Emil Breckling
- Greg Sigmon mourning the loss of mother, Merle.
 Prayers also for Greg's wife, Betsy, son Jason and his wife, Shan.

Prayers for Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Those struggling in their faith. Praying especially for Marcus and Malcolm today.
- Dan, Lois, and Mike Haertling traveling cross country from Arizona to Cary
- Families struggling to determine best educational options for their children in the new school year, and teachers challenged with the task of developing creative ways to successfully teach their students



Jesus used five loaves of bread and two fish to feed 5,000 families. This was enough for all, with twelve baskets of fragments left over! His followers had assumed that this would not be enough; they had not realized what He could do if they only turned their resources over to Him. This miracle is a tangible reminder of

the free gift of Eternal Life that comes anew through Word and Sacrament each time we worship. The Apostle Paul lamented that many of his fellow Jews did not know about the blessings God offers through Christ. Each time we come to the Lord's Supper, we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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 Reps, and local Wake County officials
- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Vicar Alan, church staff, council, and area pastors
- RLS and RLP staff, teachers and advisory boards planning for the new school year
- Military Chaplains. Remembering Matt today.
- Researchers working on a Covid-19 vaccine. Remembering Randy and his team today.

Thanking God Today

- Negative Covid-19 test results
- Sale of a home
- Baby Madison's milestone of gaining strength and reaching 3 lbs.
- Successful surgery for Linda Hooper
- God's care, provision, and protection

Our Missionaries

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

Dear friends,

It's hard to believe that summer is already entering the final stages as we begin the month of August! Where has the time gone? I pray that this message finds you safe and well, appropriately challenged in your faith journey, and enjoying the gifts of God's surprising grace and mercy as you live out each day.

The main reason of this letter to you this week is to alert all of you that the 9 AM Sunday worship live stream will be broadcast in the usual place (on our YouTube channel) at 9:30 AM this Sunday, August 2, instead of 9 AM. This is so that we can do a run through of other services on Sunday morning that will eventually be open to in-person worshipers, beginning August 16. In-person reception of the Lord's Supper for groups of 10 or fewer people is available for sign up at the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dabae2eabff2-holy.

I will be posting a video this week that will detail our preparations and special precautions for in-person services starting August 16. Another video the following week will run through what attending a service in person on August 16 or later will "look like." Services will be open to 75 or fewer people and will require signing up ahead of time through a special sign up genius link. The link and the availability of openings will be posted soon. As always, we recommend that at-risk individuals or those with pre-existing conditions stay at home to stay safe.

I will always remember the first time I met many of you during the call process we had opportunity to reflect together on the Bible verse from Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Whatever you might be experiencing in life this week, this remains our loving God's promise! May He continue to keep you in His grip as the future He has in store for all of us unfolds.

Shalom in Jesus, Pastor Jonathan



Coming to you LIVE on Sunday mornings at a NEW TIME!

Join us online for worship live at 9:30 am.

Connect through our YouTube channel at <u>youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC</u> or through our website at <u>rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship</u>.

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 (<u>mens-ministry@rlcary.org</u>)

Women's Bible Study - Mondays, August 17 and 31, 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 (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248).

Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, July 31, 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:

- Vern, Else, Kathy, Marty, Anne, Karen, Marva, Terrie, and Margie
- Dee Dee (broken femur/hip)
- Those ill with Covid-19. Remembering Dean today.

For those recovering from surgeries and/or medical procedures:

• Bill Donovan (stem cell transplant) and his brother, Brian (donor). Prayers also for Bill's wife, Taki, and their family.

For those who mourn:

- The family of Emil Breckling
- The family of former RLS student, Will Joyce
- The family of Tom Vanides

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

- Captain John Reed, (Army) deployed to South Korea
- Expectant moms. Remembering Ashley, Whitley and all expectant mothers and their families, especially the Boyers.
- Eve, Charlotte, Barbara, Pam, and all living alone or isolated
- Those with mental illness and struggling with depression
- The sale of a home
- The lost and those in need of strengthening their faith, especially Marcus, Malcolm, Maddy, and Rebecca
- Those scheduling and rescheduling wedding plans. Remembering Jordan and Melissa, and Kyle and Emily this weekend.

