

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022



Pastor's Corner for March 20-26

Walking in Baptism (Psalm 85:6-7)

When you hear about the need to repent or consider what repentance means more generally what sort of picture comes to mind? A billboard with the message, "Repent for the end is near!"? A fire and brimstone preacher? A message that's for *someone else*? Here's how repentance is defined in the Large Catechism of our church's confession: "What is repentance but an earnest attack on the old man and an entering upon a new life? If you live in repentance, therefore, you are walking in Baptism, which not only announces this new life but also produces, begins, and promotes it" (*Large Catechism* IV.i.75). In other words, repentance is lifelong for *every* baptized child of God. Repentance is not something we do so much as it is something *God* does in us. And the primary part of this repentance is not the good

works repentance produces but contrition (sorrow over our sins) and faith. So “walking in Baptism” means finding renewal from the burden, brokenness, and bondage of sin... renewal that only God can give. It is represented through the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 85: “Will you be angry with us forever [O God]?... Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation” (Psalm 85:5-7).

This Sunday, in the 11 AM service, we once again have the chance to witness the miracle of a child of God being born through water and the Word of Holy Baptism. (Congratulations, Hayden Watson!) Let’s take that opportunity to remember we are all gifted by God to start each day with a repentant heart. Walking in baptism this week, we live as a people revived.

New Members Received Sunday, March 20 (in 9:30 Service)

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of Resurrection Lutheran Church this weekend:

Tom and Gayle Bolling

Larry Cameron and Marina de Moura Torres

Nathan and Erin Hostetter (Wyatt)

Jason and Martha Jennings (Jackson and Max)

Elizabeth Morgan

Gretta Otto

Kyle and Lauren Patton (Ben and Liam)

Oliver Sherouse (Daniel and Henry)

Steve and Stacy Telloni (Andrew, Julia, and Madelyn)

Join us for a brief time of fellowship in the outside breezeway between the office and narthex entrances, as we welcome these newest “members of the RLC family”!

Confirmation Faith Statements This Weekend

Every year, RLC youth enrolled in Confirmation 2 present faith statements as the culmination of a 2-year program of faith formation. As they present their faith statements in worship services this weekend, we offer our congratulations to Hodge Williams (6 PM Saturday, March 19) and Eva Robison (8AM Sunday, March 20)!

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan



*Prayers
of the Church*

Worship Bulletins

[click here](#)

[click here](#)



Jesus' Victory, Our Strength

Jesus' journey (ministry) begins with the temptation in the wilderness. Throughout His entire journey, He always knew He was going to His death. Along the way, Jesus continued to show us the way to be in relationship with Him. Dependability on the protection of the Son, the gift of repentance and reception of forgiveness, the undeserved and unending generosity of the Father, and the finality of the death of our Savior which is for the decimation of our sins. During this Lenten season, we will journey with Jesus to the cross where His victory became our strength.



Sunday, March 20 ~ The Persistently Patient Gardener Luke 13:1-9

Repentance is a gift from God, given to us to then receive His forgiveness. God will always forgive, and He will always be patient with us, working on us to build our relationship with Him. Through repentance, Christ builds our relationship even deeper to produce good fruit.



**COFFEE &
Fellowship**

Join us under the breezeway
on Sunday from 10:30-11:00 am!
Stop by and meet our new members!



Baptized on Sunday, March 20 at 11:00 am is

Hayden Brielle Watson

born February 20, 2020,
son of Jeffrey M. Watson and Corinne N. Watson.

Godparents are Nikki Poe and James Watson.

*May God's blessing be upon
Hayden Brielle
as she grows in her baptismal grace.*



Tom and Gayle Bolling



**Larry Cameron and
Marina de Moura Torres**



**Nathan and Erin Hostetter
Wyatt**



Greta Otto



**Jason and Martha Jennings
Jackson, Max**



Elizabeth Morgan



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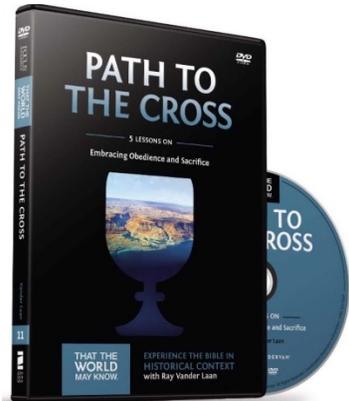
**Steve and Stacy Telloni
Andrew, Julia, Madelyn**

Please welcome these new members to Resurrection Lutheran Church!
Thank you for helping them connect and get to know their RLC Family.

