



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**JULY 2021**

*From the Pastor*

### Communicating the Message

(Psalm 96/Romans 10:14 )

It can seem at times that technology is not our friend. Habitual smart-phone use has been linked to diminished cognitive function. Social media postings can promote hate and be a vehicle for bullying activity. The list goes on and on. But like so many other things, technology is in itself neither good nor bad. It simply amplifies the human behavior that puts it to use—for better or worse. Technological advances in the 15th century led to the use of the printing press and greatly impacted the Protestant Reformation for the better. Within our own church body, the radio has been a medium to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many who would likely never have heard it otherwise (after World War II, for example, Lutheran Hour broadcasts made up the first commercial radio programming in Japan where laws legalizing private broadcasts had just been made). There is another form of media that was already impacting the way people of faith lived before the pandemic. Now, it has jumped into hyperdrive. I am referring, of course, to the Internet. Thanks to the relatively high comfort level with technology that so many people in the Research Triangle have, Resurrection Lutheran Church's live stream of regular worship services, begun in March 2020, has reached a receptive audience. Our YouTube channel has over 500 subscribers. Even as folks are coming back to worship in person, our worship services continue to maintain a relatively high number of viewers. Best of all, the people who are coming to worship with us for the first time these days are almost entirely people who first got to know us through our worship live stream. It is difficult to overstate just how transformational this use of technology has been for our own church community...and how it has enabled us to connect with those who are not yet a part of our church community, bringing the Gospel of Christ to an even wider audience!

### Worship Schedule

#### Saturday

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

#### Sunday

8:00 am in the Sanctuary\*

9:30 am in the Sanctuary

11:00 am  
Praise Worship  
in the Family Life Center\*

\*Live Stream

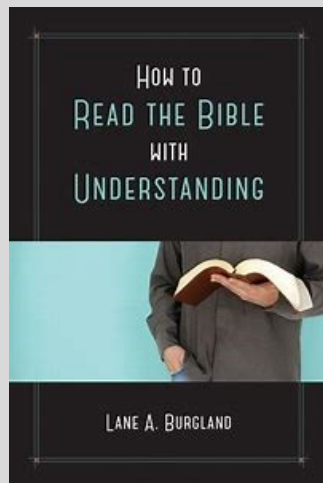
### Dates of Interest:

Christmas in July . . . . . July 1  
4th of July Holiday . . . . . July 5  
RLS Basketball Camp. . . July 5-9  
VBS At Home Pick Up. . . July 12  
Pastor Zach Arrives . . . . July 13  
Men's Breakfast . . . . . July 17  
Pastor Zach Ordination.. July 18  
Zach & Kelsey Welcome. July 20  
Breakaway Lock In . . July 22-24  
Ignite Event . . . . . July 23  
Creative Faith Event . . . July 29

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# Adult Christian Ed

## Reading the Bible for Understanding



**Wednesday Evenings  
6:15 pm  
June 16-August 4**

Led by Pastor Jonathan  
(In-Person)

Book can be purchased  
through Concordia  
Publishing House  
([cph.org](http://cph.org))  
for around \$15.

Register for the class  
with the church office at  
[office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)  
or 919-851-7248.

For that reason, over the next couple of months, church leadership will be examining the result of three bids from local companies for systems that would involve the installation of permanent cameras inside our main sanctuary and Family Life Center. This project also includes making streaming worship content available from other locations inside the church, such as the Fellowship Hall and the church Nursery. We plan to make a new part time staff hire that will allow one person to oversee the training and work of the tech team that uses this equipment. Until now, RLC staff have worked hard to make the live stream you see week after week a truly quality production, though they have had no special training in this field. As a result, there have been little up-front costs to the church. Our goal is to make the production of our church live stream even better and see that the equipment used for the live stream is as seamless with our existing worship space as it can possibly be. We will need your help! Though I cannot give you a dollar amount for what this will cost at this time, I encourage you to keep your eyes peeled and ears open for future announcements about this project. We intend to be as transparent as possible with the process so that you can feel that your own feedback is important to us. I would ask that you please keep me, the other members of your RLC staff, and your Church Council in your prayers as we deliberate where the Lord is leading us in this new undertaking.

