



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2022

From the Pastor

Shout for Joy, All the Earth!

(Psalm 66:1-4)

July 2022 at Resurrection Lutheran Church will not only be a time to reflect and give thanks to God for our nation as we celebrate Independence Day again this year. It also offers an opportunity to reflect on God's love for all nations and all peoples of the world as we gather for a special worship service and find ways to grow, by God's grace, with our brothers and sisters in Christ at RLC.

RLC will be providing the venue space for this year's Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Fellowship in North America Conference, July 21-24. On last day of the conference, you are invited to join your Ethiopian-American brothers and sisters for a joint worship service of praise at 11 AM, in the Family Life Center. Dr. Samuel Daessa, Assistant Professor of Theology and the Global South at Concordia University, St. Paul will deliver the message for that gathering. Our time together will culminate in a joint celebration of the Lord's Supper. Conference participants will then host a meal following service for anyone able to stay. Though RLC will have a Saturday evening service at 6 PM on the 23rd and a Sunday morning service at



Joint Service with Ethiopian churches in Ritter Park, October 2021

8 AM that day, we invite you to consider making the 11 AM service in the Family Life Center a part of your July worship plans. Evangelical Ethiopian Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church and the Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Carolina, with whom we share our worship

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:

Christmas in JulyJul 1
4th of July Holiday Jul 4
Ladies Luncheon Jul 6
Households of Faith Jul 7
The CoffeehouseJul 8
Nat'l Youth Gathering ...Jul 9-13
The Poet Speaks Study Jul 10
Veterans Lunch Jul 13
Households of Faith Jul 21
Joint 11 am Service..... Jul 24
Blind Ministry.....Jul 29

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Sunday Adult Ed

The Poet Speaks With God

People of faith have expressed themselves to God through poetry for many centuries. We have all enjoyed and have found both comfort and inspiration in the psalms of David.

This study will examine poems by four men who were deeply devout followers of Christ and will trace the connections that each poem has with Scripture. Edward Taylor, John Donne, John Milton, and Gerard Manley Hopkins are regarded today as four truly outstanding poets.

Come join us on Sunday from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall from July 10-August 28 as we explore beautiful poems in which, like King David, these men express the concerns, joys, fears, frustrations, and hopes they experienced in their walk with God.

Questions?

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



spaces every week, are fellow members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It is a special privilege to worship together and we are blessed in the ministry we share with one another. As we reach out with the precious Gospel of Jesus to our community and world, the variety within the Body of Christ that we experience together can encourage us as Jesus' witnesses, wherever we might live, work, study, or play.

Our focus for RLC Values 4 (Spiritual Growth) and 8 (the Christian Home) in 2022 really sharpen up in the month of July. I'm grateful for Pastor Zach's leadership in gathering a core group of RLC families for a very special "at home" Bible class this summer called "Households of Faith." [If interested in finding out more about it, please click here.](#) The family dynamic in faith formation is also highlighted by the pastoral team and Youth Group Director Jenny Piontek as we schedule informational meetings with parents of Confirmation-age youth throughout the summer. If you missed the June meetings, stay tuned for other opportunities in July. Among other changes now possible post-COVID, we are instituting a "Confirmation Learning Covenant" for 2022-2023 and planning a Confirmation retreat for participants in January 2023. Finally, I'd like to offer many, many thanks to Jenny and her team for the months of planning that have gone into getting ready for the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX! We pray for safe travel and growth in God's grace, by the power of the Holy Spirit, for all who take part.

So, this year, not only do we say a little thank you to God for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation... we praise God for the many members of the Body we are blessed to be together with at RLC as we all grow as disciples of Jesus. May God continue to use us all for the work of building His kingdom together, as we do.

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Rev. Elliott Robertson will be retiring on Sunday, August 28 from an active and fruitful parish ministry that began in 1985. Pastor Elliott served here at Resurrection from February 1992 to February 1997. You can find his photo, 5th from the left, among the pastor's pictures near the church mailboxes.

If you remember him, it would be greatly appreciated if you sent a note or card that can be shared with him unopened at his retirement.

Please send to:

Karen Robertson-Keck
c/o Martini Lutheran Church
100 W. Henrietta Street
Baltimore, MD 21230

Outreach Service to the Community

Christmas in July

Celebrate Christmas in July and Help Local Charities!

Christmas trees have been placed outside the Sanctuary and Family Life Center with "ornaments" highlighting specific needs requested by the following organizations:

*** Families Together** (famielstogethernc.org)

We believe every family deserves a home, and children should never have to wonder where they're going to sleep at night. This is why we connect families to stable homes as quickly as possible - and why we remain connected with them to ensure that they begin the process of bettering their lives.



