

MAY 2022

From the Pastor

Christ is risen!

Wouldn't it be great if every Sunday was Easter Sunday? All the songs, the flowers, the suits and dress, the Bible stories filled with surprise and hope, the pews filled, and the good food waiting at home after the service! Doesn't that sound perfect? But are we sure every Sunday isn't an Easter Sunday? In fact, every Sunday we do celebrate our risen Savior! We may not celebrate the same way every Sunday, but every time we walk into the sanctuary our Lord is alive and the grave is empty and that means that we too are living, forgiven people of God!

Easter never stops and that means that every day of our lives is another Easter Sunday as well. It doesn't matter what day of the week, Monday-Friday is a little Easter celebration, because Jesus' resurrection doesn't just change the way we worship, it changes the way we live. We are the resurrected people of God. Our whole identity has changed because of the resurrection of Jesus.

There are certain things in our lives that change the way we live. Sometimes it's a new pet, a new house, a new baby (or all three in one 12 month span...), a new hobby, a new car, a new whatever can change the way we live in ways that we never imagined. All of a sudden you find yourself completely immersed in the newness of that activity, possession, or family member. Whether you were ready for it or not, that new "thing" will find its way into every part of your life, even changing something as simple as your bedtime routine or commute to work. All of a sudden, it isn't just the "thing" that is new, you find that your whole life is now new!

That's what the resurrection does for our lives! The resurrection never gets old, it's always new! It can't get old because the dead are not supposed to come back to life, it is so unexpected, so marvelous, so

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:

Confirmation SundayMay 1
Operation InAsMuchMay 7
Brass BonanzaMay 13
Welcome to RLCMay 14
RLC's 44th AnniversaryMay 21
Last Sunday SchoolMay 22
RLP Last DayMay 23/24
RLS Fine Arts FestivalMay 24
Armed Forces SundayMay 29
Memorial Day May 30

Sunday Adult Ed

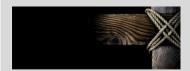
Nurturing Your Faith

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!







extraordinary that it is new every day of our lives. If such great news is always new, then it will certainly change the way we live. It can change everything from the way we interact with our family to even the mundane actions like our bedtime routine or commute to work. All of it is oriented around the resurrection of our Lord.

The church is the place where God helps us practice this new resurrection life. The reading of His Word, confessing sins and receiving forgiveness, and even the sharing of the peace are examples for what we are to do every day of our lives. There are even a variety of service opportunities that are always needed in worship that help us live out the new resurrection life. We can sing the new resurrection song through being an usher, greeter, or lector, helping set up chairs in the Family Life Center, or setting up communion with the altar care team. If Sunday morning service isn't where God is calling you to sing, we have OperationInAsMuch on May 7 with a whole variety of areas of service. Vacation Bible School (June 13-17) is another great place to sing the new song of the resurrection.

No matter where God is calling you to sing the new song of the resurrection, we find our hope in the resurrection of Jesus that is now our resurrection. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Your brother in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

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.



Spiritual Milestones

First Communion

First Communicants 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Baptism</u>
Ethan Archer Douglas	May 8, 2011
Charlotte Frisbie	December 18, 2011
Wyatt James Hostetter	August 22, 2010
Eloise Jane Verburgt	August 21, 2011
Zachary Patrick Zadow	August 28, 2011

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Seder Meal - April 6, 2022



Thank you to all who attended and helped with this event!

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

Men's Ministry Study and Fellowship

Weekly on Mondays 7:00-8:15 pm 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
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 Last Class on May 24 Fellowship Hall and Online via Zoom Led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach

Men with Kids

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

Men's Ministry

Current Events

Weekly Study and Fellowship

Join us on Mondays from 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 246 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. We are currently covering *The Chosen*, led by Ron Bostick.

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!

This group is primarily for men with kids who gather to strengthen their men's community. Join for fellowship, video study, and small group discussion. Come understand the man God is calling you to be. Please attend when your schedule allows. Our current study is Mark 3:7-4:34.

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.

Operation InAsMuch

We are preparing breakfast for the Operation InAsMuch event on **Saturday, May 7**. Please consider joining the day of service and/or helping us prepare breakfast. Contact Tom Gebbia, if you have an interest or question.

