

Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Prayers of the Church: (*RLC Members)

Ongoing Prayers

*Diane Cuper	*Eve Sommers	*David Brooks	*Anne Altieri
*Charlotte Raines	*Eric Hammergren	*Anita Moore	*Vern Ebert
*John Shaeffer	*Aaron	*Marcus	*Malcolm
*Sandy Nigg	Michael Flannery	*Helen Campbell	Henry Otten
Marie Bruce	Marc & Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption		

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen	Anne Price	*Gary Ferro	Angie Price
Alison Zieglmeier	Carol Diliberto	Roseanne Candiello	Mary Hazel
Jim Metz	Paul Sheri	Carol Pfitzinger	Janice Sommers-
Fernley Wagner	*Doug Spitz	Jackie	*Rev. Art Beyer
Kathy Siemon	Joe Krupsky	Scott Brinkley	Pete Brown

For Expectant Moms

Angela *Holly Molly Leah *Stacy Sara Erin Maria

Those Prayed For on April 25th

Thanking God Today

- Safe travel to visit parents & family in person
- COVID vaccinations, especially increased availability
- Rain
- Faith Affirmations, Confirmands
- Continued Good News for Alison
- Zachary Heffner's 21st birthday

For the Sick

- All with cancer and leukemia, especially *Doug Spitz, *Rev. Art Beyer, Janice Sommers (*Eve Sommers' daughter), Fernley Wagner (*Dawn Leister's dad), Pete Brown, Kathy Siemon (RLS teacher)
- Those awaiting results of medical tests and upcoming procedures
- Henry Otten (*Pat & Mark Otten's grandson), discernment for doctors
- Silvia, Baby Kobe, Kimmy, Carla, David, Daisy, Rick, Mette, Tim, Elizabeth, Diann, Mary & Jerry, Mara, Cliff, Pete, Evelyn, Covid patients, Cindy (*Michele Brake's sister)

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

- *Pam Dickson, *Dennis Merrill, *Lena Licciardi, *Wayne Connors, Steve

For Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

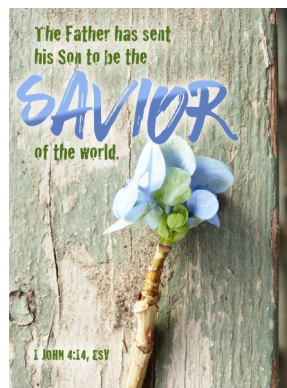
- Expectant parents, especially Sara, Molly, *Stacy, *Holly, Leah (*Unger's daughter), Maria, Erin

For Provision, Peace, Strength, Patient Endurance

- Concordia Seminary Call Day, April 28, and all seminary candidates
- Bob and MaryAnn Unger, Bob's Call
- Ron Collis and family, final stages of cancer
- New Associate Pastor and Wife
- New Home

For Those Who Mourn

- *Webb/*Whitcher families, their stepfather & grandfather, Hal
- Family of Jason Norris, *Ashley Huddle's cousin
- Family of Lynda Sienkiewicz (Margaret Hyatt's sister-in-law)
- Family of Kristen Lawyer (*Mike & Trudy Haertling's friend)
- Family of Judith Gebbia (*Tom Gebbia's mother)



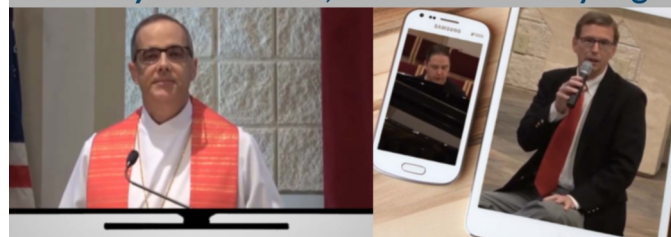
As branches are to the vine, so are we to Christ. We are not alone, nor can we exist alone; it is only in connection with Christ that life flows to us and through us. It is only in Christ that we see who we are meant to be and what fruit we are meant to bear.

Easter teaches us a brand-new meaning to Christ's Promise to abide in us. Not even death can keep Him from living within His people by Baptism and faith. In order to sustain His Life in us, we are called to remain in Him, to stay connected to the Vine so that we branches may bear the good fruit of His Kingdom.



