

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022



Pastor's Corner for January 30-February 5

Time & Talent (Epiphany 4) (Luke 4:38-39)

This coming weekend at RLC is Time and Talent weekend... an opportunity to take stock of opportunities to serve and invite God to stretch us a bit as we find new ways to minister to one another and love on the people of our community. In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus' miracle of healing is closely tied to service: "And [Jesus] arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to Him on her behalf. And He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them." I don't know about you, but my default picture of Jesus is rescuing folks FROM stuff: leprosy, a fever, an unclean spirit, or even death itself. What I so often forget is that Jesus the Great Physician also rescued people FOR something. Simon Peter's mother was healed FROM a high fever, yes, but she was healed FOR the joy of serving her family and Jesus. Every Sunday we confess our sins. We know only too well what we've been rescued from. But what have we

been rescued FOR? That answer might look a little different depending on our season of life. As you prayerfully consider the answer to that question again this weekend, may you be led by God to give cheerfully of your time and talent so that others might benefit. That indeed is where true joy is found!

New Community Facilitators for Zones 11, 16, 32, and 33

I'm grateful for our community facilitators who make regular phone calls to check in and ask about prayer requests to people of our congregation— both active families and those we have not had the chance to see in person for a while. Our newest community facilitators are as follows:

- Zone 11 (RLC households in Zip Code 27519, NW Cary) John & Sandy Eckstein, John & Virginia Heilman
- Zone 16 (RLC households in Zip Code 27502, East Apex): Donni Becksford
- Zone 32 (RLC households in Zip Code 27518, Lake Lomond area): Steve Meyer
- Zone 33 (RLC households in Zip Code 27518, East Cary and 27606, West Raleigh): Kathy Rihani

If you receive a phone call, email, or letter from any one of our community facilitators who are holding you and your neighbors in their prayers, please don't hesitate to respond. We are grateful for their service! Once we place 3 more community facilitators all zones of member households will be covered. A directory of community facilitators for all 34 zones will then be published. Please stay tuned!

New Start Date for Winter Edition of "This Is the Church": February 6

Starting February 6, 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.

RLC Nursery Available

The RLC nursery (the next door down the hall from the restrooms) is once again staffed and available each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:45 AM.

Suitcases Needed

RLC missionaries Megan and Mark Mantey have requested three used standard-sized suitcases (i.e., neither oversized nor carry-on) to be donated for carrying Lutheran study Bibles to Uganda for use at the Uganda Lutheran seminary. Please be advised that suitcases donated cannot be returned. They need not be beautiful or in perfect shape, but they do need to have working zippers or clasps intact that are able to make the journey. If you have a bag to donate, please be in touch with the church office (office@rlcary.org).

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan



*Prayers
of the Church*

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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 30 - All We Need Is Love, 3: The Higher Gifts
1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13**

Time and Talent Forms

Please pick up a Time and Talent form with your bulletin this weekend. Once completed, return to the marked bin on the bulletin table. The form can also be accessed here: bit.ly/3IP1bwe. Note, it is too long to print at home. If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities, reach out to the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248) and provide your contact information and the areas interested. All completed forms or responses are due by Sunday, February 13. *Thank you for your time and talent supporting Resurrection Lutheran Church!*



Saturday, January 29

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.



Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, February 2
at 11:30 am

O'Charley's
101 Ashville Avenue, Cary

RSVP
through RCB

**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!

Sanctity of Life

What happened last weekend? We had said that the baby bottle fundraiser in support of Gateway Women's Care was to "kick-off" last weekend. It didn't happen. The inclement weather caused us to postpone the start of the campaign. All four of the speakers, to include a representative from Gateway, who were scheduled to give a Temple Talk at all four Services opted not to tempt the icy conditions of some of the roads. We therefore are looking at the weekend of February 5/6 to launch our fundraiser and distribute the baby bottles at all four Services. More details next week.

I would like to share what I experienced last weekend. Sitting by the warmth of our fireplace, my wife and I watched for several hours the streaming of the March for Life in Washington, DC. We watched as tens of thousands braved the freezing conditions and met and marched in support of the unborn. It brought back memories of when we lived in Maryland and used to attend this event regularly and also Maryland's March for Life in Annapolis. What struck me was the number of young people who took part. It is encouraging to see the youth of our nation taking on such a cause. I was also pleased to see a banner held proudly with the words, "Lutheran Church Missouri Synod." I was pleased to see our Church thus represented.

That was wonderful to watch but the thought, that I came away with, came from one of the speakers. And that thought or message was ADOPTION. Too often, when we think of pregnancy centers in general and Gateway in particular, we focus on the prevention of an abortion. We fail to take into account all the counseling, the education, and support provided to the parents. And this, quite often, can lead to adoption services. This is a very viable option for those mothers and fathers who feel that they just can't take on the responsibility of raising a child. We have personal experience in adoption and know many who have taken on that "gift."

What brought adoption to the forefront of my mind was what one speaker at the rally had to say about some statistics. The presentation reached a point where statistics were presented relevant to Down Syndrome babies in the womb. Parents, in 70% of the cases, chose abortion versus delivering a Down Syndrome baby. This,

despite the fact, that there is a long waiting list to specifically adopt Down Syndrome infants. The point I am trying to make is that if parenting isn't an option for a mother, adoption definitely could be.

