



Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Sanctity of Human Life

January 17, 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 LaVerne	*Marcus	*Malcolm
Bradley B.	Ruth Bloedorn	Chobanian Family
	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 Ziegelmeyer	Jen E.	Carol Dilberto	
*Else Travers	Sandy	Mary	Hazel	Roseanne Candiello
Margie Galloway	Dave	Sheri	Paul	Carol Pfitzinger
Thomas Leister	Gloria	Jim		

For Expectant Moms

Kandi Angela New Pregnancy

Those Prayed For on January 10th

For the Sick

- *Jaime Oesterling, *Randi Munns, *Else Travers, *Rev. Art Beyer, *Fran Xenakis
- Aunt Edna, Brielle
- All with cancer and leukemia, especially June and Patrick
- All with chronic pain, especially *Tom Travers and son-in-law, Brett
- Children with cancer, chronic health conditions, Ansley and Hunter
- Those ill or recovering with Covid-19, Joan (*Bob Shimmel's mom)
- Evelyn, Josh, David H., Justin, Rod, Brian, Keith, Dave, Carlton, Carol, Anne, Anna, AnnMarie, Boyer Family, Marilyn, Ken, Gavin, Herman, Carol, John, Gloria, Jim

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

- *Sara Kirkendall, *Lynne Hoffman

For Those Who Mourn

- Family of Beverly Walden, one of our Blind Ministry guests
- Family of Tonya Melvin, friend of *Joe Parks

For Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- RLC Associate Pastor call committee
- New paths and challenges
- Our country, government peace
- Safe travel for Jackson

For Provision, Peace, Strength, Patient Endurance

- Pastor Jim and Connie Knuth
- Ellen (*Dawn Leister's aunt)
- Tolliver's move, safe travel during move
- Kyle, Barbara



There is much for which we and our society need to repent: senseless war, destruction of the environment, wasting God's precious resources, the gluttony of some in the midst of another's hunger, the wealth of some in the midst of another's poverty, not to mention bigotry, selfishness, greed, and many other sins against our fellow human beings. This lack of respect for human life is among the many

things for which Jesus issued a call to repentance. Those who heeded the message found grace and forgiveness from a God Who wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth, Jesus Christ. "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." (*1 Corinthians 6:19b, 20*) The prophet Samuel was given to God by his parents as a child, and the disciple Philip brought his brother Nathanael to the Lord. We have been given faith to see Jesus as the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit uses our bodies as His temple.

Thanking God

- Safe travel for *Hannah and Tom, back to the UK
- *Lou Card, starting new job in Florida
- "New" Christmas experiences this year
- Mike's recovery
- Joan's 96th birthday
- Home purchase
- Recovery from Covid over Christmas

Ongoing Prayers

- Those awaiting results of medical tests
- Healthcare workers worldwide, our members serving in area hospitals
- Mental health caregivers
- First responders, firefighters, and rescue workers across the nation
- All current military personnel, our members serving currently
- Families experiencing financial challenges due to COVID
- Those struggling with faith
- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, and loneliness, especially those seniors living alone or in long term care
- Churches with pastoral vacancies and the call process
- 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, newly elected RLC council officers and council members
- Stephen Ministry at RLC
- Safe travel for the *Mantey's on home service in the U.S.
- Progress with administration of COVID vaccine and those recovering from COVID

Pastor's Corner — Week of January 17-23



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend marks Sanctity of Human Life Sunday at RLC and the yearly commemoration of the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. across our nation. The two events go together. Though the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led a movement of social change through nonviolence that valued human life, he was only 39 years old when he was gunned down on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. As the threat of violence hangs over our nation's capital this weekend, we remember the sacrifice of those who have given their lives on our behalf to protect and preserve the freedoms we have come to take for granted. Why not recommit ourselves to advocating on behalf of those who do not have a voice--especially the unborn--that human life as an important, valuable, and holy gift from God might be preserved among us again this year?

