



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2021

From the Pastor

New and Old

Welcome to October! Fall may very well be my favorite season of the year. The football season is in full effect, the weather starts to cool off a bit, and programming at the church gets back into motion! New things continue to happen throughout the fall, as the leaves change colors and drift down to the ground, we know something new is happening by continuing the flow of the seasons. It's new and old at the same time!

As a Detroit Lions fan, I may know this saying better than most (if you are not a football fan, hang with me just a moment!). Every fall the Lions take the field with new players and coaches I've never heard of and that brings new expectations. Maybe this will be the year we have a winning record! Maybe we will even make the playoffs! I am always full of excitement of what might be, only to be disappointed yet again by the time the season ends. It's new and old, all at the same time. (But this year's new! This is our year!)

Something else that is new and old all at the same time, is our celebration of the Reformation at the end of the month. Every year, we remember the work of the reformers from over 500 years ago, yet they never wanted to create a new denomination or a new movement. They wanted to call back the church to the free gifts of God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). We receive these good, life-giving, gifts of God only by the work of God alone! We are saved by grace alone! This is a proclamation that is brought to us new and old every day of our lives as the church. And, unlike my Lions, they are gifts that will never disappoint.

Throughout this month, we will celebrate several different Temple Talks. These are times set aside at the beginning of the worship service

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

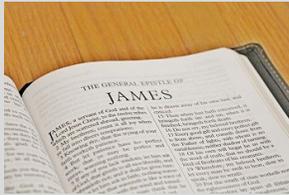
Dates of Interest:

- Blessing of the Quilts . . . Oct 2-3
- New Members Oct 9-10
- Staff Anniversaries Oct 9-10
- RLS, No School Oct 14-15
- SED/Kolb Installation . . . Oct 15
- Food for the Poor . . . Oct 16-17
- Uganda, Mantey's Oct 24
- Reformation Sunday . . . Oct 31
- Joint Outdoor Worship . . Oct 31
- Trunk or Treat Oct 31

Adult Christian Ed (Sunday Mornings)

October 10

Last Class of Epistle of James/
Life Together Study



October 17

Mission and Ministry
Presentation by
Rev. Dr. James G. Stoltenberg,



October 24

Mission and Ministry
Presentation by
Mark and Megan Mantey,
Uganda Missionaries
(Via Zoom)



October 31

No Class or Presentation

All classes or presentations are
held in the Fellowship Hall from
9:30-10:30 am on Sundays.

where we highlight areas of service that Resurrection is involved in. This is where we see and here the Temple, God's church at work. St. Peter, in his first letter, says that we, as the church, are "like living stones being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (2:5). As the church, we are all the holy priesthood in the temple of God. It is with great joy that we are empowered by God to live out our faith through our family at Resurrection!

While some of the service opportunities in our newsletter are old, some are new, and they are all ways for us to live life together as the church. One area that is new is the way that we will celebrate the Reformation. October 31 falls on a Sunday this year, so we will be putting together a big worship service. We will be partnering with our brothers and sisters of the Ethiopian churches, Oromo Lutheran and Mekane Yesus Lutheran (both of whom worship at Resurrection on Sunday afternoons) to praise and serve our Lord in an exciting outdoor service at Ritter Park! After the service, you can stick around and decorate your cars for our trunk-or-treat in the church parking lot later that afternoon.

As the church, we constantly get to celebrate the new and old all at the same time. The church itself is something very old, "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1) that reaches back all the way to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. While at the same time, the gifts of God grace and love, come to us new everyday. Throughout this month, may we find joy in the old and comfortable ways to serve with the church, as we also celebrate in the new and exciting callings that God places before us!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault
zach.sarrault@rlcary.org

Staff Anniversaries for 2021

Join us as we celebrate the staff anniversaries
occurring this year at all services, October 9-10.

At Resurrection, we celebrate individual anniversaries
on a five year interval basis.

This year, we celebrate

Diane Hooper and Susan Moore

for their 5 years of service!

