

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 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	*Malcolm	LaVerne		
Bradley B.	Maureen B.	Darcey		
Ruth Bloedorn	Bill Donovan	*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**

Carol &	Frank	Don	Craig	Rachel
Anne Pri	ice	Bill	Rob	Rene
Angie Pr	rice	Beth	Hope	Jack
Alison Z	ieglmeier	Jen E.	Carol Di	iberto
Sandy	Mary	Hazel	Roseanne	e Candiello
Dave	Sheri	Paul	Margie G	Galloway
Gloria			_	-
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# For Expectant Moms

Kandi Sarah Shannon Angela

# Those Prayed For on October 11th

# For the Sick

- \*Dottye Nichols, \*Jaime Oesterling, \*Jan Boyer
- Jack Mueller, Patrick, Joe Kupsky, Connie Moser
- Julia, Gloria, John, Ali, Ken, Gavin, Richard
- Father Ted (prayers also for wife, Phyllis and daughter, Mary Ann making decisions for care)
- Children with cancer and other chronic illnesses: Eli, Avery, Ruthie, Ashlyn, Ansley, Hunter (teen)
- Parker (grandson born with heart condition)
- Teresa's unborn twin grandchildren (one struggling in utero)
- Those ill with Covid-19
- Good Surgery
- Answers for a son for a medical condition

# For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

• \*Bruce Kennedy, David, Ian

# For Those Who Mourn

• \*Nicole Gonzalez (mourning the loss of her friend, Lacie)

#### Prayers for Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially our members serving in area hospitals
- First responders, firefighters, and rescue workers across the nation
- Safe Travels

# "Why are you putting me to the test?"



When Jesus says to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," He is referring to the requirements of support and loyalty to our secular government. But what does it really mean to render "to God the things that are God's"? Our Lord makes it clear, as Apostle Paul wrote, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except

from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." At the same time it is to God alone that we owe our praise and worship for His Mercy and Grace by which He saves us from sin and gives us Eternal Life.

# Prayers Cont'd -

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

- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, loneliness
- Dasha (guidance and life direction)
- Families in crisis
- Mother Living Alone
- Pete, Doug, Our Sons
- Nephew Joshua for strength and to find Jesus

#### 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 and family, church and school staff, teachers, and area pastors
- RLC leadership as we continue to move forward during this season

# Thanking God Today

- \*Jan and Paul Wozniak (celebrating the birth of their third great-grandson)
- Jack (recovery from cancer/treatment)
- \*Tom Kolb's leadership at RLS
- New RLC Members
- Opportunities to serve in our community
  - Marriage, Family

# **Our Missionaries**

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



We are meeting for worship, join us!

On Saturday, we will use the format of worship known as TAIZE for the evening service at 6:00 pm.



Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday evening and Sunday morning

at 8:00 am. The Sunday morning 10:45 am live stream will stay up on our YouTube channel.

If you plan to attend services in person, please use the appropriate sign up genius at the link below or be prepared to sign in upon arrival. This allows us to prepare for those attending and to do contact tracing, in the unlikely event that it should become necessary.

Sign up to worship in person at rlcary.org/about-us/in-person-worship.

#### Adult Christian Education Class

Pastor Jonathan is offering a six-week introduction/review of the main doctrines of the Christian faith entitled, "**This Is the Church**" on Wednesdays, 7:00 pm. The class started October 7 and will end on November 18.

The focus of the class is on the core doctrines of the Christian faith (including the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper), understanding how/why they occur in our worship life and what makes Christianity different from all other world religions.

Textbooks are the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. Be prepared for class that will last up to 90 minutes and accessible via Zoom.

Both newcomers and veterans of the faith are welcome to take part! To sign up, contact Pastor Jonathan at jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org.



# Join us online for worship <u>live</u> Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:45 am!

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

#### The Monday Night Women's Bible Study

will begin a new study on October 19, *Enough for Now* by author Sharla Fritz.

If you did not pre-order the book, you can order now through Amazon, <u>ChristianBook.com</u>, Concordia Publishing House <u>cph.org</u>.

You can contact Sharon Hahne or Jamee Thieme through RCB, if you want to be added to the group.

The concept of 'having enough' is one that is not often experienced. If I only had more money ... more success ... more time ... then I would be fulfilled. Yet, even when more is attained, it rarely satisfies. It is not 'enough.'