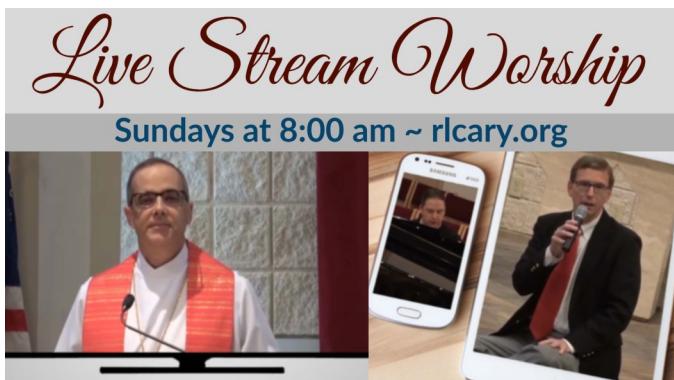
- This Sunday morning we once again welcome Gateway Women's Center at the beginning of the 8 AM service to share a bit of their important work with us. Contrary to our tradition in past years, we will not host the baby bottle blitz as a fundraiser in January. Instead, we will put the bottles out when people are back in the building again. However, I encourage you to prayerfully consider [supporting the important work that Gateway does on behalf of families experiencing unplanned pregnancies by clicking here.](#)
- Don't forget that all regular in-person services currently being offered (6 PM Saturday, 8 AM & 11 AM Sunday) will not gather in person on January 16/17, January 23/24, January 30/31, and February 6/7. Instead, there will be one weekly live stream throughout this period starting at 8 AM and remaining active on our YouTube channel after the 8-9 AM hour. If you would like to receive Holy Communion during this period in small groups in the church sanctuary, please sign up [by clicking here](#);
- Regular office hours at RLC will not be held during the in-person worship "pause," but we invite you to contact the church office at any time if you need to pick up study/devotional materials, offering envelopes, or to check your church mailbox. RLC staff will be coming and going from the building, and we will make these items available to you at the door. Just give us a ring and tell us you are on your way!
- First Communion classes at RLC start January 24 at 9:30 AM for all interested fifth graders. If you have not already done so, please send me an email indicating your interest, and I will see that you get a Zoom link before class starts (the Zoom room will open at around 9:25 AM).
- Welcome to Resurrection Classes will begin January 30 at 9 AM and meet for one hour on Saturday mornings over the course of three weeks. We hope to also offer an opportunity for one all day in-person "Welcome to Resurrection" experience on a Sunday afternoon in late February. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about Resurrection or the Christian faith, please pass on the word about this opportunity, and contact us at office@rlcary.org.

In closing, allow me to share the following prayer on behalf of our nation from the *Lutheran Service Book*, page 313:

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God bless and keep you. Sign up for the COVID vaccine if you are able to do so. Please stay safe. We look forward to seeing you in person the next chance our gracious God allows.

Shalom in Jesus,
Pastor Jonathan



**Join us online for worship live
Sundays at 8:00 am!**

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



Welcome, Tana Poole of Gateway Women's Care!

Gateway Women's Care is a local pregnancy resource ministry offering compassion, hope, and non-judgmental help to women and men facing unplanned pregnancy. This free support enables those considering abortion to make informed decisions and to know there are realistic alternatives. Gateway's main center is located on Hillsborough Street, close to several college campuses and to downtown Raleigh.

Gateway also offers post abortive care and education for women and men suffering from a past abortion. Many of Gateway's volunteers and staff are post-abortive and want to help others in this situation. Gateway is a Christ-centered ministry and shares the Gospel to those clients who want to receive it.

Gateway receives no government or taxpayer aid. They rely mostly on Christians and churches like RLC to keep their doors open. They are thankful of any donation, so that more women and men can be served and provided with lifesaving support. You can give online at www.gatewaywomenscare.org. Gateway is dependent on the generosity of our community to provide services cost free for its clients.



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

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.

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.

Please contact the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248 to arrange a time.

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.

