



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

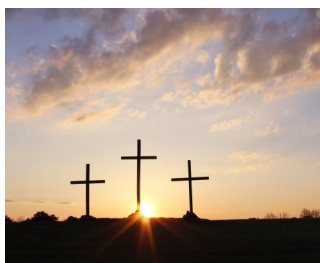
APRIL 2022

From the Pastor

Running the Race to Win

(John 20:19-29; 1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Scars are testimony that the body has vanquished a potential threat. They are worn by survivors and usually imply there’s an important story somewhere to be told. April 2022, containing both Good Friday and Easter Sunday, is all about scars, the ultimate Survivor who wears them, and the story of salvation we gather to share together again this year. The scars in question remain on the resurrected body of One who suffered death by crucifixion. The “Survivor,” though His is



no ordinary survival of a life prolonged, is of course, Jesus! And the story that Jesus’ scars tell is a true story of how the Son of God underwent death itself to win the world’s salvation. He ran the race that we cannot—He lived in perfect obedience to the Father and gave up His life in love for the world—conquering sin, death, and

the Devil once and for all. He ran the race of life to win! Now all who share in that victory by faith in Jesus can one day say, together with St. Paul: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” Easter fuels our desire to run and finish the race. The scars that Jesus bears on His resurrected body demonstrate that all who live and die in Him not only finish that race...but will one day finish and win that contest.

Thanks to your efforts and support of our community in the month of March, RLC has once again been running the race to win, this year!

Worship Schedule

Saturday

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday

8:00 am in the Sanctuary*

9:30 am in the Sanctuary

11:00 am

Praise Worship
in the Family Life Center*

*Live Stream

Dates of Interest:

- Men’s Retreat Apr 1-2
- Voter’s Meeting Apr 3
- Youth Seder Meal Apr 6
- The Coffeehouse Apr 8
- Easter Egg Hunt Apr 9
- Palm Sunday Apr 10
- Maundy Thursday Apr 14
- Good Friday Apr 15
- Easter Apr 17
- Blind Ministry Apr 22
- RMS Recitals Apr 23-24
- Confirmation Banquet . . Apr 27

Sunday Adult Ed

Nurturing Your Faith

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 Bible study, we 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 in the Fellowship Hall, at 9:30 am from March 27-May 22, for this fun and strengthening study team led by Pastors Jonathan, Zach, and Alan!

The Path To The Cross

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 from 10:45-11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, led by Mindy Stephani.

In addition to our regular offerings, we've been able to raise money for...

- RLC youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston;
- Lutheran World Relief efforts underway in Eastern Europe to house Ukrainian refugees;
- A portion of our permanent camera installation fund. We are still in need of monies that will allow us to live stream our worship service and other church activities over the long haul.

Thank you so much for generous support!

April 2022 at Resurrection Lutheran Church sees us returning to several beloved traditions that had been on hold, due to COVID.

- RLC youth celebrating their First Communion will take part in an in-person Christian Seder on April 6, prior to their first reception of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday (April 14).
- Food and Fellowship for the Blind resumes monthly activity on April 22.
- Finally, at the end of the month, our congregation's confirmands and their families will gather again for a banquet on April 27, prior to their Confirmation Rite on May 1.

I can't tell you how grateful I am for all of the volunteers who make these events possible. Though for some of us these events might be new, it is so much fun for many of us to get back into a more familiar routine.

In April, Pastor Zach and I will also begin a new sermon series on the book of Revelation entitled "A New Song to Sing." Revelation is often misunderstood and misinterpreted. It is sometimes seen merely as a book containing storm clouds that portend "End Time" events. The reality is different. In fact, the word "Revelation" in its original usage has to do with pulling away a curtain and seeing things as they are...TRULY are...not just some day in the future, but right now. And the picture we get when we look at what Revelation is a picture of the people of God "running the race" as St. Paul did, striving to give faithful witness to Life while living in a world that often does not make that race easy...even when life leaves us a little scarred and battered.

