

Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

Ascension of Our Lord

May 16, 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	*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	Jim Metz
Paul Sheri	Carol Pfitzinger	Janice Sommers	Fernley Wagner
*Doug Spitz	Jackie	Kathy Siemon	Joe Krupsky
Scott Brinkley	Pete Brown	*Elaine Wood	*Bill Xenakis

For Expectant Moms

*Holly Molly Leah *Stacy Sara Erin Maria Alex

Those Prayed For on May 9th

Thanking God Today

- Mothers
- Zachery and Kelsey Sarrault
- Bob and Mary Ann Unger God's Discernment
- Confirmants
- Susan & Rick Collins' New Grandson
- Anna & Myles Wedding
- Protection During Fire at Keshia's Home

For the Sick

- Metta F., Tim, Kathy, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anne, Anna, Annmarie, Keith, Daniel, Elizabeth, Ken, Gavin, Harold, Herman, Tom, Pastor Yeadon, Nelson's Dad, Bill, John, Dana, Abby, Eli, David
- All with cancer and leukemia, *Doug Spitz, Joe, Janice Sommers (*Eve Sommers' daughter), Fernley Wagner (*Dawn Leister's dad), Scott Brinkley, Pete Brown, Kathy Siemon (RLS teacher), Chris McLaughlin
- Those awaiting results of medical tests and upcoming procedures, Dana Drengler, Judy (*Terri Nance)
- For those recovering from surgeries and/or procedures, *Pam Dickson, *Lena Licciardi, *Wayne Conners

For Those Who Mourn

- Family of Judith Gebbia, *Tom Gebbia's mother
- Family of Lynda Sienkiewicz, Margaret Hyatt's sister-in-law
- Family of Pastor Art Beyer
- Family of Dick Rectenwald, *Anne & Ed Altieri's friend
- Nelson Kuo, loss of uncle

For Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- Those searching for jobs and new job paths, *John and Jodi Kopala

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- *Mark, Pete
- Seminary Call Day & placements, especially our new Associate Pastor
- Nephew (Loss of Mom), Friend (Death of Husband)
- Travers family move to Virginia



Today we celebrate Christ's ascension to the Right Hand of the Father. Ascension Day goes beyond Easter, assures us that our future is in the care of a gracious and powerful God. As Jesus departed from this earth and was welcomed into Heaven, so we too look forward to worshipping the Lamb upon His Throne with our endless Alleluias.



Starting May 30, we will offer three Sunday morning worship services:

- 8:00 am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am - Praise Worship in the Family Life Center

Pray for Our Missionaries

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

Pastor's Corner for Week of May 16-22

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this weekend of Jesus' Ascension, the Holy Spirit's power and Jesus' presence were promised to the first disciples of our Lord. To them and to us, Jesus has said (and promised!) "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." What a blessing that even though Jesus is no longer visibly present with us to lead the way, He is nevertheless present with His Church, energizing us in the work we do and binding our hearts together as one in service to our community and world. As witnesses of the risen and ascended Christ, may our loving Savior equip us for the task of testifying to His wondrous love. We take strength in our Lord who reigns! And we lean on each other as people who are called to be witnesses, together.

Some updates for you again this week:

- Save the dates:
 - ◊ May 30: Three services on Sunday morning at 8, 9:30, and 11 AM
 - ◊ June 6: Youth-led worship service at 11 AM; Voters' Meeting (hybrid format) starting at 1 PM
 - ◊ June 27: Ordination and Installation of Pastor Alan Shaw
 - ◊ July 18: Ordination and Installation of Pastor Zachery Sarrault
- As of today (May 13), the CDC announced the loosening of the mask and social distancing rules for vaccinated individuals. Local restrictions for the state of North Carolina still apply. For now, even if you are vaccinated, we ask that you come with mask on, for the protection of others. We are upping the attendance limit to 100 people per service as of this weekend. We plan to institute other changes in time for Memorial Day Weekend.
- We have transitioned some worship elements in the distribution of Holy Communion to practices that more closely resemble what was going on at RLC before the pandemic started. Please read the instructions regarding the change in the attachment, below. (Reception of communion wafers should be by open hand, palm[s] up.) 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 15 and 16.](#) 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. 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
- To all RLC high school and college graduates: Congratulations! We celebrate your achievement--especially in this COVID year. And we keep you in our prayers as you enter the next new chapter of life. God goes with you.

Shalom in Jesus,
Pastor Jonathan

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*



**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.

Armed Forces Sunday



We give thanks to God in honoring the men and women
who faithfully answered the call to serve
in our nation's military.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Men's Outdoor Breakfast - Saturday, May 15

Bring a camp chair as we gather for a men's outdoor biscuit and beverage breakfast. We will say grace and eat at 8:00, 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)

Join the Bagel Bunch In Person Next Week!

Meet on **Tuesday, May 18** at Bruegger's (4214 NW Cary Pkwy.) at 7:30 am.

All men are welcome to join for an hour of fellowship and conversation.

Contact Gar Johnson or Lyle Malotky through RCB with questions.



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).



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.

