

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 20, 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
*Lena Licciardi	Marc & Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption		

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

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Brinkley
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Maria

*Stacy

*Brittany

For Expectant Moms

*Holly Molly Leah

Those Prayed For on June 13th

Thanking God Today

- New baby, Jane Elizabeth, and parents Sara and Sean
- Family and friends
- Safe travel
- All graduates, especially our RLC high school graduates
- All educators as they complete this challenging school year
- RLC, RLC Youth ministry team
- Offer on sale of house
- RLS and RLPS success and growth
- Being face to face with loved ones

For the Sick

- Kimmy, Daisy, Baby Kobe, Office Leach, Shirley, David, Carla, Silvia, Larry and Son, Eve, Charlotte, Pam, Kathy, Justin, Tim, Red, Brian, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Annmarie, Dave, Lena, Virginia, Lynne, Harold, Ken, Gavin, Herman, Suzie, Eileen, Corey, David, Abby, Eli, Richard, Gene Hove (cognitive issues)
- All with cancer and leukemia, especially *Doug Spitz, June, Patrick, Joe, Jackie, Phyllis, Dorothy Card, Janice Sommers (*Eve Sommers' daughter), Fernley Wagner (*Dawn Leister's dad), Scott Brinkley, Pete Brown, Kathy Siemon (RLS teacher), Chris McLaughlin, *Kathy Martin, *Bill Xenakis, Hunter Stocks, Karen
- Those awaiting results of medical tests and upcoming procedures, *Tim, * Eileen Douglas, Tim (*Brenda Peterson's brother-in-law)
- *Charlotte Raines back issue
- Those mourning the death of spouses

For Those Recovering From Surgeries and/or Procedures

• *Daisy Morris, *Virginia Heilman

For Those Who Mourn

• Family of Robert Marti, father of *Susan Collins

For Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- All caregivers, those caring for those with dementia and Alzheimers
- Those searching for jobs/new job paths, *Kopala family, *Sue, *Tom
- *Bill's first cancer treatment



"Do you not care that we are perishing?" The disciples' question resonates with anyone who has ever wondered if there is anyone who truly, personally cares about the struggles, troubles, and fears of our lives. When you face a stormy time of life, it can seem that everyone else is just going

along happily with no troubles. It can seem that no one cares. Jesus answers the disciples with great compassion and power. With the wind howling, the boat taking on water, and the disciples afraid for their lives, Jesus speaks. "Peace, be still." And the Lord's Word does what It says. The wind ceased. There was a great calm. Jesus cares. Ultimately, He put His Mighty Power to work on behalf of all those who are perishing by dying and rising for our salvation. Jesus has power over the storms of this world; and over all the storms in our lives. He invites us to find peace in Him. We are not to fear but to rejoice in His Sovereign Power to save us from sin, death, and the grave.



We offer four in-person worship services:

(no sign up required)

Saturday, 6:00 pm Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, 11:00 am

Praise Worship in the Family Life Center

And two live stream worship opportunities:

Sunday, 8:00 am and 11:00 am

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

Pastor's Corner for Week of June 20-26



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Fear is our focus for this Sunday. How many troubles in the world can arise...in one form or another...as the result of human fear?

On the one hand, you don't need me to tell you that fear (or, at the very least, nervousness and caution in the face of serious circumstances) is, in the proper dose, a necessary and helpful thing. Without it, student drivers would be in all kinds of trouble and sky-divers might not make it safely back to earth. I remember once upon a time a wise and seasoned pastor telling us new recruits to the preaching profession that a little nervousness prior to proclaiming the Word of God was a good and godly thing! On the other hand, fear spinning out of control can cause people to freeze, feud, and fault others. The disciples on the Sea of Galilee in our text this week (Mark 4:35-41) found themselves out on open water in the middle of a storm--helpless. Fear in such circumstances was to be expected. The problem began when everyone started taking their fears out on Jesus! Instead of asking the sleeping Jesus for help, as we might expect, their first words to Jesus were the snarky "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Fear frustrates and causes ruptures between people...sometimes between members of God's family. At other times, our fears may even cause us to wonder what God is up to. If the Psalmist was capable of that kind of fear (cf. Psalm 44:23) so are we.

Thank heaven that God walks with us despite our fears. Thank God that God's dealings with us are not in response to ours with Him! Our text today is proof that in a time of crisis you can assume the worst about Jesus and still receive God's mercy and grace. In the end, with the ever-present Jesus along for the ride and the sin of inadequate faith in times of trouble forgiven, you might find that your anxious, paralyzing fear is turned to a completely different kind of fear, which isn't really fear at all: reverent fear..."awe" is a better word...amazement, once the storm has passed, at what the almighty God of the universe can do. Your faith journey and mine are made stronger in the process.