A Nike commercial from several years back depicts athletes with the scars of various injuries. A surfer bearing the marks of a shark bite. A hockey player with a front tooth missing when he smiles. A boxer with cauliflower ears. Each athlete appears to the tune of Joe Cocker's "You Are So Beautiful...to Me," a montage that finishes with the Nike swoosh. No explanation is given. The implied message is that all of these folks are survivors...they continue to engage in their individual sports despite very real challenges. Our resurrected Lord Jesus, who bears the mortal wounds of the cross, now lives! He ran the race and won it, for us. Together with the saints in heaven we praise our God in our words and actions. Because of all that Jesus did to win the race, we run the race confident in the victor's crown that awaits each of us, too.

Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed!
Pastor Jonathan



Holy Week Observances and Easter Sunday Celebration

Palm Sunday | April 9 & 10

- 6:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion on Saturday
- 8:00, 9:30 am Sanctuary Festival Worship
with Holy Communion on Sunday
Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells,
and Brass Ensemble
- 11:00 am Praise & Worship with Holy Communion
on Sunday, Led by Reign!

Maundy Thursday | April 14

- 4:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
- 7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
(First Communion for 5th Grade Students)

Good Friday | April 15

- 12:00 pm Worship
(Preceded and Followed by Soup and Salad Lunch)
Musical Offerings by Cantus Christe Quartet
- 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service, A Service of Darkness
Led by Sanctuary Choir, Soloists, and
Chamber Ensemble

Easter Sunday | April 17

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service Begins in Prayer Garden,
Processes to Sanctuary, Led by Celebration Singers
- 8:00, 9:30 am Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship
with Holy Communion
Music Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells,
and Brass Ensemble
- 11:00 am Praise & Worship with Holy Communion
Led by Reign!

Bible Study Opportunities

Nurturing the Faith

Weekly on Sundays
9:30-10:30 am
March 27-May 22
Fellowship Hall
Led by Pastors Jonathan,
Zach, and Alan

Path To The Cross

Weekly on Sundays
10:45-11:45 am
Beginning March 20
Fellowship Hall
Led by Mindy Stephani

Men's Ministry Study and Fellowship

Weekly on Mondays
7:00-8:15 pm, Ongoing
Room 240, Family Life Center
Led by Tom Gebbia

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Weekly on Mondays
7:00-8:00 pm
Room 151, Family Life Center
(Starting April 25)
and Online via Zoom
February 21-May 23
Life Lessons from Acts
Led by Jamee Thieme
and Sharon Hahne

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Weekly on Tuesdays
10:30-11:30 am, Ongoing
Fellowship Hall and
Online via Zoom
Led by Pastors
Jonathan and Zach

Men with Kids

Weekly on Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 pm, Ongoing
Room 247, Family Life Center
Led by Tom Gebbia

Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Elaine Wood:

For Gifts and Memorials

Marshall and Lisa Rosa



Council questions or comments can be directed to the following:

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Church Council — March 2022

Monthly Report to Congregation of Highlights from March Meetings

- **RECOGNIZING CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE TO RLC MINISTRIES**

By grace through faith in Christ we reach out to all with His love and build each other up for service.

- ◇ Lynne Stevenson was recognized for her work with “Mealshare”.
- ◇ The council recognized the volunteers who have helped with Coffeehouse.
- ◇ Kim Simpson was recognized for her work with the coffee cart in between services.
- ◇ Garrett Nigg was recognized for all of the things he does to keep the church facilities running smoothly.
- ◇ Mike Haertling was recognized for playing the organ in Saturday services.
- ◇ Thanks was given to the Brass Band for their participation in service the weekend of March 6th.

- **TREASURER REPORT - RLC FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET**

Note that the monthly RLC Financial Report and Budget are available in the “Entire Church” group of RCB under the Files tab and a summary is also included in the Weekly Announcements.

- **OPERATIONS REPORT**

- ◇ Endowment Request for next session of Pastor Alan Shaw’s SMP Study approved

- **SENIOR PASTOR REPORT**

- ◇ COVID masking policy reviewed. We have moved to a “mask optional” policy again.
- ◇ The Call process for a new RLS Principal has stalled. Two of the three candidates have taken other calls and the other primary candidate has removed themselves from the process.

- **PRESIDENT REPORT**

- ◇ Special Topic for March 8, 2022 Church Council -
The General Resurrection Endowment Fund
 - * Why? ... What? ... How? ... Relationship to Capital Fund Programs
 - * Presentation - Bob Williams, Chairman of Endowment Fund Committee
 - * The Council recognized the need for an education session with the Congregation to explain how the endowment fund works and how donations can be made. Bob agreed to do this.
- ◇ The Call Committee and Resurrection Lutheran School Board of Education has recommended two candidates for a new Middle School Teacher to be considered for a Divine Call.
- ◇ On March 18th, the Council voted to schedule a Special Voter’s Meeting (April 3rd at 12:30 pm in the Family Life Center) to approve offering the Call.