Live Stream Worship

Sundays at 8:00 am, 11:00 am ~ rlcary.org



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

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

Pastor's Corner for Week of May 2-8



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is that time of year that RLC youth stand up in front of the congregation and say "yes" to what others promised on their behalf on the day of their baptism: it's Confirmation weekend! Though that is a big deal for anyone, what makes it possible is not, in the end, the measure of young person's sense of conviction or the number of his or her service hours. It is all possible because of the love of God, "perfected" or "completed" by what Jesus Christ did for all of us--the topic, as it turns out, for this upcoming 5th Sunday of Easter! Of course, our confirmands and their parents extended a lot of effort this past year to stay up to speed with confirmation instruction. I would like to especially commend the work of our Confirmation teachers: MaryAnn Unger (Confirmation 1) and Vicar Alan Shaw (Confirmation 2). Together with our small group leaders, they took on the task of imparting faith stories and inviting RLC youth to grow in their knowledge of God's Word in the midst of an enormously challenging pandemic year. In addition to leading the final year of confirmation instruction, Vicar Alan has been instrumental in organizing the youth to prepare and present their faith statements. Some have been presented in worship already. Others are being recorded and will be made available to the congregation later on. With Vicar Alan's efforts and the efforts of others who have assisted in leading Sunday School classes and Middle School youth activities (shout-out to Middle School Youth Director LeAnn Trautman), we are pleased to confirm 19 youth. We pray God's abundant grace might be poured out on each one of them as they begin this new chapter of their faith journey together.

Here is the information I have for you to know about this week:

- In case you have not yet heard, we are pleased to welcome seminarian Zachary Sarrault as our new Associate Pastor! Those who were in on the Zoom call yesterday had a chance to briefly meet Zach and his wife Kelsey after Call Day at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. They are just as excited to join us in ministry here as we are to welcome them! Zach and Kelsey hail from Michigan. You can read a short letter of greeting they provided within this announcement.
- As if the announcement about our new Associate Pastor wasn't already wonderful news, I also received a letter from RLC Music and Worship Director Bob Unger. [Please click here to read.](#) We keep Pilgrim Lutheran Church's continued search for a Teacher and Minister of Music in our prayers.
- We will be transitioning some worship elements (e.g., distribution of the Lord's Supper) to practices that more closely resemble what was going on at RLC before the pandemic started, beginning May 8 and 9. Beginning May 8, all services with Holy Communion will be done with a familiar style of distribution at the communion rail. Governor Cooper's most recent press conference and executive order related to the risk of COVID-19 in the state of North Carolina was encouraging. I look forward to seeing us ease our present attendance limits in the weeks ahead. Please don't forget that we will go to three services on Sunday morning (at 8, 9:30, and 11) beginning May 30.
- [Sign up here for in-person worship services this Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2.](#) Holy Communion will be offered at 6 PM Saturday evening. Then, we will host two services on Sunday morning at 8 and 11 AM, with Holy Communion offered in the 8 AM service. In-person worshippers are, as of this writing, still limited to 75 persons per service. Please use the Sign Up genius at the link above to indicate your plans to attend. (Usually we would offer smaller services of Holy Communion for groups of 10 or fewer at 12:30 PM, but due to a private baptism at 12:30 this weekend, small group Holy Communion on May 2 will not be available.)

- Due to the Rite of Confirmation and worship service for RLC confirmands and their families scheduled for Sunday at 9:30, our Adult Bible Class "Race and the Gospel" will be on vacation this week. Please be on the lookout for the Zoom invitation as we gather again for Session 3 of the study "Justice and the Church" on May 9.
- New "Welcome to Resurrection" classes will be held via Zoom starting May 8 at 9 AM. If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our faith community, please let us know (or have them contact the church office) at office@rlcary.org.
- The "Count Me In" pledge drive ends this weekend. Our current pledges stand at 46--just 4 shy of our goal of 50. If you didn't submit a pledge last fall and have not yet done so this year, there are still a few more days left to do so. Your pledge is anonymous, is between just you and God, and is intended as merely one way you can challenge yourself to rely on God's abundant provision for you in your life. [You may submit your pledge form online by clicking here.](#)

God's once-and-for-all sacrifice through God's Son, Jesus Christ, is perfect and complete. Knowing and celebrating this gift of "perfect love" that casts out all fear (1 John 4:18), it is our privilege to confess and live out a love unlike any other! God be with us all as we take part in that calling again this week.

Pastor Jonathan



Baptized on Sunday, May 2 is

Chloe Ann Clark

born February 23, 2020,

daughter of Scott Clark and Olya Clark.

Godparent is Austin Bruce Clark.

May God's blessing be upon Chloe Ann as she grows in her baptismal grace.

Pray for Our Missionaries

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



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, Sundays at 9:30 am beginning April 18, 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 [Christian Education webpage](#), or in the church office.

