



Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 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		

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

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	
*Else Travers	Sandy Mary	Hazel	Roseanne Candiello	
Margie Galloway	Dave Sheri	Paul	Carol Pfitzinger	
Thomas Leister	Gloria			

For Expectant Moms

Kandi Sarah Angela New Pregnancy

Those Prayed For on November 29th

For the Sick

- *Dotty, *Jaime, *Randi, *Mindy, *Marilyn, *Eve, *Else, *Rev. Art Beyer
- Mark (*Charlotte Raines' son)
- *Barbara Schaeffer (hospice care)
- All with cancer and leukemia
- All with chronic pain, especially *Virginia H. and *Jan W.
- Those awaiting surgery
- Children with cancer and other chronic health conditions
- Those ill or recovering with Covid-19, especially Dale Moore
- Patsy, Justin, Red, Brian, Carlton, Carol, Anne, Anna, Annmarie, Keith, Dave, Anita, Gavin, Harold, Herman, John, Gloria, Carol, brother-in-law Bill

For Those Recovering From Surgeries and/or Procedures

- David (*Karen Ferro's brother) recovering from liver transplant, his wife and caregiver, and his donor Ian (*Karen's son)
- *Sandy Nigg
- Chase - surgery on November 30

Prayers for protection, wisdom, and discernment:

- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially our members serving in area hospitals
- Mental health caregivers
- First responders, firefighters, rescue workers across the nation
- All current military personnel, our members serving currently
- RLC decisions regarding Worship times
- RLC Associate Pastor Call Committee
- Families experiencing financial challenges due to COVID
- The effects of bullying and students dealing with it
- Making decisions about relocating closer to family
- Mindy driving to SC this week



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Throughout the ages, God has sent messengers with special messages for His people. Many centuries before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah told of how God would comfort His people. The prophet Isaiah was a voice of comfort to God's people. His words became incarnate in Jesus Christ, Who brings comfort to us in the forgiveness of sins and lives born anew to heavenly glory. God is coming to His people to announce an end to their warfare, the pardon of their sins, and the promise of a whole new future. We proclaim the Comfort of the Lord and the Grace that forgives sins—not as someone to come, but as the One Who came for us and our salvation. Today we not only listen for our own sake, but we listen so that we may speak into the world the Grace of Him Who came - before He comes again.

Prayers Cont'd -

Prayers for Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Pastor Jim and Connie Knuth
- *Else, beginning radiation treatments
- Expectant moms, especially *Sarah and Allison
- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, loneliness, especially those seniors living alone or in long term care
- Patrick, relocating to Florida
- Those awaiting results of medical tests
- Twin granddaughters in utero, esp. baby B and their parents
- Churches with pastoral vacancies and the call process
- Those struggling with family relationships
- Justin gets rid of addiction

Prayers for the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, and Strength for the Health and Well-Being of the People They Serve

- Our US President and President-elect, NC Governor, Congressional representatives, 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

Thanking God Today

- Safe travel and arrival of family
- Time with family
- Answered prayers, especially for Barbara
- Rebecca, moving forward with life decisions
- Progress with COVID vaccine trials
- Family time together
- Safe travel home from Thanksgiving

Pastor's Corner - Week of December 6-12



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Maybe it's because so much is required this time of year that the words of John the Baptist ("Prepare the way of the Lord!") may seem at first to add yet another job to our ever-expanding "to-do" list. What does the proclamation of John really mean? John's call to "prepare the way" for Jesus was a call to repentance. But what is *that*? There are two kinds of repentance. One has to do with that 180-degree turning from unfaith to faith, from death to life worked in us by the Holy Spirit...for most of us, a "past-tense" repentance that took place through the Word of God in Holy Baptism. But there is another repentance, a "present-tense" repentance, too. This present-tense repentance occurs whenever the Holy Spirit leads us to encounter God's Law, own up to our brokenness, and seek the grace of God to do better. As Luther once wrote, "Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said 'Repent!' willed that the life of believers should be one of repentance." Present-tense repentance, then, isn't a matter of going from unfaith to faith. It is a matter of being led by the Spirit from a recognition of our own brokenness... to gratitude to the One who forgives us and loves us in Christ, with no strings attached. In the end, repentance isn't really about something that you or I do. Neither does it bring us somehow closer to God. "Preparing the way" only happens in the first place because of the unexpected victory accomplished by the One who comes to us--rather than the other way around. That's what Advent is all about!

