

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4, 2021

Prayers of the Church: (*RLC Members)

Ongoing Prayers

*Diane Cuper	*Eve Sommers	*David Brooks	*Anne Altieri
*Charlotte Raines	Stephanie Samuels	Ava Conklin	*Helen Puza
*Eric Hammergren	Frank Grace	Helen Wolf	*Anita Moore
*Vern Ebert	Dennis	*John Shaeffer	Shirley Fanger
Lois Keiper	*Aaron	*Marcus	*Malcolm
LaVerne	Ruth Bloedorn	Darcey	*Sandy Nigg
Chobanian Family	Bradley B.	Maureen B.	*Lynne Hoffman
Michael Flannery	Flannery Marc & Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption		

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

Jeff Marshall	Carol & F	rank	Don	Craig	Rachel
*Mike Allen	Anne Pric	e	Bill	Rob	Rene
*Gary Ferro	Angie Pri	ce	Beth	Норе	Jack
Linda Gilson	Alison Zi	eglmeier	Jen E.	Carol Dilib	erto
Roseanne Candiello	Sandy	Mary	Hazel	Dave	Paul
Margie Galloway	Sheri	Gloria	Jackie	Carol Pfitz	inger
Thomas Leister	Iim Metz		Janice Somr	ners	

For Expectant Moms

Angela *Holly Molly *Stacy

Those Prayed For on March 28th

For the Sick

- Bruce (*Ralph Klevenow's brother), Brielle (*Charlotte Raines' granddaughter), Tom Striker (*Susan Striker's brother-in-law), Lois O'Rourke, Miriam Beyer, Kay, Kimmy Fix, Carla J., David H., Marie, Tim, Richard, Donna, Ken, Harold, Herman
- All with cancer and leukemia, especially *Doug Spitz, *Rev. Art Beyer, June, Patrick, Joe, Jackie, Phyllis, Dorothy Card, Janice Sommers (*Eve Sommers' daughter), Tricia, Fernley Wagner (*Dawn Leister's dad), Scott Brinkley, Jack, Cindy Iacovetta
- Those awaiting results of tests/upcoming procedures, *Wayne Connors
- Children with cancer, other chronic health conditions, Ansley, Hunter Stocks, Henry Otten (*Pat & Mark Otten's grandson), Jaxon Ferguson

For Those Recovering From Surgeries and/or Procedures

*Pam Dickson, *Dennis Merrill, *Marie Bruce, *Kathy Rihani, *Phil Gresens, David Pfister (*Janet Lucien's father), Chuck

For Those Who Mourn

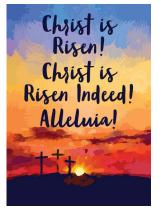
- Family of Carol McMillan, *Roberta Danilowicz' mother
- Communities of Atlanta and Boulder, victims of mass shootings

For Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- Expectant parents, especially Sara, Molly, *Stacy, *Holly, Leah, and Erin
- Family transitions, especially those finding new homes and moving
- The Lee family, making care decisions for an adult son
- Those searching for jobs and new job paths, especially *Kopola family, Trevor Card, Peter, *Sue, *Tom
- First Communion class and their families
- Continued heart and brain surgeries for baby Kobe

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Seminary graduate placements and RLC's potential call
- Teens and young adults struggling with mental health concerns
- All college and high school graduates with virtual graduations
- Barbara, *Charlotte Raines, Deb and family, Jacob and his family
- Safe travel for families during Spring Break
- A mom moving to Assisted Living
- Scheduling and waiting for the COVID vaccinations



Celebrate the Good News of Christ's Resurrection. Greet one another with the ringing shout, "Christ is risen!" The stone has been rolled away. The tomb stands open wide. Christ's resurrection makes possible the rolling away of the stone of eternal death for Easter people. And even more the huge stone of despair, discouragement, doubt, and defeat can be rolled away

from each Christian's heart. In response we say and sing, "Alleluia!" Easter begins the church's season of "alleluias." They have been omitted during Lent in the contemplation of Christ's suffering. This morning, may our "Alleluias" soar heavenward.

Thanking God Today

- Being able to rejoice in the Lord in all situations
- *Jim Rhodes cardiac rehab
- COVID vaccinations especially increased availability
- Sale of a home
- The beauty of Spring
- Good test results
- Our many blessings
- Birthdays and anniversaries
- Birth of Caroline Aud

Ongoing Prayers

- Those ill or recovering with Covid-19
- 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
- Those struggling with mental illness, isolation, and loneliness, especially those living alone or in long term care
- Churches with pastoral vacancies and their call process
- Our US President and Vice President, NC Governor, Congressional representatives, and 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
- Stephen Ministry at RLC

For Our Missionaries

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

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.





Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Ever wonder how it would "sound" if everything went quiet at Easter? Nothing is wrong...and everything is right—about making noise on Easter Sunday. Not only does the Psalmist encourage the clapping of hands and "loud songs of joy" (Ps 47:1)...a perennial and personal favorite from our hymnbook sings of the new song given to the dying and rising children of God by celebrating "loud rushing planets" and "loud rushing dry leaves." We can join with all creation in raising the roof in celebration for all that God has done. Especially at Easter.

But our text today indicates that noise and celebration were not the first reaction to the announcement of Jesus' resurrection. Stunned silence would be a better description of what hung in the air as those first visitors "fled" (16:8) the tomb. They were not ruled by calm confidence and joy that Jesus' Word had been fulfilled. They did not immediately praise God. It took time before the light of the Easter explosion that they could only see from the distance of pain and grief was accompanied by the sound of the resurrected Jesus' voice! The "ka-boom" of that first resurrection would pierce the quiet of a dead world! Yet, it take time before they could celebrate that God's Word of promise had been gloriously and wondrously fulfilled. Time before the reinstatement of all Jesus disciples—"especially Peter" (16:7)—hit home. God's mercy would always be stronger than their ability to respond.

Perhaps the Easter miracle catches us in a similar frame of mind. But even the Scriptures indicate that making noise can be over-rated at times. The same Scriptures that encourage loud songs of praise also depict the soul that is powerless, waiting for God...in silence (Ps 62:1). The Good News of Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected comes to us from a God of mercy and grace. The Easter miracle has transformed...and continues to shape us. No matter where we are...no matter how close to the tomb we might find ourselves.

Here's is some new news to begin the month of April:

- As of this writing (March 31), all Easter services (Saturday 6 PM and Sunday at 8, 9:30, and 11 on April 4) are at full capacity. If you have signed up for in-person services and find you are unable to attend for any reason, please go back to the Sign-Up Genius and record the change there. While we look forward to increasing capacity for in-person worship services in the weeks and months ahead, and hope to see you again in-person, please take advantage of our worship live stream for Easter services at 8 AM and 11 AM on April 4 by clicking here. We hope to see you in person, but if you access our YouTube channel and look for past church services there, be sure to....
 - 1. Access Resurrection's YouTube channel by clicking here.
 - 2. Click the "Subscribe" box by our channel's name "Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC".
 - 3. Look for the video you want (arranged by date) under the "Videos" tab.
 - 4. Look for the type of content (RLS chapel services, video devotions, worship services, etc.) under the "Playlist" tab.

- Next Sunday (April 11) RLC member and financial planner Bob Williams will lead Adult Sunday School at 9:30 AM with a presentation on estate planning and building a legacy that lives on at RLC. Then our spring Bible class will begin April 18, facilitated by yours truly. It is entitled "Race and the Gospel."
 <u>You can view the preview for the class by clicking here.</u> Study guides in digital format are available at no cost through your RightNow Media account (search inside the platform for "Race and the Gospel") or on the Christian Education webpage. They are also printed out for you to pick up any time at church. To register for the class, send an email with your name to office@rlcary.org.
- Last year our Stewardship Pledge Drive resulted in 75 of the roughly 400 households of our congregation pledging to support the mission and ministry at RLC with a portion of their income. (In other words, 75 of our member households determined ahead of time how much of their income they could reasonably expect to contribute to RLC, rather than giving a regular offering based on what was "on hand" at the time). If you or the members of your family were one of those 75 households, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are all set! But there are at least 300 households who were not able to join us in this challenge last year. I would like to see us add 50 NEW pledges--people who have never made a pledge to RLC--to the 75 or so gathered last November. The pledge will be for monies spent in the period beginning July 2021 (fiscal 2022). If you did not take part in the November 2020 pledge event, please consider giving in the new fiscal year. I invite you to submit the pledge form online by clicking here. Note also that beginning Thursday, April 15, Bob Williams will also be facilitating a 9-week class on money management that also sheds light on God's work of leading us to manage ourselves. It is called "Financial Peace University" and it is lifechanging! The class will gather via Zoom each week on Thursday evening. You can view a preview of the class here. Couples can register for \$60. If you'd like to register, please contact the church office at office@rlcary.org.
- Save the date: April 28. This is the day for Assignments of Calls to candidates for the pastoral office at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. I invite you to make plans to watch the live stream of the Call Service that day to see the outcome of our call extended to three potential candidates in the seminary's class of 2021. To find out more, access the website for Call Day by clicking here.

"Alleluia, Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Whether you are given to say it loudly or meditate on it silently doesn't really matter. Because of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again, we hear the song of heaven in midst of our joyful noises AND our times of quiet confusion. Let the celebration begin!

