

# Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## September 12, 2021



### *Pastor Jonathan's Corner for September 12-18*

#### **The Gift of Faith that Works (James 2:17)**

Martin Luther saw so many people he knew distracted by a kind of theological workaholicism. He worried that many of his fellow Christians tried to defend the notion of faith as an attempt to fulfill the demands of an angry God by misreading texts like James 2:17. And so he declared the book of James to be a “right strawy epistle” (“eyn rechte stroern Epistel,” from his *Septemberbibel*). Luther never said that James shouldn’t be in the Bible. He even wrote, “I praise James and hold it to be a good writing because it does propose human teachings but drives God’s law hard.” It’s just that reducing Christianity to a moralizing principle, as so many people of his day were doing, has always been a misreading of the Scriptures... ultimately, even of James... and Luther wanted to avoid that. Every religion has some component that emphasizes good deeds. But only one— the Christian faith— confesses *God’s* good deed on behalf of sinners: the Almighty worked out the most love imaginable in the person of His own dear Son. Luther wanted to point out that

James is of little value to us if read apart from the Lord of life who raises even a dead faith to a living, breathing, and, yes, *working* faith.

As people who share the gift of faith that works, here are a number of opportunities to put our faith into action that we will be emphasizing at RLC over the next several weeks:

- Hurricane Ida Relief Efforts in Louisiana (LCMS Southern District)
- Habitat for Humanity (Wake County Lutheran Coalition Build)
- Safe Families for Children
- RLC Piecemakers (Quilting Group)
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Food for the Poor (Haiti Earthquake Relief Efforts)

What can you do? This week you can help by donating items that will alleviate primary needs in parts of the United States that were devastated by Hurricane Ida. Take a look at the announcement following below and bring any of the items requested to RLC *by next weekend, September 19*.

James calls all who are “dead tired” from working at the Golden Rule to something new: the gift of faith that works. It’s received by those who are not working for a Judge but given to live under a new law: the “law of liberty” (2:12)! James encourages us to a living, active, faith that makes a difference wherever we see that a difference can be made. Join us this Sunday— both in our worship services and our in-person adult Bible class at 9:30— as we read the book of James and apply its truths to our lives.

Love and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan

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### **A Pressing Need from a Sister District**

Conditions in Louisiana after Hurricane Ida continue to be bad. Electricity is still out in many areas. Food and gas are limited. The “heat” is on. Your help is needed! Gene Menzel, Education Executive in the Southern District shared that vans are coming in, delivering supplies, and they are being distributed as they arrive. We can help with a special gift offering.

The Southeastern District’s Disaster Response Team has drivers who are willing to take a van/truck full of supplies to Metairie, Louisiana where Atonement Lutheran Church (still without power) has become the center of Ida response operations.

**You are invited to help.** Most needed items include gift cards (Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, Target, and Amazon), water, food, cleaning supplies, thick black garbage bags, and work gloves. These items were identified this week as most critical.

If you would like to contribute any of these items, please place them in the collection barrels located in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby **by Sunday, September 19.**

*(photo credit: Steve Helber | AP)*

## Bible Study Opportunities for Adults

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship**  
Weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom, Led by Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Zach, Started September 7  
Register: [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)
- **Men with Kids**  
*Video Bible Study - Fatherhood with Joel Biermann*, Weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Led by Tom Gebbia, Started September 8  
Register: [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org)
- **This Is the Church: Fall 2021**  
Weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Room 140 Family Life Center, Led by Pastor Jonathan, Started September 8  
Register: [jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org)
- **The Great Sending: God's Heart for the World Beating through You**, Monthly Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Thursday at 7:00 pm via Zoom, Led by Pastor Jonathan, Started September 9  
Register: [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)
- **Epistle of James/Life Together Study**  
Weekly on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, Led by Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Zach, Starting September 12  
Register: <https://bit.ly/3yErxfm>
- **Men's Ministry Study and Fellowship**  
Weekly on Mondays at 7:00 pm in Room 240 Family Life Center, Led by Tom Gebbia, Starting September 13  
Register: [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org)
- **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**  
*Take Heart: God's Comfort for Anxious Thoughts*, Weekly on Mondays at 7:00 pm, Online via Zoom, Led by Jamee Thieme and Sharon Hahne, Starting