- Be on the look out Sunday for a link to our upcoming Voters' Meeting December 6. RLC President Bob Shimmel has given us helpful background to the meeting. [You can read all about it by clicking here.](#) Among other matters of business before the congregation, we will be voting on whether or not to adopt a proposed worship schedule time change. Please keep this important matter in your prayers as we seek God's will for the mission of our church.
- In light of generous donations received by RLC's Community Food/Crisis fund and the profound needs being addressed by various social service agencies in our area, I've asked that the following disbursements be made: \$2,000 to Dorcas Ministries; \$2,000 to Food Bank of Central/Eastern NC; \$3,000 to Western Wake Crisis Ministry and \$3,000 to Families Together. A portion of Love Fund monies will also be disbursed separately as gifts to members of our congregation. Many thanks to so many of you for your continued support in the new year.
- Many thanks to those who have helped team lead the Sunday morning Adult Bible study *Unshakable Hope*. Though our last gathering for the class will be Sunday, December 13, I invite you to all come back December 20th for an introduction to Lutheran Hour Ministries and a preview of our January study, *A Man Named Martin*. All classes are offered via Zoom.
- This weekend, Holy Communion will be available Saturday evening at 6 PM (12/5) and Sunday morning (12/6) at 8 AM. Regular in-person services are limited to 50 or fewer worshippers. Please note that the 1:00 PM small group service will be canceled (12/6) due to the Voters' Meeting. [As always, please sign up here if you plan to attend any regular weekend service in person.](#)
- In addition to the sign up for weekend and midweek Advent services, the sign ups for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have now been posted. We are excited to offer a new outdoors candlelight Christmas service on Wednesday, December 23 at 4:30 and 6 PM! If you choose to attend, please dress warmly and bring lawn chairs to the parking lot "circle" in front of the main church entrance. The rain date for the outdoor services on the 23rd is Tuesday, December 22. All midweek Advent services and the 8 PM Christmas Eve service will be livestreamed, [you may sign up to attend any of these events in person by clicking here.](#)

This Advent we hear again John the Baptist's call to "Prepare the way of the Lord." Let's focus first and foremost on the power and the mercy of the One who is coming: our Savior, Jesus Christ. Resting in His mercy alone we can be sure that the necessary preparations of the season will get done!

Shalom in Jesus,
Pastor Jonathan

Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, December 4, 2020

*RLC Members

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:

- *Dottye Nichols, *Jaime Oesterling, *Randi, *Mindy, *Marilyn, *Eve, *Else, *Rev. Art Beyer
- Mark (*Charlotte Raines' son)
- All with cancer and leukemia, especially Miriam Beyer
- Children with cancer and other chronic health conditions, especially Ansley and Hunter
- All with chronic pain
- Those awaiting surgery
- Those ill or recovering with Covid-19, the Harvey family
- Sam and Robert, nearing end of life

For those recovering from surgeries and/or procedures:

- David (*Karen Ferro's brother) recovering from liver transplant, his wife and caregiver
- *Sandy Nigg
- Marilyn (*Jan Wozniak's sister)
- Baby Rebecca (*Alan and *Kay Tharp's granddaughter) and strength for parents Andrew and Amy
- Chase and his dad, Mike
- Maynard, heart surgery

For those who mourn:

- The Dietz family, loss of preterm baby at 17 weeks
- Sandy and her family, loss of husband and father