Two passages that represent for me the promise of this technology for our church's ministry are Psalm 96 and Romans 10:14. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes about how important it is to HEAR the Word of God in order to believe it. "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (ESV). The proclaimed Word of God is the basis for faith...ours is a God who is never silent—but speaks! Whether facilitating the printed Word or the spoken Word via radio, or the Internet, technology is at its best when it allows the Word of God to be proclaimed freely everywhere. And since music and praise is also an important part of our worship life, I include Psalm 96: "Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! ... Say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved!'" (96:7, 10; ESV). How humbling to know that not only through the RLC live stream, but through technology being used worldwide, as people come together to worship God the message of their hymns and songs is reverberating in places it was never heard before.

These are exciting times to be the Church. May God grant us His continued joy as we live out His call to follow where He leads....

Pastor Jonathan Blanke  
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*Upcoming Event*

## New Associate Pastor



You Are Cordially Invited  
to the  
**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**  
of  
**Pastor Zachery Sarrault**

**Sunday, July 18 at 4:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary**

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
100 Lochmere Drive West  
Cary, North Carolina

Reception immediately following the service  
in the Fellowship Hall

Service will also be live streamed  
to our YouTube channel

*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*

## Connect Online

### Through 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](mailto: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 meeting.

#### Questions?

Contact the church office at

[office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org),

919-851-7248.



## Happy Anniversary!

### July 20

David and Judy Carlton  
35 years

### July 22

John and Deanna Leuenberger  
60 years

### July 27

Alan and Faith Shaw  
20 years

### July 28

John and Jennifer Clark  
20 years

### July 29

Jack and Darlene Bartels  
54 years

### July 30

Ralph and Carol Klevenow  
61 years

## Student Ministry

### Breakaway

1 Corinthians 2:9 "...God truly has great things in store for you His beloved." It is that exciting time of year where planning for the next school year begins. While there are still so many unknowns, it is really exciting to see already all of the wonderful beginnings God has in store for our high school Breakaway group. At Glow Night, we welcomed lots of new rising freshman friends, ended the year how we started with our favorite Water Day, and now the fun begins!

On the horizon, we have our first on-site Service Lock In at the end of July. We will be helping out with projects around campus and going out into the community to leave our mark. We are so excited to try something new and continue building the relationships of the group.

And it is that time again...NYG 2022! I am excited to travel to Houston this year for the National Lutheran Youth Church Workers Conference and find out what NYG has in store for us. Planning has already commenced and meetings are being planned. I am super excited because the theme is "In All Things..." God has truly been present with us this year and goes forth into the planning and excitement for the wonderful things he has prepared for us to experience through our service, travel, relationships, leadership and even in our games! He is in all things and the horizon is exciting!



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## Ignite



Learn More: [LeAnn.Trautman@rlcary.org](mailto:LeAnn.Trautman@rlcary.org), Middle School Youth Director or [rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry](http://rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry).



## Pastor Alan's Coaching Corner

I wanted to take a moment and say "what's different" about what I'm doing at RLC post-ordination.

But first, before I forget, a HUGE "thank you" to everyone that made ordination happen. I'm writing this before the event so I'm sure I will forget someone. From the video/tech teams, to Bob Unger and the music planning (I'm a big fan of fugues), to the front office team that helped with invites and coordination, to the seminary and SED staff, to Pastor Jonathan and all the local area Pastors that participated, to everyone that greeted me on the side and said they're weren't able to attend, to my family who has been picking up the slack as I study and always supported this next stage of service, and to everyone that attended and helped behind the scenes. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support.



So, what's different? Well, I'm officially taking the title "Assistant Pastor for Personal Coaching and Family Health", highlighting the two primary aspects of my specific ministry: coaching (or "walking alongside" someone as they journey from "today" to "what's next") and Christian Conciliation (primarily marriages in need of forgiveness and reconciliation, but includes any number of broken relationships – personal and business – that need reconciliation.) If either of those sound intriguing to you, then let's talk and see where we go from here. It's what RLC called me to do, and I'm humbled to offer this service for you and others that may need support.

