

Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 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 December 6th

For the Sick

- *Dotty, *Jaime, *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
- Mike, Uncle Mike, Al, Kathy, Justin, Red, Brian, Carlton, Keith, Dave, Carol, Anne, Anna, Annmarie, Anita, Carol, John, Gloria, Alison, Richard, Lynne

For Those Recovering From Surgeries and/or Procedures

- David (*Karen Ferro's brother), 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

Prayers for Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- Healthcare workers worldwide, members 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



The Third Sunday in Advent issues a call to rejoice. In contrast to those who mark our Lord's Coming with fear and trembling, the people of God rejoice that our King is coming. While no one can live in a constant

state of happiness, the Christian's joy is not dependent upon the circumstances of our lives being as we desire. Our joy, like our hope, rests in Jesus Christ. In all of this our joy is because of the Christ Who came in flesh and blood to redeem us. Our joy is in the anticipation of His Return to claim the people for whom He died and rose again.

Prayers Cont'd -

For Those Who Mourn

- *Jason Moll, loss of cousin's son, Connor Moll
- *Trudy Haertling, loss of brother-in-law's brother
- The Dietz family, loss of preterm baby at 17 weeks
- Sandy and her family, loss of husband and father

Prayers for Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Pastor Jim and Connie Knuth
- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, loneliness, especially those seniors living alone or in long term care
- Expectant moms, especially *Sarah and Allison
- Restoration, 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, local Wake Co. officials
- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Vicar Alan and family, church and school staff, teachers, and area pastors
- RLC leadership as we move forward during this season

Thanking God Today

- 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

Our Missionaries

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

Pastor's Corner - Week of December 13-19



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The most recent issue of *Christianity Today* came yesterday, and I had a chance to browse its contents this morning. There was a graphic on the front cover I found hard to forget: an artist's rendition of the earth at night. Unlike the usual images of the earth from the moon we've grown accustomed to (a vivid blue marble teeming with life), all in this artwork was dark, with stars in the black of space and tiny points of light visible on the earth itself. If you looked closely, though, you'd see something else: a hand over the earth, sheltering it and embodying the very presence of God at work in the world. Underneath the graphic, echoing the Bible passage every Sunday School child knows ("For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son..."), are the words: "*For God still loves the world...*" God created the world and still intervenes in its affairs today as Giver of all good things. Likewise, God didn't just love the world once-upon-a-time. Jesus is alive *today* and at work. Despite what we've seen in 2020, God *still* loves the world! What Good News this is for us, as we count down the days to Christmas and rejoice in the hope we share in the Christ-child! God still loves the world. God still uses ordinary people like you and me to accomplish His extraordinary purposes in a world where love is the basic craving of every human soul.

Thanks to all who took part in the Voters' Meeting last Sunday. Not only did we have a great turn out (almost 150 people) but the vote in favor of the worship schedule time change was decisive. I realize that this was not an easy decision for many and am truly humbled by the support of the community for this new beginning in the life of our congregation. I look forward to working with church leadership to see that what we offer in the area of worship, Sunday School, and fellowship in the post-COVID season is all that it can be--by God's grace.

- Resurrection's "Love Fund" is a special fund for assisting Resurrection members who are in financial need. As reported last week, we recently distributed gifts to church families from our Love Fund where we knew the needs were the greatest. However, due to our congregation's generosity, that fund has grown beyond what we can easily distribute to our own members. I am grateful that many of you who have made major donations to this fund have told me you are open to seeing these monies spent where the needs are the greatest...even if that means supporting entities other than our own members. I've discussed a few options with the church council about where we might use a portion of this money in supporting people impacted by the pandemic. I look forward to keeping you all in the loop about how this portion of Love Fund money will be spent.
- Our sincere thanks are due to all our council members, but especially to Dave Upton, Jacin Suskin, Vice President Claudia Guthrie, and President Bob Shimmel who will be transitioning away from council service to other forms of service at RLC in 2021. Thanks to all of you for your love of the Lord and the people of our congregation! Congratulations are in order for our newest council members: Derric Grimes, Mike Haertling, Jamie Measmer, and Lisa Snyder. I look forward to getting to know you all better and working with you in the years ahead.
- Please note that starting on Sunday, January 10 our 10:45 Praise and Worship service will begin at 11:00 AM. This will allow our Sunday School slot on Sunday morning to have one full hour of session time via Zoom. As always, we will open the Zoom session fifteen minutes early (9:15) and leave it open for 15 minutes at the end (from 10:30 to 10:45) so that participants can visit with one another.

