

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13, 2022



Pastor's Corner for February 13-19

By Streams of Water (Epiphany 6: Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

A few years ago, Juli and I were out in California when an unusually wet February resulted in what is called a “superbloom”: dry and dusty deserts awash in color from sudden burst of wildflower activity. We didn’t see the most spectacular vistas of desert flowers in places like Death Valley, but the usually dry brown hills in the San Joaquin valley where we were at the time sported an array of wildflowers that was beautiful to behold. This picture of how God’s creation delights in the life-giving property of water is used in our appointed Psalm for this week: “Happy are those who... delight in the Law of the Lord... They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that

they do, they prosper.” This Sunday is like a little “Easter.” The life-giving resurrection truth described by St. Paul enables us to enjoy streams of water for our souls... and to prosper. Such life is lived not by wishful thinking but by the foundational Life that God intends for us in Christ Jesus the Lord of Life— wherever we find ourselves! Here is a poem that drives the point home, received from the Southeastern District this past week and written by LCMS Pastor Don Schaeffer:

What separates Christianity from all else
Is its insistence on Christ’s resurrection
It is such a singularly fantastic claim
That it challenges the imagination

Knowing this Paul uses rabbinic logic
To underscore the critical necessity
Of embracing the resurrection truth
As a centering point for our faith

Without this truth, Paul contends,
We are wasting time and breath
Guilty of a wishful thinking that misrepresents God
Leaving us still with a hole in our heart
“But”, Paul finally boldly affirms, “In fact
Christ was raised from the dead”
Making Christianity’s claim not a fairy tale
But a change moment in all of history

When life crashes in on us
Leaving our assumptive dreams crushed
We can find courageous strength leaning
On the certainty of resurrection hope+

Time and Talent Sheets

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted Time and Talent sheets. If you have your form in hand but have been unable to submit yours so far, please feel free to bring it by church on any given Sunday or during normal office hours (Mon-Fri, 9

AM to 3 PM). You may also use the link below to view and print out the form at home in the event that you find it easier to submit the form remotely.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan



*Prayers
of the Church*

Worship Bulletins

[click here](#)

[click here](#)



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 13 - Love Is All We Need, 5: Now, Not Yet - Luke 6:17-26

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. If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities and are unable to drop off the form in person, please 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!

Sanctity of Life

The Lord blessed us with great weather last weekend; the earlier forecast of snow never materialized. Thus, we were able to “kick-off” the baby bottle fundraiser for Gateway. If you didn’t get a bottle yet, not to worry. You can pick one up this weekend. If you have filled your bottle, you do not have to wait until the 27th of February to turn it in; you can turn it in any time before then. In fact, if you filled one bottle, help yourself to a second. The boxes are on the tables for the bottle returns. You will recognize the box as it has a hole in the top. Also, keep in mind, if you are donating by check, the check should be made payable to Gateway Women’s Care. You may return the check in the bottle, or you can place the check in the collection plate, but make sure it is made out to Gateway. Whether you are able to financially support this fundraiser or not, your prayers for the unborn and their parents would be greatly appreciated.

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

**Sunday Morning
Adult Christian Education Class**



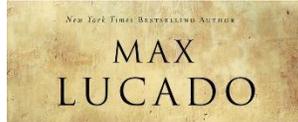
**Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
January 9-March 13**

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.

We are currently looking at 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.

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

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.

Beginning Bibles will be given to young children (toddlers-7 years) during all services, **February 26/27**. They will be handed out and connected to the Children's Message. Any young children that have not yet received one is welcome to come forward for a Bible. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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 any questions.

Student Ministry

IGNITE
Middle School
NERF Wars!
Youth Group
February 20
1:30-3:00

Meet in the Warehouse.
You may bring your own Nerf gun but it's not necessary.
Please do NOT bring Nerf darts. They will be provided.

BREAKAWAY
SPIRIT SUNDAY!
Support your fav team!
2/13 @ 9:30am

Team day! Come to Connection Cafe for donuts and prizes then we will go to the 11:00 service together!

BREAKAWAY Olympics

Where the best come to play and compete...in the spirit of faith!!

FREEZE FRAME
Olympic style

Can you guess our pose?

BREAKAWAY



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



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

Happy 100th Day!

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 13

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – February 13, 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 Kupsky, 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 February 6, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Sanctity of Life Baby Bottle Campaign for Gateway Women's Care
- *Nathaniel Ilsley, Parents *John and *Sarah
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Safe Travels
- Family Visits
- Good Health
- *Randi, Moved to Regular Hospital Room
- Julia, Surgery and Recovery
- Family and Friends
- RLC
- Our Many Blessings
- Jay's 70th

For Healing

- All with COVID
- *Marty and *Mindy, Right Knee Pain
- *Becky Berger
- Turner, Randi, Barbara, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Dave, Keith, Mark, Tim, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Ann Marie, Skylar, Ken, Harold, Donald, Herm, Gavin, Janice, Julie, Gracie, Connie, Ann

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

- *Randi

For Comfort

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

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- All Caregivers, Especially Those Caring for Persons with Dementia & Alzheimer's, Sid, Sophia Caregiver; Steve Meyer, Bonnie Caregiver
- RLS and RLP Leadership, Staff, and Families
- For Work of Call Committee for Principal, Wisdom for Next Steps in Process
- Living with Challenges of Life During COVID
- *Pam Dickson
- Richard Johnson, In Hospice
- Mattie Corbett and Family
- Connie
- RLC Coffeehouse - Decisions About Reopening in March
- *Daisy, Waiting for Surgery, Scheduled for April
- Sara Wagner, *Dawn, and Family As They Mourn
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- Persecuted Christians
- Good Test Results for Niece
- Friends in Belarus with Russia and Ukraine Conflict

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.*

***RLC Members**

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Attendance and Giving – February 13, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, February 5

6:00 pm - 34

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am - 83; 9:30 am - 90; 11:00 am - 77

Total In-Person Worship: 284

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am - 115 views 11:00 am - 31 views

Total Online Views: 146 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - January 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 81,479.30	\$ 786,198.89
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 109,813.35</u>	<u>\$ 736,146.91</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -28,334.05	\$ 50,051.98

Last Week's Offerings: \$20,524.73

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$25,361.25

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 replaced 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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