In Worship

Sermon Series

Singing a New Song

No, this is not a recruitment for more musicians at RLC (though if you are musical, contact Bob Unger or Chris Reed). This is our new sermon series for the season of Easter, starting April 24. Christ is risen! And that is reason to “sing praises” to God in all that we do!

The book of Revelation gives us a glimpse of the heavenly Kingdom where all believers will sing a new song of praise to the risen Lamb, Jesus. As people of the heavenly Kingdom dwelling here below, we have the new song now. So we sing! But it is not just the vocal singing in worship, it is the way we live our lives for our risen King as we live out our worship of Him every day.

Men’s Ministry

Current Events

Weekly Study and Fellowship

Join us on Mondays from 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240 of the Family Life Center!

The weekly series opens with fellowship, a brief faith-based video relevant to men's issues, followed by small table discussion, all designed to strengthen the men's community and their relationship with Jesus. Men are invited to join any or all weeks as their schedule permits. Friends and neighbors welcome.

Men with Kids Weekly Study and Fellowship

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 246 of the Family Life Center!

Primarily for men with kids attending Wednesday Night Workshop (Confirmation) gather to strengthen their men's community. Join us for fellowship, video study, and small group discussion. Come understand the man God is calling you to be. Please attend when your schedule allows.

Men's Monthly Breakfasts

Join us at 8:00 am for breakfast, fellowship, song, and message. Great way to start your Saturday! All men are invited. Check the weekly announcements for our next gathering date.

Annual Retreat and Service Day

April 1-2, 2022 at Camp Agape, near Fuquay-Varina, NC!

Highlights include Friday night potluck, cookout, and fellowship, podcast from 1517.org study with discussion, Lutheran Hour Ministries Workshop (*Eager Conversationalists*), devotion at the river with Pastor Alan, and service project rebuilding the pedestrian walkway bridge to the Lodge.

Questions regarding Men’s Ministry can be directed to Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Happy Anniversary!

April 8

Keith and Yvonne Braswell
66 years

April 17

Bill and Barbara Werner
40 years

April 25

Mark and Kim Otten
30 years

April 28

Jeff and Cheryl Fike
10 years

Fellowship Committee

April Calendar

Join us for Coffee & Fellowship on April 3, 10, and 24!

April 3 at 10:30 am — In Front of the Family Life Center

April 10 at 9:00 am — Under the Breezeway (Weather Permitting)

April 17 — Happy Easter!

April 24 at 9:00 am — Under the Breezeway (Weather Permitting)

Good Friday Soup & Salad Luncheon on April 15

Come out for the best homemade soups! Lunch will be served at 11:30 am and again after the Noon worship service. The Fellowship Committee will provide salad, bread, cookies, and drinks.

We need pots of soup donated! Contact [Carol Bostick](#), [Kim Simpson](#), or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248), if you are able to provide a pot.

Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

It's time for us to have our April luncheon! It will be on **Wednesday, April 6** at 11:30 am at O'Charley's (101 Ashville Avenue, Cary). All are welcome.

Please RSVP to [Mindy Stephani](#) no later than Sunday evening at 8:00 pm.

Outreach Service to the Community

Food & Fellowship for the Blind

We are excited to be planning to restart our Blind Ministry dinners on **Friday, April 22!**

There is a need for drivers. If interested or would like more information, contact [Annette Langefeld-Kennedy](#) or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).



Outreach Service to the Community

Operation InAsMuch

Resurrection Lutheran Church's annual Operation InAsMuch event will be **Saturday, May 7** from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. After a COVID 'pause', we are excited to continue this 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.

Sign Up: signup.com/go/ibcUDaK

Questions? Contact [Jan Boyer](#) or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Fellowship

Ice Cream Social

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
on Saturday, April 9th
at the Apex Villages Clubhouse
(1095 Ambergate Station, Apex NC 27502)
From 2:00-4:00 pm

Come and have a bowl of free ice cream
and get to know your neighbors!