Shalom in Jesus, Pastor Jonathan



Good Friday ~ April 2

12:00 pm - Worship in the Sanctuary
7:00 pm* - Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Weekend ~ April 3 and 4

Saturday, 6:00 pm Easter Vigil in the Prayer Garden

Sunday, 8:00 am* and 9:30 am
Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship (Holy Communion)
Sunday, 11:00 am*

Praise Worship (Holy Communion) in Family Life Ctr.

*These services will be live streamed.

Connect through our YouTube channel at youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC.



Join us online for worship <u>live</u> Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am!

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Thanks to the crew of 15 volunteers who on Saturday, March 27 spread 150 bales of pine straw, relocated the aluminum wheelchair ramp, relocated branches for chipping, and planted a Golden Rain Tree in memory of Emil Breckling.

It was a pleasure to see folks enjoying fellowship while working together.

- Garry Grabow & Lyle Malotky

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).

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).



Join us for a Bible class on various passages of Scripture, though centered on St. Paul's letter to Ephesians, entitled "Race and the Gospel." Pastor Jonathan will facilitate a 5-week study on the topics of reconciliation in Christ, racial justice and the church, etc. as St. Paul and other New Testament authors touch on these topics, enabling us to apply the insights of Scripture to our circumstances today.

You can find the study guide for the class inside your RightNow Media platform, on the <u>Christian Education</u> webpage, or in the church office.

Won't you join us? Sign up indicating your interest by sending an email to office@rlcary.org.



Come be a part of providing a Christ-centered challenging academic experience for the students at **Resurrection Lutheran School!**

RLC members, the RLS School Board is seeking candidates for board seats that will become available this summer. We would love to talk with you to share more information and answer your questions! No "education" experience necessary, just a heart to serve.

If interested, please contact
Michelle Wood at michellewood@rlscary.org
or Neil Porter at neilporter@rlscary.org.

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.

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

COUNT ME IN!

REACH OUR GOAL OF 50 PLEDGES





2021 is shaping up to be a busy year at Resurrection. We foresee opening our church campus to a new worship and small group schedule this fall. We look forward to engaging more intentionally with our local neighborhoods in person. And, following our most recent church meeting, we have submitted call documents for one of three candidates soon-to-graduate Concordia Seminary, St. Louis as our new Associate Pastor! All of it, of course, is not possible without the prayer, love, and support of all of you.

All Resurrection members are invited to stand up and be counted. Last year our Stewardship Pledge Drive resulted in 75 of the roughly 400 households of our congregation pledging to support the mission and ministry at RLC with a portion of their income. If you or your family were one of those 75 households, thank you. You are all set! But there are at least 300 households who were not able to join us in this challenge last year. We have set a goal of adding 50 NEW pledges--people who have never made a pledge to RLC--to the 75 or so gathered last November. The pledge will be for monies spent in the period beginning July 2021 (fiscal 2022). Asking 50 out of 300 family units to stand up and be counted is a modest goal. We can do this!

If you did not take part in the November 2020 pledge event, we invite you to fill out and return the pledge card or submit the pledge form online at rlcary.org/ministries/count-me-in.

Looking forward--together with you--to seeing our member involvement grow in this new season of RLC's life together!

Men's Ministry



Join Us on Mondays at 7:00 pm for Fellowship and Study!

Mark Otten is leading the study, Standing Tall - Developing a Leader's Heart Through the Book of Nehemiah, currently on RightNow Media.

The book of Nehemiah is one of the greatest sources for leadership development that has ever been written. This series helps us discover from Nehemiah himself, the heart and means of leading others to accomplish the impossible.

If you would like to be added to the group, please contact Mark Otten or Tom Gebbia through RCB. You can also email mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Are you someone who wants to learn more from

the Bible? Has it ever "dawned on you" that nothing has ever dawned on God? He knew before the world began that His people would face hardship, so He gave us His Word. Book of Ephesians is a survival manual - it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well - we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world.

Join us on Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm February 24-April 28 via Zoom!

Class is led by Mindy Stephani. Register with church office.

To view the trailer or download the study guides: RightNow Media: The Book of Ephesians: J.D. Greear



Women's Bible Study — March 8-May 24, 2021

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study began a new study on Monday, March 8 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.



Love Rules tells the story of spiritual transformation, shows how God wants us to love better, and helps us see how we can. This Bible study addresses one commandment each week, then follows up with four devotions that approach the topic from different angles. The readings take a what does this mean approach by asking open-ended questions and providing related Bible readings.

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.



Take control of your money with Financial Peace University!

This nine-lesson class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you. Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went!

The Zoom classes, led by Bob Williams, will **start on April 15**. Cost is \$60 per couple. Assistance will be offered to anyone interested in the class, but are unable to pay the sign up fee.

Please register with the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.



Camp Agape Spring Golf Outing

(in-person or virtual)

Monday, April 19

8:30 am Tee Off Box Lunch on Course

Format: Captain's Choice at Lochmere Golf Club Cost: \$90 Single, \$350 Foursome, \$50 Virtual

Always lots of fun!