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)

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)

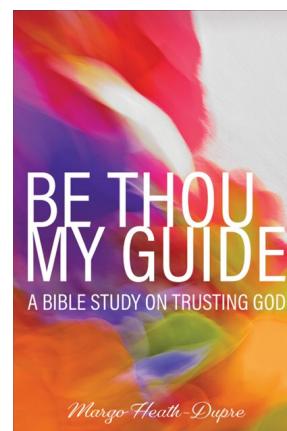
Through RCB, join the group you are interested in or email the group leader prior to the start time to receive instructions on how to join the online meeting.

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

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

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study began 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.

Mites for Missions

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

Resurrection Service Project (RSP)

assists elderly, infirmed, those in financial difficulty, others in our community with home maintenance and repairs.



Contact Tim Hiteshew through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Altar Flowers

You may sign up for your favorite date for altar flowers in the Sanctuary and Contemporary Service.

Please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3iFkHii>
or call the church office at 919-851-7248.

Flowers are ordered from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

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 \(lhm.org\)](#)

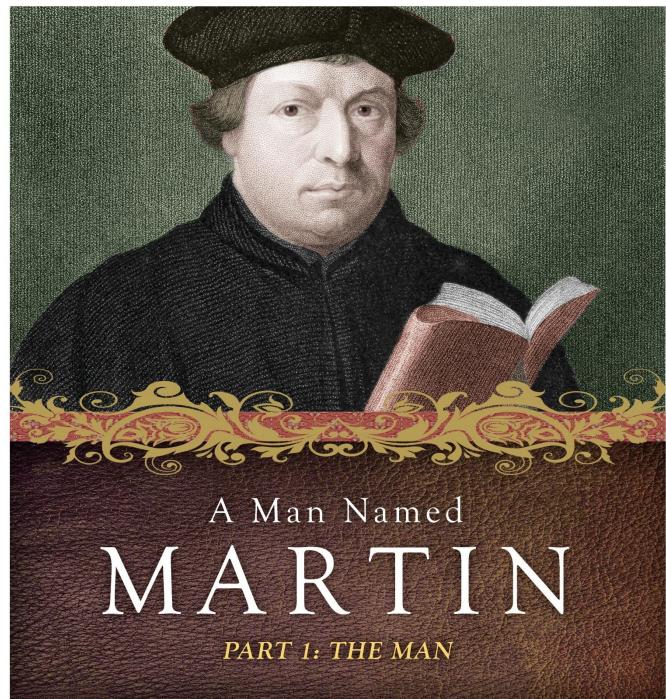
They are also available in the church office.

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 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.

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.



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

For children up through 4th grade, we are still using the *Simply Loved* curriculum. This unit, our Bible point is God is good... No matter what. We met our Bible buddy, Mack the Rhino, and are learning the memory verse, Nahum 1:7.

In the video this week, we will talk about how Joseph goes to jail, Genesis 39.

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

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

Join Ms. Sandy via Zoom on Sundays, 9:30 am!

An email will be sent with the Zoom link.

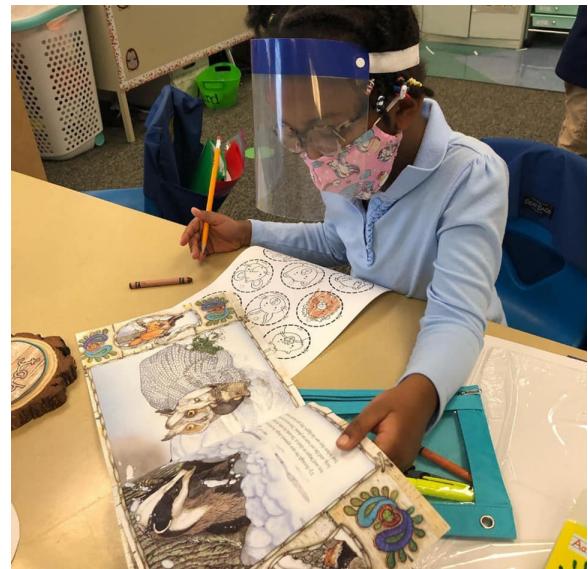
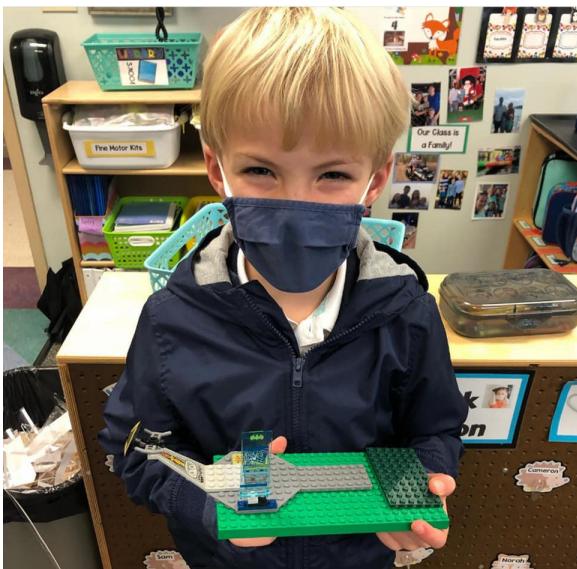
Plan to join us for Sunday School fun!