This eight-lesson women's Bible study, *Enough for Now*, explores the idea of 'enough' through the study of Scripture - specifically the parable of the rich fool, personal stories, and practical exercises. Over the course of the eight lessons, women will discover how to escape the insatiable quest for more by finding their 'enough' in God.

# Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, October 16, 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:

- \*Dottye Nichols, \*Jaime Oesterling, \*Jan Boyer, \*Randi,
   \*Mindy, \*Marilyn, \*Eve
- Jack Mueller, Patrick, Joe Kupsky, Connie Moser, Paula, Helen, Paul Coleman, Houston, Terrie
- Baby Rebecca (heart surgery). Prayers also for parents Andrew and Amy, brother Alan.
- Newborn Rebekah Marion Beatty
- Father Ted (prayers also for wife, Phyllis and daughter, Mary Ann making decisions for care)
- Children with cancer and other chronic illnesses: Eli, Avery, Ruthie, Ashlyn, Ansley, Hunter (teen)
- Parker (grandson born with heart condition)
- Teresa's unborn twin grandchildren (1 struggling in utero)
- Those ill with Covid-19
- All with leukemia or cancer and undergoing treatments

# For those recovering from surgeries and/or procedures:

- \*Bruce Kennedy, David, Ian, Grayson, Thomas
- Marva, Marianne

# Prayers for protection, wisdom, and discernment:

- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially our members serving in area hospitals
- First responders, firefighters, and rescue workers across the nation
- Safe and peaceful voting process
- Hannah, safe travel back to UK
- Dasha, life direction

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

- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, and loneliness
- Expectant moms
- Chris and others who have lost jobs
- Sue, Jill and those with new directions/job paths
- Sarah and Rebecca, direction and guidance especially spiritually
- Families and teachers, working from home and dealing with remote learning
- Upcoming election peace and tolerance
- Those recovering from natural disasters, including volunteers who help

# 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 and family, church and school staff, teachers, and area pastors
- RLC leadership as we continue to move forward during this season

# Thanking God today for:

- In remembrance of Sarah's 26th birthday
- New RLC Members
- Trip to reunite with family
- All who travel
- Negative COVID tests

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

#### 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: Jamee Thieme

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).

# rightnow MEDIA The gift that keeps on giving (really!)

We are excited that Resurrection Lutheran Church now has access to an extensive, new video library called **RightNow Media!** 

It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want-on your phone, tablet, computer, or on your TV at home. You get FREE access to thousands of video resources to help you with parenting, marriage, discipleship and more. It includes content for all ages and stages of life, and all of your family members are invited to set up their own accounts as well.

#### Start Here:

#### www.RightNowMedia.org/Account/Invite/RLCCary

You can also download the RightNow Media app for your smart phone, tablet, Apple TV, Roku, or Amazon Fire TV.

There is no cost to you. Once your account is set up, you can start watching right away! You will have access to over 20,000 Biblically-based videos for individuals, families, students, small groups, leadership development, and more.

#### We hope you enjoy this gift from us to you!



#### **Mites for Missions**

changing the procedure into 2021.

Krupcale's church mailbox, if you happen to be at church. There is also a large collection box on the information table in the Narthex.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLW, placed in Donna Krupcale's church mailbox OR mailed directly to Donna at church.

> Donna Krupcale % Resurrection Lutheran Church 100 Lochmere Drive West Cary NC 27518

Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission! We want to make sure that all the mission grants are fully funded and missions are supported. If you need a Mite box, contact either Donna Krupcale or Jamee Thieme through RCB.

We are still collecting Mites for Missions, but we will be

Mite boxes with coins and currency can be placed in Donna

# Council Corner – October 2020 Meeting

The meeting started with a series of verses from II Kings, where Israel was being besieged. But like today, they always trusted in God's plan for his people. The same applies today with all the matters we are currently facing. We continue to trust that God has a plan for us and RLC.

The primary purposes of this meeting were to fill out current vacancies in the Associate Pastor Call Committee, review an updated Council Term proposal, and have an in-depth discussion on Service Changes.

