

# Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

*The Baptism of Our Lord*

*January 10, 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
*John Shaeffer	Shirley Fanger	Lois Keiper
*Aaron	*Marcus	*Malcolm
LaVerne	Ruth Bloedorn	Chobanian Family
Bradley B.	Maureen B.	Darcey
*John and Sarah Illsley	Marc & 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 Angela New Pregnancy

### Those Prayed For on January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### For the Sick

- \*Jaime Oesterling, \*Randi Munns, \*Else Travers, \*Rev. Art Beyer
- All with cancer and leukemia
- All with chronic pain
- Those awaiting results of medical tests
- Children with cancer and other chronic health conditions, especially Ansley and baby Rebekah Beatty
- Those ill or recovering with Covid-19 especially Uncle Joe, Chris, Bridget, Tammy & Grant (\*Tolliver's daughter & grandson)
- David, Kimmy, Carol, John, Gloria

#### For Those Recovering From Surgeries and/or Procedures

- \*Christopher Reed
- \*Lynne Hoffman
- \*Baby Nathaniel Illsley
- Baby Rebecca Tharp (\*Kay & Alan Tharp's granddaughter)

#### For Those Who Mourn

- Family of Daniel Leister (\*Keith Leister's uncle)
- Family of Sam
- Family of Ione Crandall (\*Crandall Family Aunt)
- Family of Bob Catherwood (\*Mike Haertling Friend)

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

- Healthcare workers worldwide, members in area hospitals
- Mental health caregivers
- First responders, firefighters, and rescue workers
- All current military personnel, our members serving currently
- RLC Associate Pastor call committee
- Families experiencing financial challenges due to COVID
- A widow making life decisions



At creation, God called forth into existence everything by the power of His Word; and everything was good. Sin brought disease and death. In our Baptism, God is at work restoring us in

Christ by the power of His Mighty Word. Because of Jesus' Baptism, we go into baptism's living waters as dirty, marked with death, only to rise up clean and marked for new and everlasting life. Jesus' Baptism identified Him as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world; our Baptism imparts to us the new identity as Children of God. Here God marks us and claims us: "You belong to Me."

### Prayers Cont'd -

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

- Pastor Jim and Connie Knuth
- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, loneliness, especially those seniors living alone or in long term care
- Churches with pastoral vacancies and the call process
- Joan (\*Bob Shimmel's mom)
- Nashville, Tennessee community, explosion on Christmas
- A peaceful transition to 2021
- The White Family, house fire

#### 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 continue to move forward during this season, especially our newly elected council
- Stephen Ministry at RLC

#### Thanking God Today

- Safe travel for the \*Mantey's on home service in the U.S.
- Completion of cancer treatments, Thomas (\*Keith Leister's brother)
- Progress with administration of COVID vaccine
- All the saints who have gone before us, especially in memory of Cheryl Bipes' birthday on December 29
- Kim, (\*Peterson's neighbor), identified treatment following medical testing
- New Great-Niece, Kaylie Drew
- Safe Travels

#### Our Missionaries

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

### Pastor's Corner - Week of January 10-16, 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Chaos reigning. That's the picture of the heavens and earth at the dawn of time (Genesis 1:2). It's also, to a lesser degree, what we know and experience in life every day...especially so on a day we witness popular dissent erupting into violence in our nation's capitol and inside the very heart of the Capitol building. The unexpected and shocking images shake our hearts at a time that our nation and world are already in midst of a deadly pandemic. Chaos...seemingly everywhere! But in spite of the chaos at the beginning of time...and in our own chaos today...the Spirit of God is present. The Word of God speaks Life into existence! "Let there be..." And there was. And there...IS! The Word of God breaks the reign of chaos! In Christ Jesus, water of the formless deep has now become water joined to God's Word bestowing forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit, the gift of eternal life, and a new (capital "B") Beginning for all who receive it. Our baptisms are not merely past events. They unite us with the One who has broken chaos's reign in our lives. They unite us in a common goal of living for Life and seeking peace and justice in a world that so imperfectly reflects it. We have God's unmerited love and mercy in Christ Jesus, as we do.