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

**There will be no class held this week,
Sunday, May 2 due to Confirmation.**

Welcome to RLC, Zach and Kelsey!

We are pleased to welcome seminarian Zachary Sarrault as our new Associate Pastor! Those who joined the Zoom meeting had a chance to briefly meet Zach and his wife Kelsey after Call Day at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. They are just as excited to join us in ministry here as we are to welcome them!

Here is a brief letter of greeting from Zach:

Hey Resurrection Family!

Kelsey and I are thrilled at the announcement of our call to your congregation! With all the emotions that have bombarded us over the past few hours, excitement and joy have been dominating! We are both from Michigan, but spent our vicarage at Hope in Wake Forest, so we know a little about the area and are excited to be coming back.

Just a little about us as we prepare to finish up work and school in St. Louis and move out to Cary. Kelsey and I met in undergrad at Concordia University Ann Arbor, where I graduated as an English major and Kelsey majored in Family Life Children's Ministry. Before we got married in January 2019, Kelsey worked for three years at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska. We are both addicted to reading, with more books than are good for any 26-year-old, but we make do! With the long summers in North Carolina, I am hoping to find some good fishing holes that are unfrozen for the vast majority of the year!

We are beyond excited to be joining the ministry at Resurrection! After talking with Pastor Blanke, it sounds like God has been and is doing some great things at your congregation. We cannot wait to learn more about you and serve side-by-side before long!

*Your brother in Christ,
Zach Sarrault*



*Flowers placed on the altar
in honor of
our Confirmands.*



Women's Ministries of RLC is inviting all women who would like to join us in planning activities and events for the women of RLC now that we can begin being more active again. We are also hoping to restructure Women's Ministries and are seeking interested women to help with this process.

Please call Cynthia Wyse at 919-244-9639 on weekends or after 7:00 pm on weekdays, if interested in hearing more information.

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).

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!

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.

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.

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.

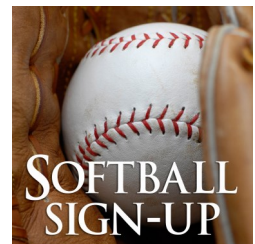
Attention Men: Time to grab your glove and cleats and join your fellow church members in representing RLC in the Town of Cary's Church League.

Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights May-July.

If you are interested in joining us for some exercise, fun, and fellowship, please see Adam Brake or send an email to mens-softball@rlcary.org.

Practices will start the first week of May. All sign-ups must be made by May 9th. COVID-19 safety measures will be in place and can be found at

<https://www.townofcary.org/recreation-enjoyment/sports/adult-sports/adult-softball>.



Men's Outdoor Breakfast - Saturday, May 15

Bring a camp chair and mask as we gather for a men's outdoor biscuit and beverage breakfast. We will say grace and eat at 8:00 am, Pastor Jonathan will lead us in message starting around 8:30 am. There will be a variety of biscuits with coffee, water, and juice available.

We will meet at the fire pit in the 3rd row of the church parking lot.

Contact: Tom Gebbia (mens-ministry@rlcary.org)

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).

Dorcas Ministries is excited to participate in Fit & Able Productions annual [Charity Distance Festival](#) this May! The Charity Distance Festival supports several area non-profits that serve our community. By registering with the Dorcas referral link, a portion of your registration fee will be donated directly to us!

You can participate **virtually (May 1-8) OR in-person (May 8 at WakeMed Soccer Park)**. The registration cost is based on which race you sign up for. Whether you join in virtually or in person: you get to choose if you do a Fun Run, 5K, or 8K!

This event is **open to everyone**: anyone of any age, skill level, or ability can participate in any race! If you plan to walk, the 5K is your best option. Registration is open now! Be sure to use the [Dorcas referral link to sign up \(https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Cary/CharityDistanceFestival?raceRefCode=HI3mkg1!\)](https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Cary/CharityDistanceFestival?raceRefCode=HI3mkg1!)!



Join us for quilting and fellowship!

The Piecemakers meet every Wednesday from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in Room 151 of the Family Life Center.



GRADUATING?

Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by May 26.

We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter. Please include the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248. Thanks!



Make this summer the best one yet . . . register for a week at Camp Agapé today!
Come to Summer Camp!
www.agapekurebeach.org | 919.552.9421 | 1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina NC



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 providing Sunday School virtually for children through 8th grade. Everything is on the website at rlcary.org, under Ministries on the **Sunday School for Kids** webpage.

For children through 4th grade, we are using the *Simply Loved* curriculum. In this new unit, our Bible point is *God guides us...because he loves us*. We meet another Bible buddy, Radar, and learn the memory verse, Proverbs 3:5-6.