Raising Funds for Camp Agape Campership Fund

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

Children and Family Ministry



There is no Sunday School on Easter, but check out these videos!

<u>Jerusalem</u> - <u>Last Supper</u> - <u>Betrayal</u> - <u>Death</u> - <u>Resurrection</u>

Questions regarding any of the Children and Family Ministry 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.



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)

Upcoming Events:

NO EVENTS DURING SPRING BREAK!

Friday, April 9 - 6:30-8:00 pm - IN-PERSON ALL GRADES (6th/7th/8th) - Hop To It! LC Parking Lot (20 youth)

www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4fa4a62c7-ignite7

Friday, April 16 - 7:00-8:00 pm - Fun Friday Zoom!

Link will be sent out the week of the event. All are welcome to join!

Friday, April 23 - 6:30-8:00 pm - IN-PERSON ALL GRADES (6th/7th/8th) - It's Spring! - RLC Parking Lot (20 youth) www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4fa4a62c7-its

Have a wonderful weekend! Ms. LeAnn



Happy Spring Break! We will not be meeting this week.

Sunday, April 11 Connection Café at 9:30 am

Breakaway from 7:00-8:30 pm

Sunday, April 18 Connection Café at 9:30 am

Leadership from 5:30-6:45 pm
All leadership students and those interested in joining the team!
Breakaway from 7:00-8:30 pm

Also check out and follow us on Instagram @rlcbreakaway!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Have a blessed upcoming Holy Week!

Joyfully His, Ms. Jenny







at Resurrection Lutheran



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for the 2021-22 preschool year continues at RLP.

Openings are available in our transitional-kindergarten (young 5-year-old), 4-year-old, 3-year-old, and 2-year-old classes; however, some classes are close to full.

> Email or call to **ENROLL** or *Individual, safely distanced



TOURS provided by appointment.

office@rlpcary.org

919.851.7270



- FOR an ... 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

You are invited to view RLP's classrooms, Chapel, Drive-Up 'Drop-Off/ Pick-Up', and playground through videos and pictures on our social media sites (see below) RLP is blessed to be able to offer an age-appropriate, learning through play, loving, and Christian environment for our community's children

Visit & 'Like' our Facebook page:

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Follow us on Instagram:

www.instagram.com/rlpcary

Website:



rlpcarv.org RLP's classrooms, Chapel, Drive-Up 'Drop-Off/ Pick-Up',

and playground available through videos and pictures

Our next Camp is in **April** Children born before August 2017 are eligible.

Spots are filling fast.

Email or call for more information:

office@rlpcary.org 919.851.7270





<u>In-Person Worship Attendance</u>

Saturday, March 27, 6:00 pm - 38 Sunday, March 28, 8:00 am - 49 Sunday, March 28, 11:00 am - 54

Total In-Person Worship: 141

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, March 28

8:00 am - 188 views 11:00 am - 83 views

Total Online Views: 271

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 - February 2021

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 78,521.12	\$ 780,037.71
Total Disbursements	\$ 93,361.68	\$ 758,132.83
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$-14,840.56	\$ 21,904.88
Last Week's Offerings	\$22,208.14	
Average Weekly Giving for 20	\$22,286.79	
Average Weekly Giving Budge	\$23,750.00	

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Calendar for the Week of April 4-11

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Sunday — Easter					
	8:00 am	Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary/Online			
	9:30 am	Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary			
	11:00 am	Praise Worship/Holy Communion, FLC/Online			
	1:00 pm	Oromo Ev. Lutheran, Fellowship Hall			
	3:30 pm	Mekane Yesus, Fellowship Hall			
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			
Wednes	day				
	8:30 am	RLS Chapel, Sanctuary/Online			
	10:00 am	Piecemakers Quilting, Room 151			
	12:00 pm	Church Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall			
	6:30 pm	Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary			
	7:00 pm	8th Grade Confirmation, Online			
	7:30 pm	Breakaway, Online			
	7:30 pm	Ephesians Bible Study, Online			
	7:30 pm	This is the Church, Online			
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Ensemble, Sanctuary			
Thursday	/				
	6:00 pm	Men's Ministry Fellowship, Parking Lot			
	7:00 pm	College Crew, Online			
Friday					
	6:30 pm	Ignite, Parking Lot			
Saturda	y				
	6:00 pm	Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary			
Sunday					
	8:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary/Online			
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School, Online			
	9:30 am	Breakaway Connection Café, Online			
	9:30 am	Adult Christian Ed, Endowments Presentation			
	11:00 am	Praise Worship/Holy Communion, FLC/Online			
	1:00 pm	Oromo Ev. Lutheran, Fellowship Hall			
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7th Grade Confirmation, Online

Breakaway, Parking Lot

6:30 pm

7:00 pm