

Resurrection Lutheran Church

All Saints' Day - November 7, 2021



Pastor's Corner for November 7-13

God's Present- and Future- Tense People (John 14:25)

This weekend is the first weekend after All Saints' Day (November 1). It offers an opportunity to not only be comforted by the community of faith we know and love here below... but also give thanks to God for family and friends "in Christ" who have gone home to heaven.

Not long after I first arrived at RLC I remember noticing something in our church columbarium which is just outside the main sanctuary on the other side of the wall behind the altar there: the same Bible passage written on the altar of the main sanctuary— Jesus' words in the Gospel of John, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 14:25)— is also inscribed on the wall of the columbarium. To see the beginning of the phrase on the main altar and its end, in the columbarium, check out the photographs above.

All Saints' weekend is an opportunity to celebrate Jesus, the resurrection and the life, as God's present *and* future tense people! All Saints' Sunday is naturally

celebrated by all of us, the “present-tense people,” the Church here below composed of saints/sinners who confess faith in Jesus (1 Cor 1:5). We possibly identify on any given day as poor in spirit, mourning, or hungering for righteousness (Matt 5:1-10). We see the inscription on that main altar or gather in the Family Life Center to celebrate what that inscription says week after week. Yet All Saints Sunday doesn’t stop there. It connects the “present-tense people” of God with the “future-tense people” of God. The future-tense people of God include not only Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Saint Mary and all the folks up on the “Mt. Rushmore” of Christendom. It is made up of those sinners/saints who, through no accomplishment of their own, have been welcomed home to heaven in Christ. Folks who “shall be comforted,” “shall receive mercy,” and “shall see God”... some of whom currently “sleep” in the columbarium of our church. The blessing in which we share today is that, as members of the Body of Christ who gather once again around the Table of the Lord, the thing that so often seems to separate the present- and future- tense people of God... Death itself... really doesn’t. Death has been overthrown and overcome! In receiving the body and blood of Jesus we are not only connected to our fellow saints here below. We enjoy, in a very special way, Communion with our Lord together with those already in the visible presence of Jesus.

Please take a little time this weekend to remember with thanksgiving that grandparent, Mom or Dad, spouse, child, or best friend whose life has so profoundly impacted yours. Their love for you is but a pale reflection of the love of your heavenly Father, which they celebrate in glory today. As our voices join the heavenly chorus above, may we be encouraged in our journey of faith today, and empowered to more fully celebrate the gift of abundant life tomorrow.

Mask Optional for All Fully Vaccinated Worshippers Resumes Saturday, November 6

Last week, I promised that if statistical data for Wake County either continued at its current level or went even further in a positive direction we would return to a “mask optional” policy for fully vaccinated worshippers. The results since last week are somewhat mixed. The average daily deaths from COVID per 100,000 people in our county actually increased slightly to 1 (up .1 from .9, one week ago). However,

the positive test rate in Wake County for COVID remains unchanged (3.6%). Moreover, ICU hospitalizations for COVID patients continue to trend down, with the 7-day average of ICU hospitalizations from most recent data currently standing at 36 (versus 45 from the most recent data available one week ago) and new cases reported daily currently averaging 11 per 100,000 (down from 13 per 100,000 last week). While conditions are not drastically better than one week ago and our county remains on the borderline between “high transmission” and “substantial transmission” based on CDC benchmarks, I believe the relatively high rate of vaccination in our county and moderate level of new cases here both argue in favor of relaxing the mask requirement for everyone.

The mask-optional protocol for fully vaccinated folks will apply to all worship services and in-person events indoors starting Saturday evening, November 6. However, please be aware that if you visit the church office area between 9 AM and 1 PM Monday through Friday, we ask that you wear a mask regardless of vaccination status due to the close proximity of Resurrection Lutheran Preschool children displaced from their normal rooms because of the renovations underway at RLP.

Special No-Mask Worship Opportunity for Children 11 and Younger Next Sunday, November 14

On November 14, we invite all families with children younger than 12 years old to join us for a special “no masks needed for kids” service beginning at 6 PM. (Note: All worshippers 12 years old and up who are not yet fully vaccinated must attend this service with a mask in place.) Though the service will be a little shorter than normal, Holy Communion will be celebrated. If you’d like to attend with your family, please sign up [here](#).

Pledge Cards for Stewardship Weekend 2021 Available for In-Person Worship This Weekend and Online

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](#).

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. It will encourage you to embrace the joy of Christian discipleship that only God can give! I say it all the time: RLC is a generous congregation! We strive to serve God with the time, talent, and treasure that has been entrusted to us. With glad and thankful hearts for all that God has already done for us –and continues to provide– let us therefore dedicate a portion of what we have for the work of God’s Kingdom at RLC. Now is the time.

