

Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Prayers of the Church: (*RLC Members)

Ongoing Prayers

*Diane Cuper	*Eve Sommers	*David Brooks	*Anne Altieri
*Charlotte Raines	*Eric Hambergren	*Anita Moore	*Vern Ebert
*John Shaeffer	*Aaron	*Marcus	*Malcolm
*Sandy Nigg	Michael Flannery	*Helen Campbell	Henry Otten
Marie Bruce	*Lena Licciardi		

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	Kathy Siemon
Joe Krupsky	Scott Brinkley	Pete Brown	

For Expectant Moms

Angela *Holly Molly Leah *Stacy Sara Erin Maria

Those Prayed For on May 2nd

Thanking God Today

- Pastor Zach and Kelsey

For the Sick

- Silvia, David, Baby Kobe, Carla, Rick, Kimmy, Mette, Tim, Ken, Gavin, Harold, Herman, Jeanne, Dana, Abby, Eli
- All with cancer and leukemia, *Doug Spitz, Joe, Janice Sommers (*Eve Sommers' daughter), Scott Brinkley, Kathy Siemon, Chris McLaughlin

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

- *Pam Dickson, *Dennis Merrill, *Lena Licciardi, *Wayne Connors
- Metta F., Tim

For Those Who Mourn

- Family of Judith Gebbia, *Tom Gebbia's mother
- Family of Lynda Sienkiewicz, Margaret Hyatt's sister-in-law
- Family of Jim Kennedy
- Family of Tom Quetel, *Jane Quetel's husband
- Family of *Rev. Art Beyer

For Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- Expectant parents, especially Sara, Molly, *Stacy, *Holly, Maria, Leah (*Unger's daughter)
- Those searching for jobs and new job paths, *John and Jodi Kopala

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- *Bob & MaryAnn Unger, Bob's call
- Seminary Call Day & placements, especially our new Associate Pastor
- Moving & packing

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.*



When Jesus instituted Holy Communion, He said, "A new command I give you: Love one another." With this new commandment Christ intends us to move beyond easy words of "I love you," to living acts of love in Christian service to one another. He calls us to love one another genuinely---with a love that exceeds emotions, but dares to invest time, talent, treasure for the sake of another. Through Christ's forgiving love working in our lives, we can love one another.



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Pastor Art Beyer**, was called to rest with Jesus on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Our prayers are with his wife, Charlotte, and their family at this time.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 10, 11:00 am, at Resurrection. The service will also be live streamed through our YouTube channel.

Pastor's Corner for Week of May 9-15



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I'll never forget my "5 minutes of fame" as a freshman in college. The year was 1980. I was asked to be part of an anniversary celebration commemorating the move of Virginia's capital from Williamsburg to Richmond, VA that involved my college's canoe team. A dozen or so of us were asked to paddle a war canoe all the way from Williamsburg to Richmond to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the original event. It was enormous fun--though excruciatingly difficult--but we made it. We made it all the way up the James River...but only because we had seasoned veterans on our team who carried neophyte freshmen like me all 100 miles! St. John writes in our text today: "God's commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world... Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (5:4-5). You and I share in a victory that we celebrate this weekend. But love that "conquers" or "overcomes the world" was never anything that WE made happen! The winning spirit that enables us to persevere in times of trial comes from the outside in, from the very ground of Love itself. It is because of Jesus' victory, testified by water (Holy Baptism), blood (His historical death), and the Spirit of God--not through any merely human success story about love--that John is able to write so encouragingly. The final success that really matters isn't a matter of trophies. It's unrelated to the number of accolades that you and I might receive from others. It's God's victory. God is the One who conquers. And God shares that victory with us!

Here's some information you'll want to know about this week:

- A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life in Christ for Rev. Dr. Arthur Beyer will be held at Resurrection on Monday, May 10 at 11 AM. Attendance is limited to 100 guests. If you desire to attend in person, please contact the church office to inquire about reserving a spot. You may also view the service livestream on our YouTube channel: Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC.
- 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 this weekend, May 8 and 9. Read the instructions regarding the change in the attachment, below. 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 8 and 9.](#) 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 11 AM service. In-person worshippers are, as of this writing, still limited to 75 persons per service. We plan to open worship services to 100 worshippers beginning Saturday, May 15. Please use the Sign Up genius at the link above to indicate your plans to attend. Holy Communion for groups of 10 or fewer are still available on Sundays at 12:30 PM.
- Our Adult Bible Class "Race and the Gospel" resumes Sunday, May 9. Please be on the lookout for the Zoom invitation (sent out Saturday night and again on Sunday morning) as we gather for Session 3 of the study: "Justice and the Church."

