

Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022



Pastor's Corner for January 9-15

What "Remember Your Baptism" Means (Romans 6:1-11)

The first Sunday after the Epiphany is traditionally the day that Christians celebrate the baptism of Jesus. We celebrate Jesus' baptism because it is an opportunity to remember our own baptism— and its significance.

Once upon a time, when I was a seminary student, I had the chance to work part-time as a proofreader for a publisher of religious materials. When looking over proofs for devotional books, I'd constantly run across the phrase, "Remember your baptism!" The apparent overuse of the phrase got me to wondering about its

significance for believers. Of course, “Remembering your baptism” did not mean remembering the time and place of the event, or who the sponsors were, or the name of the pastor who poured the water over me. Many of us who were baptized as babies wouldn’t “remember” any of that anyway! No, “remember your baptism!” was a way of encouraging folks to remember and celebrate THAT they were baptized. It was a way of saying, “Remember not only who you are— that in baptism you died to sin and now live a new life in Jesus Christ. Remember also *whose* you are. Remember the One you belong to. You belong to God! In baptism, God has claimed you. The One who spoke over the Son of God at Jesus’ baptism saying, “This is my beloved Son,” now says over all of us who are baptized into Him and believe His promises, “This is my beloved son. This is my beloved daughter.” That identity as children of God is what now defines us!

“Remember your baptism” can never be a pat phrase. Let’s take a minute this week to reflect on the significance of our baptism. Each day in Christ is a new day. Each new beginning is a new opportunity to live as one who is washed and renewed in Jesus!

Indoor Food-Related Events at RLC on Pause

Please know that if you are planning on an event at RLC that involves food, we ask that you check in with the church office, first. With some exceptions, all indoor events involving food are being put on hold for the month of January and the first part of February. We look forward to resuming coffee and morning treats on Sundays for Fellowship time once COVID conditions improve.

New Church Council Members to Be Installed January 15-16

I invite you to offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for all servant leaders on our Church Council, but especially those who are joining the ranks of the Council as our newest servant leaders for 2022: Mike Hahne, Michael Heffner, Jon Huddle, and Lori Jannings. Together with our present Council members (Michael Haertling, Erika Hulse, Jamie Measmer, Barry Needle, and Lisa Snyder) they will all be recognized in worship services the weekend of January 15-16.

Welcome to Resurrection, Winter 2022 to Be Held January 22

In case you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about growing

in your Christian journey as a member of RLC, we invite you to take in our next “Welcome to Resurrection” event at RLC on Saturday, January 22. Please contact Pastor Alan Shaw (alan.shaw@rlcary.org) for more information.

A blessed new season of Epiphany to one and all!
Pastor Jonathan

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*Prayers
of the Church*

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Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, January 8 and 9. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship. Gifts can also be made by check, ***payable to RLC***, and mailed directly to *Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518*. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.

Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!



**New Sunday Morning
Adult Christian Education Class**



**Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
Starting January 9**

We will be looking at three short letters (books) of the New Testament; Paul's letters to Philemon and to Titus, and Jude's letter to the early Church. Why these three letters? The short answer is, "Why not!" They are somewhat neglected in our reading of Scripture, but they contain some important messages and warnings for us as a Church. Philemon has drawn criticism over the years because of its apparent failure to attack the issue of slavery within Christianity. We will look at this issue as well as a possible explanation of why this letter was included in the New Testament. Jude and Titus contain warnings to the early Church about heresies that were infiltrating the Church; these same heresies we may find still exist today.

Led by Bill Xenakis. No need to register, just join us on Sunday mornings in Room 240, Family Life Center!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study



Mondays, 7:00 pm
January 10-February 14

A New Song: I Have Set My King on Zion will reflect on the time and place of God's fulfillment of the Messiah and wonderful, incredible eternal reign of our Savior-King. This Bible study provides six weeks of stories — faith narratives based on Biblical Psalms, and includes daily individual and weekly group Bible studies, prayers, hymn stanzas, and journaling space. Psalms of the Messiah explores Psalms 2, 20, 21, 45, 72, and 98.