Prayers for protection, wisdom, and discernment:

- Healthcare workers worldwide, especially our members serving in area hospitals
- RLC Voter's Meeting on December 6
- RLC Associate Pastor call committee
- Families experiencing financial challenges due to COVID
- Lydia, life decisions
- Samad, job search

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

- Pastor Jim and Connie Knuth
- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, and loneliness, especially those seniors living alone or in long term care
- Expectant moms, especially *Sarah and Allison
- Restoration and reconciliation for strained family relationships
- Those awaiting results of medical tests

Prayers for the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and strength for the health and well-being of the people they serve:

- Our US President and President elect, 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:

- Safe Thanksgiving celebrations
- New mental health treatments
- Answered prayers, especially for Barbara
- Purchase of a new home, closer to family
- Hopeful progress with COVID vaccine trials

— 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*

*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.*



Join us online for worship live
Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:45 am!

Connect through our YouTube channel at
[youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)
or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

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).



Birth

Congratulations to Minjee and Tristan Webb
upon the birth of their daughter,
Willow Elaine!

Born on November 20, 2020
and weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Proud grandparents are John and Eunice Shoemaker.

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



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and toys to help stock The Christmas Store this year! Whether you sent them directly or dropped off them at the church, your generosity is greatly appreciated. The gifts will be made available to local, financially-challenged parents to "shop" for their children, age 14 and under, for Christmas.

Annette Langefeld-Kennedy was happy to receive the apron with German words stitched on it in her mailbox, but there was no note attached.

If you left this item for her, please reach out to Annette.

Thanks!



RLC Voter's Meeting Announcement — Sunday, December 6 at 1:00 pm

We will hold our semi-annual Congregational Meeting on December 6, starting at 1:00 pm. Meeting will primarily be done by Zoom, with the option to attend in person in the Family Life Center. To attend the meeting at the Family Life Center, the new health regulations now limit the capacity to 50 persons. The Sign Up Genius is <https://bit.ly/33aiuVW>. The Zoom invitation link will be sent out 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Please try to join 5-10 minutes prior to the meeting start.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer – Bob Shimmel, President
2. Approval of August Voter's Meeting – Joe Bastante, Secretary
3. Introduction/Voting on Service Change Recommendation
(1st Poll on Zoom, paper ballots in Family Life Center) – Congregation
4. Voting of New Council Members
(2nd Zoom Poll, paper ballots in Family Life Center) – Congregation
5. Pastor Jonathan Update
6. YTD Financial Review – Dave Geisler, Treasurer
7. Update The Next 40 Fund Status – Dave Geisler, Treasurer
8. Associate Pastor Call Committee Update – Dan Shaltanis
9. Payroll Protection Update – Bob Shimmel, President
10. Closing Prayer – Pastor Jonathan

A bio of the Council nominees has been sent out on November 30th.

As we did in the August Voter's Meeting, we will ask everyone to mute upon entering (saves bandwidth) and use the Raise Hand Function to ask a question or go to the computer by the stage in the Family Life Center.

We have made some changes from the Zoom process at the August Voter's Meeting. First, we will be using the Participant's function to note all members who are attending, in addition to those in the Family Life Center. Please make sure your name is noted on the screen, using the rename function. If there are 2 members on the call, please use both names (you can Google how to change the name on the bottom of your screen). Please do not use a non-name description. Please keep your video on.

Second, our Polling system will be set up to accommodate up to 2 members. If there is a third voting member attending the Voter's Meeting, we request that they use another device.

Third, Zoom Polling requires that a ballot must be fully completed to be counted. Therefore, we have devised a system to allow either one or both members to vote. Each ballot will be set up for allowing 2 votes. As you can see on the sample ballot below, we are going to be using the N/A as a voting option. If a single member is voting, they make their selection for the first question and then go to the second question and mark N/A. We will be able to gather the N/A and eliminate these. For 2 members voting, the first person votes in the first question and the second person votes on the second question. There will an opportunity to ask a question prior to the actual start of voting. We will ask if everyone has had the opportunity to vote prior to closing the Poll.