Here is the newest of the new information to send your way this week....

The following guidelines for worship are now in place: Please click here to view.

Please make a note of the monthly schedule for Holy Communion:

- Every Saturday at 6 PM
- Every first and third Sunday, at 8 AM
- Every second and fourth Sunday, at 9:30 AM
- Every second, fourth, and fifth Sunday, at 11 AM.

Name tags at RLC are back!

RLC members who are worshipping in person are invited to arrive at church a little early and retrieve their nametag from their member's mailbox this weekend. For anyone without a member's mailbox or preferring the stick-on variety, disposable stick-on tags will also be available at the door to the main sanctuary and Family Life Center. Let's do what we can to call one another by name and welcome each other to our Father's house on this Father's Day weekend!

Open for business:

The Resurrection office continues operation according to its pre-pandemic schedule: Mon-Fri, 9 AM to 3 PM. In the church and office wing, use of masks is completely optional for those who are fully vaccinated. It has been great to see many of you stopping by to pick up mail and just say "hi"! It has been even greater gathering with some of you in person around God's Word during weekly Bible study events. If you have a group or activity to schedule in the building, please contact the church office.

Vicar Alan Shaw, RLC's Newest Stephen Leader:

Join us for a very special celebration this weekend as Vicar Alan Shaw is commissioned as Resurrection's newest Stephen Ministry Leader. (Stephen Ministry has been active at Resurrection Lutheran Church since 1999. It provides high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community who are experiencing life difficulties.)

Though Vicar Shaw has already been serving at RLC as a Stephen Minister (lay Christian caregiver), as a Stephen Ministry Leader he will be able to use his gifts for leadership, vision, wisdom, administration, organization, discernment, and teaching to select and equip those who will be Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Vicar Shaw recently completed Stephen Ministry Leader bridge training (in addition to all his other studies and work projects!) and we give thanks to God for his enhanced role and service in this area among us. Though I will continue to monitor the need for pastoral care in collaboration with our Stephen Ministers, Vicar Shaw will be our pastoral contact for the Stephen Ministry team, moving forward. Congratulations, Vicar Alan!

Service and mission to our community and world:

You may remember two weeks ago I started including articles written by RLC member Ann Johnson, on behalf of CLI Prison Alliance (an organization bringing hope to prisoners around the world through the Gospel of Christ). We are looking for folks at RLC who might be interested in joining the Johnsons in this important ministry. See Ann's third installment to get the word out about CLI in this announcement. Enjoy!

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On this Father's Day, let's give thanks for the gift of our heavenly Father, who in the person of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, says to each and every one of us: "You are mine...do not be afraid!" Though we will always dwell in some measure of anxious fear here below, what blessing to know that our God, worthy of our reverent fear and devotion is with us in the midst of every storm. We are in His capable hands!

In Him, Pastor Jonathan

Stay Connected Through Online Zoom Meetings!

Prayer Community - Mondays, 11:00 am Contact: Barb Shimmel

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 (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248).





It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Robert Glowacki**, was called to rest with Jesus on December 8, 2020.

Our prayers are with his family at this time.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on **Saturday, June 19**, <u>1:30 pm</u>, at Resurrection. All are invited to attend. This weekend, we will celebrate the **commissioning of Vicar Alan Shaw** who has completed Stephen Leader Bridge training and is ready to use his spiritual gifts as a Stephen Leader *here at RLC*.

As we commission Vicar Alan and send him forth to minister, let us thank God for the love and the generosity that inspired

his response to God's call, and let us pray for the success of this caring ministry.

Please join us for a **Cookie Reception** in the Fellowship Hall after the Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 9:30 am services, and in Room 151 after 11:00 am service.

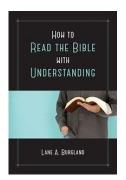


Bible Study Opportunities with Pastor Jonathan

Reading the Bible for Understanding

Wednesdays, 6:15 pm June 16-August 4 Fellowship Hall

Book is available through Concordia Publishing House for \$15.



This Is the Church Christian Doctrine Class

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm June 16-July 21 Fellowship Hall

Books are the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. You can pick up the 2017 catechism in the church office.

This is a great class not only for newcomers to RLC, but also as review for parents of RLC 8th graders going through their final year of confirmation instruction next year.

To register for either class, contact the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Creative Faith Mornings

Join us and spend time together being creative!

We'll start each session with a short Bible study (15-20 min.) and then spend the rest of the time in "creative time".