Stephen Ministry

Pastor Alan's Coaching Corner

Raise your hand if you have heard of Stephen Ministry. OK...a few of you. Now, raise your hand if you've ever considered becoming a Stephen Minister. The time is "now" to consider joining our upcoming class. The caring needs of our ministry are growing and we are looking for caring people wanting to serve their neighbors as a Stephen Minister. Here are a few Q & As to consider:

Q: I'm pretty busy. How much time does this take?

A: More up front for training, but not more than you can handle.

Q: Wait...there's training for this? How long is it?

A: Here's where your investment up front is made: the upcoming training class runs every Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm starting January 6 to June 5, 2022. Yes, with time off for Easter and Mother's Day, you will be investing a good chunk of time to training. But, it's that important, and we want to ensure you are prepared and feel confident when walking alongside someone in their time of need.

Q: I'm sure I can help point someone to the answers they need if I've gone through a similar experience, but how do I help someone going through a life event I've never been through?

A: Well, first of all, you are not expected to "fix them" or have answers that point them to a "goal-driven" action. All Stephen Ministers are process-oriented and allow the Holy Spirit to work through them. You'll receive the tools you need in training. Trust the process.

Q: What if I do the training, but I'm not ready to serve?

A: You will have the opportunity to work with Stephen Leaders and structure your time. We pray you will be available to serve, but sometimes "life happens" and people are not ready to take a referral or feel comfortable working a specific life event. That's OK. That's one reason we're always looking for new Stephen Ministers.

Q: I know someone who could use a Stephen Minister, but they don't want their story made known to everyone at church. (Asking for a friend).

A: Stephen Ministers have confidential relationships. The Stephen Leaders are there to support you and the person you're caring for and we do it in a way that protects everyone's confidentiality.

Are you ready to take on this challenge and serve your neighbor? We've got some great plans for 2022 and would love to have you on the Stephen Ministry team. Contact Sue Campau, Jan Boyer, Ron Bostick, or myself with any questions and we hope to see you in class in January.

Pastor Alan

alan.shaw@rlcary.org



Bible Study Opportunities

Epistle of James/ Life Together Study

Weekly on Sundays,
9:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Led by Pastors
Jonathan and Zach

Men's Ministry Study and Fellowship

Weekly on Mondays,
7:00 pm in Room 240

Led by Tom Gebbia

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Weekly on Mondays,
7:00 pm Online via Zoom

Led by Jamee Thieme
and Sharon Hahne

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Weekly on Tuesdays,
10:30 am Online via Zoom
and in Fellowship Hall

Led by Pastors
Jonathan and Zach

Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus

Weekly on Wednesdays,
6:30 pm in Room 151

Led by Mindy Stephani

Men with Kids

Weekly on Wednesdays,
6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Led by Tom Gebbia

The Great Sending: God's Heart for the World Beating through You

Monthly 2nd / Last Thursday
7:00 pm Online via Zoom

Led by Pastor Jonathan

Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Kathy Martin:

For the Paul Kibler Scholarship Fund

Donald Martin
Lori Jannings
Darrell and Anita Moore

For the Love Fund

Keith and Dawn Leister
Robert and Joyce Hirt

For the Altar Flower Fund

Donald Martin

In Honor of Pastor Zach & Kelsey Sarrault:

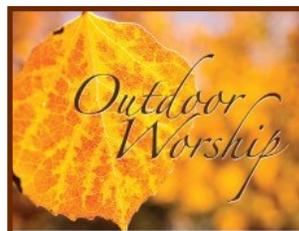
For the Love Fund

Keith and Dawn Leister

Small Groups

Following Naomi

Following Naomi is a new small group of women meeting in varying homes under the support of RLC. We seek to support each other, laugh together, learn together, and share our love of Christ. Our meetings are on the **second Thursday of each month, 2:00-4:00 pm**. The next meeting is October 14. Requirement for admission to this group is that a member be a widow. One source tells us there are 103 Scripture references to widows. *Following Naomi* hopes to discover what The Word says in each of those references. If you are a widow, come join us. Contact Kathy Rihani through RCB or the church office at 919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org.