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



Kindergarten students are always creating!

Lego creations, story making, writing, story sequencing, and habitat building — engage, enrich, enjoy!



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 or High School Youth Director, Jenny.Piontek@rlcary.org.

Ignite (6th-8th Grades)

Happy New Year, Ignite Families! I hope this update finds your families rested, healthy, and full of excitement for all that the New Year has to offer us. In the past few months, it has been wonderful to have both in-person (socially distanced) and virtual Ignite events. Whether we meet in person or virtually, we do it for His glory! God has a plan for us and even though we may not see the direction it is taking us, we must have faith.

After assessing the Covid situation with Wake County Public Schools, Wake County, and RLC, we will be remaining virtual until further notice. I will continue with Fun Fridays, virtual service projects, and individual/small group zooms. Due to finals, virtual school, and the semester change, our first **Fun Friday will be Friday, January 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm**. I will send our invite on the Thursday before the event. Keep checking email, as I will be adding more virtual events as we go.

Please let me know if your child would benefit or enjoy a one on one or small group zoom meet during the week. I will be more than happy to set up individual events. Also, if your youth is in need of service hours, reach out to me and we can come up with some opportunities/ideas.

Stay safe!

Ms. LeAnn



Breakaway (9th-12th Grades)

I hope this email finds you safe and healthy! I wanted to send out a quick update that Breakaway will not be holding any in-person events in the month of January. We are going to proceed with what is safest for the entire group, which is to maintain a virtual presence. Not ideal for a youth group, I know, BUT I met with our Leadership Team last Sunday and we have a ton of new and fun games that we will be doing on our Zoom Sunday Night Breakaway meetings. The key for your child staying plugged in is to encourage them to attend. We will still be doing our important work of growing our faith, building relationships with each other and God and having a blast!

Here are the ways your child can plug in:

Wednesdays	7:30-8:30 pm	Open Zoom – chat, vent, whatever
Sundays	9:30-10:30 am	Connection Café
	7:00-8:30 pm	Breakaway (Games)

Instagram @rlcbreakaway

If your youth could benefit from a driveway visit (with masks), a private or smaller group chat, just reach out. We have all seen the struggles of maintaining relationships and staying involved and present virtually. It's tough but when we trust in God's bigger picture, this will one day just be a blip on the radar. His strength is enough to guide us through. Please let me know if there is anything you or your youth need.

Joyfully His,
Ms. Jenny



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**Resurrection Lutheran School Mid-Year Covid Update!**

January 13, 2021

Greetings, RLS Families,

Well, we made it! To the middle of the school year that is. This Friday marks the end of the second quarter. What a blessing to have made it through to the middle of the school year with almost no interruptions of our school schedule. This is because of the strong partnership you have had with us. Abiding by the Healthy Together Plan and being considerate of the other families and the staff here at RLS has enabled us to stay healthy and in school.