Sponsored by Residents of Apex Villages



Military Event

Garner to Host The Wall That Heals in 2022

Garner again has been selected to host The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter-size reproduction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Wall is slated to be installed temporarily near the Garner Veterans Memorial at Lake Benson Park from **March 31-April 3, 2022**.

The Wall That Heals' visit to Garner is being sponsored by Show N Tell Ministries—led by Garner resident Tim Stevens—and by the Town of Garner. A mobile educational center will accompany The Wall That Heals.

[Watch an educational video about The Wall That Heals!](#) For more information, garnernc.gov.

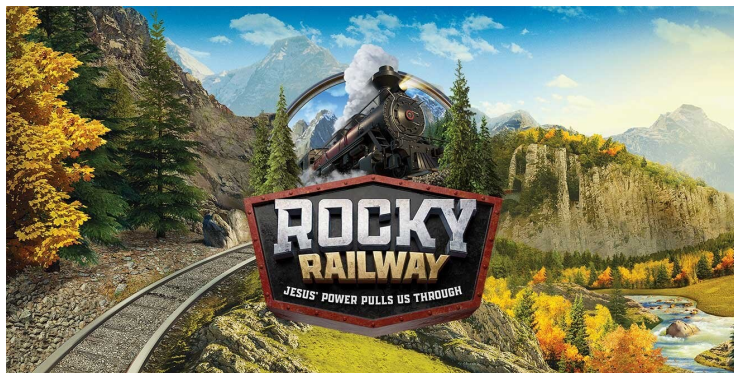
Children and Family Ministry

Join us for

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. VBS Station Leaders are working hard to prepare for Rocky Railway. This one week could make a huge difference in a kid's life!

All children ages 3 through rising 5th grade are invited to climb aboard for this year's amazing week in God's Word. Mountains of fun awaits us all as we experience God's goodness together.

Registration is open! Please use online form at rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school.

Cost is \$7 per child (March 1-31), \$8 per child (April 1-May 31), \$10 per child (June 1-13) with a maximum of \$25 per family. Families that volunteer for a minimum of 10 hours will have registration fee reimbursed.

Payments can be made in person to Church Office, mail to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Attn: VBS, 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518, or through [Mobile Giving](#) (under Other, indicate VBS).

Questions? Contact MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at maryann.unger@rlcary.org.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Birthday

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates its birthday on **April 26**. Initial members, which included 12 pastors representing 14 congregations from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, New York and Ohio, signed the church body's constitution on April 26, 1847, at First Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois. Originally named The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States, the name was shortened to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1947 on the occasion of our 100th anniversary. The roots of the LCMS run deep, tracing back to Saxon and other German immigrants establishing a new church body in America, seeking the freedom to practice and follow confessional Lutheranism.

Learn more about the [LCMS' birthday](#).



National Youth Gathering and April Events



Houston Bound



23 youth and 6 adult leaders from RLC will be traveling to Houston, Texas this summer to participate in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod sponsored National Youth Gathering. We lovingly call this trip, NYG! You may have heard or seen a thing or two in the announcements. This trip is a combination of mass worship events, classes (like Defending Christianity with Science, Peer Leading, Managing Stress and Anxiety, Skit Guys, and multiple Bible studies), playing in the Game Zone (think human bowling), playing in the park, Food Truck rodeos, local service efforts and projects, local experiences, and so much more. This is an amazing opportunity to really connect with God and his people. There is nothing more inspiring than seeing 20,000 youth worshipping and praising God together, a true and precious community in Christ that is life changing.

We THANK YOU for your support. Through your support of our calendar fundraiser, we were able to raise \$2,100! AMAZING! Praise God! We thank you for your prayers, your generous financial support and sponsorship, and sharing your stories and impact NYG's have had on you or your children. We are so excited to represent RLC in Houston this July!