September 13

Register: Jamee Thieme through RCB or [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)

- **Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus**

Weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 151 Family Life Center, Led by Mindy Stephani, Starting September 15

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

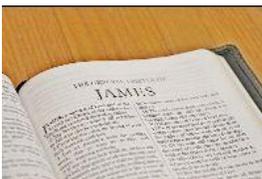
For more detailed class descriptions of these Bible study opportunities, [rlcary.org/ministries/christian-education](http://rlcary.org/ministries/christian-education).

  
  
*Prayers  
of the Church*

[click here](#)

*Worship Bulletins*

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## Adult Sunday School

James is arguably one of the toughest books to read in the Bible. It can seem at times to be all Law and no Gospel, with little in it to bring hope and joy. Yet God has an important message for us through James, especially with the present challenges to in-person fellowship that people all over the world are facing! In this kick-off study of the fall season, **starting September 12 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**, we will be taking a deeper look at the book of James. We will see what James has to say about living in a

Christian community and how we are used by God there to build each other up for service. We will also be using Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Life Together as an aid to grow in a deeper understanding of what it means to be the Church in our world today. [Register for this new class, team-led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach, by clicking here.](#)



## Youth Sunday School

**Sunday School begins on September 12 from 9:30-10:30 am!**

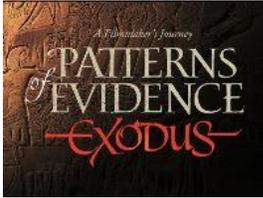
We are excited to have Youth Sunday School again in-person. Thank you to all the teachers who have volunteered to lead this year. All classes are held in Family Life Center.

- 2-4 year olds with Sandy Wuori in Room 134
- Kindergarten-1st Grade with Eydee Persson in Room 131
- 2nd-3rd Grade with Stephanie Shaeffer in Room 133
- 4th-5th Grade with Kelly Zadow in Room 132
- 6th-8th Grade with Tom Kolb and Troy Hirt in Room 246
- 9th-12th Grade with Jenny Piontek in Room 253 (The Warehouse)

*Parents of 5th Grade and below, please meet in the Family Life Center lobby to get checked in first, before heading to the classrooms.*

Children, 4 years and older, are asked to wear masks for Sunday School.

If you have any questions, contact MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at [maryann.unger@rlcary.org](mailto:maryann.unger@rlcary.org).



## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus

Beginning Wednesday, September 15 from 6:30-7:45 pm

A Wednesday Night Program resumes! Mindy Stephani will lead learners in a NEW program from RightNow Media called Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus. Here's a little bit about the program:

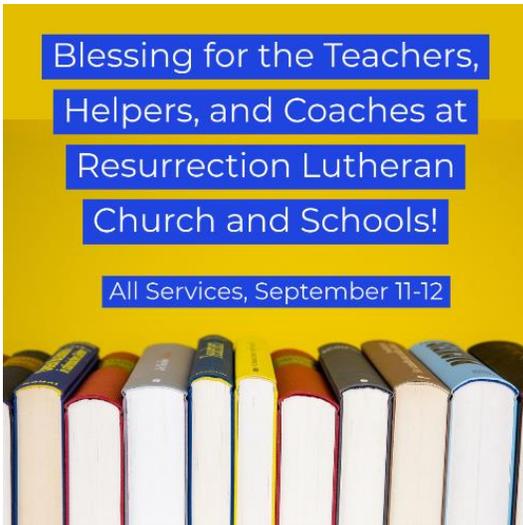
A debate rages over the credibility of the Bible. Most archaeologists today have concluded that there's no evidence that the Exodus of Israelite slaves from Egypt ever happened. Filmmaker Timothy Mahoney faces a crisis of faith, "Is this foundational event of the Bible really just a myth?" He embarks on a 12-year journey around the world to search for answers.

*Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus* unlocks the mystery of this ancient saga, combining a scientific investigation with a retelling of the Exodus story to reveal an amazing pattern of evidence matching the biblical account that may challenge our understanding of history. This small group study includes thought-provoking questions that will help you explore key scenes from the film and why it matters to our faith.

We will gather in-person with our masks at this point in time. The class will run from 6:30-7:45 pm and begin on

Wednesday, September 15, ending just before Christmas. Register with the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248). Hope you will join us!

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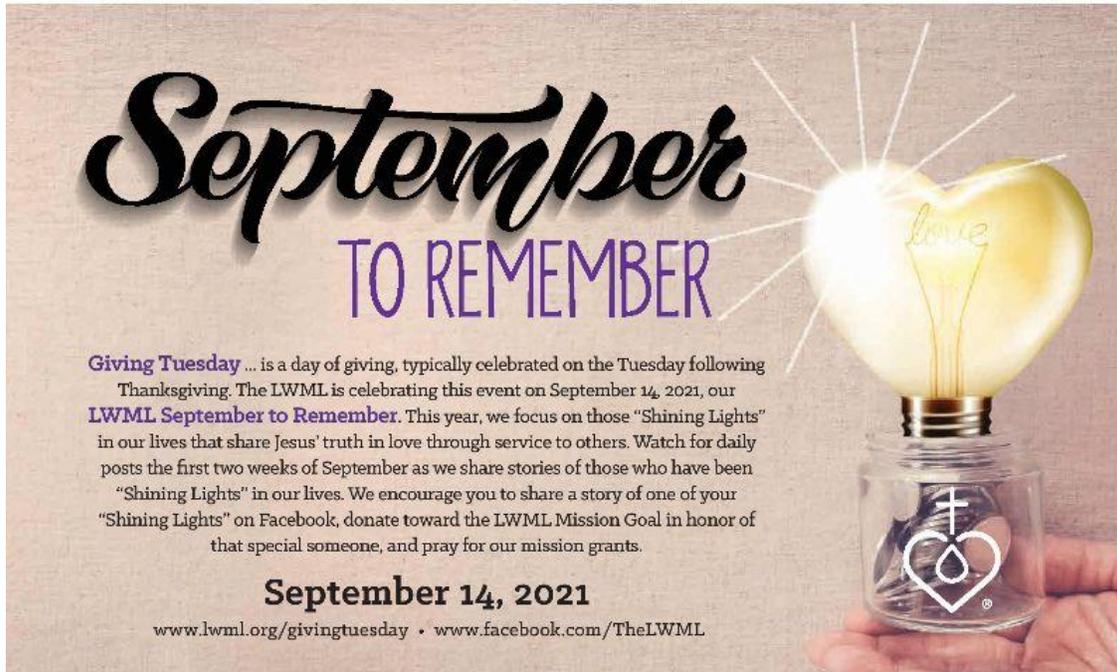
We will be collecting **Mites for Missions** at all services this weekend, September 11-12. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship. Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLW, and mailed directly to Donna at church. (*Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518*) Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!



Flowers placed on the altar in celebration of the birthday of Florrie and Eliza Sloan on September 11th by Stacy Miller.

[Click here](#) to order altar flowers for your favorite date or call the office at 919-851-7248.

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).*



# September TO REMEMBER

**Giving Tuesday** ... is a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. The LWML is celebrating this event on September 14, 2021, our **LWML September to Remember**. This year, we focus on those "Shining Lights" in our lives that share Jesus' truth in love through service to others. Watch for daily posts the first two weeks of September as we share stories of those who have been "Shining Lights" in our lives. We encourage you to share a story of one of your "Shining Lights" on Facebook, donate toward the LWML Mission Goal in honor of that special someone, and pray for our mission grants.

