

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 2020

Prayers of the Church: (*RLC Members)

Ongoing Prayers

| *Diane Cuper | *Eve Sommers | *David Brooks | | | |
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| *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 | *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 Spair | | | | | |

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

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

| Jeff Marshall | Carol & I | Frank | Don | Craig | Rachel |
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| *Mike Allen | Anne Price | | Bill | Rob | Rene |
| *Gary Ferro | Angie Pri | ice | 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 G | alloway |

For Expectant Moms

Kalyn Lauren Ali Molly Kandi Sarah Shannon

Those Prayed For on August 9th

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 Cont'd -

Prayers for Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- 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 Reps, 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
- 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

- 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

Our Missionaries

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



Dear Resurrection friends and brothers and sisters in Christ,

God's welcome extends to each and every one of us, that we might welcome others in Jesus' name! This weekend we invite you to join us as we receive new members to Resurrection in all three of our in-person services. As announced last week, the number of worshipers will be limited to 75 people per service, therefore we ask that you sign up from the options below:

- 6 PM Saturday: <u>https://bit.ly/2PtbMmS</u>
- 8 AM Sunday: https://bit.ly/39YHeTf
- 10:45 AM Sunday: https://bit.ly/2XsUxGI

The live stream will once again begin on Resurrection's YouTube channel at 9:30 AM. Due to the voters' meeting at 1 PM, there will be no small group gatherings for Holy Communion this Sunday. These opportunities for Holy Communion will resume on August 23.

All in-person worshipers at 6 PM Saturday and 8 AM Sunday should enter at the narthex door (pictured above). In-person worshipers for the 10:45 service will enter through the Family Life Center door.

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.

All of us are "outsiders," by nature, to the kingdom of heaven. We give thanks for a loving God who was so intent on welcoming us in that He gave up His own dear Son on a cross outside Jerusalem to pay the price for our sins. Risen with Jesus and connected to Him in Holy Baptism, we give thanks for one another and the opportunity we are given to be in ministry together.

Looking forward to "seeing" you in our virtual voters' meeting at 1 PM on the 16th!

Shalom in Jesus, Pastor Jonathan



We can easily drift into thinking that our churches are primarily or exclusively our own, for us, and for no one else. The declaration in the Bible is that strangers and outsiders will not just sort of wander in among us on their own, but that God Himself will bring them in.

God Himself has brought people from all walks of life near to us that we might extend some gesture of mercy, some expression of God's Welcome. We want to consider the ways in which we treat those around and among us, and to find ways to participate in God's gathering of all people.

Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, August 14, 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, Dorothy
- Jeff, Tom, Karen
- Those ill with Covid-19, especially Dean and Laura
- Bruce and Vern (pain relief)
- Karen (complications from hip replacement surgery)
- Bill Donovan (transplant side effects)
- Baby Hadley Schumacher undergoing treatments. Prayers also for parents, Joshua and Laura.
- Terri (mercy and peace in last days)
- Lavelle Rhodes (awaiting biopsy results)

For those recovering from surgeries and/or medical procedures:

• Alison Zieglmeier (prayers especially for pain relief)

For those who mourn:

- Zach and Megan mourning the loss of their stillborn child
- Amy and Jake (miscarriage)

Prayers for protection, wisdom, and discernment:

- 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

- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially our members serving in area hospitals
- Resurrection Lutheran School staff, teachers, students, and their families as the school opens this coming week
- For those struggling with their faith, especially Marcus and Malcolm. Prayers especially for Malcolm as he enters the Army Reserves.

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

- Those struggling with anxiety, depression, and PTSD
- Linda Evans and her family

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
- Resurrection's church council planning the voter's meeting Sunday, August 16

Celebrating a new birth!

• Riley Bryn Boyer, born August 14 to parents Jason and Ashley Boyer Prayers also for her grandparents, Bill and Jan Boyer.

