



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2021

From the Pastor

### When “More” Can Never Satisfy

(Ecclesiastes 5:8-10; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

Juli and I had the opportunity to have some time away this past month. Many thanks to Pastor Zach and to those who filled in (Pastor Jim Stoltenberg, Mark and Megan Mantey, Bob Hirt) for me during our absence! One of the things that vacationing pastors get to do when they visit other congregations is see how others do ministry. I was happy to have the chance to visit a seminary classmate in action at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Riverside, California a couple of weeks ago. On the Sunday that we visited, Pastor Stephen Borst was talking about the spirituality of money and abundance. He invoked an image from the movie “All the Money in the World” that depicts J. Paul Getty being asked “How much would it take to make you feel secure?” Getty (the richest or certainly one of the richest people in the world at that time) answered: “More!” That image stands in stark contrast to the life lived according to God’s plan for us, though we live in a world bombarded with the message that having lots of money/ possessions will lead to becoming happier or more loved.

Time and time again the Scriptures demonstrate that true joy is not found in acquiring or keeping “more.” It is, instead, the Spirit-enabled life of moving from acquiring to giving, from fearfulness to faith, from an attitude of scarcity to an attitude of abundance...or from a perception of ourselves as “owners” to an understanding of how we are merely “stewards” of what God has entrusted to us during the days we enjoy here together. We get it wrong so often. But as King Solomon in the Old Testament and St. Paul in the New put it, God-given joy is the key to approaching the good things in life as our Creator intended. Solomon discourages an attitude toward wealth that longs to cling to possessions from cradle to grave, writing,

**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:**

- No RLP/RLS . . . . . Nov 2
- All Saints Day . . . . . Nov 7
- Veterans Day/No School . . Nov 11
- Habitat for Humanity . . . Nov 13
- Pledge Sunday . . . . . Nov 14
- K.I.C.K.S. Event . . . . . Nov 19
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace . Nov 20
- Thanksgiving Worship . . Nov 24
- RLC/RLP/RLS Holiday. Nov 25-26

## Adult Christian Ed (Sunday Morning)

### Prophets Pointing to Jesus



You might have heard this phrase before, “The whole Bible is about Jesus” or “all of Scripture points to Jesus” but phrases like that can raise a lot of questions.

In what way does it really all point to Jesus? When we read parts of the Bible, especially the Old Testament, it can be hard to see Jesus in some of the stories. That is the topic we look forward to tackling in our upcoming Sunday morning Bible Study!

As we are heading towards Advent and the celebration of our Savior’s birth, we will look at some of the Old Testament prophets and how they pointed to Jesus’ birth. Throughout the study, we will also look at the historical context of these particular prophets to help us better understand why this message of a Savior was so important for them and why it is still important for us today.

This new class, team led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach, will be held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am.

It will run **November 7-** December 19, with no class held on November 28 or December 12.

No need to register, just plan to attend in Room 240, Family Life Center.

“When God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God” (Eccl. 5:9). St. Paul advocates on behalf of the poor in Jerusalem, encouraging the Corinthian Christians to give generously to the believers there—but to do so from an attitude of cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7)—not compulsion. The Corinthian Christians could take heart that their sacrifice would lead others to glorify God (9:13).

I mention all of this because the time of our congregation’s Pledge Weekend event is coming around again: November 13-14. We invite you to take part by either picking up a pledge card when you are in church November 6-7 to submit in person, or else submitting a pledge online here: [rlcary.org/ministries/stewardship-weekend](http://rlcary.org/ministries/stewardship-weekend). The purpose of your pledge is not for our own church budgeting or fundraising efforts. It is for your own Christian walk. No matter how you submit your pledge, it will be completely confidential. I also believe it will encourage you to embrace the joy of Christian discipleship that only God can give! I have learned over the last two years that RLC is a generous congregation. We strive to serve God with the time, talent, and treasure that has been entrusted to us. If you are not currently serving in any particular ministry area at RLC, yet desire to do so, please reach out to any one of our pastoral staff or to the church office. We will get you connected! As we begin this month, we do so with the knowledge that the desire for “more” can never truly satisfy. With glad and thankful hearts for all that God has already done for us—and continues to provide—we dedicate a portion of what we have for the work of God’s Kingdom at RLC.

