

Ascension of Our Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022



Pastor's Corner for May 29-June 4

Giving Thanks to God for Our Pastors in Uniform
(Luke 24:45-48)

This weekend we mark Armed Forces Sunday and Memorial Day at RLC. It is an appropriate time to thank God not only for all who are serving in the United States Armed Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country, but to also give thanks for the ministry of our military chaplains, many of whom serve as witnesses to Christ before the nations of the world. Here's a story relating the impact one military chaplain had many years ago:

"A young man sat broken inside a POW camp. ...He now had months to contemplate what had been and what was to come. The cities of his homeland had

been reduced to rubble. His sleep was filled with repeating nightmares in which the terrors of warfare were relived. ...The depression over the wartime destruction and a captivity without any apparent end was exacerbated by feelings of profound shame. In the midst of this shame and despair God found him. A visiting chaplain gave the soldier a book containing the New Testament and Psalms. With little else to do, the soldier began reading it. ...In the story of Christ crucified he encountered a God who knew what it was to experience suffering, abandonment, and shame. Feeling utterly forsaken himself, the German soldier found a friend in the One who cried 'my God my God why have you forsaken me.' That German soldier was Juergen Moltmann, who would go on to become one of the most well-known Christian theologians of the twentieth century. Years later, with the message of the loving, crucified God still indelibly printed on his heart, Moltmann penned these words: 'The ultimate reason for our hope is not to be found in what we want, wish for, and wait for; the ultimate reason is that we are wanted and wished for and waited for. ...We are waited for as the prodigal son in the parable is waited for by his father. We are accepted and received, as a mother takes her children into her arms and comforts them. God is our last hope because we are God's first love'" (*The Source of Life*, 1977). That is what Jesus communicated on the day of His ascension, as His disciples were parted from Him with His one, last, final blessing. Lasting joy does not come as the result of our search...but as the result of being found, and blessed, by our loving Savior.

During my family's years in Okinawa, Japan, we often saw the contribution of military chaplains —our colleagues in ministry—up close. On this Ascension Sunday and Memorial Day weekend, we give thanks for all who are God's witnesses here at home and around the world who serve on behalf of the Gospel, including our military chaplains. May our loving God continue to fill them with joy born from the Spirit-gifted confidence that He is with them and at work through them.

Need for Worship Volunteers: Appeal from RLC Middle Schooler Josh Piontek

Many of you who attend the 11 AM service in the Family Life Center have no doubt seen a dedicated young man, Mr. Josh Piontek, standing by the door week after week greeting folks and handing out bulletins. Because of the need for more RLC members assisting us in worship (greeting, ushering, reading Bible passages, assisting in Communion distribution, assisting in the nursery, volunteering for any

one of the choirs or musical ensembles), Josh came up with the following appeal. As soon as I read it, I knew you'd want to read it too! Here it is:

"Hello, my name is Josh Piontek, and I would like to share a short message about serving. I am a 6th grader and I serve at the 11 AM service. Many things may pop up in your mind when you think of serving. One may be 'oh I'll do it one time and be done.' Or 'they don't really need me.' Or 'I don't know how to do that.' Serving in service is awesome. I am currently ushering and let me tell you it's not a onetime thing because once you've done it, you will want to continue to help. After a few times of me ushering, it wasn't strangers teaching me how to usher or walking through the door, it was family. If you give it a try you can and will also feel more a part of this church family like I do. I may be young, but I know God wants me to be an active part of his family. Young or old, experienced or not, ushering, greeting or chair team, there is something you can do and you are needed. I look forward to serving with you on Sunday mornings."

Thank you, Josh! If you've been thinking about volunteering, I encourage you to follow Josh's lead. Check out the information in the weekly bulletin about who to contact for the service you attend and get in the game! You'll be glad that you did.

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.


*Prayers
of the Church*

[click here](#)


Worship Bulletins

[click here](#)



Pray for Our Military

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 protection oversight for their families with Your strength and comfort.