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Ed

This week, March 20, there will be no 9:30 am Adult Christian Ed class.

Path To The Cross - Sundays, 10:45-11:45 am - Beginning March 20



Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will Be Done. God's story continues in this Faith Lessons with Ray Vander Laan with the intense devotion of his people. Discover how their passionate faith prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did – by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Join us beginning March 20 from 10:45-11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, led by Mindy Stephani!

NURTURING YOUR FAITH



Nurturing Your Faith - Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am - Beginning March 27

What has God called you to do? Well, we've been called by God to live out our faith in this world. But what does that look like? This is a question all Christians struggle with throughout our faith lives. How does my faith grow? How do I live out my faith? In this upcoming Bible study, we will take a deeper look at how God continues to work in our lives and encourages us to participate with Him in His gifts. As we have been called by God to live in a relationship with Him, we also follow His guidance in how to live out that faith through forgiveness and prayer, two actions that we see Jesus take part in throughout His ministry.

Join us beginning March 27 from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, for this fun and strengthening study team led by Pastors Jonathan, Zach, and Alan!

Easter Flower Orders Due!

Easter flowers will be used for the Easter services. Choose from 6" Lily (\$15), 6" Hydrangea (\$20), and 8" Azalea (\$25). Order forms are available in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

Orders need to be received by Sunday, March 20. You may email office@rlcary.org or call the church office at 919-851-7248 with your order. Payment can follow.

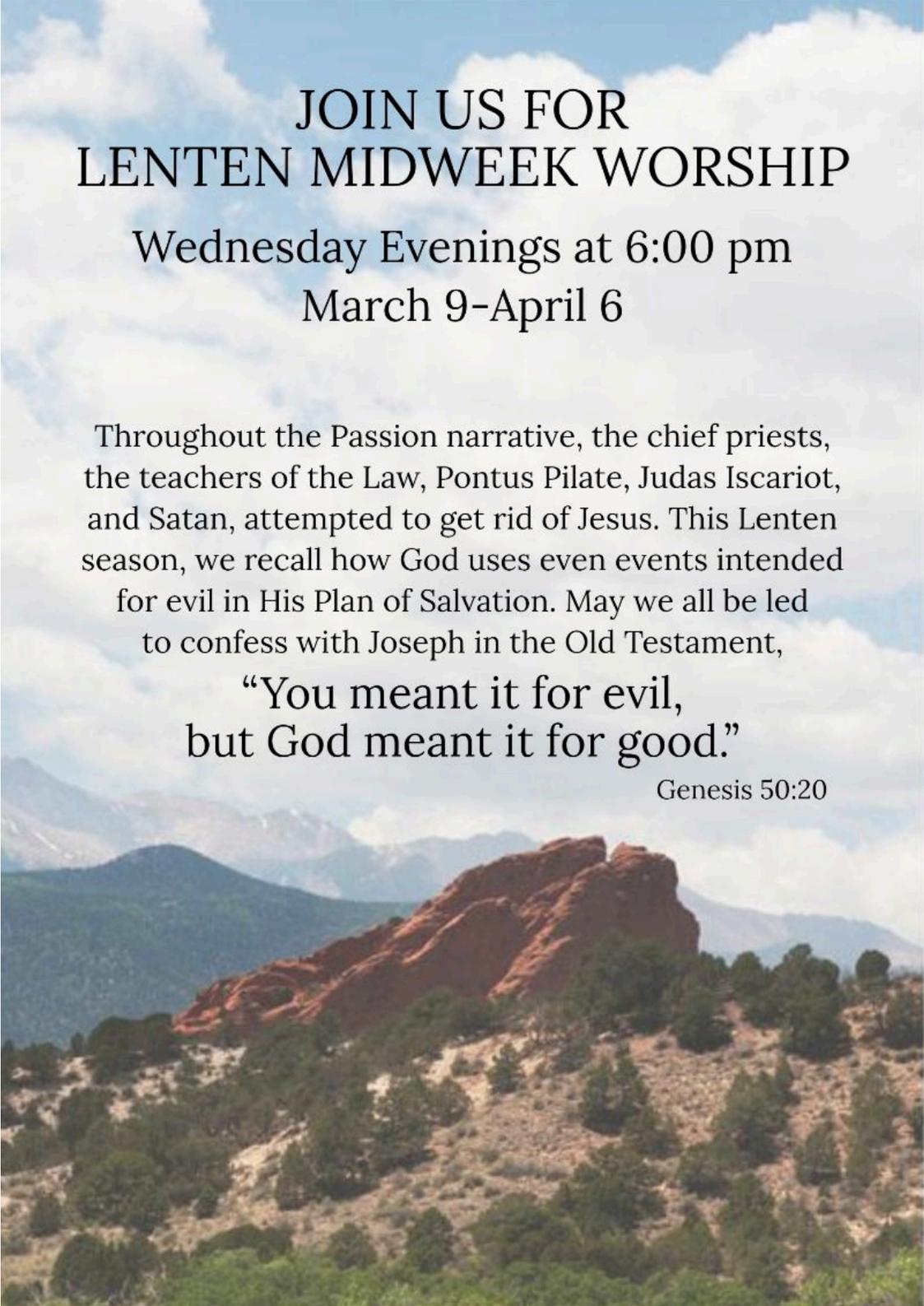
Place forms in Linda Merrill/Office mailbox. Make checks payable to RLC. You may pick up your plants to take home after the last Easter Service on April 17. The plants will be provided by Fairview Garden Center.

