



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2022

From the Pastor

God Isn't Done Yet

(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Ever had the wind knocked out of you? It happened to me once. I was playing softball with my older brother and his friends, and someone hit a line drive right to my gut before I could catch it. I remember that for a few scary minutes, my lungs didn't work. If you've ever experienced this and you were young at the time, you probably remember wondering if you were going to be OK, which just made things worse! Finally, that beautiful moment comes when, little by little, you feel your lungs get back to normal. With lungs full of air comes the assurance you're going to make it. You're able to function after all. You're going to be all right.

Ezekiel had an unenviable task. He was to be prophet to the people of Israel who faced something much worse than having the air knocked



out of its collective lungs. They faced a crisis of hope. They faced the most overwhelming endings you can imagine: defeat by Babylonians; imprisonment for their king; destruction of their temple. God's promises seemed dead. Change and defeat made them feel like discarded bones on a valley floor. "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel is asked. "I'll leave that to You, Lord," he seems to answer. Ezekiel (and Israel) would discover that God wasn't done with them. Ezekiel was told first to preach to the dead bones. Then, to the four winds, that the breath/Spirit of God (in both Hebrew and Greek the word for "wind," "breath," and "Spirit" is the same) might enter them. And once God uses that proclamation to create a great army, Ezekiel at last preaches to the people of Israel themselves. Hope was not lost!

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:

- RLS Graduations.....Jun 1
- RLS Last Chapel/Day.....Jun 3
- Day of Pentecost.....Jun 5
- Holy Trinity.....Jun 12
- Stephen Min. Install.....Jun 12
- Graduation Sunday.....Jun 12
- Voter's Meeting.....Jun 12
- VBS.....Jun 13-19
- New Member Sunday.....Jun 19
- Mission/NYG Commiss.....Jun 26
- Youth Mission Trip..Jun 26-Jul 1

God's Blessings!

Rev. Dr. William Harmon was elected as the next President of the Southeastern District (SED), Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). God's Blessings to Pastor Harmon and Gayle!

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Dr. William Harmon. He will be installed on Saturday, August 13 at 1:00 pm at King of Glory in Williamsburg, Virginia. You are invited to attend in person or via live stream.

We invite your prayers for Rev. Harmon and the work of sharing the Gospel in our mission fields, congregations, schools, and ministries. If you would like to send a message, card, prayer encouragement, please send to the Southeastern District, Attn: Esseye Haile, 6315 Grovedale Drive, Alexandria VA 22310. You may also wish to send an email greeting to sed@lcms.org. We will prepare book of letters/cards to present at installation.

As this transition takes place, we will also recognize Rev. Dr. John Denninger who has served as the SED President for these past ten years. We will also prepare a book of letters, cards, prayers for him. Please send them to the SED – attention Esseye.



The endings they'd experienced were not the End! God would put His Spirit on them, and they would live! THEY might have given up on God, but God had not given up on them. God wasn't done with them yet.

This season of Pentecost we begin in the month of June is a time to focus on the Holy Spirit and affirm that God isn't done with us yet either. With Spirit-fed joy and hope we gather in one of our semi-annual voter meetings June 12 at 12:30 PM in the Family Life Center. Among other things, we give thanks to God for what He has accomplished among us in the last 6 months and envision what the future can hold for our church by calling a Director of Christian Education/Director of Family Life. ([To review the rationale for hiring a DCE/DFL in our next fiscal year, I invite you to check out my earlier communication on that topic in our weekly announcements by clicking here.](#)) VBS commences on June 13 for five days of fun and growth in God's Word for RLC children—and kids from our wider community. I'm grateful for all of our volunteers that make this event possible, but especially for Kelsey Sarrault and Ross Bowen as they organize and facilitate the activity for VBS 2022 at RLC. Then, on June 18 the pastoral team will begin a new 7-week sermon series entitled "Messy Discipleship." Using the weekly appointed readings from Old Testament (yes, the OT is part of the Bible to be preached on, too!) we will see how the Holy Spirit uses ordinary and even unattractive people like us to be the Body of Christ at work in the world.

Finally, June is a time to give thanks to God for RLC schools, especially Resurrection Lutheran School and Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, as they wind down an amazing year of both challenge and accomplishment. Preschool Director Diane Hooper and her team have overseen a robust year of activity for RLP in a year that Early Childhood education across the United States has been anything but "normal." And together with the administrative team at RLS (which includes Rosie Creasy, Deb Mahan, and Robin Hester) I give thanks to God for the work of RLS Interim Principal Bob Unger. Bob has served the RLS community AND all of us on the church side well in this transition year for RLS. I've stopped counting the number of hats that Bob wears! He somehow gets it all done with grace and patience. For a brief update on the status of the RLS principal and Middle School teacher calls, [I invite you to view a video Bob and I put together by clicking here](#). We look forward to welcoming Tyler Timm to RLS as our newest called teacher later this summer and continue to keep the principal call in our prayers, confident that God knows and is guiding us to find the next man or woman who will lead RLS into the future.

