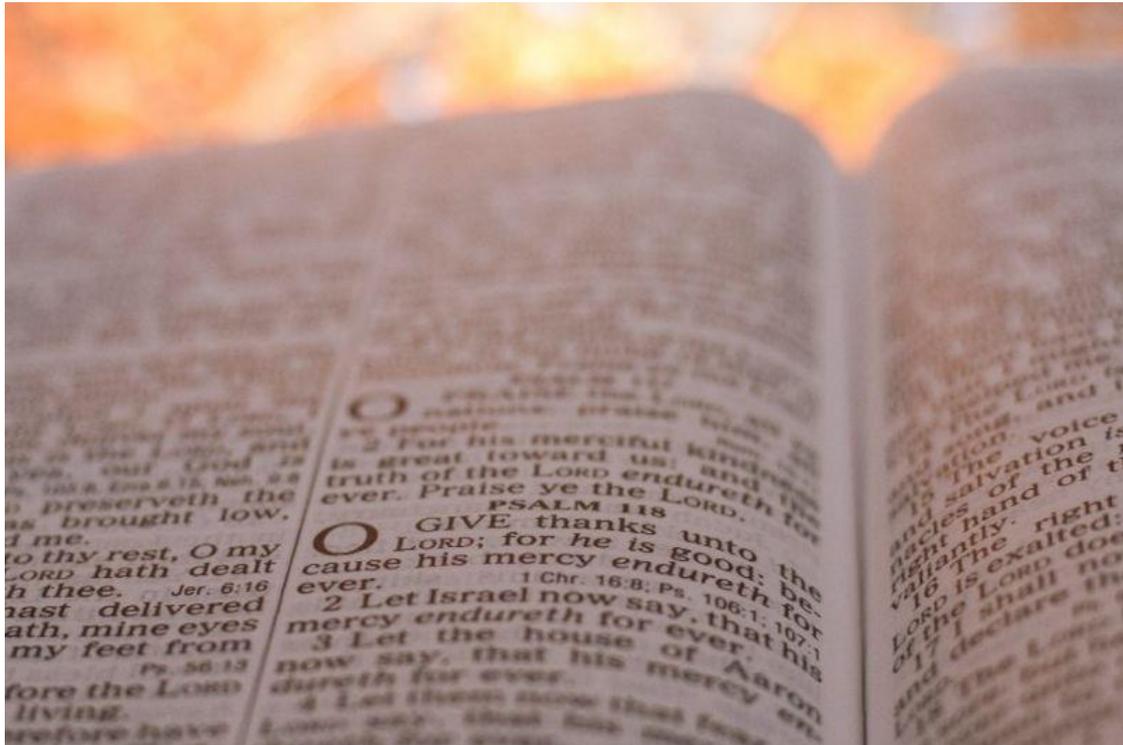


Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 21, 2021



Pastor's Corner for November 21-27

What We're All Thankful For This Year (John 18:33-37)

Ever notice how when you meet someone surrounded by the trappings of power you can't help feeling humbled? When I was a college student in Williamsburg, VA, I used to wait on tables at the King's Arms Tavern. Sometimes we had guests that were celebrities or politicians. One day, after his resignation as President of the United States, former President Richard M. Nixon had lunch with us. Mr. Nixon's security detail cleared one entire wing of the restaurant where one of my friends had the coveted job of waiting on the members of his party. When they had finished lunch and were preparing to leave, a limousine pulled up to the front of the

restaurant, and every waiter serving that day was invited to come out front to greet the former president. I no longer remember the reason (I was likely delayed with a customer), but all the other guys were lined up outside and had just finished greeting Mr. Nixon when I came running up, a bit out of breath, joining the end of the line to have my turn. The former president was just finishing with the last guy in line and already turning toward his car when I arrived. To get his attention, I had to say something loud. For a moment, I wondered what that would be. "Mr. Nixon" was too casual. "Mr. Former President" was ridiculous! In the end, I heard myself shout "Mr. President!" as I thrust my hand in his face for a handshake. There it was. Mr. Nixon was not a king, of course. But the trappings of power, even power no longer fully invested, inspired humility. You couldn't help being awed and feeling small knowing you were talking to a former Leader of the Free World.

