



Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 2020

Prayers of the Church: (*RLC Members)

Ongoing Prayers

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| *Diane Cuper | *Eve Sommers | *David Brooks |
| *Anne Altieri | *Charlotte Raines | Stephanie Samuels |
| *Eric Hammergren | *Wes Wyatt | Ava Conklin |
| *Helen Puza | Frank Grace | Helen Wolf |
| *Anita Moore | *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, Spain

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

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| Jeff Marshall | Carol & 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 Candiello | |
| *Else Travers | Dave Sheri | Paul | Margie Galloway | |
| Carol Pfitzinger | Gloria Arlie | | | |

For Expectant Moms

Lauren Kandi Sarah Shannon

Those Prayed For on August 30th

For the Sick

- Bruce, Vern, and Alison Z. (pain relief)
- Greta, Eve
- Marty, Karen, Anne, Mary, Donna, Ruthie
- Chuck Rolling, Joe Kupsky
- Eli Mahnken (Prayers also for parents Heather and Dave, and siblings Greg and Aubrey)
- Gary Ferro, Anne Price, Tim Jenkins, Donna Kidman
- Esther (cancer), Anna, Jeri, Evelyn, Lynne

For Those Who Mourn

- The family of Harold Krause. Prayers especially for sons, Nathan and Andy.
- Jenna and Cade Cousins, still birth of son Miles

Prayers for Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially our members serving in area hospitals
- College students, especially incoming freshmen
- Prayer for guidance in property decision
- Two sons in college



Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 18:3) It is of great comfort that Almighty God treats us as His dear children.

While we rejoice in God's Tender Mercy for each of us, we are also reminded that God intends for us to share that same mercy with those around us, our family, our own children, our brothers and sisters of the Household of God. John wrote, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:11) In other words, we, who have received God's Mercy, are the very channels and messengers of that same merciful forgiveness of sins to everyone.

Prayers Cont'd -

Prayers for Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Those suffering in wake of severe storms and wildfires
- Those struggling with mental illness
- Those living in assisted living or who live alone. Remembering Angela Foss's mother today.
- Marc and Elizabeth, adoption process
- Our neighborhood small group facilitators
- Johnathan waiting to hear from coast guard

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 and school staff, council, and area pastors

Thanking God Today

- Those receiving their First Communion
- Our Confirmands
- Therapies and treatments to improve quality of life
- Clear scans for Karen
- Birthdays and Family

Our Missionaries

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

Pastor's Corner, Week of August 30 - September 5, 2020

Dear Resurrection friends and brothers and sisters in Christ,

The early Christians used the symbol of the fish to identify themselves, because the Greek word for fish spelled out an acronym signifying "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior." To align ourselves with a faith community that identifies itself as followers of a "Savior" means that we are all individually people in need of saving! But the good news is that when we see our own need and confess our sins, "God, is gracious and just, to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7). Not only that, but the original work required to forgive us and all mankind has already been accomplished by our Savior, on a cross. The Christian Church does not pretend to be a society of holy people. We are, rather, forgiven sinners! As such, we gather again this weekend to celebrate God's gifts and, with an attitude of humility, work together to make the world a little better place than it might have been without us. Join us this Sunday for the first of a two-part focus on forgiveness: Our own need for it (Part 1) and our privilege to grant it (Part 2).

Services this Sunday will take place at the usual times and places: 6 PM Saturday in-person, with Holy Communion (sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2PtbMmS>). 8 AM Sunday worship in-person, with Holy Communion (sign up here: <https://bit.ly/39YHeTf>). 9:30 AM Sunday worship live stream, with Holy Communion (get the bulletin and watch the broadcast from this location: <http://www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship/>). And 10:45 AM Sunday worship in-person, without Holy Communion (sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2XsUxGf>). Holy Communion for 10 people or less is available at the following sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dabae2eabff2-holy>. You may always contact me to receive Holy Communion privately at jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org.

Here will be the schedule for future services, moving forward:

Holy Communion at 6 PM Saturdays, every week.

Holy Communion at 8 AM Sundays, 1st and 3rd weeks.

Holy Communion at 10:45 AM Sundays, 2nd, 4th, and 5th weeks.