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 **see above*

Contact: Dan Shaltanis

Pastor's Bible Class of Weekly Readings - Tuesdays, 10:30 am

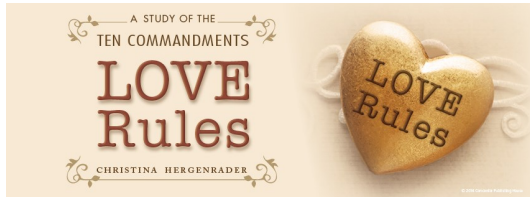
Contact: Pastor Jonathan (jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org)

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 — 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.

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.

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.

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.

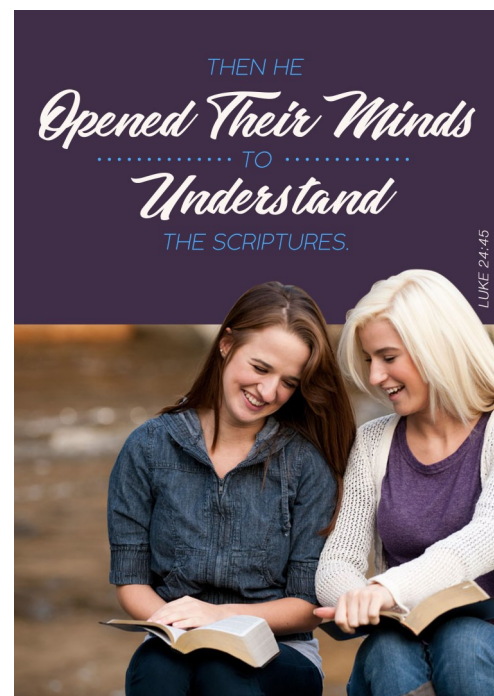


Altar Flowers

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.



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The Piecemakers crafted this beautiful quilt for Kathy Siemon, RLS teacher fighting cancer. Each student and teacher signed the Mickey Mouse quilt before it was hand delivered to her. Continued prayers for Kathy!



Join us for quilting and fellowship 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!



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-Thurow, Deacon
Executive Director, CCD

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

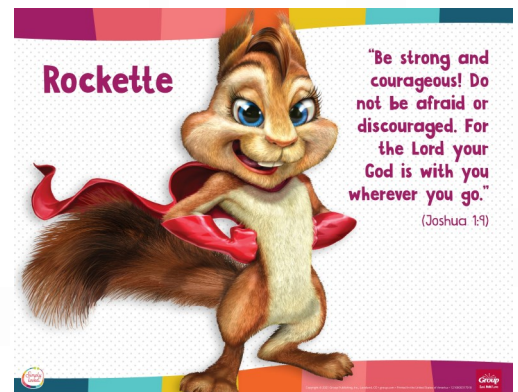
For children through 4th grade, we are using the *Simply Loved* curriculum. In this unit, our Bible point is *God helps us be brave...when we go against the crowd*. We meet Bible buddy, Rockette, and learn the memory verse, Joshua 1:9.

In the video this week, we talk about how Caleb trusts God will help (The Promised Land), Numbers 13-14:25.

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 the *Spread of the Gospel*.

**No Zoom with Ms. Sandy this week.
Feel free to watch the video though!**



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)

Here is what is coming up...

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

Link will be sent out the Thursday before the event.

Friday, June 18 - School Is Out NERF Battle - 6:30-8:00 pm - Family Life Center Gym

All Nerf gear will be supplied. Limited to 20, so sign up using the link below.

Covid protocol will be followed (mask must be worn...no exceptions). Remember to

bring a full water bottle. signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4FA4A62C7-school



Looking ahead, please save your clear 2-liter plastic soda bottles. We will be using them for an event the end of June. Bottles can be dropped off at any Ignite event, church office, or leave them in the marked bin under the coat rack in main church or in marked bin outside Family Life Center gym. I would love to have 15. Thanks!

Have a wonderful week!

Ms. LeAnn

Breakaway (9th-12th Grades)

Sunday, May 16

Connection Café at 9:30 am

Breakaway from 7:00-8:30 pm

Joyfully His,

Ms. Jenny





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've lived in New England, Washington, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Virginia, and the BESTED of all - North Carolina!"



Check out the biceps on these skeletons
in 7th grade muscle science lab!

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.



In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, May 8, 6:00 pm - 44

Sunday, May 9, 8:00 am - 63

Sunday, May 9, 11:00 am - 74

Total In-Person Worship: 181**Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel**

Sunday, May 9

8:00 am - 167 views

11:00 am - 61 views

Total Online Views: 228

*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 - April 2021

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 110,478.59	\$ 989,229.55
Total Disbursements	\$ 86,514.66	\$ 938,348.36
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 23,963.93	\$ 50,881.13
Last Week's Offerings		\$23,648.40
Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21		\$23,005.34
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21		\$23,750.00

Learn more about Resurrection Lutheran Church!**rlcary.org**facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCaryinstagram.com/ResurrectionLutheranCaryyoutube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC**100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518****office@rlcary.org****919-851-7248****Calendar for the Week of May 16-23****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 Adult Christian Ed, Race and the Gospel
 11:00 am Praise Worship, FLC/Online
 1:00 pm Oromo Ev. Lutheran, Fellowship Hall
 3:30 pm Mekane Yesus, Fellowship Hall
 5:30 pm Stephen Ministry Sunday Group, Online
 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

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 Sanctuary Choir Ensemble, Sanctuary
 7:00 pm This is the Church, Online

Thursday**Friday**

7:00 pm Ignite, Online

Saturday

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.