This Sunday is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. It is also called "Christ the King Sunday," the day we see ourselves standing in the presence of the only real King who ever lived: our Lord, Judge, and King, Jesus! If standing in front of an earthly President is humbling... the prospect of standing in front of the Lord of the universe on the day of Judgement is positively terrifying. According to our status as sinners, we cannot even entertain the thought of encountering this King at the End of Time. But the King of the nations is also the Lord of the cross. As such Jesus bears witness to the truth of God's love for a broken world... love made real in Jesus' own suffering and death, love received and celebrated by all who in Jesus' words, "are of the truth" (18:37). In this world, we will always shrink from the thought of our righteous King returning to exercise the righteous judgement of God. But because of the perfect obedience and once-and-for-all sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, we know that one day we will stand before our King and our Savior with nothing to fear. Listening to the voice of our crucified King, knowing that our Judge is also our Savior and Friend, we follow Him as our Lord. We confess Him as Son of the merciful God He calls "Father." We go to work on behalf of His kingdom, joyfully awaiting our encounter with our King. I can't think of anything better to give thanks to God for, on this year's Thanksgiving Day— can you?

RLC Livestream of Holy Communion to Be Discontinued November 28 (Advent 1)

It has been almost one year and a half since RLC began live streaming services containing the Lord's Supper. Though the Communion portion of our services was never recorded or left up on our YouTube channel, we have invited those unable to worship at home to take part in the Sacrament virtually, assuming they watched the live feed of the service when services began. Beginning November 28, this practice of live streaming Holy Communion in worship services will be discontinued. Why?

- The practice was, from the very beginning, always intended to be temporary.
- Online viewing of RLC worship services has diminished over the last six months as people return to in-person worship
- We are still able to offer the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper in person through personal visits in the home or smaller gatherings in the church sanctuary (those distributing the Sacrament in these settings are all fully vaccinated).

Worship services at 8 and 11 AM will continue to be livestreamed. However, starting on the 28th, the portion of each service containing Holy Communion will no longer be broadcast. Please make a note of the change. If you desire Holy Communion and are unable to worship with us in person, please sign up by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/324yxa1>. Questions? Don't hesitate to be in touch with either myself or the church office.

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life in Christ for Fuad Akil Rihani, Saturday November 27 at 11 AM

Next Saturday we are privileged to gather with the family of Fuad Rihani, now called home to glory, for a brief time of remembrance and thanksgiving to God for the gift of this brother in the faith. Following the service, the family will be hosting a reception in the Family Life Center. Please join us if you are available. If you are not able to be in town for the event, we invite you to view the service on our church's YouTube channel ([Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary NC](#)).

Peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

The Holy Land Christians

This weekend, we will be hosting a nice display of handmade olivewood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem available for purchase. These carvings include olive wood nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and many other religious crafts that make nice wedding, baptism, Easter, and especially Christmas gifts.



These carvings 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 and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic. Many Christians left their homeland. The Christian population of the Holy Land went down from 30% in the last century to almost 1%

today. Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing their carvings. George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem, will be standing by the carvings after all services. Let us keep Bethlehem a Christian town forever. Proceeds go to support Christian artisans from Bethlehem. It is never too late to help! To purchase gifts online, visit our website at holylandcsc.com.

*Prayers
of the Church*

click here

Worship Bulletins

click here

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 tomorrow (**Saturday, November 20**), when we get the opportunity to work alongside SHP in building beds and getting children off of the floor!

Thank you to all who have signed up (bit.ly/RLCforSHP)! There are still a few open slots. No skills necessary, just a heart called to share God's love and hands for serving! And knowing that you will be an integral part of ensuring that 20 local kids have a comfortable, safe place to sleep. *Volunteers*, if you have not completed the required [Volunteer Form](#), please do so prior to the event. Enter the Fuquay-Varina Chapter and volunteer date (11/20/2021).

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is always ready to collect donations of new bedding - twin sized sheet sets, twin sized comforters, and pillows! If you would like to bring donations to the build, they would be thrilled!

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

No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm



We gather for worship on the eve of this national Day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings.

God, in His Grace, has given us all that we need for body and soul. We respond with thanksgiving, recognizing that all we have is from His Grace.

Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship and Holy Communion or view service online at [Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC - YouTube!](#)

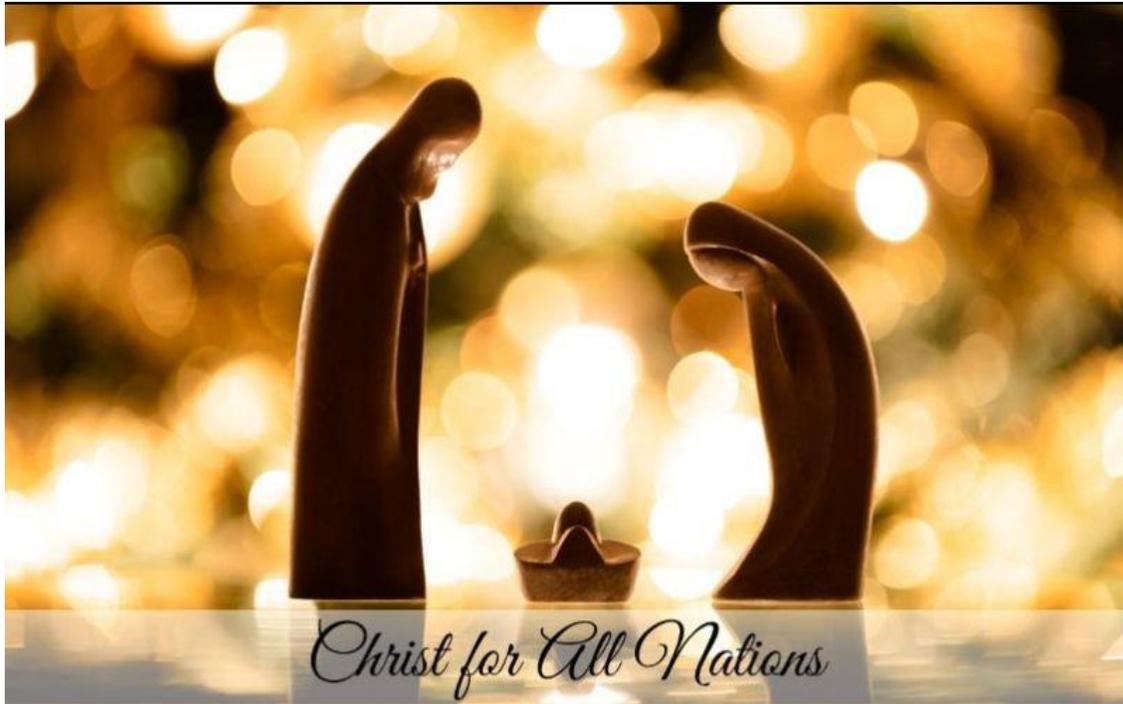
There will be no other Wednesday night activities held.



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.



Advent Worship Services

November 28	1 st Sunday in Advent	
December 1	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	Hanging of the Greens Service in Sanctuary (children focused service)
December 5	2 nd Sunday in Advent	
December 8	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	Service featuring Old North State Brass in Sanctuary
December 12	3 rd Sunday in Advent	
	8:00 am	Christmas Music Festival in Sanctuary
	9:30 am	featuring Festival Chorus accompanied by a full orchestra
December 15	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary
December 19	4 th Sunday in Advent	
December 22	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	Outdoor Service in Circle Entrance with Lighting of Outdoor Christmas Tree (family friendly)

Worship Times: Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am (praise)

Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am Services, and the Indoor Wednesday Evening Services will be live streamed at [Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC - YouTube](#).

The Coffeehouse

Thank you so much to our wonderful Coffeehouse volunteers, and Chris Reed and Charlie Shiel who played music for us. We had 98 people attend the first Coffeehouse back. Our guests faces were filled with joy! And ours, too.

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, January 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm** and every 2nd Friday each month. Our January event will begin our 20th year hosting Coffeehouses! Sign ups for next year are active: bit.ly/3kqoHGN. Please come and help us make our special needs adults feel our Christian love! We need setter uppers, servers, greeters, minglers, and cleaner uppers. Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office.

Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Coalition



Thank you all for a great effort last Saturday, November 13 on our Thrivent Action Team sponsored Habitat Build. We did considerable blocking and put the second floor on the home to have it ready for the contractor to put the roof on. We have helped a family move to home ownership. God's Work, Our Hands!



COFFEE & Fellowship

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



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 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.



Visit the Christmas Store's website at [ChristmasStoreNC.com](https://www.ChristmasStoreNC.com), Facebook page at [TheChristmasStore](https://www.TheChristmasStore.com), or [Amazon for Gift Ideas](https://www.Amazon.com).