We will be using the Polling Function on Zoom for our 2 votes. There will be 2 separate polls. In Zoom polling, it requires that all ballots must be completed 100%. The ballot for the Proposed Service Change as it shows up on your screen will look as follows:

Adopt the Proposed Service Change

1. Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Service Change
 - ◇ Approve – When the time is appropriate (Post-Covid)
 - ◇ Not approve the proposed change
2. Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Service Change
 - ◇ Approve – When the time is appropriate (Post-Covid)
 - ◇ Not approve the proposed change
 - ◇ N/A

A member selects his choice by clicking on the circle. The ballot for the election of the Council members will follow same format.

Attached as separate documents is the Council Nominees bios, the Minutes from the August 2020 Voters Meeting (need to approve), and the Proposed Service Change schematic.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Shimmel – bbshimmel@yahoo.com.

Associate Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has met twice now and would like to give the congregation an update on our efforts. The Church Council has commissioned the group and they have begun their work to update the Congregational Profile with the assistance of Rev. Mark Schroeder, Southeastern District's Mission Engagement Facilitator-Southern Region. As this profile went through a vigorous update less than two years ago, the committee is using that profile as their template. Changes that are being made deal with a focus on calling an Associate Pastor with also a brief mention of how RLC has reacted to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Another topic the group is working through is whether to ask the Southeastern District for help in asking for a seminarian student or request experienced pastors to call. Timing to make a request for a seminarian, a freshly ordained minister from one of our Synod's two seminaries, is soon as placements take place in early Spring. One of the factors in this decision will involve the timelines associated with filling the role with a seminarian or experienced pastor.

Finally, the committee wants to hear from you. They are representatives of our congregation and seek your inputs on this topic. Feel free to reach out to any of them with questions or comments. They are: Dan Shaltanis (chair), Jennifer Grimes (secretary), Mark Dirks, Jan Boyer, Glenda Moser, Michele Brake, Mark Otten, and Bill Xenakis.



There are 19 red and white poinsettias still available for purchase.

If interested, email MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org.

The cost is \$15.

Place check made **payable to RLC** in the mailbox of Lea Webb or MaryAnn Unger.

You can also mail check to RLC at 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518.

Plants are available to take home after worship on Christmas Day, during church office hours (Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm).

Plants not claimed by January 6 will be donated.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be collecting knitted and crocheted hats and scarves for Neighbor to Neighbor, a local charity. All colors, styles, and sizes are welcome.

Please place items in Rebecca Melland-Kuo's mailbox or in a labeled bag above the church mailboxes. We will be collecting items until Sunday, December 6.

We have at least 70 scarves so far, but there are a lot of families struggling. For some kids, this may be their only Christmas present. Thank you!

SCRIP CHRISTMAS ORDER!!
 Gift cards make great presents. Last physical card order before Christmas is being placed on Sunday, December 6th! Don't miss out!

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.

“Our Light” – November Congregational Highlights

Even though we can only gather in limited numbers in the Sanctuary or the Family Life Center, the ministry of RLC continues. In so many ways, we are certainly gathered in spirit and it's AMAZING how everyone works publicly or “behind the scenes” to keep things moving forward. Many of our ministries and small groups continue to find ways to connect with and engage members. We continue to be thankful for Pastor Jonathan's calm and positive leadership guiding us through this uncertain season.