One of the things I get to see as your pastor is the somewhat hidden (since, during COVID, it occurs in private, smaller, socially-distanced gatherings) activity of God through Holy Baptism. The following are all those who have become children of God by water and the Word since this time last year (2020):

Miller E. Howell	March 8
Caleb N. Jahnke	June 28
Anders D. Noreen	July 21
Zoey K. Moore	September 26
Owen J. Unger	November 28
Emilyn E. Riccitiello	January 3, 2021
Graham A. Riccitiello	January 3, 2021
and...	
Nathaniel S. Ilsley	(coming up January 9, 2021)

We give thanks to God for every one of these precious brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

Here are some other thoughts:

- Durham, Wake, Orange, and Chatham counties are some of the few counties in the state that as of this writing (January 6) remain outside "the red zone" ([see the state COVID-19 county alert system, updated today, by clicking here](#)). Once Wake County either (a) enters this red zone or (b) reaches 75 new cases per day per 100,000 people, we will shift our in-person services to online/livestream only. Please continue to check your email for updates. We will monitor conditions and do all we can to maintain a safe environment for our worship life.

- The late morning Sunday worship service this weekend will begin at 11 AM, not 10:45 AM (both in-person and live stream). Holy Communion will be celebrated this weekend at 6 PM on Saturday, January 9th and again in the 11 AM service. Small group Holy Communion at 1 PM in the main sanctuary will be available this weekend. [As always, please sign up here if you plan to attend the services in person.](#)
- We give thanks to God for Mel and Anna Tolliver and their ministry among us! As they prepare to depart from our midst here to be closer to family members in Wisconsin, we give thanks to God for them. Join us on Saturday evening for a brief time of wishing them farewell and Godspeed.
- It is still not too late to register for *A Man Named Martin*. Reserve your place in the class which starts at 9:30 AM this weekend, January 10. 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 can watch a preview of the class by clicking here](#). You may also view or download all videos for the study through your RightNow Media account.
- A 30-minute introductory session for parents of 5th Graders registered (or interested in registering) for the 1st Communion Class will be offered one week from today, January 13th and again on Sunday, January 17th. Check your emails tomorrow (Thursday) as a communication will be sent out to 5th Grade families. To find out more, please [contact Pastor Jonathan by clicking here](#).
- A new Welcome to Resurrection class for those interested in finding out more about deepening their relationship with Jesus through the Resurrection family will begin January 30. It will be via Zoom on three Saturday mornings, ending in an opportunity to be received into membership in March. (No prior commitments required.) Those of you who have expressed an interest in the class will hear from me directly... but if you know of anyone who like more info, please have them contact the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

Though 2020 and the first weeks of 2021 have been chaotic at best, the Spirit of the resurrected Christ continues to triumph in you and me. In your baptism...and mine...the creative activity of God at work in the world since the dawn of time continues.

Shalom in Jesus,  
Pastor Jonathan



**Baptized** on Saturday, January 9 is

**Nathaniel Shane Illsley**  
Born December 15, 2020,

son of John D. Illsley and Sarah D. Illsley.

Godparents are Robert and Kirsten Glinke.

May God's blessing be upon  
Nathaniel Shane  
as he grows in his baptismal grace.



**Join us online for worship [live](#)**  
**Sundays at 8:00 am and 11:00 am!**

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

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**The Associate Pastor Call Committee** has completed its draft of the Congregational Profile which is needed by our District when we call a pastor. The Rev. Mark Schroeder, Mission Engagement Facilitator-Southern Region of the Southeastern District, has approved this and we are now seeking our congregation's review and input.

Please provide our committee's chair, Dan Shaltanis, inputs and comments as needed on the attached documents. Dan can be reached at [dshaltanis@att.net](mailto:dshaltanis@att.net).

The committee is working with the District and church council to also learn the steps on seeking a seminarian student to fill our Associate Pastor role.



### Offering Envelopes for 2021

are available for pick-up  
Saturday, January 9 from 9:00 am-Noon  
and during regular church office hours  
(Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 am-3:00 pm).

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](http://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](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our sister in Christ, **Ruth Schwasinger**, was called to rest with Jesus.

Our prayers are with her sister, Kathryn Vollmer, and their family at this time.

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 am at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Raleigh.

### THANK YOU!

Marty and Mindy Stephani wish to thank everyone for their greetings of congratulations over our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 19. Your cards, emails, phone calls, visits, and messages of joy are greatly appreciated. The support of the Body of Christ is so wonderful to us. We love you all.

### Stay Connected Through Online Zoom Meetings!

**Prayer Community** - Mondays, 11:00 am

Contact: Barb Shimmel

**Men's Ministry** - Mondays, 7:00 pm

Contact: Tom Gebbia ([mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto: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](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org))

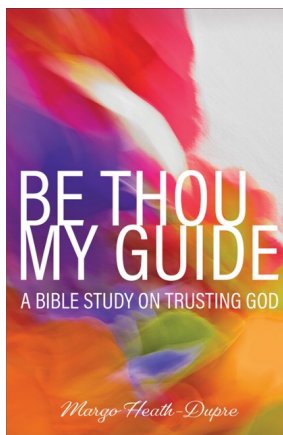
Through RCB, join the group you are interested in or email the group leader prior to the start time to receive instructions on how to join the online meeting.