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- If you are attending our weekly Sunday School class via Zoom (*Unshakable Hope*), please come back December 20th for an introduction to Lutheran Hour Ministries and a preview of our winter study, *A Man Named Martin*. The December 20 session will be the last adult Sunday School class gathering for 2020. All other Sunday School and Confirmation classes will finish up December 13/16.
- Register now for *A Man Named Martin*. [Check out the trailer from your RightNow Media account here](#). You can already reserve your place in the class, starting January 10. Just contact the church office [with an email request by clicking here](#). Session guides can be downloaded for free from the Lutheran Hour Ministries website or picked up in the church office. You may also view or download all videos for the study through your RightNow Media account.
- This weekend, Holy Communion will be available Saturday evening at 6 PM (12/12) and Sunday morning (12/13) at 10:45 AM. Holy Communion for 10 or fewer people is scheduled for 1:00 PM in the sanctuary. Regular in-person services are limited to 50 or fewer worshippers. [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 outdoor 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](#).

Jesus was born into a bound, burdened, and broken world to "bring Good News to the poor" and "bind up the brokenhearted." He is the Servant of the Lord who would "comfort those who mourn" and "give them the oil of gladness" (Isaiah 61:1-3). We take heart that in Jesus Christ the only Son of God for you and me God does indeed STILL love the world! As He uses us to "build up the ancient ruins" and "raise up the former devastations" (61:4) the gift of joy we share is contagious. It is a gift we are privileged to share again this Christmas.

Shalom in Jesus,
Pastor Jonathan



**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).



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.

Incoming Prayer Requests Received as of Friday, December 11, 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:

- *Dotty Nichols, *Jaime Oesterling, *Randi Munns, *Mindy Stephani, *Marilyn Hahne, *Eve Sommers, *Else Travers, *Rev. Art Beyer, *Heidi Kerns
- Aunt Edna, (*Sharon Hahne's aunt)
- All with cancer and leukemia, especially Miriam
- All with chronic pain, especially Al, Mike
- Children with cancer and other chronic health conditions, especially Ansley, Alice, and Hunter
- Those ill or recovering with Covid-19, especially Joyce, Stephanie, Nancy, Megan (relatives of RLC members)
- Sam and Robert, nearing end of life
- Sally, undergoing surgery

For those recovering from surgeries and/or procedures:

- David (*Karen Ferro's brother) recovering from liver transplant, and his wife and caregiver
- *Sandy Nigg, *Virginia Heilman
- Chase and his dad, Mike (*Glenda Moser's grandson, son-in-law)
- Marilyn (*Jan Wozniak's sister)
- Maynard, heart surgery
- Baby Rebecca (*Alan and Kay Tharp's granddaughter)

For those who mourn:

- Family of *Bob Glowacki
- Family of LynnDee Renninger (*Dawn Leister's cousin)
- Donna Kidman and family, death of adult son (*Brenda Peterson's friend)

Prayers for protection, wisdom, and discernment:

- Healthcare workers worldwide, our members serving in area hospitals
- All current military personnel, especially our members serving currently
- Newly elected RLC Council members
- RLC Associate Pastor call committee
- Families experiencing financial challenges due to COVID
- Sarah, grad school application process

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 Illsley
- Restoration and reconciliation for strained family relationships
- Cheri Brown and family
- Churches with pastoral vacancies and the call process

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 travel for the Mantey's on home service in the U.S.
- Positive medical test results
- Outgoing RLC Council members and their faithful service
- Anniversaries and Birthdays
- Mark's healing (*Charlotte Raines' son)
- Improvement for Amelia Grace (*Pam Dixon's niece)
- Allison, safe delivery and at home with baby Thomas (*Fran Xenakis' niece)

— 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.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Robert Glowacki**, was called to rest with Jesus on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Our prayers are with his family at this time.