As we approach Armed Forces Day, we will hear the songs for each service. The Air Force Song and Coast Guard Song:

Air Force Fight Song

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em now, Give 'em the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Brilliant minds fashioned a crate of thunder,
Sent it high into the blue;
Valiant hands blasted the world asunder;
How they lived God only knew!
Boundless souls dreaming of skies to conquer
Gave us wings, ever to soar!
With scouts before and bombers galore. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Coast Guard Fight Song

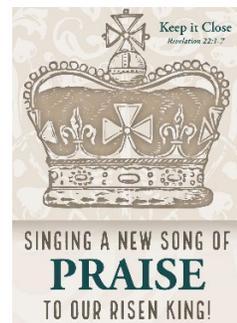
From North and South and East and West,
The Coast Guard's in the fight.

Destroying subs and landing troops,
The Axis feels our might.
For we're the first invaders,
On every fighting field.
Afloat, ashore, on men and Spars,
You'll find the Coast Guard shield.

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through howling gale and shot and shell,
To win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto, too.
We're "Always Ready," do or die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we fight for yo

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. 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's 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.



Voter's Meeting

Sunday, June 12, 2022

12:30 pm

Family Life Center

Agenda Includes:

- Review Last Meetings' Minutes (12/12/21, 4/3/22)
- Review and Vote on 2022-2023 Resurrection Lutheran Church Budget
- Review and Vote on 2022-2023 Resurrection Lutheran Schools Budget
- Presentation of Endowment Funds Programs and Importance to Church and Community
- Presentation of Role of Donations / Gifting to Estate Planning
- Pastoral Office Update by Pastor Jonathan

This meeting will be in person only.

Bagel Bunch (Men's Group)

The Bagel Bunch is a group of men that gets together on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00 am. Meet for an hour of fellowship and conversation -- tell stories, share concerns, and joke around! All men are welcome, come when you can. **Group is now meeting at Java Jive**, across the street from RLC.

Questions? Contact the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Yay, A Baby Is On The Way!

Join us on **Sunday, June 5** anytime between 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to congratulate Pastor Zach and Kelsey Sarrault on their upcoming little one! Please no gifts, cards are welcome.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is ready to start meeting in person again! We will start on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:00-5:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center, starting in June. No meeting on June 19, Father's Day.

We have yarn and patterns available for you to use. Interested, but don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We even have some knitting needles and crochet hooks that you can borrow to test the waters! Not sure you want to commit to a shawl right now? We donate items to WakeMed (mostly baby hats and blankets, but they take all sizes, the larger ones go to the cancer unit), Neighbor to Neighbor (hats, scarves, and cowls of all sizes), and Christmas at Sea (hats, scarves, cowls, and ditty bags for adults, both men and women).

So come join us on **Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 pm** for more information on all that we do and of course some fun, fellowship, and crafting. Hope to see you there!

Do you know someone who would benefit from being wrapped in God's love? Send me a message and we can arrange to meet in Room 240, so that you can select a shawl for them.

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

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Durham Seeks CORE Delivery Team Volunteers

Being a CORE delivery volunteer is where you see SHP's mission of "No Kids Sleep On the Floor in Our Town" at work. Apart from working side by side with community volunteers to build beds for kids who don't have a place to sleep, delivering these precious beds to kids and their families is perhaps the greatest reward.

SHP TRAINING AND DELIVERY DAY Saturday, June 25, 2022 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

SHP-Durham Warehouse located in Northgate Mall
1058 W. Club Blvd., Durham
Volunteers ages 16 and older are welcome to attend.

Click on this link by June 6 to sign up: [6/25/22 Delivery*](#)

**Volunteers must first attend policy and procedure training prior to delivery day. Click here to participate in this video training:*

[Policy and Procedure Training](#)

Please put in the notes that you are from Resurrection Lutheran Church.