Starting September 20, we will begin two worship live streams, one at 8 AM and one at 10:45 AM. The 9:30 live stream will be discontinued that week. In its place will be a team-led Bible class offered via Zoom for all members of the Resurrection community: Max Lucado's *Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God*. Please check weekly announcements for registration information. And take advantage of the opportunities we are making available for early childhood, elementary, and youth Sunday School also. Though many activities offered will not be done in-person, there are ample opportunities we will have to gather around our Savior's Word.

Yes, we are all forgiven sinners. Thanks be to God! But I count it a privilege (and I know you all do too) to serve and to be numbered among those who are also declared "saints" by the blood of Jesus Christ! To our Savior, the Son of God Jesus Christ, be all glory.

Shalom in Him,

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org

Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, September 4, 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

*RLC Members

For the sick:

- *Bruce, *Greta, *Eve
- Children with cancer and chronic illness: Ruthie, Avery, Ashlynn, Eli, Ansley
- Dana, Bill, Kate, Arlie, Gloria
- Tim Jenkins (and wife, Greta), Donna Kidman, Joe Kupsky, Chuck Rolling, Carol Pfitzinger
- Those ill with Covid-19. Remembering Mark today.

For those recovering from surgeries/procedures:

- Baby Rebecca Tharpe and Baby Madison Ball
- Debbie (knee replacement), Marva

For those who mourn:

- The family of Vivian Leister (*Keith Leister's aunt)

Prayers for protection, wisdom, and discernment:

- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially our members serving in area hospitals
- Firefighters battling wildfires. Remembering Adrian today.
- Rescue and relief workers in storm-ravaged areas of the country

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

- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, and loneliness

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 and school staff, teachers, council, and area pastors

Thanking God today for:

- The birth of Reilly Payne Cole to Molly and Enser Cole, member of the *Xenakis family
- *Jackson Buser and co-worker Ali (safe travel to the Congo)
- Our Resurrection family and the opportunities to worship in-person and to gather in groups online
- Angela's 50th Birthday
- Rebekah's parents as they rebuild their home
- RLC's First Communion students and Confirmants as they continue their journey of faith

*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*

Council Terms – Next Steps

As a follow up to the recent Voter's Meeting, we wanted to take a moment and share some additional insight to the proposed council term change. The Vote was incomplete but approximately 30% of the voter's voted not to approve this By Law change.

An amendment was noted by one of the Zoom participants, but in our efforts to be able to put a name with the amendment for the Meeting Minutes, we were not able to catch the amendment provider's name. As noted in the session, due to the Zoom process, we were not able to activate the motion and no second was obtained. It would be most helpful if the person making the amendment would contact Bob Shimmel – bbshimmel@yahoo.com.

The Council is working on an alternative change to our By Laws that is a "hybrid" of our current By Law and a proposal that maintains 2 year terms for new Council members. This has been done in concert with the Pastor and other church leaders.

Our plan is to share a more in-depth understanding of how the role of Council has changed since the adoption of our Governance Model.

The plan is to present this new "hybrid" concept, with the noted additional commentary, using Survey Monkey. This way members can choose to adopt the original proposal or this new proposal. There will be an opportunity to share any comments as part of this process.

Church Council



Birth

**Congratulations to Emily and Chris Newton
upon the birth of their daughter,
Isla Rose Newton!**

Born on September 1, 2020
and weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Proud grandparents are John and Eunice Shoemaker.

Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them
as they celebrate this blessing!

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, 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).

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study

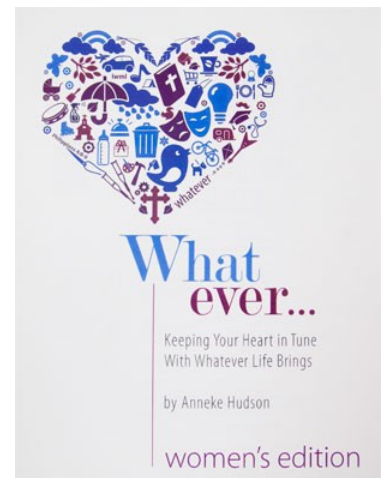
began a new study on **Monday, August 31 at 7:00 pm**
via Zoom.

This Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Bible study, *Whatever... Keeping Your Heart in Tune with Whatever Life Brings*, takes a six-lesson look at Philippians 4:8-9. Each lesson contains Bible study, personal reflection, and practical ideas to incorporate into your life.

The study is available in pdf and can be printed at home.

