### 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 Wolf \*Helen Puza Frank Grace \*Anita Moore \*Vern Ebert Dennis \*Jackson Buser Shirley Fanger Lois Keiper Chobanian Family \*John Shaeffer \*Aaron \*Marcus \*Malcolm LaVerne Bradley B. Maureen B. Darcey \*John and Sarah Illsley Ruth Bloedorn

Marc and Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption

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

#### **Ongoing Cancer Treatments**

Jeff Marshall	Carol &	Frank	Don	Craig	Rachel
*Mike Allen	Anne Pr	rice	Bill	Rob	Rene
*Gary Ferro	Angie P	rice	Beth	Норе	Jack
Linda Gilson	Alison Zieglmeier		Jen E.	Carol Diliberto	
Karen Owen	Sandy	Mary	Hazel	Roseanr	ne Candiello
Harold Krause	Dave	Sheri	Paul	Margie (	Galloway

#### For Expectant Moms

Whitley Ashley Kalyn Lauren Ali Molly Shannon Kandi

#### Those Prayed For on August 2nd

#### For the Sick

- Vern, Else, Kathy, Marty, Anne, Karen, Marva, Terrie, 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, Patient Endurance

- 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 is the story of humanity throughout time: We realize we can't do it on our own, so we cry out; and God saves us.

St. Paul reminds us of this eternal truth: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." God hears our cries and saves us through Jesus Christ, giving us the gift of heaven. Jesus states how little is our faith. But we don't need to "whip up" more faith. Even the little faith we have – faith that calls on, and trusts in, Jesus – is enough. The invitation to come to Jesus, which Peter asked for and received, reminds us that prayer is God's gift to keep our eyes off of "the winds and waves" and on Jesus' rescue!

#### 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
- 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 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

#### **Our Missionaries**

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Praying that this message finds you strengthened and encouraged by the one who satisfies the hunger of our souls and stills the storms of life, including us in the God-sized work of bringing hope to a world in need!

This weekend our live stream will once again begin at 9:30 AM, and we will celebrate Holy Communion. (The next opportunity for Holy Communion will be the weekend of August 22-23). As in past weeks, the option of worshiping in-person and receiving Holy Communion is available to groups of 10 people or fewer. To register, please visit the signup genius for small group Holy Communion at Resurrection through the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dabae2eabff2-holy.

We have already begun preparing for in-person worship on the weekend of August 15-16 and invite you to join us. Here is a video detailing the preparations for in-person worship that have been put in place: <a href="https://youtu.be/RrIL2XDNSil">https://youtu.be/RrIL2XDNSil</a>. The number of worshipers will be limited to 75 people per service, so we ask that you sign up for the service you choose to attend below:

6 PM Saturday: <a href="https://bit.ly/2PtbMmS">https://bit.ly/2PtbMmS</a>
8 AM Sunday: <a href="https://bit.ly/39YHeTf">https://bit.ly/39YHeTf</a>
10:45 AM Sunday: <a href="https://bit.ly/2XsUxGI">https://bit.ly/2XsUxGI</a>

All worshipers will have temperatures checked at the door and all (except children 2 years of age and younger, those who have trouble breathing, and those unable to remove a mask on their own) will be required to wear face masks. The services will be a bit briefer than usual and there will be no unison singing or unison speaking by the congregation as a whole, at least for now. Children and youth attending with their families will be asked to remain with an older adult at all times while on the church campus. The nursery, at least for the time being, will be closed. I realize some of these measures are harsh and will be difficult to abide by...including for this pastor! Please know, however, that many of these safety protocols will be temporary and that the safety of all who choose to worship with us is of first importance. I will send you another video next week that will give instructions and information about what you can expect should you choose to attend worship in this format. Please feel free to be in touch should you have any questions or concerns.

While we are looking forward to providing in-person worship for those who choose to avail themselves of it, we ask that you assess your own condition before leaving home and refrain from attending if you have any doubts whatsoever about the state of your health...even if you have already signed up to attend. It should go without saying that at-risk individuals or those with pre-existing health conditions should also worship via live stream rather than in-person, for now. Our weekly live stream of worship services is here to stay. If you or anyone you know is at risk but does not have access to devices that make remote viewing of worship services possible, please alert our office so that we can reach out by in-person visit, phone, or regular mail.