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, council, and area pastors
- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially RLC members serving in area hospitals

Celebrating a new birth!

• Zoey Kathleen Moore, born July 24 to parents Megan and Christopher Moore

Thanking God today for:

- Our Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, and School Staff and Teachers
- RLC's online Vacation Bible School opportunity next week and for all families participating
- Baby Hadley's improvements this past week
- Negative Covid-19 test results
- A positive doctor's report
- Grayson's new job and Hope's good check up
- Our confirmands and their inspiring faith affirmations
- God's provision, protection, and healing

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

Flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Ralph and Carol Klevenow in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.



They were married in Valparaiso, IN.



Congratulations to

Erin McCarty and Evan Law who were married last Saturday

in a beautiful backyard wedding.

Erin is the daughter of Bud and Teri McCarty.

May they dwell in God's presence forever. May His true and constant love preserve them.

July 2020 a big thank you to the congregation of Resurrection for their prayers and concerns during my recent illness. I want to especially thank those who took the time to send a card. Thanks also to my daughter, blawn heister, and her family for their love & devotion. God is truly quat

Blessing to all Sara R Stagner 14 nassau circle Reading Pa 19607

RLC Congregational Voter's Meeting Notice

August 16, 2020 – 1:00 PM Virtual Zoom Call

<u>Topics:</u>

- 1. RLS and RLP Updates, and 2020-21 Budget Presentation/Approval
- 2. RLC 2020-21 Budget Presentation/Approval
- 3. Service Change Taskforce Recommendation/ Approval
- 4. RLC Council Term Change
- 5. Associate Pastor Planning Update/Potential Timing
- 6. Congregational Questions and Answers

Notes:

Meeting will be held via a special large capacity Zoom Account. We will provide assistance for those needing help in setting up or need any special assistance.

Specific documents will be sent out after the August 9th Council Meeting.

Small Groups

Resurrection Lutheran Church is open to small groups desiring to meet throughout the week on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.

If the people of your small group comprise 10 or fewer, are generally able to maintain a distance of 6 feet between any participants who are not members of the same family, and can commit to wearing face covering, then we invite you to contact the church office to set up a time and reserve a space. As always, we ask that members with underlying health conditions placing them at higher risk stay home.

As occupancy limits and social distancing guidelines change, we look forward to expanding the use of our building.

Contact the church office by email at <u>office@rlcary.org</u> or call 919-851-7248.



Resurrection Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 4 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

To make your lifesaving appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code Resurrection.

For more information, contact Kalkidan Melaku at k77alkidan@gmail.com.

Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass on the day of the drive to save up to 15 minutes!

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SHARE YOUR HEALTH

As coronavirus concerns intensify, we need healthy blood donors more than ever.



Is it safe to give right now?

Donating is a safe process and healthy individuals should schedule a blood or platelet donation to help maintain the nation's blood supply.

Safety at Blood Drives

Red Cross employees implemented added precautions to ensure blood drives and donation centers are safe for donors and staff.



Using Sterile Collection Sets

Using Aseptic

Scrubs on Arms





Apart Where Possible





Donor and Staff **Temperature Checks**

Before Entering Drives

Wiping Down **Donor-Touched Areas**

Having Hand

Sanitizer Available



What if a donor becomes sick after donating?

We provide a call back number donors should call if they become sick with any illnesses days after their donation.

If you're healthy and well, we're urging you to make a blood appointment.

Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.



Men's Ministry

We will continue to hold **weekly Monday night Zoom gatherings at 7:00 pm**. We are covering the Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) study, *Intersection of Church and State*, by Rev. Gregory Seltz.

And we have gone to bi-weekly parking lot gatherings. The next one is **Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 pm**. This meeting is fellowship in a shade spot in the RLC parking lot. We social distance with "bring your own" camp chair, mask, snack and beverage.

Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

will be meeting via Zoom on August 17 and 31 at 7:00 pm.

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

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.



Altar Flowers

You may sign up for your favorite date for altar flowers in the Sanctuary and Contemporary Service.

Please use this link: <u>https://bit.ly/3iFkHii</u>.

Flowers are ordered from Cary Florist and cost \$45.



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, <u>office@rlcary.org</u>).

Job Opportunity

We are looking for a new Drop Off Ambassador to work up to 30 hours a week between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM on Monday through Saturday. Primary days will be Monday, Friday, and Saturday with the flexibility to pick up shifts on other days. May pay up to \$12 per hour depending on experience.

Our Drop Off Ambassadors help promote **Dorcas Ministries** through outstanding customer service, accepting donations for the Dorcas Thrift Shop and Client Services, as well as general housekeeping for the facility and assistance with the movement of donated inventory. This position is under the direct supervision of the Operations Supervisors and is a critical part of a team of ambassadors who work together in a coordinated fashion. A complete job description and information on how to apply can be found by visiting: https://dorcascary.org/job-openings/.



All devotionals shared on <u>our Facebook page</u> (facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary) are posted briefly on the <u>Online Devotions webpage</u> (rlcary.org/about-us/online-devotions) and can also be viewed at your convenience on <u>RLC's YouTube channel</u>

(youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC).

So even if you are not on Facebook, all of the devotions are available to you online.



ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WITH BOLT!

We are so excited that VBS WILL BE HAPPENING this year! With one modification, though. Instead of you bringing your kids to VBS, we're bringing VBS to your kids.

From **August 3rd through August 6th**, we'll be using a quarantine-friendly VBS called BOLT. With minimal preparation, easy-to-follow instructions, and a video that leads you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days, BOLT is designed for you to perform with your family at home. It's so simple!

During BOLT, your family will participate in fun games that illustrate what it means to listen to, focus on, and follow Jesus. Depending on your pace, you can expect that each day's experience will last about an hour and a half. It's great for the whole family, even middle and high school kids can enjoy it!

There's something else we're really excited about—this could also be an amazing outreach opportunity. If you feel comfortable gathering with more people, you can invite neighbors, friends, and family to your house for BOLT. It's such an easy and fun way to share the good news of Jesus with our community. If it's helpful, we've provided a printable invitation for you to use on the Vacation Bible School webpage or you can share our social media posts with anyone you want to invite.

All information you need for the week will be available on our website (<u>rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school</u>) including registration, instructions, videos, and resources.

Mark your calendar for the Live Stream Kick Off on Monday, August 3 at 9:00 am on our YouTube channel (<u>youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC</u>).

In the meantime, get your family excited about BOLT. This is going to be SO MUCH FUN!

Questions? Contact lea.webb@rlcary.org or Susan Richard through RCB.



Children and Family Ministry

Questions you may have regarding any of these programs or events can be directed to the Co-Directors of Children and Family Ministry, <u>MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org</u> or <u>Lea.Webb@rlcary.org</u>.

Confirmation—Faith Affirmation

Earlier this year, our 8th grade Confirmation students prepared their faith affirmation statements. This was their opportunity to confirm the promises their parents and sponsors made at their baptism, and to share with the congregation their beliefs. Unfortunately due to the virus, many students did not have a chance to share their faith statements during worship.

Each week leading up to Confirmation Sunday (rescheduled for August 30), we will be highlighting 3 confirmands on this page and on the RLC website, including a video of their faith affirmations, at

rlcary.org/ministries/confirmation/8th-grade-confirmation.

Confirmation Class of 2020

Amanda Hagedorn

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Daniel Hofman

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. - Daniel 12:3

Sam Huddle

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers in the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. - 1 Peter 5:8-9

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement during this time and throughout their faith life.