Questions? Contact the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).

## 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.

## New Adult Christian Education Class Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am via Zoom Starting January 10

Session guides can be downloaded for free here:

[A Man Named Martin - Part 1: The Man \(lhm.org\)](#)

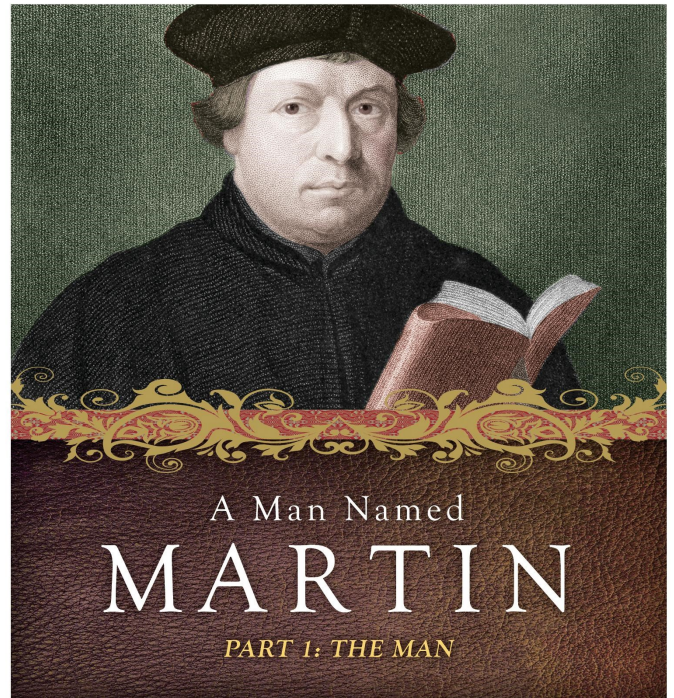
They are also available in the church office.

Watch the trailer video here:

[RightNow Media: A Man Named Martin – Part 1: The Man](#)

You may also view or download all videos for the study through your RightNow Media account.

Please register for the class with the church office at [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248.



Martin Luther's Spirit-inspired grasp of justification through faith was the cornerstone of the Reformation. His faith—tested and tried by the fires of religious oppression—remains a standard of Christ-centered endurance for believers today. Learn more about the German reformer in the first of this three-part series from Lutheran Hour Ministries.



College Crew  
Zoom Thursday  
Jan. 7 & 14  
Devo, conversation,  
see you soon!  
7pm

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. Isaiah 43:2

## 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](mailto:MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org) or Director of Children's Ministry, [Lea.Webb@rlcary.org](mailto:Lea.Webb@rlcary.org).



We are continuing to provide Sunday School virtually for children through 8th grade. Everything is on the website at [rlcary.org](http://rlcary.org), under Ministries on the **Sunday School for Kids** page (check the email for the password).

**For children up through 4th grade**, we will still use the *Simply Loved* curriculum. This week, our Bible point is God is good... No matter what. And we meet Bible buddy, Mack the Rhino and learn the memory verse, Nahum 1:7.

In the video this week, we will talk about how Joseph annoys his brothers, Genesis 37: 1-36.

You can watch the video at home anytime and it will be available for a few weeks for your convenience.



Mack the Rhino

### Memory Verse

"The Lord is good,  
a strong  
refuge  
when trouble  
comes."  
Nahum 1:7



**For children, 5th-8th grade**, we will continue with *Connect* by Sparkhouse.

**Join Ms. Sandy next week — Sunday, January 17 at 9:30 am!**

**Plan to join us for Sunday School fun!**

Contact Ms. Lea at [lea.webb@rlcary.org](mailto:lea.webb@rlcary.org) with any questions.

Honoring  
Cowboys and Cowgirls  
We Study  
American History!



**Please feel free to join us for Chapel online!**

Great mid-week devotion for families.

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

It is livestreamed through the church's YouTube channel ([youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)).

The bulletin can be found at [rlcary.org/about-us/in-person-worship/worship-bulletins](http://rlcary.org/about-us/in-person-worship/worship-bulletins).

# Student Ministry

Questions you may have regarding any of these programs or events can be directed to Middle School Youth Director, [LeAnn.Trautman@rlcary.org](mailto:LeAnn.Trautman@rlcary.org) or High School Youth Director, [Jenny.Piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:Jenny.Piontek@rlcary.org).