Voter's Meeting

Special Congregational Voter's Meeting
April 3, 2022 at 1:00 pm
Family Life Center

Topic:
Resurrection Lutheran School
Middle School Teacher Divine Call

This meeting will be in person only.



JOIN US FOR LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 pm
March 9-April 6

Throughout the Passion narrative, the chief priests, the teachers of the Law, Pontus Pilate, Judas Iscariot, and Satan, attempted to get rid of Jesus. This Lenten season, we recall how God uses even events intended for evil in His Plan of Salvation. May we all be led to confess with Joseph in the Old Testament,

“You meant it for evil,
but God meant it for good.”

Genesis 50:20

Lent Offerings for 2022

Offerings received during the Lenten Midweek Worship Services this year will go to support two entities, Hearts for Jesus and Lutheran World Relief.

Hearts for Jesus provides solar-powered audio devices with the Bible in the native language of the people who receive them. ([hfjresources - World Mission](#))

Contributions to **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)** will give special support to folks in need in Ukraine, providing food, shelter, mission quilts, and kits for families who fled their homes, as well as medicine and supplies for clinics. If you would like to donate directly to LWR before April 25 and take advantage of having your contribution doubled, go directly to lwr.org/match to make your donation. All gifts given at this link will be matched.

Note from LWR: All congregational gifts will be doubled – now up to \$422,000 – for our neighbors suffering in the Ukraine crisis. [Read about how Lutheran World Relief is partnering with a congregation in Krakow](#) to provide necessities and a safe haven for mothers and their children in a renovated church basement. Our staff is on the ground in the regions surrounding Ukraine to ensure that your love is meeting the immediate needs of our neighbors like food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees. Our initial shipment of LWR Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits should be arriving soon. Your generosity is making this all possible.

Please place your offerings in the specially marked offering envelopes or denote "Lenten Offerings" on your check. *Thank you for your generosity in supporting these important charities and ministries!*

Men's Ministry

Mark your calendars for the **Men's Annual Retreat and Service Day on April 1-2, 2022** at Camp Agape, near Fuquay-Varina, NC!

The weekend will start on Friday evening and wrap up on Saturday afternoon. More details will be provided later, but will include meals together, devotions, service projects, and fellowship. Last year's service projects were trail mulching, basketball court striping, and gaga ball pit painting.