Confirmation Small Group Leaders

We are in the process of gathering names for adults that are interested in being a small group leader for the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation classes. Small group leaders are asked to regularly attend Confirmation classes in order to build a long term relationship with a small group that will be assigned to you (approximately 6 students of the same gender). You will have about 20 minutes each week to meet with your small group to discuss the topic that was the focus of class that day, to check in with how everyone is doing, to pray together, and most importantly to build a relationship with these students and become another Christian adult in their lives.

While we are looking for people to make a commitment to small groups done in person, please be aware that some portion of the year may have to done by video conferencing. Should we switch to that medium, we would circle around to see how many of our original small group leaders would still be able to take part.

Research has shown that it is helpful for youth to have five additional adults in their life in addition to their family members.

If you are interested and have time to commit to the full year and potentially 2 years for the 7th grade students, please contact <u>maryann.unger@rlcary.org</u>.



First Communion - Sunday, August 23

Confirmation Sunday - Sunday, August 30

Student Ministry

Breakaway (9th-12th grades)

We're excitedly forging ahead with our blend of Virtual and On Campus events. As always, if you need anything I am here.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, August 2	Connection Café from 1:00 pm		
	Breakaway from 7:00-8:30 pm		
	Sign Up: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A5AB22A5F85-art		

Breakaway Registration Forms

Please fill out now! Whether your youth will be participating in one activity or every activity they can, we need to have a registration form and waivers filled out. Even if your youth will only be attending online events, forms still need to be submitted as pictures are taken and used for publicizing activities. Please kindly fill out forms by **August 1st!** Thank you in advance! I look forward to an uplifting and faith-filled year of "activities" in all shapes and forms. <u>https://forms.gle/PRzTNVpPSd3qhV73A</u>

Joyfully His,

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

Ignite (6th-8th grades)

Congratulations to the "Do You Know?" winner - Lauryn Webb! (1. Exodus, 2. Genesis, 3. Ezekiel, 4. Proverbs, 5. Corinthians)

Do you know.... Fill in the Bible verses and submit your answers by Noon on Thursday, August 6 to be entered in the weekly and monthly prize drawings.

- 1. For God so _____ the world that he gave his one and only ____, that whoever _____ in him shall not _____ but have _____ life. John 3:16
- 2. God is our _____ and _____, an ever-present ____ in trouble. Psalm 46:1
- 3. Come to me, all you who are _____ and ____, and I will give you _____. Matthew 11:28
- 4. Be on your _____; stand firm in the_____; be _____; be _____. Do everything in _____. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Zoom Lunch Bunch - Tuesdays at 12:00 pm (Don't need to eat!)

Join me for lunch, chats, and games. Please have paper and something to write with available. The Zoom invite will be sent out on Mondays.

Zoom Fun Fridays - 6:30-7:30 pm

Join me for a night of fellowship, faith, and fun! This will be a time to catch up with each other, do a devotion, play some new games, and win prizes. Please have paper and something to write with available. The Zoom invite will be sent out on Thursdays.

Battleship - www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4FA4A62C7-battleship

Join me for a one on one social distance game of Battleship! I will bring the game and we can sit outside and sink battleships. If you don't like Battleship, I also have "Guess Who" game, too. More dates and times will be added if needed. If dates/times don't work, let me know and I can figure out alternative times.

- Games will be individually bagged and sanitized before each game day. No pieces will be shared.
- Social distancing will be adhered to. We will play outside and at least 6 feet apart.
- Weather issues will be rescheduled on an individual basis.

JoyFully, Ms. LeAnn, Middle School Youth Director, <u>leann.trautman@rlcary.org</u>

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, July 26, 9:00 am: 456 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 - June 2020

	Current Month	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 80,033.39	\$1,196,440.89
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 84,067.55</u>	<u>\$1,194,919.77</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ - 4,034.16	\$ 1,521.12
Last Week's Offerings		\$11,965.73
Average Weekly Giving for 20	\$23,008.48	
Average Weekly Giving Budge	\$25,153.85	

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Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday Submit to <u>Susan.Moore@RLCary.org</u>.