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

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

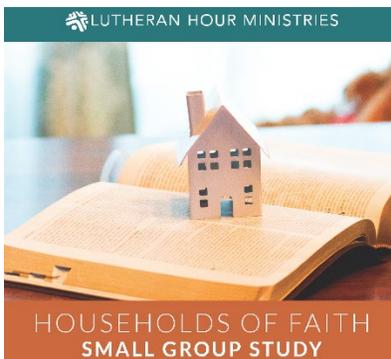
We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse on May 13! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. *Please come be a volunteer!* We need setter uppers at 5:00 pm (both food and room), servers at 6:30 pm, and cleaner uppers at 8:30 pm.

The next Coffeehouse is Friday, June 10 in the Family Life Center gym. (We are keeping an eye on the Covid numbers.) Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN>

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

Households of Faith

In Lutheran Hour Ministries' *Households of Faith* video study, you'll learn how to apply spiritual disciplines, extend hospitality, and engage in spiritual conversations so you can transform your household into a more open and engaging place where God's love is shared, and people are encouraged to learn more about Jesus.



Who is it for? Families with Students (kindergarten through high school). Bring your students and we'll talk about growing in the faith together!

Dates: Thursdays, June 23, July 7, July 21, and August 4

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Sarrault's House (238 Fairview Road, Cary - subject to change)

Register with the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248. Questions can be directed to [Pastor Zach Sarrault](#).

Food & Fellowship for the Blind

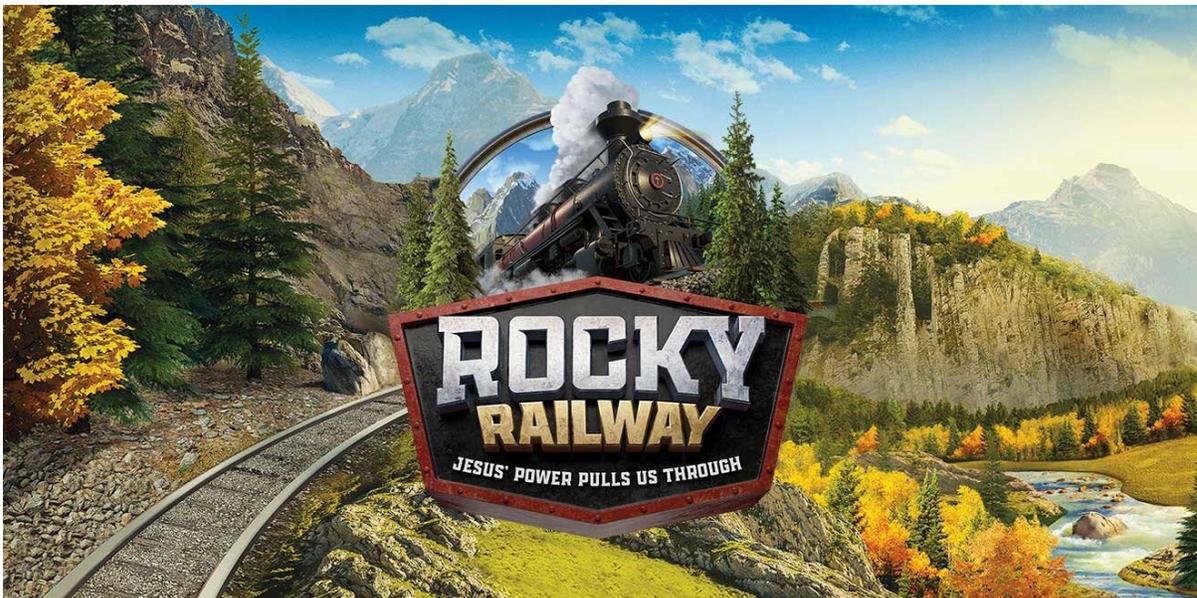
We thank all of our volunteers who helped us with our Blind Ministry dinner on May 27! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers.

Please join us in this amazing ministry! We need drivers, folks to set up starting at around 4:00 pm, help with serving, and cleaning up. Our guests start arriving at 5:30 pm and leave between 7:00 and 7:30 pm.