Stephen Ministry



Now is the time to consider attending Stephen Ministry class! To keep Stephen Ministry going strong, we need congregation members who are willing to answer Jesus' call to be trained as lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers. This distinctively Christian training includes a variety of topics such as listening, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in caregiving, and grief, focusing on how to provide care while God cures.

When our new Stephen Ministers have completed their training, they will be commissioned and ready to begin their ministry. Working under supervision, these Stephen Ministers will be available to meet weekly with people experiencing grief, illness, job loss, divorce, relocation, and other life difficulties.

Being a Stephen Minister may be one of the most fulfilling and transformative ministries you will ever be a part of. You will grow spiritually and gain skills to use not only in your caring ministry but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

RLC's **next training class begins January 9, 2022** and runs through June 5, 2022 (with a break for Easter and Mother's Day. Classes will be held from 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons here at the church. We invite you to think and pray about this opportunity. If you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact any of the Pastors, Ron Bostick, Jan Boyer, Sue Campau, or Bill Xenakis and we can talk about how you can get started.

Items Available

These items are available for free: like new walker and bath/shower chair. If interested, please contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

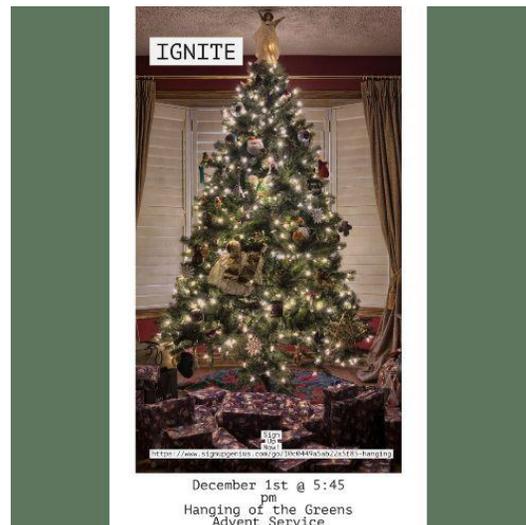
Children and Family Ministry

This year the Children's Advent Devotion focuses on Christmas in other countries. If you were born in or have lived in another country than the United States and have memories of Christmas traditions, and would like to share them, please email me at maryann.unger@rlcary.org. I can also be available by phone or in person. If you know how or why the tradition started, I would like to know that, too. I look forward to hearing your stories and sharing them with our families with children.

Christmas Eve

The 3:00 pm Christmas Eve service is for families with young children. We have included the children in a variety of ways over the years. This year, we also plan to engage children and their family in the service. If you are interested in participating in Bible readings, lighting the candles, and other ways, please contact 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. Contact [Jenny Piontek](#), Youth Director, with any questions.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Preschool Punchlines

A transitional-kindergarten student sang a song he learned at preschool while walking in to get his Covid vaccine! "I will not be afraid, no troubles out there, for God is near!"

Deciding between TRANSITION & KINDERGARTEN?

PERSPECTIVE from PARENTS & TEACHERS (TK & Wake Co. Kindergarten)

Who: Families...

- wanting to ask questions of **parents** "who have been there"
- who are "on-the-fence" about sending a child to Transition vs. Kindergarten
- wanting information about RLP's Transitional-Kindergarten (T-K) class

- wanting to know expectations of children in a kindergarten class
- wanting to know benefits down the road (3rd grade, middle and high school years, even college)

What: Informational Meeting for Parents, By Parents and Teachers

Where: Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, Fellowship Hall, Moving to a T-K Classroom

When: Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm

Why: To discuss benefits and reasons to send a child to Transitional-Kindergarten vs. Kindergarten

How: Open dialog offered by parents and teachers

Invite friends and neighbors who may have questions!

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
PRESCHOOL
coming soon...
ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-23

+ Classes for children 2-years-old thru 5-years-old +
Our program provides a balance of academic and social opportunities by means of our 'learning through play' philosophy in a loving Christian atmosphere.

Resurrection Lutheran School



Congratulations to Rosie Creasy (20 years) and Robin Hester (5 years) for their Faithful Christian Service in Ministry to Lutheran Congregations and Schools!