Copies can be purchased through Amazon, Concordia Publishing at cph.org, or ChristianBooks.com. Contact: Jamee Thieme

Wednesday Night Class

Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle 2 raises big questions about Biblical miracles. Introducing the second film in a new two-part series by Patterns of Evidence's award-winning filmmaker, Timothy Mahoney. How could thousands of feet of water be parted at the Red Sea? Or was the sea merely parted by the act of

wind in nature, through a shallow Egyptian lake? Mahoney investigates these locations to see if any have a pattern of evidence matching the Bible.



People of faith will be inspired, and skeptics will have much to think about as Mahoney reveals two decades of documentary research including if divers found the remains of Pharaoh's army on the seafloor. This cinematic journey leads him to inquire... "Do miracles still happen today?" Dive Deeper into this riveting evidence for a deep-sea crossing and its impact on our faith. This small group study includes thought-provoking questions that will help you explore key scenes from the film and why it matters today.

This new Wednesday evening class **began on January 5** and runs for 8 weeks ending on February 23. Meet in Room 151, Family Life Center, from 6:30-7:45 pm. There is no cost, just bring a Bible and study guides will be provided for each class. Mindy Stephani will facilitate this class.



Welcome, **Wyatt Floyd Wozniak**, born on January 3, 2022 (7½ lbs. 20 in.)! Parents are Brian and Samantha Wozniak and proud Great-Grandparents are Paul and Jan Wozniak.

Sanctity of Life

We, Resurrection Lutheran Church, observe the sanctity of life every day. However, January is the month we place more emphasis on it in order to remind ourselves and others of the significance of life. By life we mean all stages of life. We are concerned about poverty, hunger, suicide, euthanasia, abortion; as all these and many others impact our lives and the lives of those around us. Scripture tells us how precious life is and we are instructed to nurture it.

We, as a Church, do many things to promote the sanctity of life, whether it be building bunk beds, providing needed support through the Love Fund, Stephen Ministry, reaching out through Coffeehouse, the Blind Ministry, the Appalachia Service Project, Middle School Mission Ministry, and in so many other ways. Annually we conduct a fundraiser for Gateway Women's Care via a baby bottle campaign. Gateway Women's Care is a local pregnancy resource ministry offering compassion, hope, and non-judgmental help to women and men facing unplanned pregnancy. This free support enables those considering abortion to make informed decisions and to know there are realistic alternatives.

Gateway also offers post abortive care and education for women and men suffering from a past abortion. Many of Gateway's volunteers and staff are post abortive and want to help others in this situation. Gateway is a Christ-centered ministry and shares the Gospel with those clients who want to receive it.

We will share more about what Gateway provides as we get closer to the start date of our baby bottle fundraiser, which will be the weekend of January 22/23.

We are not alone in promoting the Sanctity of Life. Have you heard of the organization, Lutherans for Life? Some might respond, "I've heard of them. They are that anti-abortion group in the church." Others might say, "Sure, I heard of them. Aren't they the group that sells health insurance?" Or someone might respond, "Lutherans for Life? I agree. I think Lutherans should be Lutherans for the rest of their lives."

These are a few of the misconceptions about Lutherans for Life, and these come from fellow Lutherans. So then what is this organization, Lutherans for Life? The best way to describe the organization is through its stated mission:

“The mission of Lutherans for Life is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life. We want to equip Lutherans to be positive life-affirming voices that uphold the truth of the God-given value of human life. We strive to affirm that each human life is created and gifted by God, that each human life is someone for whom Jesus Christ died, and that each human life is someone the Holy Spirit desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him.”

Lutherans for Life does focus its message toward Lutherans as it is an organization within the Lutheran Church (LCMS), but this is a message for all people of all denominations. Our striving to honor the Sanctity of Life is not limited to reaching out only to Lutherans as is evident by the activities with which our Church is involved, but we reach out to all who need our support.