Contact Dawn Leister or Jamee Thieme through RCB, if you would like to be included in the Zoom invite and to receive the pdf file.

**We will not meet on
Labor Day, September 7.**





It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Leonard Mundorf**, was called to rest with Jesus on August 29, 2020.

Our prayers are with his wife, Susanne, and their family at this time.

Former members of RLC, but now residing in Saline, Michigan attending Christ Our King Lutheran Church there. For Len's obituary, niefuneralhomes.com/memorials/leonard-mundorf/4315650/index.php.

The family requests donations be made to Miracle League of the Triangle (mltriangle.com/sponsor).

FOUND BIBLE

A red Bible with the inscription "Carol" was found in the Sanctuary. If it is yours or you know who it belongs to, please contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org. Thank you!

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.

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).

Discover Resurrection

NEW MEMBER CLASS ♦ 4 Class Series



Join us on **Zoom** Saturday Mornings

September 19, 26, October 3

9:00 am to 10:00 am

and

In-Person Saturday

October 10

9:00 am to 10:30 am

Resurrection Lutheran Church
100 Lochmere Drive West | Cary
Fellowship Hall

Reserve Your Spot by **September 9th**

RLC (919) 851-7248 or

Deb Oesterling, RLC Connections,
at deb.oesterling@rlcary.org

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

What feels shaky in your world? Maybe you feel hurt by the past, disappointed by the present, or worried about the future. If so, there is hope. For every problem in life, God has given you a promise.

Plan to join the Adult Christian Education Class on Sunday mornings via Zoom as we study Max Lucado's *Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God*, starting September 20 at 9:30 am.

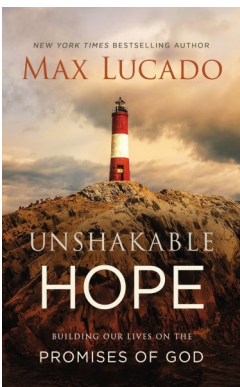
The class will be team led and Zoom invitations will be sent through your RCB email after registration.

In *Unshakable Hope*, Max Lucado unpacks 12 of the Bible's most significant promises, equipping you to overcome difficult circumstances by keeping your focus on the hope found in the promises of Scripture.

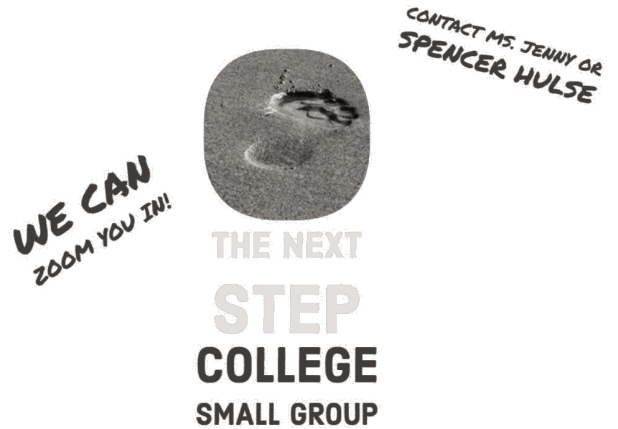
Now more than ever, we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God. In this book, you will be reminded that God's promises are irrevocable because:

- ◇ God is unchanging
- ◇ God is faithful
- ◇ God is strong
- ◇ God cannot lie

What is your life built on—the circumstances of life or the promises of God? The answer to that question changes everything. Join the Sunday morning study with Max as he takes a closer look at Scripture's unbreakable promises and shows you how to live with unshakable hope.



To register, contact the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.



THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!

MEET IN THE WAREHOUSE

HELLO, RLC COLLEGE CREW!

This is probably not the semester or year you thought you would be having. Or maybe after watching last spring this is exactly what you thought would happen. Either way, RLC has a new start up group just for you.

The Next Step

The idea is for our college crew to keep rooted in faith, connected to RLC and continue with that next step on the path that God has put before you. During this time especially, this is more important than ever right now!

So whether you are in town or out, join us for a video series on **Thursdays, 7:00 pm.**

If you are in town, come to The Warehouse!

If you are out of town, contact me I will send you the Zoom link and you can be a part of it right at your school!

Ms. Jenny and Spencer Hulse
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

**Parents, please help us get the word out to your college kiddos!*



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.