Thanking God today for:

- His provision, guidance, and care during an emergency room visit
- Kira Lenae Lee Simpson's Baptism
- Baby Madison's progress from incubator to crib in the NICU
- Mel and Anna's 50th Wedding Anniversary
- The re-opening of our church to in-person worship
- The opportunity to welcome new members in worship

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.



Please welcome the following new members to the Resurrection Lutheran Church family!

Juli Blanke

Wesley and Carol Creel

Ellen Frisque Joel, Kate, Colin

Fred and Daphne Harbinson

Mark Hendricks

Travis and Tanya Johnson Eli, Will

John and Deanna Levenberger

Lena Licciardi

Rick and Valerie McClain

Matt and Jennifer Mortenson Sophia, Abigail, Olivia, Evelyn, Madeline

Ron and Rachel Reichert Katie, Elsa, Paul

Jack Wildey

Zella Waggoner

Doug and Kelly Zadow Zachary, Benjamin

Thank you for helping them connect and get to know their RLC Family!

To view the **New Member video** on our YouTube channel, <u>https://youtu.be/dRveJhjqxLA</u>.

RLC Congregational Voter's Meeting Notice

August 16, 2020 – 1:00 PM

Topics:

- 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 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 were sent out via RCB and are attached to these announcements.

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 (<u>jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org</u>)

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).

August 16th 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 was sent out via RCB on Thursday, August 13th, and also shared in this Announcements.

<u>Zoom</u>

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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4688432944</u> 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. 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.

Please use this Sign Up Genius link, <u>https://bit.ly/3iraQM8</u>, 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.

<u>Agenda</u>

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.

RLC Voter's Meeting – Zoom Voting by Polling

As part of the Voter's Meeting this Sunday, those attending by Zoom will be able to vote on the 4 items – RLP, RLS, RLC 20-21 Budget, and Changing the Council Terms from 2 to 3 Years.

The process is similar to voting at a Voting Station, where you check a ballot. When it is time in our meeting to vote, a polling screen will appear on the device you are using. The Poll is set up so that two members on the Call can vote and each person's vote is anonymous. The screen will look like this:

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| Do You | Approve RLP | 's Budget for 20-21 | |
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| No | | | |
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| Answe | 4 (Optional) | | |
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| Answer | 9 (Optional) | | |
| Answer | 10 (Optional) | | |

There are 4 ballot questions – two options to vote yes or no for each ballot question. To vote on each item by Zoom, each attendee scrolls down the list and each member selects one option for each question. You vote by clicking the Yes or No for each ballot question.

We will review this procedure prior to actual voting at the Meeting.

If you have any questions, please email Bob Shimmel – <u>bbshimmel@yahoo.com</u>.

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. 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.

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.



Coming to you LIVE on Sunday mornings!

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

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

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> <u>opp/online-english-conversation-partner</u>.

Availability of Worship Services

The online worship services are available on the church's YouTube channel. You can go directly to the channel at <u>youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC</u> or through RLC's website (rlcary.org), under About Us, click Online Worship, then click on "YouTube channel".

From the YouTube channel, you can get a shareable link to the online service you choose. If you are looking for a link to a specific service and the corresponding bulletin, please contact susan.moore@rlcary.org or call the church office, 919-851-7248.

In addition, if you, a family member, or a friend would like an **audio recording** of any other Sanctuary worship service (for example, 8:00 am, Confirmation, August 30), please contact Bob Unger at the church office <u>prior to the specific</u> <u>worship service</u>.

God Bless You Beyond A Sneeze

Potentially daily, you say the words "God Bless You". However, that typically takes place without much thought or intention. The words come more from habit than from the heart. Recently on Facebook, a mom suggested that with our new normal of having to take our children's temperature each day before heading off to school, that we use this opportunity to also bless our child(ren) at the same time. So what does it actually mean to bless your child? We have examples in the Bible of parents blessing their children. The account of Jacob and Esau portrays the importance of receiving a blessing from a parent. While the oldest child was to inherit the majority of the father's possessions and wealth, the blessing in and of itself also has much value. Think back to when you were a child. If you heard your parent tell your sibling that they loved them or how special they were, did you not get a little sad and want your parent to be saying those words to you? In a perfect world, parents would be blessing their child(ren) daily; not only when they die and their possessions are passed down to their children.