During the creative time, you will have the opportunity to color a variety of encouragement cards. Some of these cards will be used for our RLC card ministry and some can for your personal use as a way to bless your family and friends.

The cards will be provided and we'll have colored pencils available for coloring. You are welcome to bring your own coloring supplies, if you prefer.

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall, **9:30 - 11:30 am** on the following days:

- Tuesday, June 22
- Thursday, July 29
- Tuesday, August 10

Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB for more info.





Bible Study

Mark Schroeder, Southeastern District Facilitator, is inviting members at Circuit 13W churches to a 6 week Zoom Bible Study of

Luke 15 and Haggai. The studies will be emphasizing God's invitation for us to join Him in his mission to reach out to the world with His love.

The sessions will **begin on Monday, June 21**, and continue for 6 consecutive Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. After the 6 weeks, the participants will decide how or if they want to proceed with strengthening their commitment to mission and outreach. Take the invitation to God in Prayer.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Ron Bostick through RCB or the church office (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248).

The Zoom invitation will be sent to those who want to be part of the Bible Studies.

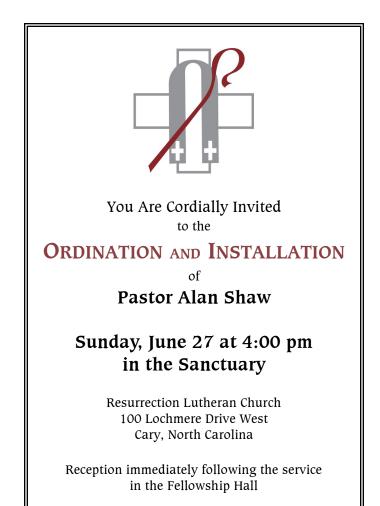
Bagel Bunch Meeting In-Person

The Bagel Bunch is a group of men that gather Tuesdays at 7:30 am at Java Jive, 2425 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary (across from RLC).

Meet for an hour of fellowship and conversation - tell stories, share concerns, and joke around.

All men are welcome, come when you can.





Service will also be live streamed to our YouTube channel

RLC Member Cheryl Roth is collecting items for

Gifts from the Heart ministry at the upcoming 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

Collection bins are available near the coat rack by the church mailboxes and in the lobby of the Family Life Center. Please see the flyer at the end for a list of items with the highest need.



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, <u>office@rlcary.org</u>).

This week, we focus on three types of individuals who know the benefits of donating Bibles, Christian books, CDs and DVDs to CLI Prison Alliance.

 William, a clerk for the MacDougall Correctional Institution's chaplain in Ridgeville, SC writes, "I want to thank you for the shipment of Christian books you sent. Your ministry is greatly appreciated, and your books are being put to good use. The chapel's library is open to the entire yard and is a good resource



for Christians of all levels of maturity. I personally have used many books you sent. May the Lord richly bless your ministry."

- Josh, an inmate in Cullman, AL says, "In order to obtain books to read, they must be mailed in. That's where our relationship started -- yours and mine. There has always been plenty of "garbage" to read: Stephen King, Richard Damon, and stuff like that. None of it interests me. I began to pray that God would send us Christian books, and my prayers were answered. It was amazing! We began receiving Christian books and Bibles. I shared them with other inmates. We went through the first box quickly, and then the second box came, it had books everyone wanted -- Karen Kingsbury, Amish novels, and more. How thankful I am for your faithfulness and your willingness to serve someone in prison like me."
- J. Mahaffey has been donating Christian materials to CLI for many years and has sent monetary donations to help cover the costs of shipping. "I had some religious books to donate and found an article in a magazine about your organization; so the journey began. I've enjoyed finding great books and Bibles on sale at local Christian bookstores knowing inmates would be blessed by them. It has been a blessing to me to see CLI grow in the number of inmates who have made decisions to accept Christ as their Savior through the books, Bible study lessons, and Gospel tracts. Several years ago when in Raleigh, I purposely visited the CLI office. It was a joy to see where my donations of books and money were going and what great work the staff and volunteers are doing."

This month is our yearly BOOK DRIVE FOR CLI. You will find the CLI book donation container inside the wood cabinet near the member mailboxes in the church hallway. Since it costs \$20 to send each box to a prison, monetary donations are welcomed and may be left in the church office.

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.

Volunteers Needed

Chair Team volunteers are needed for the 11:00 am Praise Worship service starting in June. Teams will be setting up chairs before service and putting away chairs after service.

Contact the church office (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248), if you would like to volunteer or need more information.

Pray for Our Missionaries

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

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, <u>MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org</u> or Director of Children's Ministry, <u>Lea.Webb@rlcary.org</u>.