Other Men's Ministry Events:

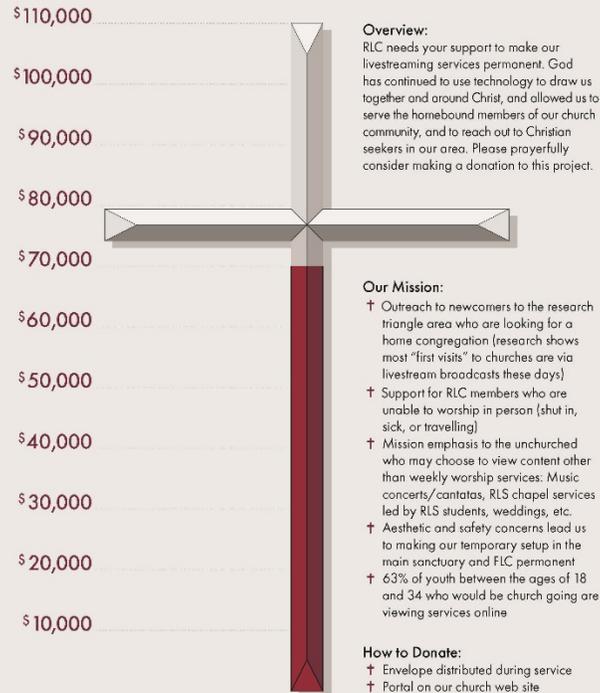
- **Weekly Study and Fellowship**
Mondays from 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center
- **Men with Kids Weekly Study and Fellowship**
Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 246, Family Life Center

If interested or have questions, contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Permanent Camera Installation Fundraiser

For the last two years, RLC has used a temporary system of live streaming that has allowed us to serve the homebound members of our church community, to reach out to newcomers and Christian seekers in our area who are looking for a church home, and to introduce Jesus through music and other activities here to unchurched folks visiting us on [our church's YouTube channel](#). Now, what has been a temporary system, RLC members approved last year to make more permanent! Thanks to your generous support of this project, we have already raised over \$70,000 for a system of permanent cameras and accompanying hardware for the main sanctuary and Family Life Center. We still need \$40,000 to gather the funds necessary to make this plan a reality. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to join us as at RLC in supporting the upgrade to our present live streaming equipment. Please prayerfully consider and use the marked envelope or the [online giving webpage](#) (please indicate live stream) to make a donation to this project.

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH Permanent Camera Installation Fundraiser



THANK YOU!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

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

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.

RLC Men's Softball

Attention Men: Spring is just around the corner. Time to grab your glove and cleats and join your fellow church members in representing RLC in the Town of Cary's Church League. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights late March through June. If you are interested in joining us for some exercise, fun, and fellowship, please see Adam Brake or send an email to mens-softball@rlcary.org. Practices will start the week of March 14. **All sign-ups must be made by March 21.**

Resurrection Lutheran Church

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH
10:00AM - 11:30AM

WE WILL HAVE GAMES, EGG HUNTS, AN EASTER STORY AND TONS OF FUN!

SO HOP ON BY!

*sponsored by RLC Youth Ministry
Contact Ms. Jenny
Jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Camp Agape Spring Golf Outing

(in person and also a virtual option)

Monday, April 25 - 8:30 am Tee Off

Box Lunch on the Course

Format: Captain's Choice at Lochmere Golf Club

Cost: \$90 Single, \$350 Foursome, \$50 Virtual

Raising Funds for Camp Agape Campership Fund

Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Save the Date!



RLC's annual Operation InAsMuch event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 7** from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. After a COVID 'pause', we are excited to continue this annual event where we provide numerous acts of service for our church, community, and country. The event begins with breakfast in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am, and most activities will be completed by noon. There will be many opportunities available for all ages to participate, and nursery care will be provided. Some of the activities will be at RLC and others off site.

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate this event and input on activities. If you would like to help with coordinating this event and/or have a suggestion for a service project or philanthropy to serve, please contact Jan Boyer or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Children and Family Ministry

On **Palm Sunday, April 10**, parents are invited to attend Sunday School with your child. Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 am and end at 10:30 am. We would love for you to come and see what takes place on Sunday mornings!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday, June 13-Friday, June 17
9:00 am-12:00 pm

We are so excited to be meeting in person again for Vacation Bible School this summer! This year, we will go on an epic railway adventure that encounters Jesus' power! Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

All children ages 3 through rising 5th grade are invited to climb aboard for this year's amazing week in God's Word. **Registration is open!** Please use online form at rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school.

*We are in need of a few more adults to help teach the daily VBS lesson. We also could use adults that can oversee and help prepare for the following areas: crafts, games, snacks, story time, music, and other activities as needed. We will have a VBS Training and Preparation Meeting, so everyone feels confident in what is needed. We are also inviting Middle School and High School students to join us in helping with the kids. A great opportunity for them to share their gifts with others. If you can only participate part of the week, we would still appreciate any time you can

provide. Adults that volunteer a minimum of 15 hours will get free enrollment for their children or grandchildren. Thank you for considering how you can serve and be a part of this special event for our children.