**Join Us
Sunday, October 31
at 11:00 am
Ritter Park, Cary**

On Reformation Sunday, we will be gathering outdoors for a joint service of worship and praise with our sister congregations Oromo Evangelical and Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Churches.

Activities for children prior and finger foods provided from the Ethiopian congregations following our worship together.

Community Event

“Advance Directive” Opportunity

An Advance Directive allows you to express your wishes for future healthcare and to guide decisions about that care. It does not address financial decisions. Although there is no legal requirement for you to have an advance directive, having one may help you to receive the healthcare you desire. If you are 18 years old or older and are able to make and communicate healthcare decisions, you can complete an Advance Directive.

The Stephen Ministry at Resurrection is inviting the WakeMed Advance Care Planning Program Coordinator, Monica Young, to our campus on **November 6 at 2:00 pm in Room 240**, Family Life Center. Monica will be able to explain the Advance Directive form and answer any questions that you may have. She is also a Notary Public and will be able to support the completion of the document, if requested, that requires a notarized signature.

If you are interested in attending the session on November 6, please contact Ron Bostick by sending an email to office@rlcary.org. The Church Office will forward your email to Ron, who will then send you a copy of the Advance Directive form that will be presented at the session.

Thank you! Your generosity is making a difference for those who are suffering from the loss created by Hurricane Ida. On September 22, a truck left Hope Lutheran, Wake Forest NC, filled with gifts of love and encouragement from congregations and individuals around the District.



Materials were picked up at First Lutheran, Bowie MD, the Southeastern District Office, and driven to Hope Lutheran. Supplies also came from Resurrection Lutheran, Cary NC, and St. Stephens, Hickory NC. In addition, a very large order of needed supplies was sent directly to Atonement Lutheran, Metairie LA, via Amazon delivery.

And a special thank you to Dennis and Linda Merrill for driving the donations received from RLC and RLS to Hope!

Happy Anniversary!

October 6
Bruce and Annette Kennedy
20 years

Jeff and Kristin Leahy
20 years

Chris and Julia Thiede
20 years

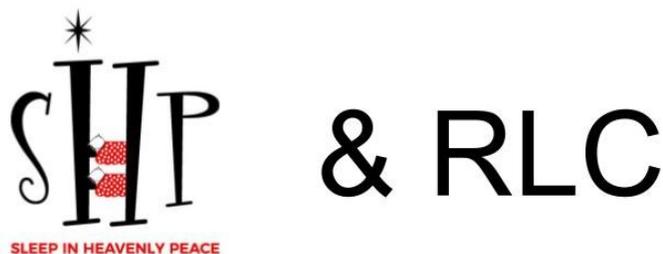
October 8
Terry and Diane Cuper
45 years

October 22
Matthew and Lauren Bowling
5 years



You are invited to learn how CLI Prison Alliance, for 25 years, has been making disciples behind bars by reaching the lost and by equipping believers. On **Tuesday, October 5**, their 2021 Gala will be live streamed, beginning at 7:00 pm. You can attend virtually by pre-registering at cli.world and scroll to Event Information. Click on Virtual Registration. If you're unable to watch that night, it will be available for viewing after event.

Our congregation has been generous in donating Christian books and Bibles to this ministry; inmates in every state have benefitted. After registering, scroll down on the website to learn about ways to volunteer. Especially needed are people to review Bible Studies by providing feedback and encouraging inmate students. You can do this at home via mail correspondence. They are excellent studies with much help provided to help you review them. Men, women, and especially Spanish-speaking reviewers are needed.



Ready for another build?
November 20 from 7:30 am-3:00 pm
Resurrection Lutheran Church



*We will need 50 volunteers.
Sign Up Genius - Coming Soon!



Youth Sunday School

Join us on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am!

We are meeting in-person for Youth Sunday School. All classes are held in Family Life Center.