Praying for Our Active Duty Members and Their Families

The church office would like to make a list of all active duty RLC members and children of RLC members so that we can remember them all by name in our regular weekly prayers. If you are a member of the United States Armed Forces, or if you have children who are active duty, we request that you notify our church office at office@rlcary.org or pass on word to our church volunteer compiling the list, Mr. William Douglas [here](#).

Love and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The church, since the 8th century AD, has set aside a day to remember the lives of the saints. Saints are all of us ordinary people who have been set apart for a special purpose. Today we not only remember those people whose lives have touched us so dearly in the past, but as a community of faith we commit ourselves to support each other in grief. On this Sunday in November, we pray for all who in the past year have grieved the loss of beloved family members.

We have especially prayed that God's comfort be with these members as they mourn the death of family:

Hal Aldridge, Step-Father of *Lea Webb; *Trudy Ambrose; Anne Ashmore, Mother of *Jason Ashmore; Rev. Art Beyer, Husband of *Charlotte Beyer; Eva Blum, Mother of *Greg Blum; Larry Boice, Uncle of *Betsy Moll; Joyce Breitzka, Niece of *Paul and Jan Wozniak; Sister-In-Law of *Sue Campau; Ione Crandall, Aunt of *Linda Crandall; Margie Galloway, Aunt of *Trudy Heartling; Judith Gebbia, Mother of *Tom Gebbia; Linda Gilson, Sister of Sue Anderson; *Bob Glowacki; Bob Guffee, Father of *Heather Burgiss; Brother-In-Law's Brother of *Trudy Haertling; Bonnie Higgins, Grandmother of *Susan Moore; Ron Higgins, Uncle of *Susan Moore; Bob Kahre, Brother of *Marilyn Hahne and Uncle of *Mike Hahne; Lois Kahre, Sister-In-Law of *Marilyn Hahne and Aunt of *Mike Hahne; Rev. James Knuth; William Kretzschmar, Husband of *Jan Kretzschmar; Steve Lefes, Cousin of *Bill Xenakis; Daniel Leister, Uncle of *Keith Leister; Phyllis Linn, Mother of *Jim Linn; Jeanetta Lyzenga, Mother of *Linda Cook; Robert Marti, Father of *Susan Collins; Kathy Martin, Wife of *Tom Martin and Mother of *Nicole Gonzalez; Jeffery Maynard, Uncle of *Kim Simpson; Carol McMillan, Mother of *Roberta Danilowicz; Conner Moll, Cousin of *Jason Moll; Mary Nibarger, Aunt of *Joe Parks; *Edwin Norse; Frederick Otten, Father of *Mark Otten; Tom Quetel, Husband of *Jane Quetel; LynnDee Renninger, Cousin of *Dawn Leister; *Barbara Schaeffer; Thomas Striker, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Stricker and Uncle of *Emma Striker; Duane Thaxton, Brother of *Eileen Douglas; Ruth Schwasinger, Sister of *Kathryn Vollmer; *Elaine Wood

A Table of Remembrance is set up in the Narthex and the Family Life Center where you can place a picture and/or note of your loved one. You may come bring it with you to worship on Saturday or Sunday.

Remembrances can be of any lost loved one, not just from this past year.



*Prayers
of the Church*

[click here](#)



Worship Bulletins

[click here](#)



Baptized on Sunday, November 7 at 9:30 am is Max Russell Wright, born June 24, 2021, son of Greg Wright and Brett Gardner. Godparents are Jimmy and Callie Wright. May God's blessing be upon Max Russell as he grows in his baptismal grace.



Saturday, November 6

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.



**COFFEE &
Fellowship**

**Join us Sunday
in front of
the Family Life Center,
at 10:30 am!**



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 adult Christian education class, team led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach, will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. The class 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.

Christian Caregiving

Have you ever had a friend or neighbor who was hurting spiritually or emotionally? Have you ever wanted to share, with another person, the love and caring you may have received from fellow Christians? Have you ever known someone who was being consumed by guilt and needed the freedom that God's forgiveness brings?

Have we got the course for you! RLC will be offering a 6-week course based on the book, *Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life*, by Kenneth Haugk, 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.

Beginning on **Sunday, November 7**, the class will meet in Room 251, Family Life Center, at 9:30 am during the Sunday school hour for 6 weeks.

Contact Sue Campau, Jan Boyer, or Pastor Alan Shaw to sign up and make arrangements to receive a copy of the book.



Help decorate the church for Christmas,
order a poinsettia today!

Cost is \$18 per plant.
Orders are due by November 21.

[Click here to order online](#)
or complete order form while at church.

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.



Look for the Christmas trees starting this weekend!