1. We continue to have a group that actively supports the general brush removal and other clean up on the church property.
2. A RLC group spent a day helping install a new brick walkway at our sister church, Jordan.
3. We had the opportunity to recognize and celebrate Margaret Hyatt's 25 years of service to RLC, both in all services and a special event organized by the Church Staff.
4. Several groups worked to make Halloween special for all our young families.
5. Our Visual Faith ministry continues to reach out to our shut-ins by sending cards. Thank you, Jamee Thieme, for your leadership.
6. Our Associate Pastor Call Committee has been organized and has started to meet. Look for periodic updates in the Newsletter and/or Weekly Announcements.
7. We had a good financial month in October, moving into a positive YTD position. Thank you to all for continuing your support of RLC during Covid.
8. The Town Hall provided an opportunity for members to ask questions regarding the upcoming Congregational vote as to whether or not the change in service times.
9. Resurrection Lutheran Preschool is planning a Nativity Drive Thru event for families of preschool children.
10. Resurrection Lutheran School continues to operate efficiently during Covid, thanks to Staff and Board leadership.
11. Our Love Fund continues to grow, and Pastor has identified a series of contributions to our members in need.
12. How fortunate we are as a Congregation to have up to four Bible Studies/Devotions each week that provide an opportunity to keep us in the Word.
13. Thanks to all the musical talent that has supported our worship services. Their presence makes a difference in our worship. Thanks to Bob Unger for arranging the special music.
14. RLC Blind Ministry was recently selected to receive a \$2,500 Mission Grant from Carolinas District Lutheran Women in Mission. This grant will be funded through the monthly collection of Mites for Missions and is an example of how Mite offerings help support local, national, international missions.

Church Council



Mites for Missions

We are still collecting Mites for Missions, but we will be changing the procedure into 2021.

Mite boxes with coins and currency can be placed in Donna 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.

Lutheran Women in Mission Supports RLC Blind Ministry Outreach

Many thanks for filling your Mite Boxes! Our Blind Ministry has received a grant from the Carolinas District LWML for \$2,500. Since gathering for dinners is currently not possible, plans are to compile gift packages to be delivered to our participants before Christmas.

The grant will purchase grocery gift cards and YOU can help us fill the packages. Suggested items can be dropped off at the church office, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm by December 13.



Thanks for remembering our Blind Ministry guests while we distance!

Personal Care Items:

Tissue Packets
Hand/Body Lotion
Hand Soap (Pump Top)
Lip Balm (like Chapstick)
Small Hand Sanitizers
Slipper Socks with Grip Dots
Gloves

Food/Snack Items:

Protein or Granola Bars
Mac and Cheese Cups
(Microwavable)
Soup Cups (Microwavable)
Packs of Applesauce Cups
Packs of Peanut Butter
(Single Serve)
Instant Oatmeal Packets
Pudding/Jello Cups
(Shelf Stable)
Individual Size Packages of
Nuts, Trail Mix, Popcorn,
Crackers, Dried Fruit

Reaching Out with the Love of Christ to all People through Advent Offerings

Each Season of Advent, RLC designates a few ministries to support in reaching out with Christ's love to all people.

This year, the following organizations were chosen:

◆ With Love from Jesus

An evangelical outreach to the needy community in Raleigh and surrounding areas, their goal is to minister to spiritual needs as well as physical needs of individuals they serve.

◆ Helping Hand Mission

They assist families in need with food, clothing, furniture, and shelter through 16 programs and events (all free!) for children, teens, elderly, homeless, handicapped, disabled, low income, and victims of fire to become self sufficient.