Thankfully—for all that we are able to do together in Christ Jesus....

Pastor Jonathan

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### Blessing of the Quilts

Last month, we celebrated the Blessing of the Quilts and the chance to pray over the hand-tied quilts. The Piecemakers, RLC’s quilting group, put together this year. The quilts were blessed during worship, then shipped to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Quilts are valuable tools in LWR’s relief work to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. To recipients, they are a symbol of God’s love and compassion. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, room dividers, simple tents, or floor coverings.



## Church Council

# Candidate Nominations

Dear RLC Voting Members,

One of the responsibilities of the Church Council is to maintain an active membership composed of nine (9) elected members of the congregation.

Per the **RLC ByLaws**,

- The normal term of office as a member of the Church Council is a two (2) renewable term.
- The Nominating Committee is instructed to seek candidates from RLC's membership.
- Any member of the congregation may propose a candidate for Church Council membership to the Nominating Committee (Officers of the Church Council + Senior Pastor, *ex-officio*).

The names of the nominees (with bios) will be published to the members of the congregation at least twice before the Election Meeting of the Congregation.

Currently, two Council members are coming to the end of their terms, and are not seeking re-election. And, another member has resigned their Council membership.

Presently, the Nominating Committee of the Church Council is requesting any member of the RLC Congregation to nominate candidates for the Church Council. As soon as you decide, please send your candidate(s) nominations to a member of the Nominating Committee:

[Barry Needle](#); [Erika Hulse](#); [Lisa Snyder](#); [Pastor Jonathan Blanke](#)

Thank you very much for your candidate nominations.

Yours in Christ,  
Barry J. Needle  
Council President

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## Visual Faith

### What is The Movable Adventure?

We've gathered encouraging stories of transformation from 39 people to share their journey with Jesus in 40+ videos. There are 4 Pathways - Personal, Household, Community, and Digital. A downloadable Adventure Journal with valuable tools and exercises for practicing spiritual disciplines is included or you can order a printed copy of *The Movable Adventure Journal - A Visual Faith Companion to the Online Experience* from Amazon.

The Movable Adventure is about spending time in God's word that transforms prayer lives, movement in our family faith formation stories, learning in our discipleship communities and a passion to serve as digital missionaries. Learn more at [www.visualfaithmin.org/movable](http://www.visualfaithmin.org/movable).

## Bible Study Opportunities

### Prophets Pointing to Jesus

Weekly on Sundays,  
9:30 am in Room 240, FLC  
Led by Pastors  
Jonathan and Zach

### Christian Caregiving

Weekly on Sundays,  
9:30 am in Room 251, FLC  
Led by Sue Campau,  
Jan Boyer, Pastor Alan Shaw

### Men's Ministry Study and Fellowship

Weekly on Mondays,  
7:00 pm in Room 240, FLC  
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 Sanctuary  
Led by Pastors  
Jonathan and Zach

### Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle

Weekly on Wednesdays,  
6:30 pm in Room 151, FLC  
Led by Mindy Stephani

### Men with Kids

Weekly on Wednesdays,  
6:30 pm in Room 247, FLC  
Led by Tom Gebbia

## Gifts & Memorials

### In Memory of Art Beyer:

#### **For The Next 40 Fund**

Nancy Jahnke

### In Memory of Elaine Wood:

#### **For the Gifts & Memorials Fund**

Kay Tharp  
Joseph and Loriena Megill  
David and Corliss Senak  
Kelso Knoll HOA  
Jane Hanck  
Mary Persson