Ignite — Middle School

- April 3** 9:30 am - Sunday School
- April 9** 9:00 am-12:00 pm - **Service Project**
Easter Egg Hunt
12:00-1:00 pm - Pizza in Warehouse
- April 10** 9:30 am - Sunday School
- April 17** No Sunday School
- April 20** 6:00-6:30 pm - **Last One!**
Warehouse Wednesday
- April 24** 9:30 am - Sunday School
1:30-3:00 pm - **Youth Group**
- April 27** 6:00 pm - Confirmation Banquet

Breakaway — High School

- April 3** 9:30 am - Connection Café
6:30-8:00 pm - Breakaway
- April 9** 9:00 am-12:00 pm - **Service Project**
Easter Egg Hunt
12:00-1:00 pm - Pizza in Warehouse
- April 10** 9:30 am - Connection Café
- April 17** No Connection Café or Breakaway
- April 24** 9:30 am - Connection Café
6:30-8:00 pm - NYG
(No Breakaway)

Contact [Jenny Piontek](#), Youth Director,
for more information regarding
Ignite (Middle School) and
Breakaway (High School) Youth Groups.





**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

rlpcary.org

919-851-7270



at **RLP**

Camps for 3-year-olds (must be potty trained) to Rising Kindergarteners

June 6-9, June 20-23, June 27-30

Each camp will run Monday-Thursday from 9:15 am- 12:30 pm each day.

Campers will enjoy a fun-filled morning with process art, crafts, stories, games, and playground time! Drive up Drop-Off/Pick-Up offered for all children.

Registration is open to RLP families, RLC church members, as well as your friends and neighbors. Invite them to join us!

Cost per weekly camp session is \$130.00 per child (non-refundable).

Registration is processed on a first come basis. You will need a completed registration form and payment to secure a spot. Camps are led by 2 teachers per session with ratio of 14:2.

If you are interested, please contact the preschool office to receive your forms and make payment.

office@rlpcary.org

919-851-7270

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2022-23

+ Classes for children 2-years-old thru 5-years-old +

Openings are available in our 5-year-old (including transitional-kindergarten), 4-year-old, 3-year-old, and 2-year-old classes; however, some classes are filling quickly.

*Our program provides a balance of academic and social opportunities by means of our 'learning through play' philosophy in a loving **Christian** atmosphere.*



For an average of \$23 a day:

- ... developmentally age-appropriate, hands-on, child-centered experiences
- ... balance of social/academic opportunities
- ... a Co-Teaching Team develops a 'learning through play' environment
- ... experienced, committed, nurturing staff
- ... averaging over 10 years of staffing stability
- ... weekly Chapel & Music for all; Science for 4's & T-K
- ... we partner with families to provide the finest program for children
- ... a loving Christian atmosphere

Class openings are currently available (2021-22 preschool year):

in our **transitional-kindergarten** (young 5-year-old), **4-year-old**, **3-year-old**, and **2-year-old** classes.

Email or call to **ENROLL** or schedule an individual **Tour**.

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SCHOOL BOARD

The RLS School Board is seeking three candidates to serve on the school board. There is a need for one board member to be an expert in finance, but no “education” experience is necessary, just a heart to serve. Come be a part of providing a Christ-centered, challenging academic experience for the students at Resurrection Lutheran School!

If interested, please contact Bee Persson (beepersson@rlscary.org) or Neil Porter (neilporter@rlscary.org).

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-2023

Our admissions team is now processing applications for all grades as we fill remaining seats at all grade levels. We anticipate steady enrollment in the coming months and look forward to welcoming many new families.

If you have not yet submitted your Enrollment Agreement with deposit, please do so by the due date stated on your agreement to ensure that you have a spot. Many classes are approaching capacity.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 7** Third Grade Field Trip
- April 11-18** Spring Break (Easter)
- April 21** School Board Meeting
- April 26** Spirit Day
- April 26-28** IOWA Testing (Grades 2-8)



Resurrection Lutheran School

Robert Unger
Interim Principal

Rosie Creasy
Director of Admissions/
School Growth

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Let Your Light Shine

You are the Light of the World...
Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good
works and give glory to your
Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14a, 16b

Mission: Resurrection Lutheran School is committed to educating generations of children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Because of this commitment, we will provide a Lutheran educational experience that is Christ-centered, as well as academically focused for children in junior kindergarten through eighth grade.



Hands on History at RLS!

Camp Flintlock

campflintlock.com





LIVE STREAM

Join us online for worship live
Sundays at 8:00 am and 11:00 am!

Connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC

or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Missed the live service?

Watch the worship services
on our YouTube channel at any time.



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Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke, Senior Pastor
Rev. Zachery Sarrault, Associate Pastor
Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to our congregation.
Here are the different ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate as you exit the worship service
- Mail to 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
- Online through our church website at rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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