We need to remain DILIGENT however. You likely know of the rising Covid case counts in our county, state, country, and the world. It seems just as the vaccines are coming online, we are facing a substantial increase in cases in our area. You may have heard that some nearby school systems like Durham County have decided to remain in virtual learning for the remainder of the year while Wake County Public Schools just yesterday decided to stick with their return to a hybrid form of virtual and in-person learning as scheduled next week.

Again, we at RLS are committed to remaining open for in-person learning as long as it can be accomplished safely while providing an alternative distance learning option for those families who need or want this option. We can only do this if we all remain committed to our Healthy Together Plan.

I want to reemphasize some aspects of the plan and how it has morphed slightly in recent weeks. The basics of the plan have NOT changed, we plan on still screening all students as they are dropped off, restricting access to the building for anyone other than faculty and students, keeping our social distancing with students as much as possible remaining in "bubbles" throughout the day.

Before the holidays Governor Cooper put in place by executive order a tightening of the face covering requirement that affects private schools as well as other entities. We feel we need to be in compliance with this order as well. To that end, I have instructed our staff to limit the number of times any student would be allowed to not wear a face covering inside our school building. There will be times where it is acceptable to have a "mask break", but these will be limited to times such as eating/drinking or other limited exceptions. The times when a break is more acceptable is when the students are outside and at least 6 feet apart. Again, this is to try and slow the spread of this disease as the numbers rise around us. The students have done great with this, but please reinforce with them that this is to help them and their friends and teachers stay safe.

Secondly, please remain diligent in "pre-screening" your students before they come to school. If they are showing signs of illness, keep them home. If you suspect they, or you, have been potentially exposed, keep them home until they are "cleared" to return. If you or a family/close contact are being tested, keep the student home until the test clears negative and/or you have quarantined for the prescribed amount of time. We, and of course your healthcare professional, can help you navigate the protocols.

Thanks for keeping us all, Healthy Together. Stay tuned for another note from me in regards to a slight alteration of our Carpool procedures. I intimated that this would be coming after the holidays. More information on that next.

Blessings,
Tom Kolb, RLS Principal

January 14, 2021 — Update

I wanted to send a quick follow up from yesterday's notes. Not long after I sent them, I heard an update to Wake County Public Schools plan. They are considering continuing their pause on in-person learning through mid-February and will be deciding on this proposal from their superintendent in a specially called Board meeting this afternoon. One of the major issues Wake County is having is keeping enough staff and substitute teachers available. Just wanted you to know that update as it is different from the information I was utilizing from ABC 11 yesterday.

This does not mean a change for RLS at this time, but again reinforces our need to stay diligent and cautious as we work to stay Healthy Together. I appreciate your partnership in this!

Editor's Note: Wake County Public School Board voted to return all students Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 to remote learning.



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

ENROLLment for the 2021-22 Preschool is now open



- ... 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 22nd-25th

(weather makeup: March 1st - 4th)

March 15th-18th

(weather makeup: March 22nd - 25th)

early **SPRING**

April 12th-15th

(weather makeup: April 19th - 22nd)

May 3rd-6th

May 24th-27th

- + 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

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 9, 6:00 pm - 40

Sunday, January 10, 8:00 am - 31

Sunday, January 10, 11:00 am - 35

Total In-Person Worship: 106

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, January 10

8:00 am - 203 views 11:00 am - 99 views

Total Online Views: 302

*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 - December 2020

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 162,410.00	\$ 624,572.25
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 114,747.89</u>	<u>\$ 576,470.64</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 47,662.11	\$ 48,101.61
Last Week's Offerings		\$22,568.20
Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21		\$24,022.01
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 January 17-24**Sunday**

8:00 am	Worship, Online Only
9:15 am	Breakaway Connection Café, Online
9:30 am	Sunday School for Kids, Online
9:30 am	Adult Christian Education, Online
12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm	Small Group Communion, Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Mekane Yesus, Online
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

Monday**Office Closed**

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
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Wednesday

8:30 am	RLS Chapel, Online
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
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Friday**Saturday**

6:00 pm	Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary
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