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle is the second in our two-part film series by award-winning filmmaker, Timothy Mahoney. In this investigation, he examines the journey to the crossing location, looking at two competing views of the Red Sea Miracle. One he calls the "Egyptian Approach," which looks near Egypt. The other he calls the "Hebrew Approach," which looks far from Egypt to the Gulf of Aqaba where divers have been searching for the remains of Pharaoh's army on the

seafloor. The investigation raises giant questions about the real location for the crossing site and its implications on your view of God. The answers to these questions point to one of two very different realities.

Join Timothy Mahoney as he retraces the steps of Moses and the Israelites, looking for answers in our Wednesday Night Workshop class **started October 27 from 6:30-7:45 pm** in Room 151, Family Life Center. As he investigates the possible locations, he interviews top-level secular and biblical scholars in search for clues that support the Bible's timeline for this pivotal event in history. Now, see the evidence as the Bible comes alive with dramatic recreations, 3D animations, and never seen before footage.

Investigate the Israelites' route to the miraculous sea crossing. 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. Register with Mindy Stephani or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

The Coffeehouse at Resurrection

The Coffeehouse is for special needs adults to enjoy a safe evening of dancing, eating, and visiting. We are excited to begin again on **Friday, November 12** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. Music provided by our very own, Reign!

Our last Coffeehouse was on Valentine's Day 2020 and our guests have missed them, as we have missed our guests! **We are still in need of food and drink servers, fully masked.** Please sign up: bit.ly/3kqoHGN

Any questions, contact Brenda Peterson.

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.

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

No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of Wake County has kept seniors in Wake County well nourished, less isolated, and safer in their homes since 1974. Volunteers and staff deliver lunchtime meals while providing comforting check-ins to homebound seniors. Seniors with the ability to leave home can come enjoy a hot meal in the company of friends at one of our Friendship Cafe locations.

You can help! Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors, as well as part-time staff to manage meal delivery sites, and Friendship Cafe locations.

For volunteer details and to sign up, wakemow.org/volunteer-application-mow-wake-county.



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

Friday, November 19
6:00-7:30 pm

**Join us for devotion, games,
and s'mores around the fire pit!**

Please eat dinner prior to event.

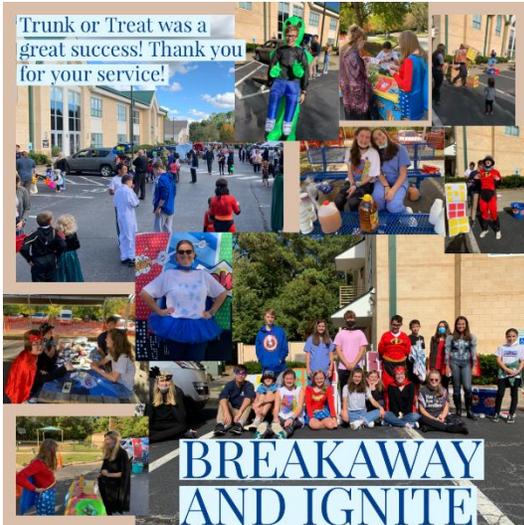
We are collecting gloves, hats,
and socks for youth and adult.

If you cannot attend but would still like to donate, please feel free to drop off in the church office. If you are a RLS student, you can give them to Mr. Unger.

Bring a friend!

RSVP to Mrs. Unger at maryann.unger@rlcary.org.

For more information regarding the Children and Family
Ministry, rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry.



For more information regarding Student Ministry, including event calendars for Ignite (middle school youth group) and Breakaway (high school youth group), rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry.

Church Council

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, and Pastor Jonathan Blanke).

Thank you very much for your candidate nominations.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



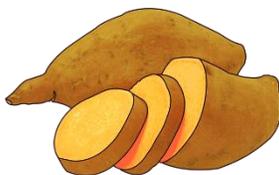
Preschool Punchlines

A proud moment for a 4-year-old while climbing on the playground, "I have to pull up my 'pant legs' so my 'feets' can bend better."

Registration for the 2021-22 Preschool Year Continues

Our staff is vaccinated, and we all wear masks. We partner with our families to keep everyone Healthy Together. Openings for the 2021-22 year are still available. We have classes for children 2-5-years-old, including a transitional-kindergarten class. Join our family today! Email office@rlpcary.org or call 919-851-7270 to enroll or schedule an individual tour.

Resurrection Lutheran School



SWEET potatoes! Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching, and with it comes baked sweet potatoes, sweet potato casserole, sweet potato pie, etc. We have had an incredibly generous donation of 175 five-pound bags of organically grown Eastern NC sweet potatoes to sell as a fundraiser for our PSO programming. We are selling these 5 pound bags for \$7.50. **Pick up date is Saturday, November 13 from 12:00-3:00 pm.** Please bring exact change or check. Thank you to Katie Jennings and Nash Produce in Nashville, NC for this amazing donation!



Kindergarten class spins a web and works to navigate a way out! Learning is so much FUN at RLS.