**September 14, 2021**

[www.lwml.org/givingtuesday](http://www.lwml.org/givingtuesday) • [www.facebook.com/TheLWML](https://www.facebook.com/TheLWML)



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our sister in Christ, **Elaine Wood**, was called to rest with Jesus on Monday, September 6, 2021. Our prayers are with her family at this time. A Memorial Celebration of Life in Christ will be held on Saturday, September 25 at 1:00 pm at Resurrection.

### **2022 Lutheran Witness Subscription**

It is time to renew (or start) your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2022. This church magazine has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans.

The cost is \$12.95 annually. Make checks payable to RLC and either use designated offering envelope or note "Lutheran Witness" in memo. Deadline is October 24.

New members to RLC receive a one year free subscription from the church.



**Nursery News**

The Nursery will be available for the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday mornings starting this week, September 12. It is located in the Preschool wing.



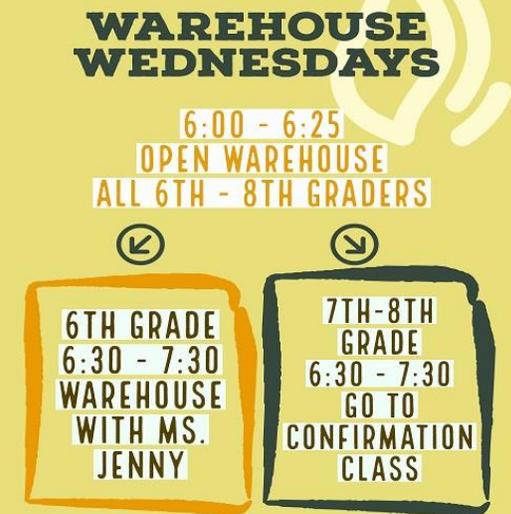
**GOODBYE SUMMER  
HELLO AUTUMN**

K.I.C.K.S. (Kids In Christ Keep Shining)  
Youth Group for Grades 3-5

**Friday, September 17  
6:00-7:15 pm ~ Outside**

Join us for pizza, devotion, games, and a campfire!  
Meet in Family Life Center Lobby - \$5/person  
Register: [maryann.unger@rlcary.org](mailto:maryann.unger@rlcary.org)

For more information regarding the Children and Family Ministry, [rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry](http://rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry).



**WAREHOUSE WEDNESDAYS**

6:00 - 6:25  
OPEN WAREHOUSE  
ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS

<p>6TH GRADE 6:30 - 7:30 WAREHOUSE WITH MS. JENNY</p>	<p>7TH-8TH GRADE 6:30 - 7:30 GO TO CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>
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Must register by  
September 15th!  
Forms and \$\$  
due by 9/15!!

It's Coming...

**in all things**

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Contact Ms Jenny for more info.  
[Jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:Jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)

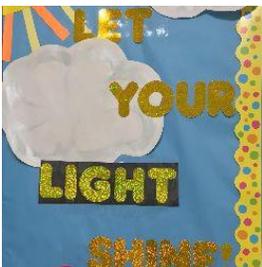
For more information regarding Student Ministry, [rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry](http://rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry).

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**Are you looking for a part-time job?** Resurrection Lutheran School is seeking responsible teens to assist Monday-Thursday from 3:00-5:00 pm in our After School Program. Please email [rosiecreasy@rlscary.org](mailto:rosiecreasy@rlscary.org), if you are interested! Thank you for considering this leadership opportunity. Have a wonderful school year!

## RLS Lion's Tale - September 6, 2021



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool (RLP) has openings in our Transitional Kindergarten, 4-year-old, 3-year-old, 2-year-old classes. Staff is vaccinated. To enroll or schedule a tour, email [office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org) or call 919-851-7270. For more information, [rlpcary.org](http://rlpcary.org).

*In-Person Services*



Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
Saturday, 6:00 pm  
Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

Praise Worship  
in the Family Life Center  
Sunday, 11:00 am

*Live Stream Worship*

Sundays at 8:00 am, 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](http://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

**Visual Faith for September 12**

**Attendance and Giving**

**Church Calendar**