- New "Welcome to Resurrection" sessions 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. My summer cohort of my own class on Christian doctrine ("This Is the Church") will begin on Wednesday, May 12 at 7 PM. [You may register by clicking here and sending me an email.](#) Feel free to join--even if you've taken part before and simply would like a review. We will be reading and discussing the 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism.
- Thanks to your support, we surpassed our "Count Me In" pledge drive target of 50 first-time pledges last weekend! We could not have done it without each of you!

This Sunday is one of those days in the Easter season when the calendar turns our attention to the gift of Moms and motherhood. Every Mom is a success story...every Mom is used by God to bring or nurture life that is brought into the world. And though no Mom is perfect, the extent that our Moms have been led by God's Spirit to live out God's mercy and to nurture us in God's Word makes them living object lessons to the conquering work of our Lord and the "spirit of winning" that His victory brings. As you say a prayer of thanksgiving for your Mom today, remember the Love that made her love possible: God's love. Love that conquers all.

Pastor Jonathan



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.

COUNT ME IN!

REACH OUR GOAL OF 50 PLEDGES



Welcome to RLC, Zach and Kelsey!

We are pleased to welcome seminarian Zachery 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 memory of
her mother, Joanne Schmitt
by Margaret Rogers.*

Statements of Contribution for the first trimester of 2021 will be in RLC mailboxes beginning May 11.

If you prefer to have yours sent by email or postal, contact finance@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, x 36.

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).



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.

Men's Ministry



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

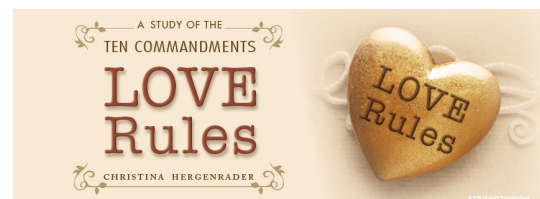
Mark Otten is leading the study, *Standing Tall - Developing a Leader's Heart Through the Book of Nehemiah*, currently on RightNow Media.

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.

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.

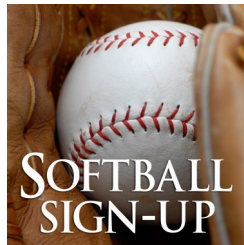
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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)



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!

Summer Staff Shortage



We need your help! Right now, we are at least 6 summer staff members short with less than 30 days before training begins. We need to secure 2 to 3 counselors by May 15 or we may be forced to cancel Day Camp at 7 congregations throughout the state due to lack of staff.

We are in need of:

- ⇒ 2-4 Counselors - 19 years of age living in the camp community for 10 weeks
- ⇒ 1 Lifeguard - at least 16 years of age living in camp community or coming to guard on an hourly basis
- ⇒ 2 Support Staff - at least 17 years of age living in the camp community for 10 weeks

Do you know a young adult leader who can be a positive Christian role model and grow in faith and maturity while serving others in a Christ-centered community. Your encouragement may be all they need.

Incentive:

If the person applies before May 15 - and we hire them - and they stay the summer - they will get a \$250 bonus added to their summer salary.

Tell your neighbors, friends, and co-workers about the needs of camp for this summer.

Please use this link to apply: agape.campbrainstaff.com

THANK YOU!

Randy Youngquist-Thurrow, Deacon
Executive Director, CCD

Agapé + Kure Beach Ministries
919-552-9421
agapekurebeach.org





at Resurrection Lutheran

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 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

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

Preschool Camp Crack-Ups

3-year-old Boy: "I have a peanut butter and um, um, turkey sandwich and mustard."

Playing outside makes kids stronger physically, socially, and emotionally! As we all know, outdoor play spaces have been essential to the youth at Resurrection as we gather to do His work during a very challenging year.