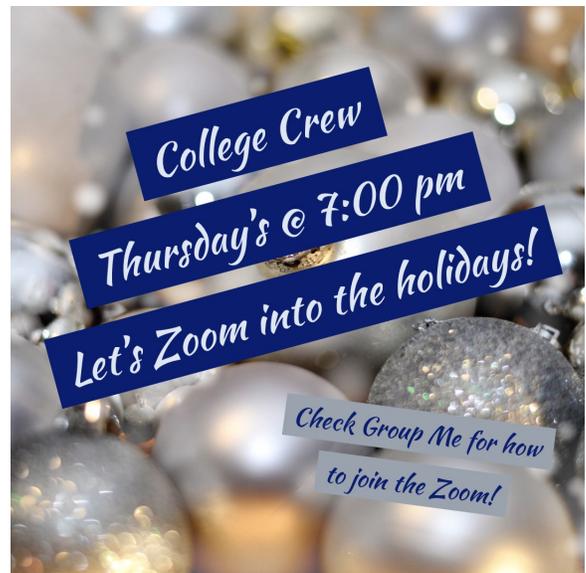
◆ Life for Uganda

Life For Uganda works with underserved communities in Uganda to provide clean water sources, build and equip schools, and create opportunities to thrive.

◆ Lutheran World Relief Disaster Fund

LWF's goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.

Please use Advent Offering envelopes or indicate 'Advent Offering' on memo of checks. Offerings started on the First Sunday in Advent, November 29.





Join us during this season of Advent and Christmas!

ADVENT WORSHIP

December 2	Wednesday, 6:00 pm <i>Hanging of the Greens</i>
December 6	2nd Sunday in Advent
December 9	Wednesday, 6:00 pm <i>Holden Evening Prayer</i>
December 13	3rd Sunday in Advent
December 16	Wednesday, 6:00 pm <i>O Antiphons</i>
December 20	4th Sunday in Advent
December 23	Wednesday, 4:30 & 6:00 pm <i>Outdoor Candlelight Christmas at RLC</i>

Service Times: Saturday, 6:00 pm | Sunday, 8:00 am
Sunday, 10:45 am (Praise)

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

3:00 pm in the Sanctuary

For families with young children featuring interactive lessons and carols.

4:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Traditional Christmas carol family worship with special pre-service musical offerings by Resurrection Music School students.

6:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Candlelight service with contemporary settings of traditional carols.

8:00 pm in the Sanctuary*

Candlelight service with traditional Christmas carols.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Festival celebration of Holy Communion with carols.

We are meeting for in-person worship. The number of worshipers will be limited to 50 people per service, so we ask that you sign up for the service you choose to attend at rlcary.org/about-us/advent-worship.

Our Sunday 8:00 am and 10:45 am services, the Wednesday night services, and the 8:00 pm Christmas Eve* service will be live streamed online at youtube.com/resurrectionlutheranchurchcarync.



Help Beyond the Holidays

Help collect much needed everyday items that support families beyond the holidays!

Goal is to bless 160+ families in need in Wake County

Holidays and Beyond 2020

Holidays and Beyond Shopping List

Place these items in a bag or box:

- 1 Dish Soap
- 1 Laundry Detergent
- 2 Packages of 4-roll Toilet Paper
- 3 Cans of Fruit
- 6 Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- 4 Cans of Meat (tuna, chicken, salmon etc.)
- 3 Cans of Soup
- 2 lbs. of Rice or Pasta
- 4 Cans of Veggies
- 2 Cans of Pasta Sauce (e.g. Ragu, Prego etc.)
- 2 Cans of Tomatoes (diced, whole, sauce etc.)

The cost of these items should be around \$50. Cash/check donations are also welcome. Make checks out to Western Wake Crisis Ministry and turn into the office or offering plate. Please bring all donations between December 1st and 13th.

Thank you for your support in helping our neighbors in need!

Holidays and Beyond 2020

Look for Donation Barrels at the Welcome Information Center in the Narthex and Information Table in the Lobby of the Family Life Center December 1-13. Checks should be given to the office or turned into the offering plates.

Highlights

- Purchase items on check list **OR**
- Make out a \$50 check to Western Wake Crisis Ministry and they'll shop for you
- Bring **box of supplies or checks** to church during office hours (M/W/F 9am-3pm) between **December 1 and 13.**

Questions?

Call Margaret Hyatt at 919 851 7248

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, MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org or Director of Children's Ministry, Lea.Webb@rlcary.org.