Arrangements for a Memorial Celebration of Life for Bob will be announced at a later date.

Flowers in the sanctuary altar today are from Marty and Mindy Stephani in celebration of their golden anniversary on December 19.

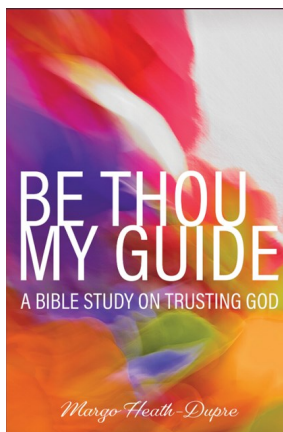


Soli Deo Gloria--to the glory of God alone.

New Women's Study — January 4-March 1, 2021

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will begin a new study on Monday, January 4 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Written for Christian women - college age and older - this nine-session Bible study explores the lives of ordinary people in the Bible who had extraordinary faith. In doing so, women today will come to understand how they, too, can stay diligent toward God in attitude, behavior, and prayer regardless of the difficult circumstances in which they find themselves.



Study guides are available through [Concordia Publishing House](#), [Amazon](#), or [ChristianBook.com](#).

If you would like to be added to the group, please contact Sharon Hahne or Jamee Thieme through RCB.

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 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.

Council Corner – December 2020 Meeting

The meeting started with readings from Jeremiah 29:11-13, where the prophet says that the Lord will give you a future and hope. This message for all of us and the new Council as we look to the future, knowing that our God has a plan for RLC and us.

The new Council members were invited to attend as part of their orientation.

1. November, which was a 4-week month, showed receipts of \$82,000, and expenses were in line at \$85,000. The net monthly loss was \$4,000. YTD we are basically breakeven. Compared to last year at this time, our income is up by \$15,000, and our expenses are \$22,000 lower, with a net year to year difference of \$37.
2. MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RLC DURING THIS COVID PERIOD.
3. As part of the Operations Report, we reviewed a number to recent large expenditures:
 - Upgrade our internet speed to be able to handle all the RLC and RLS streaming usage (Paid for by RLS).
 - With the increased speed, we need to update our Firewall. We are signing a 3-year license at a cost of \$2,500. Council approved using PPP funds for payment.
 - We had some Fire Extinguishers that needed repair - \$900 cost. Paid through our normal budgeted repair and maintenance funds.
 - Family Life Center Sprinkler System failed inspection - estimated updating cost is \$1,500. We will use The Next 40 Facilities funds to pay for this.
 - We had to replace a number of Wi-Fi access points that were failing or out of service. Cost was shared by RLS and RLC under our annual budgets.
 - A review of the security camera system in the Family Life Center was conducted and we found that this old system had poor resolution and not up to the standards needed for today. We updated the system at a cost of \$1,000, which was paid out of our regular repair and maintenance budget.
4. IT HAS BECOME MORE OBVIOUS THAT WE ARE GOING TO INCREASE OUR FUNDING FOR ON-GOING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE IN OUR NEXT BUDGET.
5. Council approved the 2021 Housing Allowances for our 4 Called Staff.
6. The Council approved a \$13,656 RLP request to cover Staff Covid expenses. With this payment, we have approximately \$78,000 in unused PPP funds. These funds will be used to improve our Live Streaming Capability, help offset Covid Related RLS expenses, and any other unanticipated Covid related expenses.
7. As part of the Senior Pastor's report, he presented an overview of the critical community needs brought on by the virus. Using our designated Community Food & Crisis Fund, we will be sending \$10,000 to various community groups — \$3,000 to Western Wake Crisis Ministry, \$2,000 to Dorcas Ministries, \$3,000 to Families Together, and \$2,000 to NC Food Bank.
8. As part of supporting the greater community needs, Council approved transferring \$5,000 from our Love Fund to the Community Food & Crisis Fund. One possible donation being considered is a donation to Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Missions, Inc. (MALIM). They are a funding source for SED mission efforts, and encouraged each congregation, individual, and agency to support mission activities through our Synod, including support LMCS churches that need financial assistance during Covid. Note this is the group that provided a grant to RLS to purchase 120 Chromebooks.
9. The 2021 Council met and decided that they will hold a special meeting next week, chaired by the current Council President, to hold its elections of the four officers and go through an orientation process. An update will be provided next week.

