

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 6, 2022



Pastor's Corner for February 5-11

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend (Epiphany 5, Luke 5:1-11)

Making friends is sometimes not for the faint of heart. Invitations to get together for the first time with work colleagues or folks in the neighborhood can at times be put off or forgotten all together. Being a friend is not always easy, either. It might mean taking the initiative in maintaining contact with folks who get busy with life... or stepping away from a comfortable routine to help someone when help is needed. Perhaps most difficult of all is discerning how to best introduce a friend to the love of God in Christ. Patience, love, and prayers are required! Many of us may have already tried to do so and failed. The effort to try again and again may seem

misguided and fruitless. But the Word of the true Fisherman encourages us: “Go out into the deep and put down your nets for a catch.” Jesus knows our fears. Jesus continues to call us to tasks we think are impossible. And so, the Word of God in us inspires us to make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend... to Christ. Jesus’ Word in us gives us what we need to follow Him!

Please Continue to Submit Those Time and Talent Sheets

Thanks to everyone who picked up a copy of the Time and Talent sheets last Sunday. If you would like to submit your time and talent information, please feel free to bring it by church on any given Sunday, or just bring it directly by the church office during normal office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 AM to 3 PM).

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

Starting this Sunday, 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. We will meet in Room 240, Family Life Center. 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.

Thank You for the Suitcase Donations

Thank you to all of our thoughtful people who either donated or offered to donate a suitcase for the transport of Bibles to Uganda! Missionaries Megan and Mark should be all set.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan


*Prayers
of the Church*

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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.

February 6 - Love Is All We Need, 4: An Unexpected Catch - Luke 5:1-11

Sanctity of Life

This is the weekend that we, as a church, demonstrate our support for the unborn and their parents. This is the ninth year we have conducted a baby bottle fundraiser to support Gateway Women's Care. As you leave each service, you will find a table set up in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby. On the table will be a basket

with empty baby bottles. If you would like to support this fundraiser, please take a bottle home. Talk to friends, family, neighbors and give them an opportunity to take part. Place your donation of coins, bills, or checks in the bottle and return it to the Church. Checks need to be made out to Gateway Women's Care, and, with checks, you can return them in the bottle, place them in the collection plate, or mail them to the Church. We will see that they get to Gateway. In addition to the basket with the bottles, you will see a closed box with a round hole in the top. The box is for the return of the bottles. When you have filled your bottle and are returning it, place it through the hole in the box. The last day for collection of the bottles will be Sunday, February 27.

There will also be someone standing by the tables. We are there in case you might have some questions. In addition, if anyone (men or women) is interested in volunteering at Gateway, come talk to us. Yes, I said, "men or women" as Gateway works also with the fathers.

As we have said before, Sanctity of Life applies to all stages and conditions of life, but, for the month of February, we are concentrating on the unborn and their parents. So, continue to hold up your prayers for the unborn and their parents.

"You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." (John 15:16)



No Coffeehouse

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!

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!*

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education Class



Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

January 9-March 13

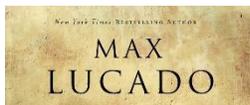
We will be looking at three short letters (books) of the New Testament; Paul's letters to Philemon and to Titus, and Jude's letter to the early Church. Why these three letters? The short answer is, "Why not!" They are somewhat neglected in our reading of Scripture, but they contain some important messages 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.

This week, we will be starting with Titus. No need to register, just join us on Sunday morning in the **Fellowship Hall!**

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

RLC Men's Basketball Pickup

*Currently on hiatus; player needed. Every Saturday morning (except when conflicting church events). All skill levels welcome, 9th Grade-Adult. Please contact [Eugene Yamamura](#) with interest.

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.



Available Resources for Children

Each weekend, there are children's bulletins available in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby. These are great for kids to connect with the service, sermon, etc. And there are calendars available for families to use with their kids. It is a way to encourage daily prayer and to be aware of ways they can support and care for others. Calendars are in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby at the beginning of the month.

Children's Church takes place typically the first Sunday of each month and is about 20 minutes. If you are interested in helping to provide this service, contact me. You can use the children's bulletin as the basis for the lesson, discussions, craft, or activity for that day. I hope you find these resources helpful, and that you might be interested in serving at Children's Church once each month.

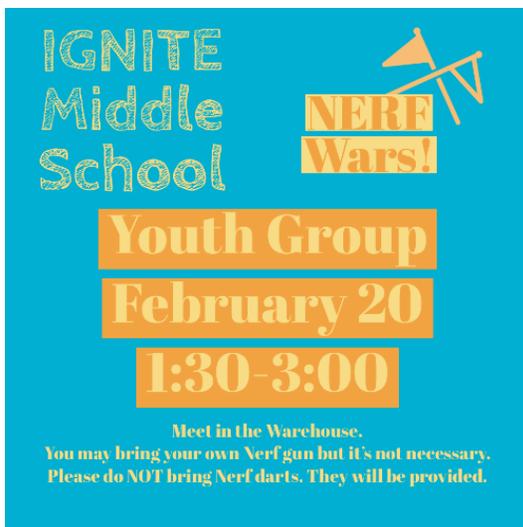
Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School (VBS)!

VBS will be held in-person the week of June 13-17. Early registration will open on March 1 with a discounted cost. More details to come. If you are interested in joining the team in any capacity, please reach out to me.

To learn more, rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry.

Contact [MaryAnn Unger](#), Director of Children and Family Ministry, with 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), 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 February 6

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – February 6, 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, Roseanne Candiello, 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, Molly

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 30, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Sanctity of Life and Baby Bottle Campaign for Gateway Women's Care
- New Babies for Family Members and New Pregnancies
- New Bible Studies and Joy of More Attendees
- Volunteers at Church
- Safe Travels
- Family Visits
- First Responders and Power Company Workers with Snowstorms
- RLP Restoration, Following Flooding
- *Kathy's Good Appointment

For Healing

- All with COVID
- *Randi Munns; *Bill Boyer; *Marty and *Mindy, Right Knee Pain; *Becky Berger
- Julia, Surgery on January 28
- Lucas, Stroke
- Martin, Julia, Barbara, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Dave, Mark, Keith, Anne, Anna, Skylar, Ann Marie, Carol, Carlton, Tim, Ken, Donald, Gavin, Herman, Harold
- Granddaughter Recovering from COVID

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

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

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)
- Family and Friends of James Griffin (RLS Teacher Leigh Carter's Father)

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- All Caregivers, Especially Those Caring for Persons with Dementia and Alzheimer's; Sid, Sophia Caregiver, Steve Meyer, Bonnie Caregiver
- Those Struggling with Mental Health, Isolation, and Loneliness, Especially Those Living Alone or In Long Term Care
- 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 March
- *Daisy, Waiting for Surgery
- Family Whose Truck Fire Made House Uninhabitable
- All of Our Military, Especially Those Deployed or Serving Overseas

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
- 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.*

Attendance and Giving – February 6, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, January 29

6:00 pm - 48

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am - 58; 9:30 am - 86; 11:00 am - 63

Total In-Person Worship: 255

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am - 166 views 11:00 am - 46 views

Total Online Views: 212 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: \$18,369.73

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
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Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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