- September's receipts were \$109,000, which included a large anonymous donation. Expenses were in line with normal expenditures at \$95,000. The monthly result was a positive \$14,000, which make our YTD deficit around \$5,000. Note that the receipts for the first week of October were well below normal levels, which is a concern.
- As a follow up to the request at the September Council Meeting, our finance group provided and analysis of giving in the first 9 months of 2019 and 2020, broken down by age and major giving levels. The data shows that our giving is up approximately \$20,000 compared to 2019. When looking at what generated the increase by age level, members over 60 have stepped forward to support RLC through higher overall giving. Interesting that the actual giving units decreased in 2020 (317) by 11 compared to 2019 (328).
- Council approved the 2020 Staff Benefits Package, which will result in an average increase of 2.3%. With the proposed change we should end the 2020-21 fiscal year at our currently budgeted levels.
- Pastor reported that we are getting more volunteers for the services, but more help is still needed for supporting the live stream videography and production.
- Council approved the middle school youth request for holding a car wash program with proceeds to be used to support exterior church maintenance. Council has requested Staff develop a policy to manage these requests on an on-going basis.
- As we look to 2021 and post-Covid, we need to better understand how our church will be different and how we can meet new challenges. Recommendation was made that Council members read a book by Thom Rainer called the <u>Post-Quarantine Church</u>. This book highlights six urgent challenges/opportunities that could affect the future of our church.
- In preparation for the December Voter's Meeting, now set for December 6, the Council will provide a summary of how the Paycheck Protection Program loan has been used and the plan for using the remainder of these funds. New SBA Guidelines are forthcoming regarding the PPP loan forgiveness documentation, which will include a longer time to file the necessary paperwork. Similarly, in response to member requests, we will also be providing a summary to date of the overall Next 40 giving.
- Council will be forming a Nominating Committee next month to help identify nominations for the vacant Council positions next year, in addition those who volunteered.
- We received 5 nominations for the 2 vacant spots on the Associate Pastor Call Committee. One nomination was
  withdrawn and, based on the overall quality of the candidates and our traditional practice of having a range of
  ages and an equal number of male/female members, the Council voted to affirm all four. They are Bill Xenakis,
  Glenda Moser, Jennifer Grimes, and Mark Dirks. They will join Dan Shaltanis, Leader, Jan Boyer, Mark T. Otten,
  and Michelle Brake. They will begin their work this Fall.
- Council reviewed several alternative Term proposals. Decision was to make no change to the current By Laws. The 2021 Council will take it up some time next year for future consideration. All elections for new Council will be for 2-year terms.
- The Council had an extensive review/discussion regarding Service Changes. Teresa Gresham joined in our discussion to review the findings of the recently completed Survey. We started our conversation by looking at the major observations. Pastor and Teresa provided their conclusions and recommendations, including what is the next step in this process (a Town Hall). The Council continues to believe that any change in our Service timing needs to be approved by the Congregation. The Council voted to support moving to the next phase, the Town Hall, with the conditions that a case be presented to support any change and, based on the survey results, that the proposed 9:30 Service be only Traditional. This session is to be scheduled, most likely in November, so that the Congregational Vote can be held at the December 6 Voter's Meeting.

Any questions can be directed to the following 2020 Council members:

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 <u>www.rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving</u>
- Download the "GivePlus+" APP, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC.

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

# 2021 Lutheran Witness Subscription

It is time to renew (or start) your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2021. This church magazine has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans.

The cost is \$12.95 annually. Make checks payable to RLC and either use designated offering envelope or note "Lutheran Witness" in memo. Deadline is October 20.

New members to RLC receive a one year free subscription from the church.



# **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.







**RightNow Media!** The church has purchased for us full access to RightNow Media. Right at this point, we are doing a study of *Unshakable Hope*, program taught by Max Lucado, author and Pastor. It is only one of the hundreds of offerings on the RightNow Media platform. Some of those that are offered are shown above.

Would you please sign up for this great program at <u>www.RightNowMedia.org/Account/Invite/RLCCary</u> and check out some of the programs they have for us to use. When you check out a few you would like to see us doing in the winterspring, email Mindy Stephani at <u>mcmstephani@bellsouth.net</u> and let me know. Thanks so much!

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Rain or Shine

# **Children and Family Ministry**

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



RLC is providing Sunday School virtually this Fall for children through 8th grade. All the information is on the website at <u>rlcary.org</u>, under Ministries on the **Sunday School for Kids** page (contact Lea Webb or the church office for the password).