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

Bob Shimmel – President – bbshimmel@yahoo.com

Claudia Guthrie – Vice President – claudia.guthrie5@gmail.com

Dave Geisler – Treasurer – dgeisler3355@gmail.com

Joe Bastante – Secretary – joe.bastante@bcbsmnc.com

Barry Needle – Member – bjneedle@gmail.com

Dan Mitchell – Member – d697mitch@gmail.com

Dave Upton – Member – drupton@gmail.com

Erika Hulse – Member – 4thehulses@bellsouth.net

Jacin Suskin – Member – jespinet1@gmail.com

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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.

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 is a change from "Every Family Feeds a Family" that we have done in previous years.

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 talks with a Samaritan woman, John 4:1-42.

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*, *Healings*, and *Teachings*.

This week's lesson is a review. 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.

Week 2 is already mostly done. In week 2, we focus on peace. I don't know about you, but when I think back to my years of having little kids at home, there wasn't always a lot of peace. Now that we are down to a household of 3, with the youngest being almost 17, there are days that I long for the sounds of a full house—the laughter, the questions, and even the sometimes arguing and yelling. I was blessed to be the youngest in my family and to have older siblings to encourage and guide me through the years of raising kids. Not only did I have them, but we had many church "grandparents" that constantly reminded me to cherish each moment and to remember they won't be little for long. Wise words that I took to heart then and can fully acknowledge today. I hope all of you take time in the chaos to remember that this phase only lasts a short time. I know it is challenging to manage all that comes your way in a day and often dealing with it while being somewhat sleep deprived. Hang in there and give yourself grace when you feel the day wasn't what you wanted it to be. There is tomorrow and many to follow for another chance.

For most of my life, I did not like changing the clock in the fall and having darkness come so quickly. It was probably in the last ten years that my perspective changed and I now enjoy the early darkness and the time of peace and quiet reflection. I think God gives us seasons so that we have the opportunity to experience His gifts in all the many ways he presents them. We all are in different stages of life and have different experiences, but we all have the same God that created us and promises to walk beside us day by day. Whether you are in your twenties or your eighties, God gives us this season to experience His peace in whatever way you can find it. It might be a cup of coffee at 6 am before the day gets crazy, or perhaps a marathon of Hallmark movies that bring tears to your eyes, or walking around the block with your little ones to show them the Christmas lights. Hopefully, it will also come from time spent with God, in His Word or in prayer. Don't let the busyness of this season steal His peace from your days. When you are connected to Him, it will be much easier to find peace in your own home and with family.

May this season be one that fills your hearts with much peace, joy, and hope, and contentment!

MaryAnn Unger, Director of Infant and Family Ministry

Dear RLS Families,

I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your show of support as our re-enrollment period comes to a close. Over 90% of our families have indicated they plan to re-enroll their child/ren in the **Fall of 2021!**

With so many unknowns, our hearts are overflowing with the trust that you have put in the teachers, administrative staff, and church leadership at Resurrection. This year, more than ever before, it feels like we are a true family caring for each other during these uncertain times. Our children are safe and continuing to make academic strides in the arms of people that genuinely care about them. What a blessing it is to work in partnership with you providing stability and positively for our kids in a world that has many feeling anxious and unsettled. We are all in this together and on behalf of your Resurrection Family, we thank YOU!