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

For children up through 4th grade, we are on the third unit from *Simply Loved* called, "Good News for Outsiders." During this unit, we learn that Jesus loves everyone. (Thank you, Jesus!) We have a new Bible buddy, Decker the Crab, and are learning the memory verse, John 13:34.



"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."

In the video this week, we will talk about how Jesus wants to *Let the Children Come to Me*, Luke 18:15-17.

You can watch the video at home anytime.

For children, 5th-8th grade, we are using *Connect* by Sparkhouse. Come watch this week's animated video with Becky and Todd!



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.

In this unit, *Jesus: Ministry*, we have talked about *Baptism*, *12 Disciples*, *Parables*, and *Healings*. This week's lesson is *Teachings*. The video will be available for a few weeks, so you have a chance to catch up if you miss a week.



Join us for Sunday School fun!

Contact Ms. Lea at lea.webb@rlcary.org with any questions.

This year, we have a few different options for Advent devotions. There is a booklet for adults, a packet for families, and a group of 4 weekly Advent activity sheets for children. The family packet has devotions, as well as crafts to individually or together.

They are available in the church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. It might be helpful to contact the church office before heading over, just to make sure someone will be there and can get the materials together for you.

I am planning to send out a short blurb each week that talks about what you can focus on this week, especially as you go through the materials with your children.

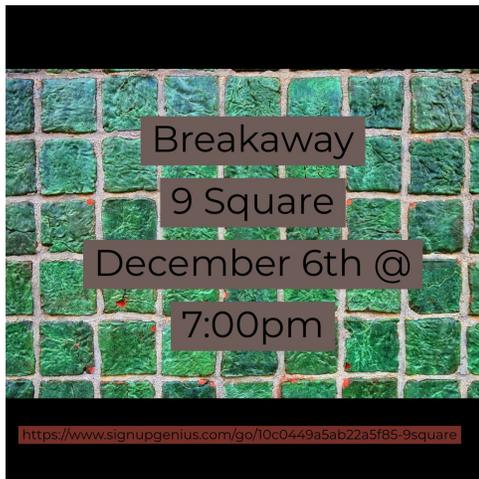
The first week of Advent devotions for families and young kids focus on holding on to hope and on the first candle of Advent which reminds us of the prophets that foretold the birth of the Christ Child. With 2020 being a year of uncertainty and unexpected changes to our daily life, it is comforting to know that with God, we still have hope every day knowing that He is always with us and no matter what happens day to day, God is still God and is in control.

Kids can relate to hope, especially at Christmastime. I remember vividly as a kid being so excited when the Christmas catalogues would come in the mail. I would sit down and go page by page circling all of the things I hoped to get for Christmas. The best part is, the Christ Child and God are much better than "things" to place our hopes in. Gifts get old, break, or just don't bring us the joy that we thought they would. Jesus will never disappoint us and not only does He meet our expectations, He far surpasses anything we could ever imagine. I hope this week will be a great start of this Advent season and will help you and your family to have Christ as the center of your joy and preparations.

- MaryAnn Unger, Director of Infant and Family Ministry

Student Ministry

Breakaway (9th-12th grades)



I am available to you through email (jenny.piontek@rlcary.org), Instagram (@rlcbreakaway), GroupMe, or text/phone (check RCB).

Joyfully His,
Ms. Jenny, High School Youth Director

Resurrection Lutheran School PSO Merry Mailer

As we move into December, RLS focuses efforts on spreading joy in the community around us. With that in mind, the Care Team collaborated with the ministry staff at RLC to identify senior adult members in the congregation who may be homebound or experiencing isolation due to the pandemic.

The team has put together a 2021 collage photo calendar full of RLS students, staff, encouraging verses, student artwork, and handcrafted notes of encouragement. We love that these will be mailed to RLC senior adults, almost 50 people will receive our Merry Mailer!