Annual Retreat and Service Day

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

Highlights included Friday night potluck/cookout, fellowship, study with discussion, Lutheran Hour Ministries Workshop, devotion at the river with Pastor Alan, and service project rebuilding the pedestrian walkway bridge to the Lodge.

Mark you calendar for next year's retreat on April 14-16, 2023!











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

Outreach Service to the Community

Food & Fellowship for the Blind

Thank you to all the volunteers who served at our first dinner in two years on Friday, April 22. You are all very much appreciated!

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

Outreach Service to the Community

Operation InAsMuch

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 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.



Military News

Armed Forces Day

God, we honor and praise you as our Creator and Savior through you we ask praise and honor bestowed on all those who serve to protect and defend us. As a Sovereign Father in your power watch over those who serve in our armed forces, today and of past, and provide protecting oversight for their families with Your strength and comfort.

In the month of May, we recognize Armed Forces Day, May 29, to remind us that our freedom rest on the works of those who willingly give of their time, talents, and self to serve in the military. Having Armed Forces Sunday in May comes as no coincidence with the celebratory day of Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day to remember those who perished in battle. Whereas, Veteran's Day, in November, is a day to honor those, living and passed, who were members of the military. Today, the military comprises of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force.

At Resurrection, the Veterans meet for lunch at the Cary IHOP (1301 Kildaire Farm Road) from 1200-1300 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. You can find our group in RCB as the Veterans' Lunch Crew. We look forward to reading your notes, send us an email if you want to know more about the Armed Forces, being a Veteran, or want to meet us for lunch.

Happy Anniversary!

May 3

Chuck and Anne Heard 25 years

May 8

Leo and Char Magiera 57 years

May 9

Ron and Cori Elmer 30 years

May 10

Lewis and Sandy Wuori 25 years

May 11

Clinton and Patricia Peterson 54 years

May 18

Don and Bernice Sonstroem 59 years

May 29

Roger and Glenda Bushee 40 years

Don and Sara Kirkendall 40 years

Mark and Barb Storum 25 years

We're back! It's the Seventh Annual (except for 2020 & 2021)

BRASS BONANZA

featuring

Amici Brass
A Touch of Brass & Rhythm
Old North State Brass Band
The Trombone Continuum
Robert Unger, organ
Massed Brass Finale

Friday, May 13 at 7pm

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary

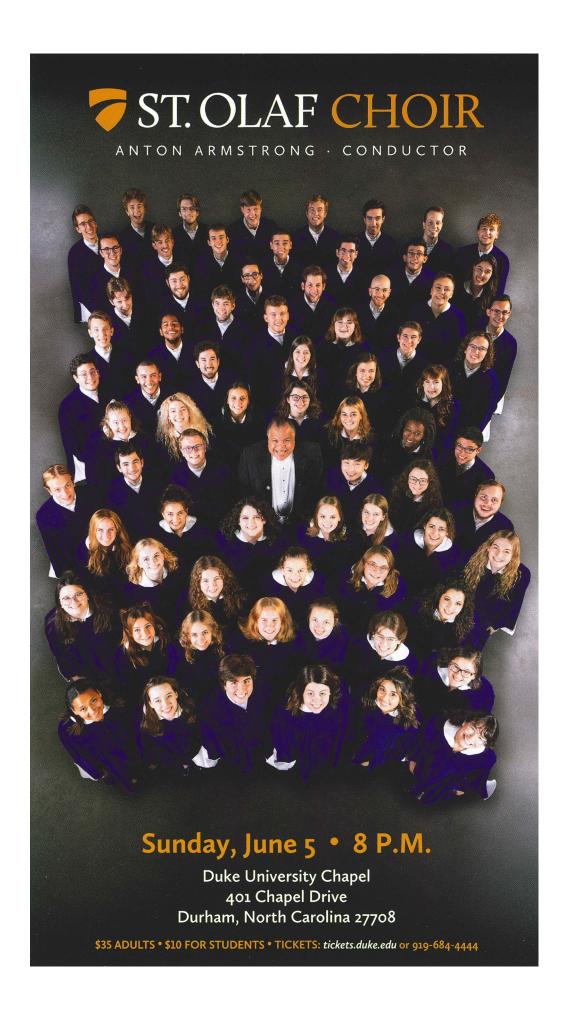
Corner of Kildaire Farm Rd.

