

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022



Pastor's Corner for January 16-22

New 6-Part Sermon Series: Love Is All You Need (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

Once upon a time I remember reading, in a humorous piece about folks like me coming out of a German Lutheran faith tradition, that you could always tell a Lutheran by the fact that “at evangelistic rallies we only manage to raise our hands about waist high.” There is some truth to that. I’ve seen SOME Lutherans in church raise their hands above their waist and leave them there. Indeed, the practice has good Biblical precedent (see Psalms 134:2). But it’s a fact that, by and large, folks of our own faith tradition are content to stand together in worship with hands at their sides. It’s OK to put your hands up...or not. St. Paul reminds us that not everyone

among the Corinthian Christians was cut out to live out his/her Christian faith in the very same way. The same is true for us. Each person who says “Jesus is Lord” has received the same Holy Spirit (12:3-4). In the Church there are “a variety of activities, but it’s the same God who empowers them all in everyone” (12:6). No matter what spiritual gifts God chooses to distribute among us, no matter even the measure of the spiritual gifts God distributes as God alone sees fit, such gifts are never intended to elevate some over others. There is to be no elite corps within the Church. *God’s gifts are for the common good* (12:7). The love of God for us in Christ Jesus causes us to grow and thrive. Our worship and our work become ways for God to be at work to love the world through each of us— no matter our unique life experiences, talents, or interests.

I invite you to join us at RLC as we begin a six-week sermon series centered on two of our core values: That God “calls and equips us to grow as disciples of Christ” (Core Value 4) and that we “support the home as a key place for nurturing the faith” (Core Value 8). (For the full list, see rlcary.org/about-us/mission-values-and-vision) Entitled, “Love is All We Need,” the message over the next several weeks will be that God has revealed His love for us and all the world through Jesus— and He uses each of us, wherever we might be in our own unique faith journey— to live out that love for others, together.

Let’s give thanks that, though the expression of Christian faith and type of gift we have received from God may be different from someone else’s, the same God is at work through each and every one of us. May God open our eyes to the gifts He gives... and grow us, as He uses us to put those gifts into action.

Winter Weather Notification Reminder

It’s that time of year when I want to remind everyone in our RLC family about how we notify you regarding in-person worship and church activity cancellations. (You will note that when in-person worship is cancelled on any given Sunday, all in-person activities at church are likewise cancelled for that day.) We will post notice of any cancellations and updated information about livestream information as follows:

- A message will be sent out via email to everyone with an updated email address on file at RLC
- The announcement will be put on the RLC homepage (rlcary.org)
- A recorded message announcing closure will be put on the church answering machine (you can check it by dialing [919] 851-7248)
- WRAL will be notified

Please stay in touch and stay safe!

New Adult Sunday School Option Beginning Sunday, January 23

Starting next Sunday, at 9:30 AM, we are pleased to offer a new 5-session class on the fundamentals of the Christian faith, team-led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach. While this is being offered to interested newcomers to our church who are considering church membership, it is open to anyone who might like to review or inquire about what we believe, teach, and confess as Christians. For more information or to register, please reach out to me at jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org.

Church Council 2022 to Be Installed This Weekend

We offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for all servant leaders on our Church Council, but especially for the new faces on the Council 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 be recognized in our worship this weekend. If you see them in worship, please offer up a greeting and word of congratulations!

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.

Sanctity of Human Life Weekend, January 22-23

January is Sanctity of Human Life month, and the weekend of the 22-23 is the time of the month that we take a moment to focus on God's love for all human life, from

the womb to the grave. This year, RLC will once again welcome a representative from Gateway Women's Care and initiate our fundraiser for this worthy organization which will go from January 23 to February 27. Please take this opportunity to learn more about Gateway and consider taking home a baby bottle to support their work with a financial contribution.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan



*Prayers
of the Church*

Worship Bulletins

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All We Need is Love

Do we overuse the word love or do we not use it enough? As Christians, do we grasp the immensity of the love that God has given us and the love that we are called to give to others? Throughout the rest of January and into February, we will be taking a closer look at 1 Corinthians 12-13 and three specific stories from Luke's gospel that will guide us as the Body of Christ in the ways that the love of God unites us as His children, as well as how it sends us into service to one another and to those God has placed around us. God is love. He is a love that is greater than anything that we could ever imagine, and He is the love that makes us one as the Body of Christ for the Mission of Christ to bring love to the world.

January 16 - All We Need Is Love, 1: God at Work in All - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**New Sunday Morning
Adult Christian Education Class**



Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

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

Sanctity of Life

As we pointed out last week, sanctity of life means all stages of life. Scripture tells us how precious life is and that we are to nurture it. Sanctity of life is not only something we remember on Sanctity of Life Sunday or during Sanctity of Life Month (January), it is something that is dear to our hearts every day. However, the traditional focus during the month of January, and in particular January 23, is on the

unborn. We, therefore, at this time, ask the Church, as a whole, to pray for the unborn and for the parents of the unborn.