Lutheran Women in Mission

Share your thankfulness on LWML's **GivingTuesday**, September 15. You have the opportunity to share your blessings by contributing to the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal. Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Your donation can help reach them and will be matched by a generous donor's gift on GivingTuesday.

Donate online at lwml.org/givingtuesday or through LWML on Facebook. If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office, 801 Seminary Place, Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note GivingTuesday with your contribution.

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 office@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248.

September
TO REMEMBER

GivingTuesday ... a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating this event on September 15, 2020, our **LWML September to Remember**.

We remember loved ones, a mentor, an LWML sister, or a pastoral counselor ... someone who kindled our love for doing the Lord's kingdom work. Write a note to someone who inspired you in your walk with our Lord and your support of LWML. We encourage you to share your LWML story of that person on Facebook, donate toward the LWML Mission Goal in honor of that someone special, and pray for our mission grants.

Nursery Attendants Needed

While we have not yet reopened the nursery for childcare, we are in the process of preparing for that to happen. We are grateful for the many years Ethel served in the nursery. She is looking at other options for serving and for having more opportunities to worship in church.

We are now in the process of finding replacements for her. The position requires someone who enjoys spending time with young children. We want the nursery attendants to use materials that are provided to them by family and ministry staff to help facilitate a positive and learning environment for the kids. It is also important to keep a safe and inviting environment. We understand that most like to worship on Sundays, so we are seeking several people to take turns serving in the nursery. There will be a stipend paid for those that serve.

Please see attached position description. If you are interested in serving in this area of ministry, contact MaryAnn Unger at maryann.unger@rlcary.org or text/call 919-239-9084.



Resurrection Lutheran

PRESCHOOL



As any educator can tell you, there is always something to do and not enough time to get it done. During RLP's period of **'pause,'** we are blessed with the gift of **TIME**. This is a blessing we are thankful for and pledge to use this time wisely and proficiently. As I shared at the congregational Zoom meeting, in August's newsletter, and previous RLC's announcements, the positive aspects of a period of **'pause'** for RLP will allow us:

- 👉 **TIME** and I commit to staying **connected** with our RLP families.
- 👉 **TIME** and I commit to staying **connected** with our RLP staff.
- 👉 **TIME** to **'pause,'** review, and renew our program.
- 👉 **TIME**: RLP intends to **return** in 2021-22 with a restored and refreshed program; a preschool program offered in this community since 1984 and will continue to grow stronger.
- 👉 **TIME** to **prepare** for enrollment to start in December for the 2021-22 preschool year (September 2021-May 2022).
- 👉 **TIME** to **plan** and hopefully be able to offer Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021 Camps, as we monitor the pandemic.

Preparations for any upcoming year of preschool are on-going. Calendars for the *next* preschool year are drafted shortly after we start a preschool year. In October- planning of class offerings begins; November- tuition/registration fees are determined, and brochures are published; December- registration opens for church members; January- registration for the public begins. Tours generally start in January; however, they are offered whenever a family inquires.

I am humbled by the support of my church family. Thank you for reaching out, sharing reassuring and encouraging words, and covering me, the staff, the children, and their families, with your prayers.

Blessings~
 Diane Hooper
 RLP Director

*Seasons
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 to
 prepare
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 & get
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 for
 everything
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 coming
 next.*

~Mandy Hale



We are grateful for all who are able to maintain financial contributions to our congregation!

There are four ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate as you exit the in-person worship service
- 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
- Download the "GivePlus+" APP, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC.

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

This school year, RLS' weekly chapel service will be livestreamed through the church's YouTube channel (youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC).

Please feel free to join us online!

Chapel is held on Wednesday mornings at 8:40 am.

The bulletin can be found at rlcary.org/about-us/in-person-worship/worship-bulletins.

In-Person Worship Attendance, August 29-30

Saturday, 6:00 pm - 74

Sunday, 8:00 am - 33

Sunday, 10:45 am - 70

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, August 30, 9:30 am - n/a 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 - July 2020

| | <u>Current Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| General Receipts | \$ 77,132.24 | \$77,132.24 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$ 89,692.72</u> | <u>\$89,692.72</u> |
| Receipts Less Disbursements | \$ -12,560.48 | \$-12,560.48 |
| Last Week's Offerings | | \$24,757.51 |
| Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21 | | \$19,238.06 |
| Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21 | | \$23,750.00 |

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.



Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday
Submit to Susan.Moore@RLCary.org.

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