Click the link below if you would like to learn more about how you can be a part of the **PLAY it Forward Fundraising Campaign** as Resurrection Lutheran School seeks to enhance shared playground!

rlscary.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/PLAY-it-Forward.pdf

SEEKING TEACHERS

Resurrection Lutheran School (Jr. K-8th) seeks certified, enthusiastic, energetic, innovative, and creative teachers to instruct and promote the love of learning in our Christian classrooms for 2021-2022 academic year.

Successful candidates must have cooperative spirit, love of teaching, excellence in their subject matter, and an active Christian spiritual life.

Resumes to Tom Kolb, Principal at contact@rlscary.org.



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.

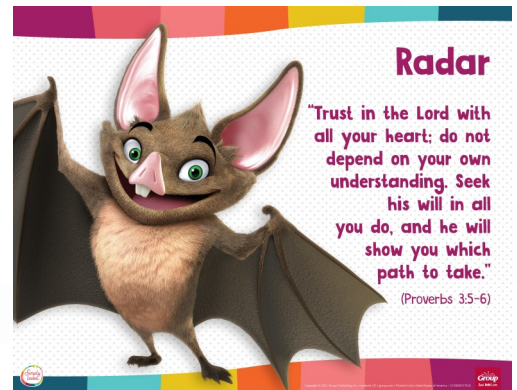
For children through 4th grade, we are using the *Simply Loved* curriculum. In this new unit, our Bible point is *God guides us...because he loves us*. We meet another Bible buddy, Radar, and learn the memory verse, Proverbs 3:5-6.

This week, we talk about how God Tells His People How to Build the Tabernacle, Exodus 35:10-36:1-38.

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. The unit is The Church, and this week's lesson is *Persecution*.

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)

Thank you, Ignite Saturday Morning Crew!

Cameron Brake, Savannah Hayes, and Mary Trautman spent the morning hauling over 1,300 lbs. of sand for the RLP sandboxes. They also pulled weeds and raked mulch to get the playground ready for preschool summer camps.

Here is what's coming up:

Warehouse Nights! Friday, 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



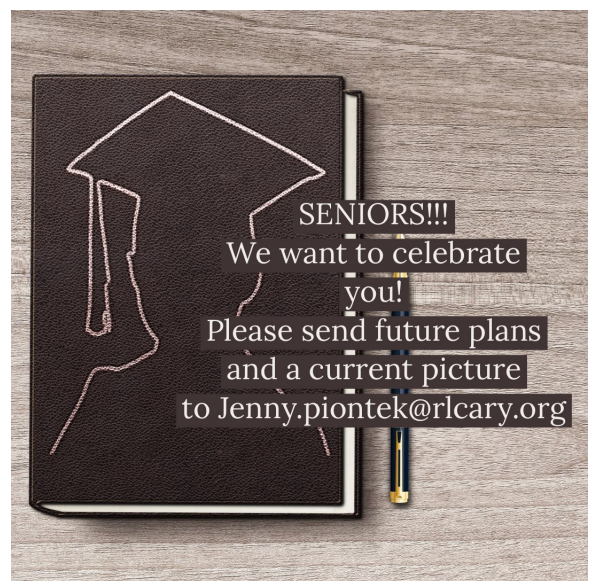
Breakaway (9th-12th Grades)

Sunday, May 9

Connection Café at 9:30 am

Breakaway from 7:00-8:30 pm

Joyfully His,
Ms. Jenny



In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, May 1, 6:00 pm - 40

Sunday, May 2, 8:00 am - 63

Sunday, May 2, 9:30 am - 87

Sunday, May 2, 11:00 am - 54

Total In-Person Worship: 244**Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel**

Sunday, May 2

8:00 am - 165 views 9:30 am - 131 views

11:00 am - 54 views

Total Online Views: 350

*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		\$16,427.64
Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21		\$22,532.08
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21		\$23,750.00

Calendar for the Week of May 9-16**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

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/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 This is the Church, Online
 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Ensemble, Sanctuary

Thursday**Friday**

6:30 pm Ignite, The Warehouse

Saturday

8:00 am Men's Outdoor Breakfast, Parking Lot
 9:00 am Welcome to Resurrection, Online
 6:00 pm Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary

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