Schedule a tour or learn more about RLS (Junior Kindergarten - 8th Grade) at [Resurrection Lutheran School \(rlscary.org\)](http://rlscary.org).

[Current RLS Lion's Tale](#)

In-Person Services

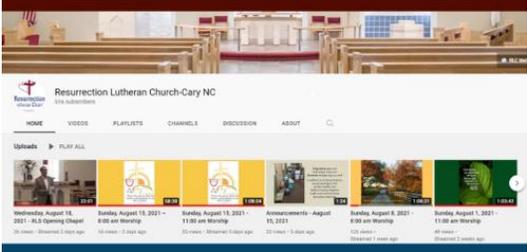


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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

Visual Faith for November 7

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – November 7, 2021

*Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
Hebrews 4:16*

We lift the following prayer requests this week:

Ongoing Prayers

*Diane Cuper, *Eve Sommers, *David Brooks, *Anne Altieri, *Charlotte Raines,
*Eric Hammergren, *Anita Moore, *John Shaeffer, *Vern Ebert, *Aaron, *Marcus, *Malcolm,
*Sandy Nigg, Michael Flannery, *Helen Campbell, Henry Otten, *Lena Licciardi, Paul Batt,
Peter and Esther Kuo, Marc and Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption, *Linda Crandall,
Jackson Buser, *Geoffrey Wiggins, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen, Anne Price, *Gary Ferro, Angie Price, Alison Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, Jim Metz,
Roseanne Candiello, Janice Sommers, Fernley Wagner, *Doug Spitz, Jackie, Linda H.,
Kathy Siemon, Joe Kupsky, Scott Brinkley, Pete Brown, *Bill Xenakis, Chris McLaughlin,
Linda, Mark Raines, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed

For Expectant Moms

Lija, Mya, Kate, Amy, Samantha, Lynn

Those Prayed For on October 31, 2021

Thanking God Today

- Chase and Ashleigh, Recovery from Covid-19
- Covid-19 Booster Shots, and Recent Approvals
- The Coffeehouse, Scheduled for November 12
- Safe Travel and Vacations
- Successful Move

For Healing

- Those Ill or Recovering with Covid-19
- Rev. Jim McDaniels, Susan Langlais

- Harold
- Lynette *Ebert's Daughter for Accident Recovery
- Grace Ann, Recovery from Fall
- *Charlotte Raines, *Barry Munns, *Vern Ebert
- Justin, Red, Tim, Brian, Timmy, Mark, Dave, Keith, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, AnnMarie, Skylar, Suzie, Ali's Upcoming Surgery, Harold, Ken, Gavin, Herm, Don

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

- Tim Jenkins, *Harry Roberts, *Karen Ferro
- Joyce Coggins, Tom Pedersen, Jessica

For Comfort

- Family of Hunter Stocks
- Family of Uncle Ray, Especially for Wife, Janice
- Family of Helen Austin, Mother of *Susan Richards
- Nola Van Scyoc, Mother of *Joyce Bocksnick

For Protection, Wisdom, and Discernment

- RLS Board, Staff, and Interim Leadership for Work of Call Committee for Principal
- RLC's The Coffeehouse and Blind Ministry
- Safe Travel for *Daisy Morris
- Stephen Ministry Program and Prospective Attendees
- Teachers and Students, Coping with Anxiety and Being Overwhelmed
- Pastor Dave Chaplaincy in Djibouti, Safety and Protection
- Nominations for Church Council

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Healthcare Workers Worldwide, Especially Our Members Serving in Area Hospitals
- All Caregivers, Especially Those Caring for Those with Dementia and Alzheimer's
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Restoration, Following Flooding
- *Ron and *Carol Mitchell
- Those Seeking Help with Caregiving, Especially Laurie

For Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, Strength for the Health and Well-Being of People They Serve

- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Associate Pastor Zack and Kelsey, Assistant Pastor Alan, Faith and Family, and Area Pastors
- RL Church and RL Schools Staff

For Our Active Duty Military Members

For Our Missionaries

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

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands.

*We trust You are working all things according to Your good plan and purposes,
and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.*

***RLC Members**

Updated 11/5/21

Attendance and Giving – November 7, 2021

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, October 30

6:00 pm - 34

Sunday, October 31

8:00 am - 51; 9:30 am - no service; 11:00 am - 240

Total In-Person Worship: 326

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, October 31

8:00 am - 157 views 11:00 am - no live stream (outdoor worship)

Total Online Views: 157

In-Person Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, October 24

Adult - no class Youth - no class

Total In-Person Sunday School Attendance: 0

General Fund Giving and Spending - September 2021

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 103,686.28	\$ 292,688.49
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 107,149.84</u>	<u>\$ 302,906.31</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -3,463.56	\$ -10,217.82

Last Week's Offerings: n/a

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$22,514.50

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21: \$25,735.58

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 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.

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