In such a time as we are now experiencing, our children are probably more frequently feeling fear, confusion, frustration, and uncertainty. Our children need to know daily that their parents love them unconditionally. More importantly, they need to know and be reminded that God is in control and loves them even more than their parents love them. God can love them perfectly and knows their needs completely. God will never let them down.

While it may be simple, I think it is a great opportunity to take a couple extra minutes each day to tell your child that you love them no matter what and to share God's love with them. If you want to do this by making the sign of the cross on their forehead or heart, or draw a heart or a cross on their hand, or whatever way you think of to help them start their day knowing they are not only your child, but God's child as well. As they go through their day they have this start to their day to fall back on as needed. As a mom of kids that are as old as some of you parents reading this, I know that children, no matter their age, never grow out of needing to know that their parents love them unconditionally and to be reminded of God's love for them. Don't stop blessing your children because you think they are too old. No one is ever too old to be blessed.

So, as we start a new school year, whether that be at home or in a school building, make it a habit to bless your children daily and see the difference it can make.

- MaryAnn Unger, Co-Director of Children and Family Ministry



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

We hope the 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 (<u>rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school</u>).

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

Riley Peacock

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. - Exodus 15:2

Anna Smith

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. - Mark 12:30

Abby Sottini

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13

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)

Glow Night and Freshman Zoom was such a great celebration welcoming our Freshman to the Breakaway Family! From here on out, please feel free to attend Breakaway Zoom events and On Campus events. The best way for your youth to stay informed is through our private GroupMe. The only way to get on is to contact me.

YOU NEED TO REGISTER NOW! <u>https://forms.gle/BQAHeypQywJcfPc47</u>

Please fill out the forms to participate in Breakaway. These need to be updated every year, so whether you are just joining Breakaway, a Senior, going to only virtual events or doing it all, they need to be filled out. Forms are due by next week!

This Week:

Wednesday, August 12 - NEW TIME! 7:00pm

We will be playing games, getting to know one another and more!

Sunday, August 16

9 Square Night www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A5AB22A5F85-breakaway3

We will continue to Glow with Christ's Love!

Joyfully His, Ms. Jenny, High School Youth Director - <u>jenny.piontek@rlcary.org</u>



Ignite (6th-8th grades)

Enjoy an extra week for this "Do You Know?"! Submit your answer by Noon on Thursday, August 20.

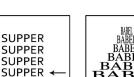
Do you know....

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







To join the Movin' Up Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84175118713? pwd=Nkg0aE1DNTF0U1k4dWxuUjhJampIQT09

Meeting ID: 841 7511 8713 Passcode: 887609

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





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:* We will **'pause,'** review, and renew our program.
- 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!

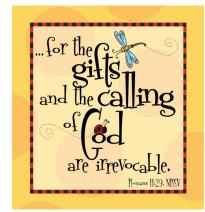
Diane Hooper Director Resurrection Lutheran Preschool dianeh@rlpcary.org

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 <u>www.rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving</u>
- 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 <u>finance@rlcary.org</u>.



Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, August 9, 9:30 am: 345 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 | Yea | <u>r to Date</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| General Receipts | \$ 80,033.39 | \$1,19 | 6,440.89 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$ 84,067.55</u> | <u>\$1,19</u> | 94,919.77 |
| Receipts Less Disbursements | \$ - 4,034.16 | \$ | 1,521.12 |
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| Last Week's Offerings | | \$1 | 0,775.00 |
| Average Weekly Giving for 20 | \$23,008.48 | | |
| Average Weekly Giving Budge | eted for 2019/20 |) \$2 | 5,153.85 |
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