#### **For the Love Fund**

Keith and Dawn Leister

### In Memory of Thomas Striker:

#### **For the Columbarium Fund**

Susan and Emma Striker

### In Memory of Eva Haas:

#### **For the Gifts & Memorials Fund**

Robert and Teresa Hechler

### In Memory of Sarah Peterson:

#### **For the Gifts & Memorials Fund**

Terry Brummeyer

## Stephen Ministry

### Pastor Alan's Coaching Corner

Last month, I wrote about the Stephen Ministry program to announce an upcoming training class. This month, in the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to give thanks to our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers across RLC who serve in this very important ministry. Some people need someone to talk to for a couple of weeks while others meet for months. Our Stephen Ministry team walks beside those who need someone to help push through "life events" when it can seem difficult to walk alone. Thank you, team! I know the impact this ministry can have on people and I know the hard work you've done to become certified and then meet with those in need. It's a "behind the scenes" ministry that others don't often see but I am here to share your impact on serving and loving our neighbors. Thank you for your dedication to the ministry.

And now, as we wind down 2021 and get ready to jump into 2022, we're looking for people to consider joining our team. To introduce what we do, we've set an upcoming Sunday School class beginning on November 7. If you want to "dip your toe in the water" to learn more about Christian caregiving, this class is the way to do it.

We will be going through the book, *Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life* by Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist who is the founder of the Stephen Series (Stephen Ministry). This course will help you discover ways to become a distinctively Christian caregiver and be a great resource regardless of whether you continue with the Stephen Ministry certification. The class starts November 7 at 9:30 am and runs for 6 weeks in Room 251.

If you like what you see in that study, I encourage you to take the next step and enroll in the certification class starting January 2022. But... one step at a time... consider the Sunday school and reach out to us to RSVP, so we can plan on the number of books we'll need.

Contact Sue Campau, Jan Boyer, Ron Bostick, or myself with any questions and we hope to see you in class.

Pastor Alan  
[alan.shaw@rlcary.org](mailto:alan.shaw@rlcary.org)

## The Holy Land Christians

**On November 20-21**, we will be hosting The Holy Land Christians in the Narthex and their display of handmade olivewood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem. These carvings will include olivewood nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and other religious crafts that make nice wedding, baptism, Easter, and especially Christmas gifts.

They are handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. For more than ten years, Bethlehem Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted. Many Christians left their homeland. Help support our Christian brothers and sisters by purchasing their items. George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem, will be standing by the carvings after all services.

For more information and to purchase gifts online, [www.holylandcsc.com](http://www.holylandcsc.com).

## Outdoor Worship

### Sunday in the Park

God gave us a beautiful day and our Ethiopian brothers and sisters hosted the lunch. Grateful for the gifts of God last Sunday as we celebrated the Reformation!



Resurrection Lutheran Church Together with Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church and Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Carolina

## Happy Anniversary!

### November 3

Joe and Ginny Bastante  
25 years

### November 7

Gary and Nadine Hayden  
45 years

### November 11

Corey and Angela York  
10 years

### November 12

Tom and Ann Farr  
5 years

### November 16

Bob and Joyce Hirt  
58 years

### November 20

John and Barbara Laskey  
50 years

## Outreach to the Community

### Sleep in Heavenly Peace

We all agree that sleep is important to our well-being and health. Sadly, there are too many children across the country in need of a proper bed. Sleep in Heavenly Peace's mission is to change that and we have the opportunity once again to collaborate with SHP to build bunk beds for families in need.

**Join us on Saturday, November 20**, when we get the opportunity to work alongside SHP in building beds and getting children off of the floor! We need 50 adult volunteers. No skills necessary, just a heart called to share God's love and hands for serving.  
**Sign up today at [bit.ly/RLCforSHP](http://bit.ly/RLCforSHP)!**

Learn more at Sleep in Heavenly Peace ([shpbs.org](http://shpbs.org)) or from our RLC contact, Sandy Nigg.