Our next dinner will be on June 24 in the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact [Annette Langefeld-Kennedy](#) for more information or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Children and Family Ministry



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.

**Come have fun with us!*

We are still looking for a few more adults to help during VBS week.

Contact Kelsey Sarrault at kelseysarrault@rlcary.org with any questions or to volunteer.

Student Ministry





For more information regarding Student Ministry, rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry. Contact [Jenny Piontek](#), Youth Director, with any questions.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



email- office@rlpcary.org
 call- 919-851-7270

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!

Time to register for next year, 2022-23! There are classes for children, 2-5 years, including Transitional Kindergarten. Join our family today!

Email office@rlpcary.org or call 919-851-7270 to enroll or schedule an individual tour.

Resurrection Lutheran School



**New Life in Second Grade! Always Magical.
Thank You, Ms. Moore!**



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

Accepting applications for next year, 2022-23!
Contact admissions@rlscary.org for more information.

Current RLS Lion's Tale

In-Person Services

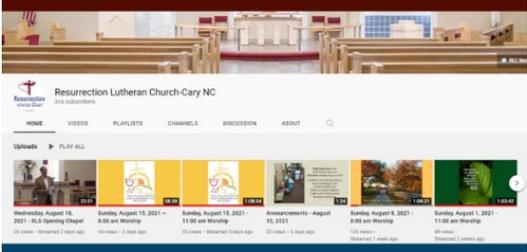


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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 May 29

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – May 29, 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, Beverly Kunitsky, Mattie Corbett

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, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed, Sue, Kathy

For Expectant Moms

Molly, Kelsey

Those Prayed for on May 22, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Dedicated Service of President John Denninger, President of LCMS-Southeastern District
- Election of Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon, President-Elect of LCMS-Southeastern District
- New Executive Director for Camp Agape/Kure Beach, Chandler Carriker
- May Coffeehouse Guests and Volunteers
- Praise for Pastor Jon Richter Not Being Injured While His Car Was Totaled in Accident, Asking for God's Provision for Replacement Car
- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- Our Many Blessings
- Prayer of Thankfulness and Safety for Our Military Personnel on Armed Forces Weekend

For Healing

- *Becky Berger
- Carol, Chemotherapy
- *Eric Hammergren, Recovery
- *Hope Studt, Recovery

- *Daisy Morris, Recovery
- Laurie Zadow, Mother of *Doug Zadow
- *Linda Merrill's Brother-In-Law Jim
- All Those with COVID
- Randi, Hope, Eric, Daisy, Alan, Rosemary, Ken, Harold, Donald, Penny, Gavin, Chris, Millie, Lena, Anna, Jonathan, Ellen, Shelby, Noreen, Pastor Dave, Connie, Sue, Mara

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Dale Pretidge, Sister of *MaryAnn Unger
- Friends and Family of Robin Emerson, Aunt of *Eric Heise

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Persecuted Christians
- Work of Call Committee for Resurrection Lutheran School Principal
- *Randi and Barry Munns
- Annie Ruth Ford, *Dennis Ford's Mother
- Laney, Coping with Bullying and Mental Health Challenges
- *Eric and Jill Hammergren
- Helen, *Sharon Hahne's Mother
- VBS Volunteers
- President-Elect Bill Harmon's Congregation - Needing to Call New Pastor
- Gun Violence to End
- New Job Opportunity

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 and Faith, Their Families, and Area Pastors
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff

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 – May 29, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 22

6:00 pm - 36; 8:00 am - 67; 9:30 am - n/a; 11:00 am - 78

Total In-Person Worship: 181

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 22

8:00 am - 106; 11:00 am - 45

Total Online Views: 151 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - April 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 94,411.06	\$ 1,073,699.20
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 106,272.99</u>	<u>\$ 1,254,435.92</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -11,861.93	\$ 19,263.28

Last Week's Offerings: \$21,875.71

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$24,969.75

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

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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