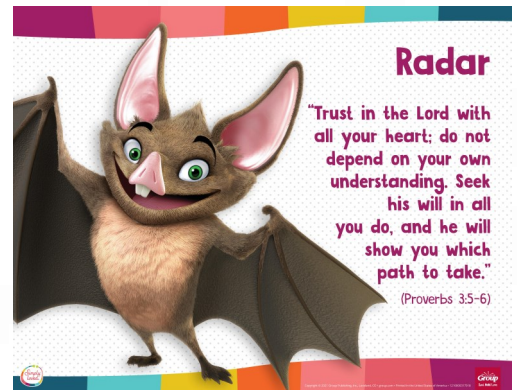
This week, we talk about how *God's People Worship a Golden Calf*, Exodus 32.

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 continue with *Connect* by Sparkhouse. We are starting a new unit, The Church, and this week's lesson is *Pentecost*.

Join Ms. Sandy via Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 am!

An email will be sent with the invite link.



Plan to join us for Sunday School fun!

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



All Aboard!!

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

Rocky Railway

is coming **July 12-16, 2021**

Children (3-6 years) are invited to attend each day from 9:00 am-12:00 pm!

We will hit the tracks and explore how Jesus' power helps us through everything.

More information coming soon! **Volunteer Conductors needed, too!**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for VBS this summer.

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

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)

Since the weather is suppose to be nice this weekend, we will be moving bags of sand and refilling the preschool sandboxes that are in the back. Also, there are a few areas in the playground where we will be pulling weeds. If you are interested in helping out, sign up (signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4FA4A62C7-sandbox) and I'll see you in the circle drive on Saturday.

We had a great time this past Friday night!

Here is what's coming up:

Warehouse Nights! Fridays, May 7 and May 14, 6:30-8:00 pm

I know the youth have been wanting to get back in The Warehouse and it is finally time! We are now able to be in there with small groups (12) and following covid protocol (mask worn at all times - no exceptions). Please sign up for only one date until everyone has had a chance to sign up. After everyone has had the opportunity, I will send an email out opening up the remaining spots.

signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4FA4A62C7-yayignite

Fun Friday Zoom - Friday, May 21 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Join us online for Fun Friday and a night of fun and fellowship. Check your email for the Zoom invite.

Have a wonderful week!

Ms. LeAnn



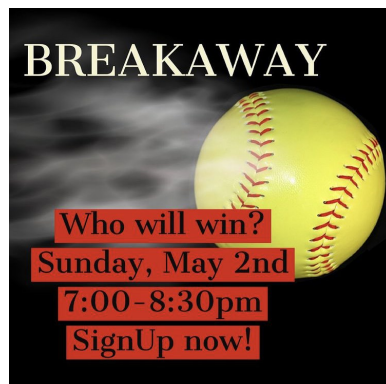
Breakaway (9th-12th Grades)

Sunday, May 2

Connection Café at 9:30 am

Breakaway from 7:00-8:30 pm

Joyfully His,
Ms. Jenny



In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 24, 6:00 pm - 52

Sunday, April 25, 8:00 am - 49

Sunday, April 25, 11:00 am - 83

Total In-Person Worship: 184**Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel**

Sunday, April 25

8:00 am - 56 views 11:00 am - 102 views

Total Online Views: 158

*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 - March 2021

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 98,676.85	\$ 878,750.96
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 93,821.81</u>	<u>\$ 851,753.24</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 4,855.04	\$ 26,997.72
Last Week's Offerings		\$15,720.07
Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21		\$22,532.08
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21		\$23,750.00

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Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday

Submit to Susan.Moore@RLCary.org.**Calendar for the Week of May 2-9****Sunday**

- 8:00 am Worship/Communion, Sanctuary/Online
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School, Online
- 9:30 am Breakaway Connection Café, Online
- 9:30 am Confirmation Worship, Sanctuary/Online
- 11:00 am Praise Worship, FLC/Online
- 1:00 pm Oromo Ev. Lutheran, Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 pm Mekane Yesus, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Breakaway, The Warehouse/Parking Lot

Monday

- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Camp, Mon.-Thu.
- 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/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 Breakaway Open Warehouse
- 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, The Warehouse

Saturday

- 9:00 am Welcome to Resurrection, Online
- 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, Race and the Gospel
- 11:00 am Praise Worship/Communion, FLC/Online
- 1:00 pm Oromo Ev. Lutheran, Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 pm Mekane Yesus, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Breakaway, The Warehouse/Parking Lot