If you would like to become involved or learn more about what we are doing, please feel free to contact Pastor Jonathan, Kathy Rihani, Fran Xenakis, or Bill Xenakis. This brings us to our theme for this year, which is, “God Chose You.” (John 15:16)

Praying for Our Active-Duty Military Members and Their Families

RLC is continuing to make a list of our active-duty military members, including children of RLC members who may not be members. We want to remember them all by name in our regular weekly prayers, especially when they are deployed. If you are a member of our Armed Forces, or if you have children who are on active duty, we ask that you provide the names to our church office at office@rlcary.org or pass on the information to our church volunteer helping maintain the list, [Bill Douglas](#).

Bill is also a member of our ***Veterans Lunch Crew***, who would welcome any active-duty military to their monthly luncheon when you are able. This Small Group meets at 12:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month at O'Charley's, near Wake Med Hospital in Cary. **Next meet-up date is Wednesday, January 12.**

The Coffeehouse

We have decided to cancel the Friday, January 14 Coffeehouse due to so much Covid-19 virus in the community. We hope to be able to have the Friday, February 11 Coffeehouse. Thank you for your prayers for this ministry.

Anyone who would like
to pick up their poinsettia
may do so until January 14.
Then they will be donated.



No Men's Basketball for January 2022.



Interested in playing Pickup
Basketball on Saturday mornings?

Contact Eugene Yamamura
or join the RCB group.

Children and Family Ministry

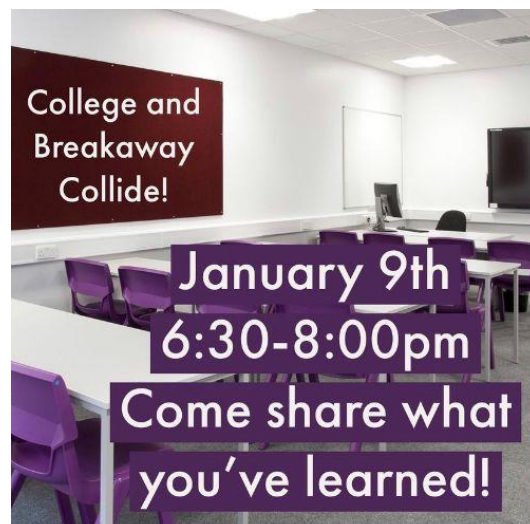
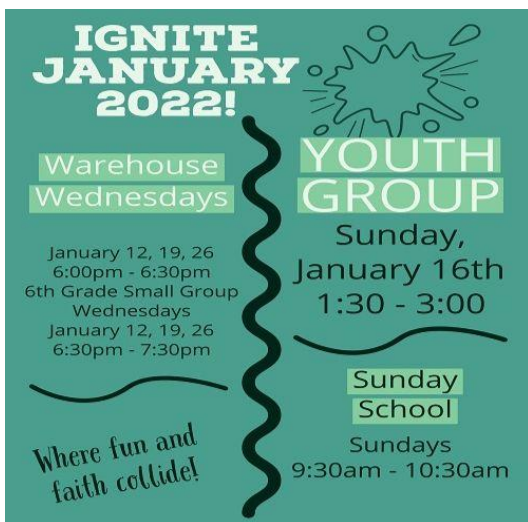


We are starting to plan for **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** in June. We need ideas for crafts, snacks, teaching, music, etc. If you are interested in meeting to help plan for this year, please contact maryann.unger@rlcary.org. Looking forward to bringing back VBS after being hindered by Covid the past couple of years!

K.I.C.K.S (Kids In Christ Keep Shining), **3rd-5th grade Youth Group**, will not meet in January. A date for February's event is yet to be determined. Watch for announcements and emails.

To learn more, rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry.
Contact [MaryAnn Unger](#), Director of Children and Family Ministry, with any questions.

Student Ministry



We still have a couple of spots available for the **Mission Trip**, if anyone is interested. **Open Warehouse** for Middle School will resume on Wednesday, January 12.