919-851-7248 / 919-451-5177

Plenty of free parking in church lot.

FREE ADMISSION

Voluntary donations gratefully accepted to benefit Chapel Hill-Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarship in memory of our friend and fellow brass player Jack Denniston. This scholarship program has since 2009 awarded 29 scholarships to local high school seniors who aspire to a career in peacemaking, as demonstrated by their activities, studies, and career goals related to such topics as non-violent conflict resolution, global community, social justice, ecology, and depolarization.



Children and Family Ministry

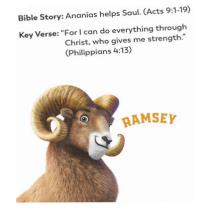
Join us for

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!

Jesus' power helps us do hard things.



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. 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 \$8 per child (through 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).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If interested in helping out in any capacity, please contact MaryAnn Unger.

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

Outreach to the Community

Easter Egg Hunt





Student Ministry

National Youth Gathering

RLC's FIRST YAVs! Let us celebrate!

RLC has two of our very own members that will be representing us at the National Youth Gathering as YAVs. So what is a YAV? YAV stands for Young Adult Volunteer. The youth attending quickly learn that YAVs are the "orange shirts".



Spencer Hulse is a sophomore at UNC-Charlotte and majoring in Creative Writing. He is a Breakaway Alumni and is super excited to be a part of NYG, so that he can connect with youth and be able to share his story.

Ross Bowen, a sophomore at Concordia University-Irvine is studying to be a DCE and also is a Breakaway Alumni. He is excited to share his love of all things youth and passion for the experiences and transformation that can come from an experience like NYG.

Through our fundraising efforts, we have been able to sponsor these fantastic young men and pay for their registrations! Thank you so much for your support and prayers as they get ready to share their faith walks and hopefully the right youth are placed in their paths. God is so good!



Contact Jenny Piontek, Youth Director, for more information regarding Ignite (Middle School) and Breakaway (High School) Youth Groups, and LCMS National Youth Gathering.









Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director rlpcary.org

919-851-7270



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.





- ... developmentally age-appropriate, hands-on, child-centered experiences
- ... balance of social/academic opportunities
- ... a Co-Teaching Team develops a 'learning through play' environment
- ... experienced, com mitted, 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

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

office@rlpcary.org 919.851.7270

SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL & PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

You are not going to want to miss this wonderful opportunity to watch our students perform now that we can sing again! Choral selections led by Music Director Bob Unger, recorder arrangements shared by upper elementary students, and student artwork will be displayed.

On May 24, come at 6:00 pm for the dedication of our playground, followed by the Spring Arts Festival beginning at 6:30 pm in the gym. An evening to celebrate our kids and spend time in fellowship with one another!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6 Middle School Career Day
Early Release, 11:30 am

May 9-13 Scholastic Book Fair
May 17 No School (Election)

May 18 Open House

May 19 School Board Meeting (6:30 pm)

May 23 Spirit Day

May 24 Spring Arts Festival & Playground Dedication

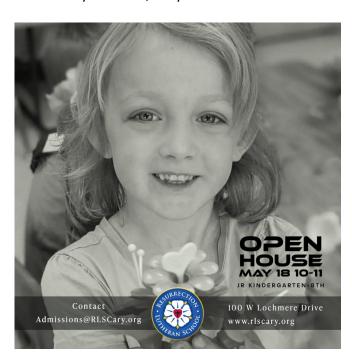
May 30 No School (Memorial Day)

Looking Ahead

June 1 Kindergarten Celebration (11:00 am) 8th Grade Graduation, 6:30 pm

June 2 Field Day Fun, Early Dismissal at 1:00 pm

June 3 Last Day of School, Early Dismissal at 11:00 am





Resurrection Lutheran School

Robert Unger Interim Principal

Rosie Creasy Director of Admissions/ School Growth

> rlscary.org 919-851-7271 contact@rlscary.org

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.



LIVE STREAM

Join us online for worship <u>live</u> 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.



LEARN MORE

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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 <u>rlcary.org/</u> <u>ministries/online-giving</u>
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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