We have so much to give thanks for at Resurrection as we reflect on the past and look forward to the future. As the Spirit of God resurrects us all again during this hope-filled season of Pentecost this summer, we come together to receive His gifts and live by the breath of life that only God can give!

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Spiritual Milestones

Confirmation



May God continue to bless you on your faith journey!



Confirmands and Verses

- Elena Caroline Bostick - 1 Timothy 4:12
- Kira Andrea Bostick - Philippians 4:13
- Cameron Elisa Brake - Psalm 23:1-4
- Lillian Nichole Davis - Isaiah 54:10
- Catherine Elizabeth Kendall - Hebrew 11:1
- Corbin Daniel Peacock - Joshua 1:9
- Emma Grace Peacock - 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Eva Marianne Robison - Psalm 119:105
- Natalie Rose Rodrigo - John 3:16
- Sofia Marie Rodrigo - Mark 16:15
- Alexa Chelby Smith - Romans 5:8
- Christopher Hodge Williams - Philippians 4:13
- Noah-Bell Yamamura - Matthew 6:33-34

*Confirmation Sunday was celebrated on
May 1, 2022 during the 9:30 am worship service.*

*Confirmation Banquet was held on
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
with the help of the Confirmation 1 students.*



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

On **Sunday, June 12** at the 8:00 am service, our congregation will commission five new *Stephen Ministers*. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to carry on that biblical tradition by joining us in commissioning those who have answered God's call to our congregation's Stephen Ministry.

Our *Stephen Ministers* will have completed their training in June, to equip them for their task. We now celebrate them, pray for them, and send them out to minister, asking for God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power.

This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for this ministry. *Stephen Ministers* will be depending on our support in the time ahead as they assume the duties of their ministry. So, how can we help?

First of all, we can pray for our Stephen Leaders, our Stephen Ministers, and their care receivers. The assurance of our prayers and appreciation will help them in this life-transforming ministry.

We can also express affirmation and appreciation for their service. We can tell them how much their efforts mean to us, tell others how much we value our Stephen Ministry, and focus attention on our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers to bless and affirm them—as we do with our commissioning services.

Finally, each of us can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of us may recognize a call to use our ministry gifts and apply to become a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. And any of us can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care.

As we commission our newly trained *Stephen Ministers*, let us thank God for all they will bring to our congregation and community in providing care to others, and let us promise them our daily prayer and support as we send them out to minister among us.



Outreach Service to the Community

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 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).

Outreach Service to the Community

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

The Durham Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is seeking to develop a CORE team of volunteers to deliver and assemble beds to children in need in the Triangle area.

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 am to 1 pm**

SHP-Durham Warehouse located in Northgate Mall
1058 W. Club Blvd. in Durham*

Volunteers ages 16 and older are welcome to attend.

[Click on this link by June 6th 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.



Happy Anniversary!

June 6

Rev. Jonathan and Juli Blanke
30 years

Darrell and Anita Moore
63 years

Bob and Jennifer Williams
30 years

June 7

John and Sandy Eckstein
64 years

June 8

Glenn and Paige Key
20 years

Scott and Petra Smith
20 years

June 13

Jim and Thelma Rhodes
58 years

June 15

Bill and Eileen Douglas
59 years

June 16

Marty and Emmy Cullen
60 years

June 23

Tim and Amanda Farmer
15 years

June 25

Robert and Marie Bruce
62 years

June 26

Tim and Leslie Hiteshow
40 years

Fred and Terry Page
62 years

June 29

Rick and Susan Moore
20 years

Jason and Jenny Piontek
20 years

Roy and Linda Rhoden
59 years

June 30

Jason and Martha Jennings
10 years

Outreach Service to the Community

Operation InAsMuch

Operation InAsMuch was held on May 7, starting with breakfast in the Family Life Center hosted by a team from Men's Ministry. We had 121 volunteers for a total of 724 volunteer hours! There were 11 different service projects, plus many volunteers helping to prepare breakfast, set up and clean up afterwards.

Projects included Brown Bag Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Camp Agape, Quilters and Sewers for Lutheran World Relief and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Western Wake Crisis Ministry, Families Together PLM, Cards for 88 LCMS Missionaries and RLC Members, Crafts and Favors for Transitions/Hospice and RLC Members, Christian Library International Prison Alliance, 58 Lutheran World Relief School Kits, and Knitting Hats for Preemies and Cancer Patients at WakeMed (204 baby hats collected throughout the year). *What a great day of serving!*



Breakfast Crew (Men's Ministry)



Brown Bag Ministry



Habitat for Humanity



Quilters and Sewers



Knitting Hats for Preemies and Cancer Patients at WakeMed



Families Together



Cards for LCMS Missionaries and RLC Members, Crafts and Favors for Transitions/Hospice and RLC Members



Christian Library International Prison Alliance



Lutheran World Relief School Kits



252 lbs. of food and other needed items collected for Western Wake Crisis Ministry.