**All ages are invited to join us to hear and see
the story of Christmas in a safely distanced manner!**

Vehicles will enter RLC's parking lot at the entrance near Ritter Park, then snake throughout the parking lot tiers. Further instructions will be given upon entering the parking lot.

Everyone will remain in their cars for this event. However, an optional photo op for a distanced picture (with a 'special visitor') will be available.



Rain Date: Saturday, December 19

Non-perishable/canned goods will be collected at the last station of the drive-thru for the Western Wake Crisis Ministry



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PRECHOOL



Individual, safely distanced **TOURS** provided for parents by appointment.

Call or email to schedule a Tour now.

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ENROLLment for the



2021-22
Preschool year starts in January



Our hope and goal is to offer

Late **WINTER**

February 22nd-25th

(weather makeup: March 1st - 4th)

March 15th-18th

(weather makeup: March 22nd - 25th)

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Early **SPRING CAMPS**

April 12th-15th

(weather makeup: April 19th - 22nd)

May 3rd-6th

Additional tentative date:

?May 24th-27th

- + Monday - Thursday
- + 9:15 am - 12:30 pm
- + Vehicle Drop-Off/Pick-Up
- + Centers
- + Skill Building
- + Circle time
- + Lunch (provided by parents)
- + Playground time



June 7th - 10th

June 14th - 17th

June 21st - 24th

Additional tentative dates:

?July 26th-29th

?August 2nd-5th

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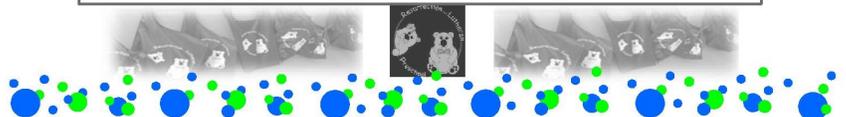
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In-Person Worship Attendance, November 28-29

Saturday, 6:00 pm - n/a

Sunday, 8:00 am - 32

Sunday, 10:45 am - 42

Total In-Person Worship: 74**Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel**

Wednesday, November 25 (Thanksgiving)

8:00 am - 151 views

Sunday, November 29

8:00 am - 224 views 10:45 am - 59

Total Online Views: 434

*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 - November 2020

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 81,664.34	\$ 462,125.85
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 84,752.97</u>	<u>\$ 461,722.81</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ - 3,088.63	\$ 403.04
Last Week's Offerings		\$19,162.38
Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21		\$21,005.72
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21		\$23,750.00

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

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Calendar for the Week of December 6-13**Sunday**

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9:15 am Breakaway, Connection Café, Online
9:30 am Sunday School for Kids, Online
9:30 am Adult Christian Ed, Online
10:45 am Praise Worship, FLC
1:00 pm Voter's Meeting, FLC and Online
3:30 pm Mekane Yesus Fellowship, FH
6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation, Online
7:00 pm Breakaway, Gym

Monday

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
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting, Online
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Tuesday Group, Online

Wednesday

8:30 am RLS Chapel, Sanctuary and Online
12:00 pm Church Staff Meeting, Online
6:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary/Online
6:45 pm 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews
6:45 pm Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary
7:00 pm 8th Grade Confirmation, Online
7:30 pm Breakaway, Online
7:30 pm Cantus Christe, Sanctuary
8:15 pm Choir Ensemble, Sanctuary

Thursday

7:00 pm College Crew, Online

Friday**Saturday**

1:00 pm Christmas Nativity Drive-Thru, Parking Lot
6:00 pm Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday

8:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
9:15 am Breakaway, Connection Café, Online
9:30 am Sunday School for Kids, Online
9:30 am Adult Christian Ed, Online
10:45 am Praise Worship/Holy Communion, FLC
1:00 pm Small Group Communion
3:30 pm Mekane Yesus Fellowship, FH
4:30 pm Breakaway Leadership Team
6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation, Online
6:30 pm Breakaway, Gym