Finally....it is important for me to close with an important reminder. Please know that however you choose to worship in the weeks ahead, you will not be judged. While I invite you to consider the possibility of in-person worship, I more strongly encourage you to prayerfully consider what you and the members of your family are being led by God to do in order to be fed and strengthened for the challenges of life *right now*. While some are ready to return in person to 100 W. Lochmere Dr., others will choose to wait. And that is OK. Our loving Savior comes to us as we are, wherever we are, with His promise that He is present with us always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:18)! Know that the doors to our church building are open once again, but that the doors to the Church were never shut.

May the Lord bless and keep every one of us until we are given to see one another in person again.

Shalom in Jesus, Pastor Jonathan

#### Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, August 7, 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:

- Else, Kathy, Marty, Anne, Margie, Marva, Terrie, Anna, Bill, Dorothy, Terri
- Chuck (surgery complications)
- Karen (healing of shingles lesions)
- Vern, Barbara (pain relief)
- Karen (hip replacement)
- Those ill with Covid-19. Remembering Dean and Laura Gustafson (RN) today.

#### For those recovering from surgeries and/or medical procedures:

- Bill Donovan (stem cell transplant)
   Prayers for successful stem cell grafting.
- Jed, Dee Dee

#### Prayers for protection, wisdom, and discernment:

- College students returning to campuses.
   Prayers especially for Resurrection's youth who are entering their freshman year at universities in and out-of-state.
- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially our members serving in area hospitals

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

- Those with mental illness and struggling with depression, eating disorders, and addiction
- Resurrection's Blind Ministry guests and Coffeehouse guests with special needs who are struggling with disconnection and isolation
- Those suffering job loss. Remembering Raajiv today.
- Rod and Gretchen's move to Wisconsin
- Moms who are expecting this month

#### 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
- All area teachers preparing for the upcoming school year, especially our Resurrection Lutheran School staff and teachers
- The Mekane Yesus and Oromo church leaders and members

#### Celebrating a new birth!

• Vayda Arlene Boyer, born August 6 to parents Brandon and Whitley Boyer Prayers for big brother Bodhi and grandparents, Bill and Jan Boyer.

#### Thanking God today for:

- Resurrection's online Vacation Bible School this past week, leaders, and families who participated
- The Southeastern District LCMS Leadership Conference leaders and participants
- Conner Moore achieving rank of Eagle Scout
- Improvements to Baby Hadley's health and a successful return home to her family
- Jordan and Melissa, and Kyle and Emily's weddings
- · God's wisdom and peace in decision-making
- A good doctor's report for Jennifer

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.



# 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



#### 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 <a href="youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC">youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC</a> or through our website at <a href="resurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC">rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship</a>.

# RLC Congregational Voter's Meeting Notice August 16, 2020 – 1:00 PM

#### **Topics:**

- 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 in-person, as well as via a special large capacity Zoom Account. We will provide assistance for those needing it in setting up or any other special assistance.

Specific documents will be sent out via RCB after the August 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

#### **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 (mens-ministry@rlcary.org)

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 (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

#### 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 <a href="mailto:office@rlcary.org">office@rlcary.org</a> or call 919-851-7248.



### August 16<sup>th</sup> Voter's Meeting Information – 1:00 PM

In our unusual times, it takes more effort to gather a large group to share and make decisions. The Voter's Meeting this month is no exception. Our number one goal is to make every effort to provide multiple ways members of our congregation can participate. Anyone can join the meeting, but to vote you must be a member of RLC, which now includes all our recent confirmands.

We will be gathering in two ways. First, our meeting will be shared on Zoom and members will be able to ask questions and vote electronically. Second, especially for those not familiar with Zoom or do not have computer and/or internet access, we will be allowing members to socially distant in the Family Life Center.

All relevant information for the meeting will be sent out via RCB on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and also shared in the August 14<sup>th</sup> Weekly Announcements.

#### Zoom

For those attending by Zoom, the link is:

RLC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Congregational Meeting
Time: Aug 16, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4688432944

Password: RLC 2020 Meeting ID: 468 843 2944

In order to use the voting function on Zoom ("Polling"), a password is required to insure confidentiality.

Upon entering the meeting, your attendance and identification of number of eligible voters will be noted for the record. It is requested that you mute your microphone during the meeting unless you wish to raise your hand in the screen to ask a question. Questions can be asked using the Chat function and members will be watching to make sure all questions are repeated for the total assembly. On Zoom, there is a voting function called Polling. Toward the end of the meeting, we will ask members to vote on the various proposals. At that time, a poll will show on your screen with the opportunity to answer each proposal individually by selecting "Yes" or "No". If there are 2 or more individuals on the Call, the Poll will contain up to 3 voting selection for each proposal. Each attendee will select if they are the first, second, or third individual voting for each proposal. Next week we will be showing the sample Poll ballot. All votes are anonymous and are collected and reported electronically.