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

Our staff is vaccinated and wear masks. We partner with our families to keep everyone Healthy Together.

Openings for this year, 2021-22, are still available. And we have begun registering for next year, 2022-23. There are classes for children, 2-5 years, 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

Learn more about RLS (Junior Kindergarten - 8th Grade) at Resurrection Lutheran School (rlscary.org).

Current RLS Lion's Tale

Camp Agape, Fuquay-Varina

Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina is in need of a new part-time bookkeeper. This is an hourly position, 15-20 hours per week. Non-profit Quickbooks experience preferred. Contact accounts@agapekurebeach.org for more information.

In-Person Services

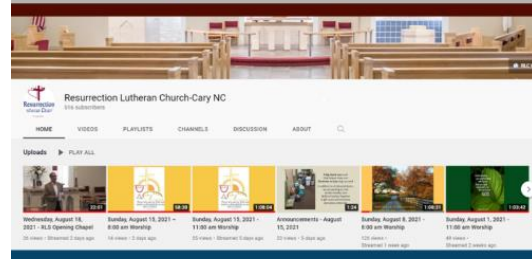


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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 January 9

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – January 9, 2022

*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, *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, *Bill Xenakis, Chris McLaughlin, Linda, Mark Raines, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed, Sue, Kathy

For Expectant Moms

Lija, Kate, Amy, Lynn

Those Prayed for on January 2, 2022

Thanking God Today

- RLC Christmas Worship, Music, and Messages
- Safe Travel and Time with Family
- Tim Jenkins, Making Steps in Recovery
- *John Clark, Home from Mayo Clinic
- *Bob Shimmel's Mother Turning 97 on December 31
- Our Many Blessings
- God's Healing

For Healing

- Those with COVID
- Family Member with Biopsy on December 31
- *Pam Dickson, *Randi Munns, *Bill Boyer
- Mindy's Procedure
- Laurie, Linda, Tim, Bill, Jason, Ashley, Riley, Ken, Donald, Herm, Gavin, Dosie, Eric, Marilyn, Aloha, Jackie

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

- *Sandy Parks

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Joanne Brennan, Friend of *Sharon Hahne
- Family and Friends of Roslyn Roberts, Mother of *Ray Roberts
- Family and Friends of Elaine Bostick, Mother of *Ron Bostick

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- For Work of RLS Call Committee for Principal, Next Steps in Process
- Fernley and Sara Wagner (*Dawn's Parents), Fernley in Hospice Care
- Travel Mercies for All Traveling
- Those Scheduling and Awaiting Results of COVID Tests
- RLS and RLP for Wisdom with COVID Uptick
- Persecuted Christians
- Lutheran Church Uganda

For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, 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
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff, Youth Leaders

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and Megan Mantey, Uganda
[Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!](#)
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
[Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!](#)
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)

*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**

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Attendance and Giving – January 9, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Wednesday, December 22 ~ Outdoor Candlelight Service

6:00 pm - 74

Friday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

3:00 pm - 116; 4:30 pm - 95; 6:00 pm - n/a; 8:00 pm - 203; 10:00 pm - 88

Saturday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 am - 74

Sunday, December 26

9:30 am - 60

Total In-Person Worship (12/20-26): 710

Saturday, January 1

6:00 pm - 26

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am - 42; 9:30 am - 47; 11:00 am - 48

Total In-Person Worship (1/1-2): 163

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Friday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

8:00 pm - 263 views

Sunday, December 26 (No Live Stream)

8:00 am - 0 views 11:00 am - 0 views

Total Online Views (12/24-26): 263 views

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am - 163 views 11:00 am - 58 views

Total Online Views (1/2): 221 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - November 2021

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 115,120.77	\$ 519,106.97
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 100,114.28</u>	<u>\$ 507,144.40</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 15,006.49	\$ 11,962.57

Last Week's Offerings: \$18,100.55

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$23,595.77

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 Vanco Mobile 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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