All you need is your Bible, a way to connect to the website, and an open heart with God!

For children up through 4th grade, we are starting the second unit from *Simply Loved* called "God Has a Plan." During this unit, we will learn that we can trust God. (Trust God!) We meet a new Bible buddy, Rae the Manta Ray, and learn the memory verse, Psalm 33:4.

In the video this week, we will talk about how God Calls Abram, Genesis 12:1-8; 15:1-6.

You can watch the video at home anytime and learn all about how we can trust God. (Trust God!)



**God Calls Abram** 



For children 5th-8th grade, we have started with Connect.

Join us every week for a Zoom meeting with Ms. Sandy, Sunday mornings at 9:30 am! An email will be sent with login instructions prior to the meeting.

We have talked about Annunciation, Nativity, and Consecration. This week is about Herod and these Bible texts - Matthew 2:13-18, John 11:45-53, Mark 12:12, and Acts 12:1-5.

Come watch this week's animated video with Becky and Todd.





Join us for Sunday School fun! Contact Ms. Lea at <a href="mailto:lea.webb@rlcary.org">lea.webb@rlcary.org</a> with any questions.

# **Student Ministry**

# Ignite (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

There are a few service opportunities listed on the sign up for the 7/8th graders. More to come. Please remember that if your child is in confirmation, they need 10 hours of volunteer/service this year.

**7th/8th Grade - Volunteer Opportunities - Saturday, October 17 from 9:00-11:00 am - RLC Circle Entrance** Sign Up at signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4FA4A62C7-7th8th

Health Form and Covid Form need to be filled out and on file prior to event. No youth will be allowed to participate until forms are completed.

JoyFully,

Ms. LeAnn, Middle School Youth Director, leann.trautman@rlcary.org



#### In-Person Worship Attendance, October 10-11

Saturday, 6:00 pm - 51 Sunday, 8:00 am - 39 Sunday, 10:45 am - 35

#### **Total In-Person Worship: 125**

#### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, October 11 8:00 am - 237 views 10:45 am - 67 views

#### **Total Online Views: 304**

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 - September 2020**

	Current Month	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 109,029.25	\$ 274,430.27
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 94,601.60</u>	<u>\$ 279,719.52</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 14,427.65	\$ - 5,289.25
Last Week's Offerings	\$27,362.25	
Average Weekly Giving for 20	\$21,110.02	
Average Weekly Giving Budge	\$23,750.00	

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

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# www.rlcary.org

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#### Calendar for the Week of October 18-25

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Sunday			
	8:00 am	Worship/Holy Communion	
	9:15 am	Breakaway, Connection Café, Online	
	9:30 am	Sunday School for Kids, Online	
	9:30 am	Adult Christian Ed Class, Online	
	10:45 am	Praise Worship	
	2:00 pm	Stephen Ministry	
	4:00 pm	Mekane Yesus Fellowship	
	5:30 pm	Sunday Stephen Ministry Group, Online	
	6:30 pm	7th Grade Confirmation, Online	
	7:00 pm	Breakaway, Parking Lot	
Monday	1		
	11:00 am	Prayer Community, Online	
	7:00 pm	Men's Ministry Bible Study, Online	
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study, Online	
Tuesday	/		
	10:30 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Online	
Wednes	sday		
	12:00 pm	Church Staff Meeting	
	6:30 pm	Heavenly Handbells	
	7:00 pm	8th Grade Confirmation, Online	
	7:00 pm	Breakaway, Online	
	7:00 pm	This is the Church Class, Online	
Thursday			
	7:00 pm	HS Junior/Senior & College Ministry	
	7:00 pm	Men's Ministry Fellowship, Parking Lot	
Friday			
	7:00 pm	Moms Together, Parking Lot	
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	1:00 pm	Mekane Yesus Wedding	
	6:00 pm	Worship/Holy Communion	
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	1:00 pm	Breakaway, Parking Lot	
	2:00 pm	Stephen Ministry	
	4:00 pm	Mekane Yesus Fellowship	
	4:00 pm	Pumpkin Storytime Drive Thru Parking Lot	
	6:30 pm	7th Grade Confirmation, Online	