Also, since I still work full time at Fort Bragg, I wanted to try and provide some predictability of when and where you can find me. Coaching and conciliation can be done over Zoom but nothing beats face-to-face. I will be establishing office hours on most Sundays from 1:00-4:00 pm. My new office is just passed the restrooms on the right. Use this link to go to SignUpGenius or go to [www.signupgenius.com/findasignup](http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup) and enter my email ([alan.shaw@rlcary.org](mailto:alan.shaw@rlcary.org)) to find the group and secure one of the time slots. This just helps me plan my time and know if someone is coming, so I don't plan a home visit and leave you at the door wondering where I went.

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### Human Care

## Christmas in July

Celebrate Christmas in July and Help Local Charities! Christmas trees have been placed outside the Sanctuary and Family Life Center with "ornaments" highlighting specific needs requested by the following organizations:

\* **Families Together** ([famielstogethernc.org](http://famielstogethernc.org))

We believe every family deserves a home, and children should never have to wonder where they're going to sleep at night. This is why we connect families to stable homes as quickly as possible - and why we remain connected with them to ensure that they begin the process of bettering their lives.

\* **Raleigh Rescue Mission** ([raleighrescue.org](http://raleighrescue.org))

Through the love of Jesus Christ, Raleigh Rescue Mission transforms lives of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness by ministering to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

\* **Safe Families for Children** ([safe-families.org](http://safe-families.org))

SFFC hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like supports for families facing a crisis through a community of compassionate volunteers to keep children safe and families together.

Please take an ornament (or two!) and place the unwrapped gifts with the tag attached under the trees anytime between now and the weekend of July 24-25.

Gift cards can be put in the boxes under the tree or left in the church office.

*Thank you for helping us serve people in need in our community!*

## *Diary of a Muzungu*

During our visit to Uganda in 2019 we met Faith and Cecelia, two young ladies who live in a remote village in the Amudat region. It's a place where folks are poor in resources but rich in spirit. For several reasons, neither Faith nor Cecelia, was enrolled in school at the time, though both were eager to go back and remedy this interruption in their studies. Working with our partners in the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) we found



places for both and provided transportation to their new boarding schools. How a series of small miracles resulted in giving the girls a renewed chance at education is a story for another day. But suffice to say that we often think of Cecelia and Faith and wonder how they are getting on.

We also wonder if the women's ministry at the church at Alapat is still thriving. Or whether Vicar Benjamin is still walking miles and miles every day or has he found a bicycle to carry him about his daily ministry? Is the mud and stick school building at Ryantun still standing? Or has it finally given in to the weather? And are 185 children still attending or did their families disperse because of Covid or drought?

These little anecdotes are the essence of our partnership in Uganda. But stories like this aren't captured in the business-like emails and reports we share with the LCU between visits and we long to sit together with our friends and celebrate the highs and lows of everyday living.

These are also snapshots of the relationships we've begun to develop in Amudat and we'd planned to go back last year to reunite with as many as possible. When I think about those plans, I'm reminded that 'The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.' Proverbs 16:9 It's an appropriate verse to sum up the plans we've all made, scuttled, and then reimagined over the past 18 months.

But the Lord is Good and prepares our way in His own perfect timing. Today we're thrilled to announce that we're finally headed back to Uganda!

We couldn't be more excited! It's been more than two years since our last visit and we rejoice that soon we'll be reunited, catching up with everyone and hearing new stories.

Our travel is planned for this summer, July 23-30. Our itinerary will take us to as many villages as possible in the Amudat region to assess various needs, and then work with the LCU to identify where its best for Life For Uganda to focus our immediate attention. For Covid related reasons only a small team will be making this trip. Our expectation is that in 2022 we'll once again expand our mission team and welcome new members interested in joining in the work we're doing in Uganda.

We ask you to please join us in this prayer: Father God, we are so grateful for our partnership with the LCU and we thank you for this blessing and the opportunity to return to Uganda. We ask for travel mercies for all of us as we travel to and from Uganda, and when we join the LCU and travel extensively throughout central and north-eastern Uganda. We ask You to attend our reunions with friends and to be part of our deliberations. And we ask for Your perfect wisdom as we discern the next project on which Life For Uganda will focus. We ask all these things in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Cheryl Fike

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## Children and Family Ministry

## Vacation Bible School Changes for 2021

Instead of Rocky Railroad this year, we are excited to announce... **God's Creation! At Home Family VBS!**

Resources including lesson ideas, snack suggestions, songs, and crafts will be handed out to families on **Monday, July 12 at 9:00 am** in Family Life Center gym.