- ◆ 2-4 year olds in Room 134
- ◆ Kindergarten-1st Grade in Room 131
- ◆ 2nd-3rd Grade in Room 133
- ◆ 4th-5th Grade in Room 132
- ◆ 6th-8th Grade in Room 246
- ◆ 9th-12th Grade in Room 253 (The Warehouse)

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

Questions? Contact MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at maryann.unger@rlcary.org.

Resurrection Lutheran Church Presents:

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct 31st

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Resurrection Lutheran Parking Lot
Rain Backup: Family Life Center
100 W Lochmere Drive

Food 🎃 Games 🎃 Fun 🎃 Prizes

Please consider passing out candy or hosting a game from the trunk of your car, in addition to joining in on the fun!

Questions? maryann.unger@rlcary.org

Student Ministry

Ignite (Middle School Youth Group)

What an awesome start to our Ignite year! Here are all of the exciting events planned for October, including our first group service project opportunity with Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31. We will be setting up an Ignite booth, handing out candy and prizes, and having a good time serving our church and community.

Also, for those that are in 8th grade, the **National Youth Gathering** registration is being extended for two more weeks. If you missed the sign up, feel free to reach out with questions or just sign up. We will be travelling to Houston, Texas from July 8-14, 2022.



Breakaway (High School Youth Group)



Joyfully His,
Ms. Jenny (jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director

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The Staff of Resurrection Lutheran Preschool welcomed children and their families back to RLP a few weeks ago for the 2021-22 preschool year. Our ‘pause’ button was released and the ‘PLAY’ button was hit for re-opening RLP! Our objective is for everyone to return safely and responsibly to the CARING and ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT so LOVINGLY provided by RLP’s Staff. Working together as a team, RLP Staff, and families will strive to keep a healthy environment for everyone.



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.

Email or call to ENROLL or schedule an individual TOUR,
office@rlpcary.org 919.851.7270

CHAPEL for RLP CHILDREN

Children attending preschool at RLP have Chapel once a week in the Sanctuary. We start with ‘Good Morning,’ singing *Jesus Loves Me* with our voices and our hands, and then Bible stories are shared. We are blessed to have the church staff of RLC as a part of our Chapel. Not all preschools in our area have support such as this. *Thank you to Pastor Jonathan, Pastor Zach, Bob Unger, and MaryAnn Unger for sharing the love of Jesus with our preschoolers!*

At Chapel every week, the children are encouraged to bring non-perishable items to be taken to **Western Wake Crisis Ministry**. We talk in Chapel about helping families that may not have as much food as we do. Even though they are young, there are ways they can help others.



Our program offers opportunities and experiences that will enrich, expand, and develop a child’s ever-increasing accumulation of knowledge in a loving Christian atmosphere.

MAKEOVER OF PLAYGROUND

The extreme makeover of our RLS playground is expected to begin next week (as long as this beautiful weather holds out)! Do you have any pop up soccer nets, driveway tennis nets, portable basketball goal, outdoor games like corn hole or giant Jenga that you would be willing to loan us for the duration of the project? If so, please reach out to the office at contact@rlscary.org.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Chipotle fundraiser. We raised just over \$130 for our PSO programs!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 2	PSO Pumpkin Patch, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
October 11	PSO Meeting
October 13	Early Release at 11:30 am
October 14-15	No School - Teacher Workdays
October 21	School Board Meeting
October 22	Early Release at 11:30 am
October 29	Picture Day

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.



Retaining wall dismantled in 30 minutes!
Thank You, Middle Schoolers. And so it begins.



Parking Lot Playground Fun Has Begun!



**Resurrection Lutheran
School**

Robert Unger
Interim Principal

Rosie Creasy
Director of Admissions/
School Growth

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Let Your Light Shine

You are the Light of the World...
Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good
works and give glory to your
Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14a, 16b



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

or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Missed the live service?

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



LEARN MORE

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Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke, Senior Pastor
Rev. Zachery Sarrault, Associate Pastor
Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

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
- Download the GivePlus+ APP, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.
Please send submissions to susan.moore@rlcary.org.

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