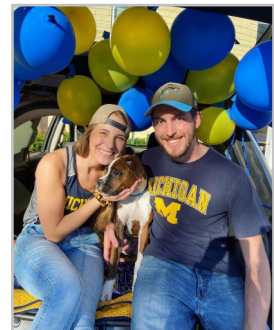
*No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!*



Community Event

# Trunk or Treat

Thank you to all that attended the Trunk or Treat event! And special thanks to all that gave their time, energy, and talents to put together trunks and games. It was greatly appreciated. Much thanks to Jenny Piontek and the middle school and high school youth for bringing their energy, smiles, and help — they are awesome! Hope to see you next Halloween!



# Christmas Store

Would you like to help provide presents for children in need this Christmas?

The Christmas Store provides financially-challenged parents with an appointment to choose free toys for their children, age 14 and under. Families living in Apex, Holly Springs, Willow Spring, Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Morrisville, or New Hill are referred by local aid organizations or school counselors.

Typically, partner organizations ask their patrons, members, and customers to donate new toys for toddlers to teens and deliver them back to their location or to directly to United Church in Apex, which hosts the store.

At Resurrection Lutheran Church, we place Christmas trees with gift tags in the Narthex and Family Life Center. Please pick up a tag, purchase the item, then place the unwrapped toy with tag attached back under the tree.



Another way to help stock the Christmas Store is by purchasing toys online at your favorite retailer and have them delivered directly to United Church, 820 East Williams Street, Apex, NC 27502.

**All toy donations are due by November 28, 2021.**

For gift ideas or a direct link to shopping online, check out the Christmas Store's Amazon profile page using this QR Code.



For more information, visit the Christmas Store's website at [ChristmasStoreNC.com](http://ChristmasStoreNC.com) or Facebook page at [TheChristmasStore](https://www.facebook.com/TheChristmasStore).

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**Western Wake Crisis Ministry is in need of volunteers!**



## **Food Recovery Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers to assist us with food recovery from local grocery stores. Volunteers should be able to commit to one shift per week (8:30-10:30 am), able to lift 25 pounds, and comfortable using their own car to transport the coolers and boxes of food. Contact [jeremiah@wwcm.org](mailto:jeremiah@wwcm.org) for more info or to sign up.

## **Shopping Assistants**

WWCM is seeking a few friendly and compassionate volunteers to assist our clients with their in-person shopping experience. Shifts are on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:30 pm and regular commitment is preferred. Volunteers should be vaccinated and will be expected to assist with cleaning shopping carts and loading groceries into the car for the client. Contact [jeremiah@wwcm.org](mailto:jeremiah@wwcm.org) for more information or to sign up.

## **Reception Volunteers**

WWCM is seeking reception volunteers to answer phones and messages (virtually) during WWCM office hours. Scheduling clients for food pick up appointments, doing new client intake, directing callers to appropriate staff members as needed. Prefer volunteers who can commit to one 3 hour shift per week. Days and times are flexible. Contact [sherry.presnall@wwcm.org](mailto:sherry.presnall@wwcm.org) for more information. Training is provided.



**Resurrection Lutheran  
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

[rlpcary.org](http://rlpcary.org)

919-851-7270



**Isn't it great to see the preschoolers again  
as you walk up to church during the week?**

Our preschoolers are maintaining "class bubbles" in order to stay as healthy and safe as possible while at RLP. Since children attending preschool are not yet eligible for the Covid vaccine, masks are worn by adults and children in our 3-year-old and older classes.

You can help to keep our students healthy and safe by wearing a mask as you pass by preschoolers when they are outside on the sidewalks.

If you'd like to work around the times preschoolers are on the sidewalks, the following are the best times to come to RLC:

9:45 am-12:00 pm and after 1:15 pm in the afternoon, Monday-Friday

We appreciate your partnership in helping us all to stay HEALTHY and SAFE TOGETHER!



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](mailto:office@rlpcary.org) 919.851.7270

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## 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.



## 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](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).

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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