We will begin accepting applications from the community on December 15 for junior kindergarten, kindergarten, and 1st-8th grade where space is available. Please be sure to submit the re-enrollment fee (\$150) by Friday, December 11 to hold your spot. Tuition Agreements will be issued in early January via email and due by mid February.

Merry Christmas, dear friends, and best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year! May God keep you safe and bring healing to our world!

With Gratitude,
Rosie Creasy
Resurrection Lutheran School Admissions
admissions@rlscary.org



Student Ministry

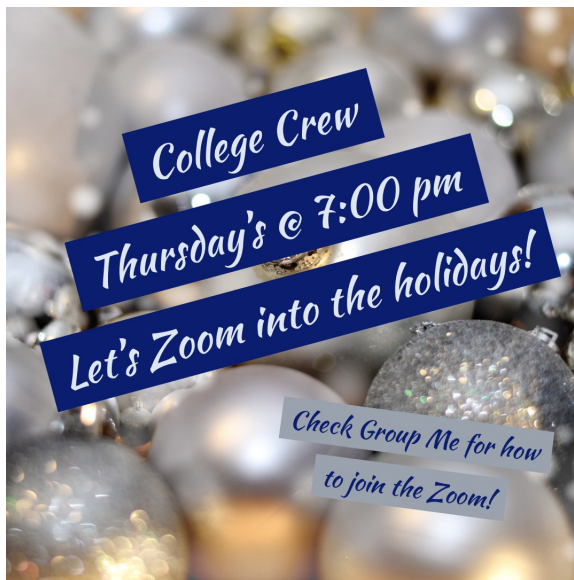
Breakaway (9th-12th grades)

Christmas Party
Dec. 13 @
7:00pm
Bring a comfy,
cozy wrapped
gift (\$10 or
less)

Gift ideas: \$10 gift cards to Target, Starbucks, Chick-Fil-A, etc., blankets, cocoa/mug mixes, fuzzy socks, etc.
If you need help, let Ms. Jenny know and I will help you get a gift.

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

Joyfully His,
Ms. Jenny, High School Youth Director



**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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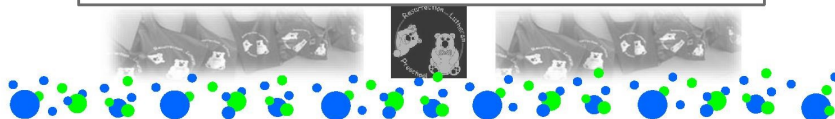
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

In-Person Worship Attendance

Wednesday, December 2 (Hanging of the Greens)
6:00 pm - 34

Saturday, December 5, 6:00 pm - 31

Sunday, December 6, 8:00 am - 27

Sunday, December 6, 10:45 am - 38

Total In-Person Worship: 130

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Wednesday, December 2 (Hanging of the Greens)
6:00 pm - 178 views

Sunday, December 6

8:00 am - 215 views 10:45 am - 88

Total Online Views: 481

*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		\$19,949.78
Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21		\$21,005.72
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21		\$23,750.00

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Calendar for the Week of December 13-20**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, Sanctuary
3:30 pm Mekane Yesus Fellowship, FH
4:30 pm Breakaway Leadership Team
6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation, Online
7:00 pm Breakaway, Parking Lot

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

Wednesday

8:30 am RLS Chapel, Sanctuary and Online
12:00 pm Church Staff Meeting, Online
6:00 pm O Antiphons, Sanctuary and Online
6:45 pm 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews, FH
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

6:30 pm Men's Ministry Fellowship, Parking Lot
7:00 pm College Crew, Online

Friday

7:00 pm Moms Together, Parking Lot

Saturday

6:00 pm Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9:30 am Lutheran Hour Presentation, Online
10:45 am Praise Worship, FLC
1:00 pm Small Group Communion, Sanctuary
3:30 pm Mekane Yesus Fellowship, FH
5:30 pm Stephen Ministry Sunday Group, Online