Reserve Your Space

The 2022-2023 enrollment period for returning Resurrection Lutheran School students and their siblings began on Monday, November 15, 2021. It is our expectation that many of the RLS classes will remain at maximum capacity. For that reason, it is important that you re-enroll by November 29 to reserve a spot in your student's class. After this date, enrollment is open to the public. **Letter of Intent with enrollment fee (\$150 per student) is due on November 29, 2021.**

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

Current RLS Lion's Tale

In-Person Services

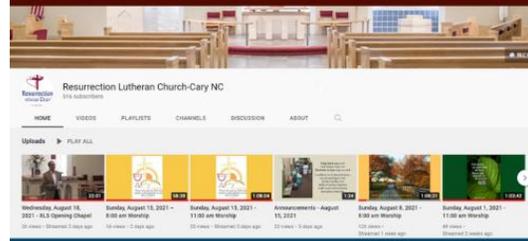


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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 21

Attendance and Giving

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Prayers of the Church – November 21, 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, Jackie, Linda H., Kathy Siemon, Joe Kupsy,
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 November 14, 2021

Thanking God Today

- Pastor Zach's Sermon on Beatitudes
- Successful Coffeehouse Reconvening November 12
- Safe Travel and Vacations
- Widows' Group
- Visit with *Bill and Fran's Granddaughter in Atlanta
- Bible Studies at RLC
- Scott Brinkley's Successful Recovery
- Good Report for Ali After Surgery
- Tim Jenkins Out of Hospital
- Our Many Blessings
- Our Wonderful Coffeehouse Volunteers!

For Healing

- Those Ill or Recovering with Covid-19
- Rev. Jim McDaniels, Susan Langlais
- Andy Rennger
- Tim, *Brenda Peterson's Brother-In-Law, Post Surgical Complications
- *Devon Hilldale, Migraines
- *Vern Ebert, Recovery from Infection at WakeMed, Cary
- Grayson, *Tina Ashworth's Grandson, Following Palate Surgery at UNC
- Ryleigh, Granddaughter of *Bill and Jan Boyer with Respiratory Infection
- *Anita Moore in Hospital

- Safe Travels To and From Medical Appointments for Henry, *Mark and Pat Otten's Grandson, in Denver the Week of November 15-19. Road Travel is November 13-15 and November 19-23. Surgical Procedure on November 17 to Replace Central Venous Access.
- Sandy, Lisa, Anita, Lena, Hope, Suzie, Rick, Corrine, Mike, Ken, Jim, Herman, James, Gretchen, Connie, Steve, Garrett, Ben

For Those Recovering From Surgeries and/or Procedures

- *Harry Roberts, *Karen Ferro, Tim Jenkins
- *Jim and Thelma Rhodes's Son-In-Law Tom Pederson, Rehab for Knee Replacement
- Ralph Klevenow, Continued Healing
- *Pam Dickson, Cataract Surgery
- Lois Orourk, Knee Replacement

For Comfort

- Family of Martin Kruelle, Especially His Mother, Connie Kruelle and Siblings, Mark and Marlene
- Family of Bob and Mari Blum, Neighbors of *Carol Baxter
- Family of Mary Louise Kearby, Mother of *Tim Kearby
- Family of Ronnie McLeod, Uncle of *Sandy Wuori

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
- Prays Family Members Come to God as Their Source of Strength
- Stephen Ministry Program and Prospective Attendees
- Teachers and Students, Coping with Anxiety and Being Overwhelmed
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Restoration Following Flooding
- Resurrection Lutheran School Board, Staff, and Interim Leadership for Work of Call Committee for Principal
- Protection for Jackson Buser as He Leaves Ethiopia Due to Civil Unrest
- Good Food and Peace for Ethiopian Inhabitants
- Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Coalition Build
- Successful Move for *Eve Sommers
- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- Those Seeking Employment

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

*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 11/19/21

Attendance and Giving – November 21, 2021

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, November 13

6:00 pm - 37

Sunday, November 14

8:00 am - 58; 9:30 am - 89; 11:00 am - 62

Total In-Person Worship: 246

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, November 14

8:00 am - 113 views

11:00 am - 40

Total Online Views: 153

General Fund Giving and Spending - October 2021

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 110,697.71	\$ 403,986.20
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 104,294.52</u>	<u>\$ 407,030.33</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 6,403.19	\$ -3,044.13

Last Week's Offerings: \$28,336.91

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$22,443.68

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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