## Breakaway (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Happy New Year, Breakaway Families!

I hope this update finds your families rested, rejuvenated, healthy, and filled with the hope of all this New Year can bring. We kicked off the New Year with a mix of the College Crew and Breakaway to hear what college is really like. It was such a blessing to blend these two amazing groups with lots of great conversations! I have set a challenge for both groups for this New Year based on 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

And that's what we shall do! Whether we meet in person or virtually, we will do it for His glory! All of our great human planning falls short of God's planning. After closely assessing the Covid situation and following Wake Co. Public Schools current plans, we will be remaining completely virtual through January 17<sup>th</sup>. I wish I could say with certainty what lies beyond the 17<sup>th</sup>, but I don't know. The best way for your children to stay plugged in is to choose what virtual opportunities work best for them. I strongly encourage them to participate so that they can remain connected and we can continue building our group and friendships all in His glory!

Here are our upcoming **virtual** events:

Wednesdays	Just Checking In – Tune into Zoom, check in with Ms. Jenny, chat with friends, homework help, or just have a safe place to vent.
Sundays	Connection Café at 9:15 am Breakaway at 7:00 pm – Game Time!
Instagram	@rlcbreakaway You will find devotions and spiritual thoughts for the week.

*All ID's and passwords will be listed on GroupMe!*

As always if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out!

Joyfully His,  
Ms. Jenny





## Resurrection Lutheran **PRESCHOOL**

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

Email or call to schedule a TOUR now.

office@rlpcary.org

919.851.7270

**ENROLL**ment for the 2021-22 Preschool is now open



For an  
average  
of \$20  
a day:

- ... children learn in a fun environment created by a Co-Teaching Team
- ... experienced/qualified, dedicated, loving teachers/staff
- ... average of 10 years staffing stability
- ... weekly **Chapel & Music** for all; **Science** for 4's & T-K
- ... we **partner** with families to provide the finest program for children
- ... balance of social/academic opportunities
- ... developmentally age-appropriate, hands-on, child-centered experiences
- ... all in a loving **Christian** atmosphere

Email or call for Camp information  
Our hope and goal is to offer

### CAMPS

late **WINTER**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**

*(weather makeup: March 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>)*

**March 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**

*(weather makeup: March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>)*

early **SPRING**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**

*(weather makeup: April 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

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

Visit & 'Like' our **Facebook** page:

**Resurrection Lutheran  
Preschool**

Follow us on Instagram:

[www.instagram.com/rlpcary](http://www.instagram.com/rlpcary)

Website:

**rlpcary.org**

RLP's classrooms, Chapel,  
Drive-Up 'Drop-Off/ Pick-Up',  
and playground  
available through videos and pictures





**In-Person Worship Attendance**

Saturday, January 2, 6:00 pm - 22

Sunday, January 3, 8:00 am - 27

Sunday, January 3, 10:45 am - 36

**Total In-Person Worship: 85****Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel**

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am - 154 views      10:45 am - 139 views

**Total Online Views: 293**

*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		\$33,545.42
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](mailto:Susan.Moore@RLCary.org).**Learn more about Resurrection Lutheran Church!****[www.rlcary.org](http://www.rlcary.org)**[www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary)[www.instagram.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://www.instagram.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary)[www.youtube.com/  
ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)**100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518****office@rlcary.org      919-851-7248****Calendar for the Week of January 10-17****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 Education, Online
- 10:45 am    Praise Worship/Holy Communion, FLC
- 1:00 pm    Oromo Ev. Lutheran, FH
- 1:00 pm    Small Group Communion, Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm    Mekane Yesus Fellowship, FH
- 6:30 pm    Crossways, Online
- 6:30 pm    7th Grade Confirmation, Online
- 7:00 pm    Breakaway, Online

**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
- 10:00 am    Piecemakers Quilting Group, 151
- 12:00 pm    Church Staff Meeting, Online
- 7:00 pm    8th Grade Confirmation, Online
- 7:30 pm    Breakaway, Online

**Thursday**

- 7:00 pm    College Ministry, Online

**Friday****Saturday**

- 6:00 pm    Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary

**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 Education, Online
- 10:45 am    Praise Worship, FLC
- 1:00 pm    Oromo Ev. Lutheran, FH
- 1:00 pm    Small Group Communion, Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm    Mekane Yesus Fellowship, FH
- 5:30 pm    Stephen Ministry Sunday Group, Online
- 6:30 pm    Crossways, Online
- 6:30 pm    7th Grade Confirmation, Online
- 7:00 pm    Breakaway, Online