Our intention is to record the meeting.

#### **Family Life Center**

This room can accommodate up to 75 members while maintaining socially distant requirements.

We will be sending out a Sign Up Genius next week following the August 9<sup>th</sup> service for members to register to attend. If we have a larger number than 75, the Fellowship Hall will be used as a second location. Upon entry into the building, a temperature check will be made by one of the Staff members. The Zoom broadcast will be put on the screens. All the same information will be seen by all attendees and those on Zoom. An Information Table will be in the hallway with extra copies of all meeting materials. As the Zoom attendees will be voting anonymous, we will only be voting by paper ballots. There will be no voice approval of any of the proposals. Questions related to each proposal will be allowed at the time the proposal is being presented.

A member will be present with a microphone to allow questions to be raised and they will be repeated so everyone on the Zoom Call can hear the question.

#### **Agenda**

The final agenda will be presented at the start of the meeting. Our goal is to conduct the business requirements first, thus allowing time to collect the ballots and report results at the end of the meeting. At this point, there are no plans to have a nursery available.

#### 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.

#### 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).

#### 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: <a href="https://dorcascary.org/job-openings/">https://dorcascary.org/job-openings/</a>.

#### **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: https://bit.ly/3iFkHii.

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

#### **SCRIP!**

Did you know that our SCRIP has NOT taken a break or even had a slow down during the pandemic?

#### What is SCRIP you ask?

It is a program that allows families to earn money through the purchasing of gift cards/e-cards for youth events, like mission trips, NYG, camp events, etc. Our next National Youth Gathering (NYG) is only 2 years away! This is a great way to earn the money now and have little to no expense later. Just to give you an idea, our 2019 NYG trip cost \$1,400 per person to go to Minnesota.

## Don't have any youth, but want to help out? You CAN!

You can direct your earned rewards to the church's love fund, RLS, RLP, RLC Youth, or designate one youth's family. SCRIP is an easy way to help out RLC, and it's youth!

Please contact me to set up your account or with any questions you may have at <a href="mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org">jenny.piontek@rlcary.org</a>.

Online conversation on racism



#### **August 10**

7 pm - 8:30 pm

registration is required to receive a link

se.lcms.org

#### Join the SED for a conversation on Racism! Monday, August 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Racism is not just a problem but OUR problem – one which God is calling us to address!

The Southeastern District invites all congregations and members to participate in a virtual online conversation/workshop led by President John Denninger and members of the Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry.

Direct link to registration:

https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eh6y0e3ge196c6ce&oseq&c&ch

# Ready to serve internationally... from your couch?

#### Be an Online English Conversation Partner!

What: 6 weeks of Online Service via Zoom, 1 hour per week

Who: Native English Speakers, who are Members of an

LCMS church

When: September 14-October 23 Class times are currently being finalized.

Hayden Rensner, who served this spring with students in Russia, writes, "It has been so much fun being able to help people practice their English and learn more about each individual in the process. Each week we break out into virtual small groups and have conversations based around a specific topic. I have loved being able to meet new people each week and exchange stories and perspectives."

You can also hear more about the experience <u>here</u>. Amanda Bello and Solveig Fiene, who worked with students in Russia this spring, being interviewed on The Coffee Hour.

Start your application today, so you're ready to be placed when class times are final.

For more information and to register, <u>servenow.lcms.org/</u>opp/online-english-conversation-partner.



### Thank you for joining us for our BOLT Backyard VBS Adventure!

We hope this week has brought you and your family fun and Vacation Bible School excitement. With each daily activity and story, I hope your faith has continued to grow stronger with Jesus.

If you were late to the party, got distracted one day, or just want to revisit a favorite game or activity, you are in luck! All information will remain available on the Vacation Bible School webpage throughout the month of August (rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school).

We would love to know what your experience was like and how we can make it even better. Please go to the following link and share your thoughts with us. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and helps us to make the next experience better for your kids.

#### Survey Link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/793NGNP

If we can help your family or your children in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:office@rlcary.org">office@rlcary.org</a> or 919-851-7248. Resurrection Lutheran Church staff is always available to you.