To learn more about these programs, rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry. Contact MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at maryann.unger@rlcary.org with any questions.

Student Ministry

Sunday School, it is never too late to start! Jump in at 9:30 am, Middle School in Room 246 and High School's Connection Cafe in The Warehouse.

Breakaway Leadership Team

Did you know we have a youth leadership team? We will be opening up meetings to all interested in joining. It does require an extra Sunday commitment, but we have fun and learn how to lead within our group and in the church. Come on **Sunday, March 20 at 5:15 pm** and help us bring about a change and new branding for our group. You have a voice, why not use it! Food will be provided. All Breakaway members are invited to join! Leadership Team, you should be there.

Reminder, **no Wednesday Warehouse for Middle School** during the season of Lent. There is a midweek service at 6:00 pm, hope to see you there!



National Youth Gathering Calendar Fundraiser

This weekend, our National Youth Gathering youth group will be outside of all services asking for sponsorships or even a free will donation, if you prefer, to support their trip to Houston, Texas for NYG on July 8-14, 2022.

The Gathering is an opportunity for youth, 9th-graduating seniors, to share and express their faith through service opportunities, group activities, Bible studies, concerts, worship services all amongst teenagers from the LCMS from all around the US and world. It really is a once in a lifetime experience that costs a lot. We want as many youth as possible to have this opportunity. You can donate with cash, check, or even electronically if you are already doing that (just earmark it as NYG). We are so thankful for your prayers and support. THANK YOU, RLC FAMILY!

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



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

will be offering summer camps for:

3-year-olds

(children currently attending our 2-yr-old classes are eligible)
(**MUST** be toilet-trained)

to rising kindergarteners

June 6 - 9

June 20 - 23

June 27 - 30

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

Brochures and Registration forms available soon.

email- office@rlpcary.org

call- **919-851-7270**

Resurrection Lutheran School



**Congratulations to the
Girls Soccer Team for their win!**



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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 March 20

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – March 20, 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, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed, Sue, Kathy

For Expectant Moms

Amy, Lynn, Molly

Those Prayed for on March 20, 2022

Thanking God Today

- The Coffeehouse on March 11
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- Pastor Nathan Scheck (and his family), our former vicar at RLC who has accepted a call as Associate Pastor to St. John's Lutheran Church in Seward NE.
- RLP and RLS on Lutheran Schools Week
- Singers Returning to 11:00 am Service
- *Joe and *Sandy Parks
- Our Many Blessings
- New Baby, Elowen Fox Finnegan, born March 12, and parents Brendan and Kate Finnegan (*Rick Moore's Cousin)

For Healing

- *Becky Berger
- *Mindy, Upcoming Back Procedure in March

- Karla Nantz for Successful Surgery
- Randi, Joe, Sandy, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Mark, Dave, Keith, Tim, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, AnnMarie (Hospice), Skylar, Ken, Harold, Donald, Gavin, Jane, Craig

For Those Recovering from Surgeries and/or Procedures

For Comfort

- Family of Micki Clark, Mother of *Sue Kearby
- Family and Friends of Christian Fink, Friend of *Susan Moore

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- People of Ukraine
- For Work of Call Committee for RLS Principal, Interviews with Potential Candidates
- *Randi and Barry Munns
- Mattie Corbett
- Bev, In Nursing Home (*Dawn's Aunt)
- Children in School, Especially Balancing Academics, Activities
- For Young Family with Addiction Problems
- 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
- 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.*

Prayers of the Church – March 20, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Lenten Midweek, March 9

6:00 pm - 73

Saturday, March 12

6:00 pm - 35

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am - 45; 9:30 am - 95; 11:00 am - 178

Total In-Person Worship: 426

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Lenten Midweek, March 9

6:00 pm - 36 views

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am - 128 views 11:00 am - 83 views

Total Online Views: 247 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - February 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 80,143.41	\$ 866,342.30
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 105,043.25</u>	<u>\$ 841,705.56</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -24,899.84	\$ 24,636.74

Last Week's Offerings: \$23,688.65

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$24,752.64

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.)

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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