Congratulations!

Resurrection Lutheran School, 8th Grade

Soulen Wakshuma Addisu
Cameron Elise Brake
Isabella Grace Brown
Bridget Bondurant Busbice
Emma Reid Carter
Sydney Olivia Catalini
Brody Milo Cox
Molli Emerson Crouch
Lillian Nichole Davis
Connor James Erickson
Serena Rose Essig
Avery Marie Hale
Evan James Hale
Averi Erin Heffelfinger
Emelia Norah Katsirubas
Eliza Claire May
Lilia Wren Nagy
Eva Marianne Robison
Natalie Rose Rodrigo
Sofia Marie Rodrigo
Reid Broker Strengholt
Lily Katherine Tankard
Anya Judith Tikhtman
Noah-Bell Natsuko Yamamura

Southeast Raleigh High School
Grace Christian School
Cardinal Gibbons High School
St. Mary's School
Cardinal Gibbons High School
Green Hope High School
Elkin High School
Cary Christian School
Grace Christian School
Cary High School
Apex High School
Cardinal Gibbons High School
Cary High School
Middle Creek High School
Wake Early College
Holly Springs High School
Athens Drive High School
Cardinal Gibbons High School
Athens Drive High School
Crossroads Flex High School
Athens Drive High School
St. Mary's School
Athens Drive High School
Cary Christian School



High School Graduates

Aidan Astudillo
Michael Austin*
Toriah Bostian
Katherine Dean*
Ash Fields*
Maria Hancock*
Shaye Holfelder
Camryn Huddle
Lucas Kube
Lily Linton*
Jathan Persson*
Emily Piontek
Walt Reese*
Caitlyn Riley*
Kyle Sottini*
Emma Striker
Dylan Tucker*
Mary Tucker*
Emma Unger*
Logan Webb
Chason Williams*

Middle Creek High School, Princeton University, Mechanical Engineering
Cardinal Gibbons High School (Salutatorian), to Duke University
Fuquay-Varina High School, to Liberty University
To North Carolina State University, College of Engineering
To East Carolina University
University of South Carolina, College of Education
Apex Friendship High School, to East Carolina University
Apex Friendship High School, to University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Athens Drive High School
To University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Apex High School, to Barton College (Swimming Scholarship)
Apex High School, to East Carolina University, Nursing
To University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
To Rochester Institute of Technology, Medical Illustration
To University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Holly Springs High School, to University of North Carolina, Greensboro
To North Carolina State University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
To University of Lynchburg
To University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Athens Drive High School, to University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Pursuing a Hockey Career, Accepted at North Carolina State University

College Graduates

Quinn Fike	Ohio State University, Masters in Health Administration, UNC Rex Fellow in Administrative Fellowship Program
Kimmy Gebbia	North Carolina State University, B.S. in Biological Engineering, Concentration in Ecology, Minors in Spanish and Applied Ecology
Ian Glenn*	North Carolina State University, M.S. in Electrical Engineering, Continuing at NC State University, Electrical Engineering PhD Program
Lori Glenn*	North Carolina State University, B.S. in Electrical Engineering and B.S. in Computer Engineering, Continuing at NC State University, Electrical Engineering Accelerated Master of Science Degree Program
Andrew Jannings	East Carolina University, Master of Business Administration
Christain Xenakis	University of West Virginia, Business Finance
Matlin Xenakis	Ohio State University, Education

*Resurrection Lutheran School Alumni



*May God continue to bless each of you
as you begin the next chapter in your lives.
We are very proud of your accomplishments!*

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
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. 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 \$10 per child 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 at drop off on the first day.

Questions? Contact Kelsey Sarrault at kelseysarrault@rlscary.org.



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

rlpcary.org

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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

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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

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

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PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER CALL UPDATE

Thank you for the patience and support you have offered as it relates to our search for a full-time Principal at RLS. School Board, Call Committee, and Church continue to work together to find the best possible fit, a passionate leader that will take us into the future as we continue to grow as a school. Below find a link to a video prepared by Pastor Jonathan and Bob Unger, Interim Principal, that provides an update on the Call process (Principal and Middle School Teacher) intended to answer any questions you might have and keep our school community informed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact bobunger@rlscary.org or jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org. [CALL UPDATE VIDEO](#)

2022-2023 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment continues to remain healthy in all grades for the coming school year. Our goal, as always, will be to accommodate the families that God brings us while maintaining a low student:teacher ratio, especially in the lower elementary classrooms (JK-2). Various strategies to include additional teacher assistant support, adding classes and/or creating waiting lists will be implemented to ensure that your children continue to thrive in the classroom. We will keep you informed as plans are finalized.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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

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Interim Principal

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Director of Admissions/
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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.



stayCONNECTED

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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