You can follow us on Facebook or Instagram (@ResurrectionLutheranCary) for more information or upcoming events.

Peace to you all, Lea Webb

Co-Director of Children and Family Ministry

lea.webb@rlcary.org

# **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, <a href="MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org">MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org</a> or <a href="Lea.Webb@rlcary.org">Lea.Webb@rlcary.org</a>.

#### 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**

#### Laura Kell

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair. - 2 Corinthians 4:8

#### **Aiden Kerns**

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. - Psalm 119:9

#### Garrett Kuo

Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, please contact maryann.unger@rlcary.org.



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 9 Connection Café from 1:00 pm

No regular Breakaway.

**Glow Night!** 

You will be allowed to sign up, if there is space after the rising Freshman.

#### **RISING FRESHMAN!**

**Sunday GLOW NIGHT on Campus!** You need to sign up for a slot in order to attend. www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a5ab22a5f85-glow

#### **Breakaway Seniors**

Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..."

We wish our Breakaway Seniors prayers of safe travels and wonderful new beginnings onto the next step. Now that you are RLC Breakaway Alumni watch for the new Instagram page. It's coming soon! You all have been a blessing to Breakaway!

Joyfully His,

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



#### Ignite (6th-8th grades)

Congratulations to the "Do You Know?" winners - Logan and Spencer Kostansek!

#### Do you know....

Bible Dingbat Puzzles
Dingbats are a say-what-you-see
puzzle that uses word play and cryptic
devices to convey a hidden meaning.
I solved the first one for you. Answer
the rest and be entered in to our
weekly and monthly drawings.



Answer: Holy (Hole-y) Spirit









Remember to submit your answer by Noon on Thursday, August 13.

JoyFully,

Ms. LeAnn, Middle School Youth Director, <a href="mailto:leann.trautman@rlcary.org">leann.trautman@rlcary.org</a>





#### Dear RLC Families,

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool (RLP) is blessed in many ways - continuous support and prayers from RLC's congregation, families that choose RLP as the stepping stone of their child's education journey in a Christian environment, and a staff dedicated to teaching, caring, and loving each child that crosses our paths. We are thankful.

With a heavy heart, it saddened us to inform our RLP families the extremely difficult choice that was made, in consultation with the RLP Board - to 'pause' our 2020-21 (September 2020-May 2021) preschool year. This means the classrooms and halls of RLP will not be filled with the voices and giggles of children we were all so anxiously awaiting to welcome back this fall.

The Board believes this is the best decision for these reasons:

- ♦ first and foremost, the safety and well-being of everyone our children, our families, and our staff
- secondly, the financial responsibility to our RLP families (current and future) and to the Resurrection Lutheran community

During these unprecedented times, families have also had challenging choices to make. When we finished our preschool year in March, 78 children were enrolled at RLP to start the 2020-21 preschool year. Come July, most families decided to withdrawal their children. This left us with 17 children remaining enrolled at RLP. Additionally, our staff was also diminished by half due to staying at home with their own children. As a result, it was determined not to be financially feasible for RLP to operate with such a small number of children.

The positive aspects of a period of 'pause' for RLP allows us TIME.

- ♦ TIME: A blessing we are thankful for and we will use wisely during these unprecedented times.
- **♦ TIME: We will commit to staying connected with our RLP families.**
- ♦ **TIME:** RLP intends to **return** in 2021-22 with a renewed and restored program. A preschool program that has been offered in this community since 1984 and will continue to grow stronger.
- ♦ TIME: We will prepare for enrollment to start in January for the 2021-22 preschool year (September 2021-May 2022).
- TIME: We will plan and hopefully be able to offer Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021 Camps, as we monitor the pandemic.

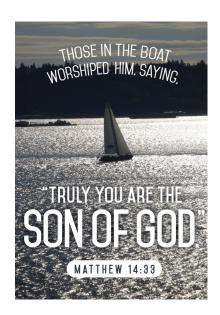
We are exceedingly grateful for the expressions of support shared by the RLP families and their patience over these past weeks and months. We are truly blessed with our remarkable RLP family community!

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, August 2, 9:30 am: 282 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	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 80,033.39	\$1,196,440.89
Total Disbursements	\$ 84,067.55	\$1,194,919.77
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ \$ - 4,034.16	\$ 1,521.12
Last Week's Offerings		\$12,090.04
Average Weekly Giving for 20	\$23,008.48	
Average Weekly Giving Budge	eted for 2019/20	\$25,153.85

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