Rainbow Bags have returned to church services! Please feel free to have your child grab a bag on the way into church and then place it into the tub in the Narthex or foyer of the Family Life Center.

We are also inviting children to come forward for **Children's Messages**. If you are not comfortable doing so, I encourage you to sit near the front so the kids can feel more included.

Moms Together Starting in September

September 3rd is the first date, then the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:30-11:30 am.

Mark your calendar to remember to join in this amazing group of moms for Bible studies, as well as social events. It is a great support system and a wonderful way to meet new women friends. Childcare is available for the regular meetings for a nominal cost.

All moms are welcome, most have babies through middle school kids. Feel free to invite a friend!

Questions can be directed to Angela York or Katie Riccitello through RCB, or MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org.

Sunday School 2021-2022

We are already looking ahead to Sunday School for the upcoming school year. Teachers are always needed. You can volunteer as a lead teacher, co-teacher with another teacher, assistant, or a substitute. It is important to offer these learning opportunities for our children. The more they can learn at an early age will help them to know more about God, and then will be able and more confident to share what they learn with others. Instruction time will be about 45 minutes. Curriculum, training, and resources will be made available to you prior to classes starting in September. We would love to partner with you and I'm sure you would not only be a blessing to the children and their families, but also will end up being blessed by them!

If you are interested or want more information, please email <u>MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org</u> or text 919-239-9084.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

It is our hope and plan to have the nursery open come September. Prior to opening, we need to have volunteers that will commit to serving on a rotation basis. You can pick the service time(s) and dates in advance. It would be great if we can get enough volunteers that you only have to serve one or two services a month.

I am also hoping to get additional people that do not want to serve on a regular basis, but would be willing to fill in if someone is unable to make their shift(s).

If you are interested or want more information, please email <u>MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org</u> or text 919-239-9084.

Thank you in advance for considering this request. I encourage you to pray about this and see if you feel this would be a good fit for you.



All Aboard for Vacation Bible School!

Rocky Railway

is coming July 12-16!

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.

Volunteer Conductors needed, too!

To Register Online: rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school

Contact 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, <u>LeAnn.Trautman@rlcary.org</u> or High School Youth Director, <u>Jenny.Piontek@rlcary.org</u>.

Ignite (6th-8th Grades)

Let's send the 8th graders (rising Freshman) out with a BANG! Open to all IGNITE youth.

Nerf Battle - Friday, June 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm All Nerf gear will be supplied. Only 20 spots, so sign up using this link: <u>signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4fa4a62c7-school</u>

8th Graders (rising Freshman), you are welcome to join us for all our summer events.

Look out for release and sign ups for Summer 2021 events!

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)

ANNOUNCING! Our first Lock In in over a year! This event starts **Thursday, July 22** at 9:00 am where we will "move in and lock in" the church until Saturday, July 24 at 11:30 am.

We will be doing community and in-house service projects, making meals, team and community building, hearing a speaker, and playing games. Cost is \$20.

Want to be a part of the fun? You need to fill out both the Breakaway Lock In Registration and Updated Health google forms.

Lock In Registration Link: <u>https://forms.gle/yyc75d9MZYW11g8M6</u> Updated Breakaway Health Forms: <u>https://forms.gle/L8HqSTAcYNrvBEfy8</u>

Can you help?

Are you a Thrivent member? We would like a sponsor. Do you have scrap lumber lying around you would be willing to donate to Breakaway for a project?

Do you have some time to make this event possible? We need adults for help with meal prep, drivers, service project supervisors, day time and night time volunteers to oversee youth.



Please contact jenny.piontek@rlcary.org.



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Altar Flowers

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

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

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

Room for Rent Needed

Paul Gnan, Executive Director of Sheboygan Lutheran High School, is helping his son, Jacob, find a room for rent. Jacob recently graduated from Grand Canyon University and accepted a position in Cary, but is having difficulty finding housing.

Please contact Paul at 414-745-1893, if you have a rental or at the least a room for rent until he can find housing.