Prayers are also requested for the upcoming baby bottle fundraiser in support of Gateway Women's Care, which will kick off on January 22. Resurrection Lutheran has annually supported Gateway through a baby bottle fundraiser, among other things. Why do we support Gateway? We'll tell you why:

Gateway Women's Care provides educational, medical, and counseling support services to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy with the goal of saving the lives of the unborn and sharing the love of Christ to those who are lost. Gateway provides the following free and confidential services:

- Pregnancy Testing and Ultrasounds
- Pregnancy Options Counseling and Women's Right to Know Education
- HIV/STD Testing
- Post-Abortion Care
- Medical and Community Referrals
- Childbirth, Infant Care, and Fatherhood Education

We will tell you more next week about Gateway and the baby bottle fundraiser. For now, keep the fundraiser in your prayers, and, above all, keep the unborn and their parents in your prayers.

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.

Remember, "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, February 9.**

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.

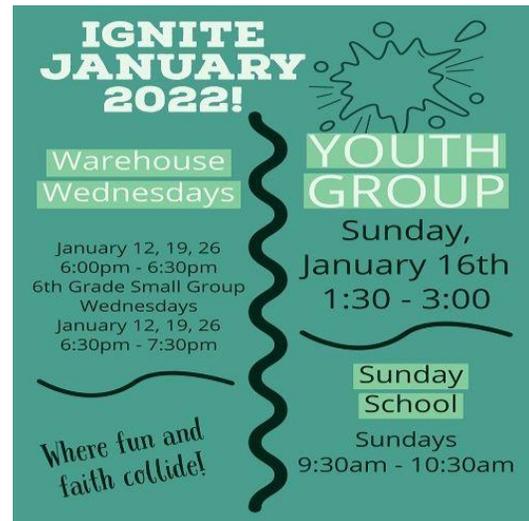
Student Ministry



IGNITE
Youth Group
Sunday, January
16th
1:30pm-3:00pm

*We will play games, do
a service project and
have some fun!*

Watch Group Me for any changes due to weather!



**IGNITE
JANUARY
2022!**

**Warehouse
Wednesdays**

January 12, 19, 26
6:00pm - 6:30pm
6th Grade Small Group
Wednesdays
January 12, 19, 26
6:30pm - 7:30pm

**YOUTH
GROUP**
Sunday,
January 16th
1:30 - 3:00

**Sunday
School**
Sundays
9:30am - 10:30am

*Where fun and
faith collide!*



BREAKAWAY
New Series!
**Connection
Cafe**
9:30am-10:30am

Scripture in stories!
*Come travel with us from
Narnia to the wizarding
world of Harry Potter!*



**Donations gladly
accepted** 😊

**High School and Middle School
Youth Love:**
*Capri Suns
*Candy
*Individually packaged chips

*Need a place for the
extra Halloween Candy?
We will take it!*

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 16

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – January 16, 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

Kate, Amy, Lynn

Please pray for the success of the Gateway Baby Bottle Fundraiser, but more importantly, let us continue praying for the unborn and their parents.

Those Prayed for on January 9, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travel and Time with Family
- Tim Jenkins, Making Steps in Recovery
- Chase's 4th Birthday
- Healing from COVID
- Good Test Results for Eric
- Recovery for Friend from Severe Covid
- Successful Surgery and Continued Healing
- Elliot and Katie Bartelt on Wedding Day
- Mason Hunter Jalowy, Born Tuesday, January 4 to Parents, Blake and Lija Jalowy. Mom and baby are doing well. (*Leister's Nephew and Wife's First Born)

For Healing

- All with COVID

- *Bill Boyer
- Friend with Cancer and Covid
- Marilyn, Timmy, Zack, Luis, Justin, Red, Brian, Tim, Mark, Dave, Keith, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Ann Marie, Skylar, Harold, Donald, Ken, Herman, Gavin, Kevin and Randi, Rochelle, Sam, Bill, James

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

- *Mindy Stephani

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Elaine Bostick, Especially *Ron and *Carol Bostick
- Family and Friends of Doug Stevens, Especially Daughter, Melissa Kirkendall
- Family and Friends of Chuck Murray

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Healthcare Workers Worldwide, Especially Our Members Serving in Area Hospitals
- RLS and RLP Leadership, Staff, and Families
- For Work of Call Committee for Principal, Next Steps in Process
- Richard Johnson, In Hospice
- Families Losing Homes to Wildfires in Colorado
- Mattie Corbett and Family
- Family Member Waiting Biopsy Results
- Connie
- Fernley Wagner (Hospice), Wife Sara, and Their Family (*Dawn's Dad)
- RLC Coffeehouse - Decisions About Reopening in February
- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church

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 & Megan Mantey, Uganda; Shauen & Krista Trump, Kenya; JP & 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.*

Attendance and Giving – January 16, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, January 8

6:00 pm - 35

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am - 57; 9:30 am - 83; 11:00 am - 67

Total In-Person Worship: 242

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am - 166 views 11:00 am - 53 views

Total Online Views: 219 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - December 2021

| | <u>Current Month</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Receipts | \$ 185,588.19 | \$ 704,719.59 |
| <u>Total Disbursements</u> | <u>\$ 124,812.25</u> | <u>\$ 632,328.07</u> |
| Receipts Less Disbursements | \$ 60,775.94 | \$ 72,391.52 |

Last Week's Offerings: \$37,914.28

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$27,104.60

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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