Keep in mind this year's theme for Lutherans for Life, "You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." (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](#).

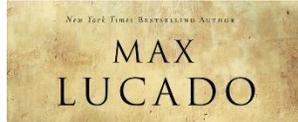
Bill is also a member of our **Veterans Lunch Crew**, who would welcome any active-duty military to their monthly luncheon when you are able. This Small Group meets at 12:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at IHOP, 1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary. **Next meet-up date is Wednesday, February 2 (please note day and location change).**

No Coffeehouse in February

We have decided to cancel the Friday, February 11 Coffeehouse due to so much Covid-19 virus in the community. We hope to be able to have the Friday, March 11 Coffeehouse. Thank you for your prayers for this ministry. Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study: *New Study*

Life Lessons from Acts: Christ's Church in the World (2018) by Max Lucado
February 21-May 23



LIFE LESSONS *from*
ACTS



This updated edition of the popular New Testament series by Max Lucado will offer readers intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, and profound reflections, and will bring God's Word to life for both individuals and small group members. Each session now includes a key passage of Scripture from both the NIV (formerly NCV) and the NKJV, and the guides have been updated to include content from Max's recent releases (2007-2016).

The study book is available from either Amazon or christianbook.com. There is also a Kindle version available through Amazon. Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office to join the group.

Giving Information

2022 Offering Envelopes and 2021 Giving Statements are in your church mailboxes.

Vanco Mobile will replace GivePlus Mobile on January 31. If you use mobile giving, please refer to this [guide](#) to update to Vanco Mobile.

Children and Family Ministry

K.I.C.K.S (Kids In Christ Keep Shining), 3rd-5th grade Youth Group: Next event is **Friday, February 11** from 6:00-7:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Focus will be on *Love* - primarily the love that Jesus has for us. We will have a devotion, play some games, and do a project for Valentine's Day for your family and extras to be given to shut ins and people in the hospital. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP and let me know if you will be attending to maryann.unger@rlcary.org.



We have started to plan for **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** in June. If you are interested in helping with decorations, crafts, snacks, teaching, music, etc., contact maryann.unger@rlcary.org.

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

Student 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

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

In-Person Services

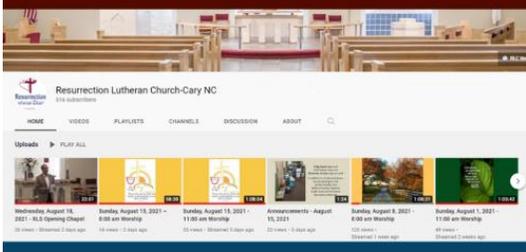


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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 30

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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Prayers of the Church - January 30, 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, Henry Otten, Michael Flannery, *Helen Campbell, *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, 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 23, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Sanctity of Life
- New Babies for Family Members
- *Mindy, Relief for Back Pain
- New Bible Studies and the Joy of More Attendees
- *Linda Crandall, Recovery
- *Pastor Alan's Seminary Week and Safe Return
- Safe Travels
- Family Member, Negative Biopsy Results
- Live Stream Service, Even During Snow/Ice Event
- Our Many Blessings
- Dax, New Grandchild of *Mike and *Roberta

For Healing

- All with COVID
- *Randi Munns
- *Bill Boyer
- *Marty and *Mindy, Knee Pain
- *Becky Berger
- Randi, Justin, Timmy, Red, Brian, Tim, Mark, Dave, Keith, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Ann Marie, Skylar, Josh, Harold, Donald, Herman, Gavin, Ken, Julia, Carl, Connie, Sore and Hurt Back

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

- *Baby Nathaniel Illsley
- *Marilyn Hahne
- *Sam Huddle
- Jim

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Marilyn Leech (*Eunice Shoemaker's Sister)
- Family and Friends of Rochelle Betsch (*Jan Kretzschmar's Niece)
- Family and Friends of Fernley Wagner (*Dawn Leister's Father)

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- RLS and RLP Leadership, Staff, and Families
- For Work of Call Committee for RLS Principal, Next Steps in Process
- Living with Challenges of Life During COVID
- *Pam Dickson
- Richard Johnson, In Hospice
- Families Losing Homes to Wildfires in Colorado
- Mattie Corbett and Family
- Connie
- RLC Coffeehouse, Decisions About Reopening in February
- *Daisy, Waiting for Surgery
- Persecuted Christians
- Lutheran Church of Uganda
- Unborn and Parents of Unborn
- Safe Travels for Jacob
- Students Starting Spring Semester
- Grandson Jackson Back in Ethiopia

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
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff, Youth Leaders

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**

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Attendance and Giving – January 30, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, January 22

6:00 pm - 12

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am - 24; 9:30 am - 50; 11:00 am - 59

Total In-Person Worship: 145

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am - 169 views 11:00 am - 56 views

Total Online Views: 225 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: \$20,171.82

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
(Vanco Mobile will replace GivePlus Mobile on January 31. If you use mobile giving, please refer to this [guide](#) to update to Vanco Mobile.)

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Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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