Resurrection Lutheran PRESCHOOL Individual, safely distanced **TOURS** provided for parents by appointment. Call or email to schedule a Tour now. **16 10 10** office@rlpcary.org 919.851.7270 ment for the 2021-22 Preschool ... children learn in a fun environment created by a Co-Teaching Team ... experienced/qualified, dedicated, loving teachers/staff For an ... average of 10 years staffing stability average .. weekly Chapel & Music for all; Science for 4's & T-K ox \$20 we partner with families to provide the finest program for children balance of social/academic opportunities developmentally age-appropriate, hands-on, child-centered experiences day all this in a loving Christian atmosphere Visit & 'Like' our Facebook page: **Resurrection Lutheran** Preschool June 7th - 10th Follow us on Instagram: June 14th - 17th www.instagram.com/rlpcary June 21st – 24th Website: + Monday - Thursday + 9:15 am - 12:30 pm rlpcary.org + Drive-Up Drop-Off/Pick-Up + Centers + Skill Building + Circle time + Lunch (provided by parents) + Playground time **), : :)** / **:** :

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, June 12, 6:00 pm - 46 Sunday, June 13, 8:00 am - 49

Sunday, June 13, 9:30 am - 86

Sunday, June 13, 11:00 am - 55

Total In-Person Worship: 236

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, June 13

8:00 am - 109 views 11:00 am - 23 views

Total Online Views: 132

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 - May 2021

Current Month	<u>Year to Date</u>	
\$ 88,121.13	\$ 1,077,350.68	
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Last Week's Offerings		
Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21		
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21		
	\$ 88,121.13 <u>\$ 96,659.22</u> \$ - 8,538.09 20/21	

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Weekly Announcements Deadline: Thursday Submit to <u>Susan.Moore@RLCary.org</u>.

Calendar for the Week of June 20-27

Sunday			
	8:00 am	Worship/Communion, Sanctuary/Online	
	9:30 am	Worship, Sanctuary	
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall	
	11:00 am	Praise Worship, FLC/Online	
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Time, Room 151/FLC	
	1:00 pm	Oromo Ev. Lutheran, Fellowship Hall	
	3:30 pm	Mekane Yesus, Fellowship Hall	
	5:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Sunday Group Zoom	
Monday	,		
	Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Camp, MonThu.		
	11:00 am	Prayer Community, Online	
Tuesday	,		
	9:30 am	Visual Faith, Fellowship Hall	
	1:00 pm	Piecemakers Quilting, Room 151/FLC	
Wednesday			
	12:00 pm	Church Staff Meeting	
	6:15 pm	Reading the Bible, Fellowship Hall	
	7:30 pm	This Is the Church, Fellowship Hall	
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	6:00 pm	Reign! Rehearsal	
Friday			
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	6:00 pm	Worship/Holy Communion, Sanctuary	
Sunday			
	8:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary/Online	
	9:30 am	Worship/Communion, Sanctuary	
	11:00 am	Praise Worship/Communion, FLC/Online	
	1:00 pm	Oromo Ev. Lutheran, Fellowship Hall	
	3:30 pm	Mekane Yesus, Fellowship Hall	
	4:00 pm	Alan Shaw Ordination, Sanctuary/Online	
	5:00 pm	Shaw Reception, Fellowship Hall	









Gifts from the Heart



2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky

Gifts from the Heart selected recipients and requested items. Your donations mean the world to them!

Assurance for Life Ministry

"Christ's love, offered freely, one-on-one, to envision the unique and sacred value of each human being". Assurance is a specialized health clinic serving Lexington and the surrounding areas providing free medical services, compassionate counsel, and support to individuals facing unplanned and often crisis pregnancies. They also minister to those experiencing issues from past abortions.

Please bring new or gently used items for the Assurance Ministry's REACH boutique. Items in bold are highest need.

Bed and Bath Items:

Baby Toiletries—shampoo, soap, lotion, etc. Baby Bath Towels Baby Wash Cloths Burp Cloths Crib Sheets Laundry Baskets (small or collapsible)

Diapers and Clothes: Disposable Diapers—size 3 Wipes Clothing (New) — Sizes NB-12 months

(onesies, sleepers, outfits, gowns, coats, etc.) Diaper bags

Books and Toys

Baby Toys—**Rattles, Teething Rings**, etc. Small "First" Christian Books—board books, vinyl books, Arch books*

*Concordia Publishing House is offering a special on Arch Books for Convention. Books will be delivered directly to Lexington. **The deadline to place an order is May 23, 2021.** Use the promo code "**GFTH**" at checkout to receive the discounted prices. Visit <u>https:// books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart</u> and click "Order Online" to go directly to the registry and select the books.

Food Bank Support—Concordia Seminaries Fort Wayne and St. Louis

Gift cards to stores like Walmart and Target in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 are most appreciated.

MOST Ministries provides vision testing and recycled prescription eyeglasses to impoverished people living in developing nations around the world. This eyeglass ministry allows team members to reach out with Christ's love and engage in sharing the Gospel. **Donations of your used eyeglasses will support this mission outreach**.

Thank you for your support of the 2021 Gifts from the Heart recipients & sharing the love of Christ!