We will give you an overview of the program and answer all of your questions. We think this will be a great way for families to explore God's creation and to find every day ways at home to see how His creation is part of our every day lives.

Please contact [MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org](mailto:MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org) with any questions.





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## MEET THE TEACHER

We are thrilled to announce that our very own Louise Lewis (Elementary Art) will be transitioning to a new role in the fall, Kindergarten (B) Teacher! You can absolutely count on an exciting and creative learning environment that will ignite curiosity and exploration. Lifelong educator with experience in both public and homeschool environments, Mrs. Lewis loves to be a part of the excitement of a students' first discovery. She is eager to create a positive and happy "home away from home" where children will thrive. Please join me in welcoming Louise Lewis in her new role.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

It is our intention to reinstate Before/After School Care in the fall. Registration form will be emailed in the coming weeks along with detailed information about the program.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning about employment opportunities relating to this offering, please forward a letter of interest to include experience to [rosiecreasy@rlcasry.org](mailto:rosiecreasy@rlcasry.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>July 5-9</b>	Basketball Camp (Co-Ed)
<b>July 15</b>	School Board Meeting
<b>August 18</b>	First Day of School

*Mission: Resurrection Lutheran School is committed to educating generations of children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Because of this commitment, we will provide a Lutheran educational experience that is Christ-centered, as well as academically focused for children in junior kindergarten through eighth grade.*

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## Online Summer Outreach Conference



### Being Intentional Neighbors in Gospel Outreach

Same Conference, New Name

**July 29 - July 30, 2021 7:00 pm Each Evening**

This summer's conference continues the theme of developing every missionaries serving in everyday ways. Plan to join us for an event that brings together major speakers, real-time panel discussions, on-demand workshops.

Watch the SED Website ([se.lcms.org](http://se.lcms.org)) for Registration and Conference Information!



## Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou

In partnership with area Lutheran congregations, Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis will give a free two-night seminar entitled, *“Proclaiming the Message of the Gospel in a Culture Dominated by Shame and Honor”* at RLC in August. Dr. Bahkou will discuss how Christians may speak the Gospel into cultures beyond our own. The discussion will include how Christians interact and respond to Islam drawing upon Dr. Bahkou’s rich experience of witnessing to our Muslim neighbors. For more details, [trianglefaith.org](http://trianglefaith.org).

# TRIANGLE FAITH.ORG

*“Proclaiming the Message of the  
Gospel in a Culture Dominated by  
Shame and Honor”*

**August 8-9, 2021**

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Resurrection Lutheran Church  
100 W. Lochmere Dr., Cary, NC**

### FREE Evening Summer Seminars

Gather for two evenings to learn more about Muslims and the Gospel moving from challenges to opportunities for knowing our Muslim neighbors.

#### Sunday, August 8 - Evening Part 1

- Islam is the only major world religion to use many of Christian scriptures, symbols, thoughts, and sentiments but interpret them with a different conclusion.
- Why should we in the West be interested in Islam?
- What challenges presents to us as Disciples of Christ?

#### Monday, August 9 - Evening Part 2

- Where do we start when it comes to sharing the Good News of the Gospel?
- The Seminar will encourage and equip you to meet Muslims as friends and people who God loved and wants to include in his family.

*TriangleFaith.org is a cooperative effort of congregations in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that seeks to bring the message of forgiveness to the greater Raleigh Triangle community.*



### Dr. Abjar Bahkou

Associate Professor  
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Dr. Abjar Bahkou is associate professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in June 2018. Before that he served in several capacities at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Bahkou has written numerous articles and has done translation work from English into Arabic. He brings a rich background of experiences to the task of thinking through Christian witness to our Muslim neighbors.





## LIVE STREAM

**Join us online for worship live  
Sundays at 8:00 am and 11:00 am!**

Connect through our YouTube channel at  
[youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)

or through our website at  
[rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](https://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

### **Missed the live service?**

Watch the worship services  
on our YouTube channel at any time.



## GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to our congregation.  
Here are the different ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate as you exit the worship service
- Mail to 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
- Online through our church website at [rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving](https://rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving)
- Download the GivePlus+ APP, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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