*** Raleigh Rescue Mission** (raleighrescue.org)

Through the love of Jesus Christ, Raleigh Rescue Mission transforms lives of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness by ministering to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.



*** Safe Families for Children** (safe-families.org)

SFFC hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like supports for families facing a crisis through a community of compassionate volunteers to keep children safe and families together.



*** Gateway Women's Care** (gatewaywomens.care)

We are committed to serving women and men in the community by providing medical, educational, and support services and resources related to pregnancy and sexual health without condemnation or manipulation.



Please take an ornament (or two!) and place the unwrapped gifts with the tag attached under the trees anytime between now and the **weekend of July 30-31**.

Gift cards can be put in the boxes under the tree or left in the church office.

Thank you for helping us serve people in need in our community!

Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of
Joseph and Evey's Wedding:

For Gifts and Memorials

Lewis and Sandy Wuori

In Honor of
Kathleen Rasmussen's Birthday:

For The Coffeehouse

Kenneth and Maureen March



Ministry Partner

Lutheran World Relief

Journey of the Quilt



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Join us on **Tuesday, July 12** from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for a coffee table interview with Lutheran World Relief to discuss their efforts in both Ukraine and Poland helping refugees. Listen to the story of the "Journey of the Quilt" from the point of local pick-up to final destinations and distribution around the world. The need for quilts is escalating for families displaced in Ukraine and Poland, especially with the approaching winter months. Representatives from LWR will share stories of LWR's current impact in these countries, and answer questions as to how we as a congregation and The Piecemakers quilting group can minister to these families in need of warmth, comfort, and prayer.

This session will be recorded and available for future viewing.

Zoom Link: <https://corusinternational-org.zoom.us/j/81012575655>

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

Student Ministry

YouthWorks Mission Trip

On Sunday, June 26 through Friday, July 1, our middle school ministry team will be with 7 youth ready to serve in Rutherford County, North Carolina through YouthWorks.

YouthWorks is an organization that sets up mission trip experiences partnering with churches, teenagers, and communities throughout the United States. Their mission is to disciple students, develop leaders, and serve communities. RLC has partnered with YouthWorks for many summer mission experiences.

Our youth serve in communities, learn about God's mission for them, and create friendships with other teens from across the US. We are so excited to be back at it! Projects range from painting, yardwork, hosting activity time for seniors, running day camp for kids, clean up, and just plain working hard.

This year's theme is "For Real". The youth will get to see that God's love is so big and so transforming not only in them but in all of those that we will serve and that will serve with us. We are so excited to go out into the community once again and spread God's unconditional love.

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.
Romans 12:9a

Missionary Highlight

Dear Saints of Resurrection,

June 7, 2022

Greetings in Christ from Uganda! Megan and I pray that all of you are doing well. Thank you for your continued prayer and support of the Lord's work here. As we continue to serve in East Africa, we are grateful for your partnership in God's mission.

We praise God for another completed semester at Lutheran Theological College Uganda. Students took final exams in early June and return home for a short break. Their next semester starts in August. This semester Megan taught classes focusing on teaching the men how to teach different age groups in their congregations and Christian conflict resolution/peace keeping. It's always amazing to see the seminarians using the skills they learned in seminary back in their home settings. We're grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve alongside, teach, administer, and coach God's people in east Africa.

Thank you, again, for your continued prayer and support of the Lord's work in east Africa.

In Christ Alone,
Mark and Megan Mantey

[Click here to read Mark and Megan's latest newsletter](#), including some very exciting news on where God is leading them. (*Spoiler: They are leaving Uganda.*)



Happy Anniversary!

July 2

David & Lois Birner
45 years

July 6

Jamie & Anne Marie Measmer
20 years

July 11

Ken & Diane Hooper
35 years

July 22

John & Deanna Leuenberger
61 years

Paul & Barbara Niffenegger
50 years

July 29

Jack & Darlene Bartels
55 years

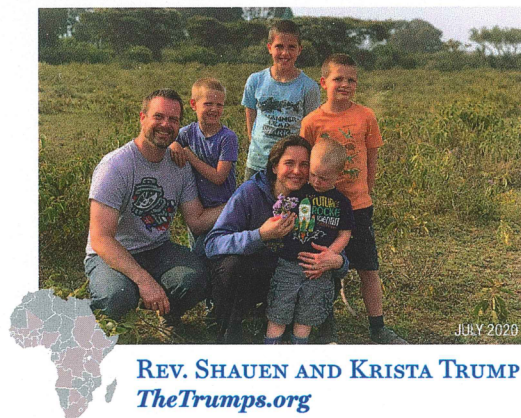
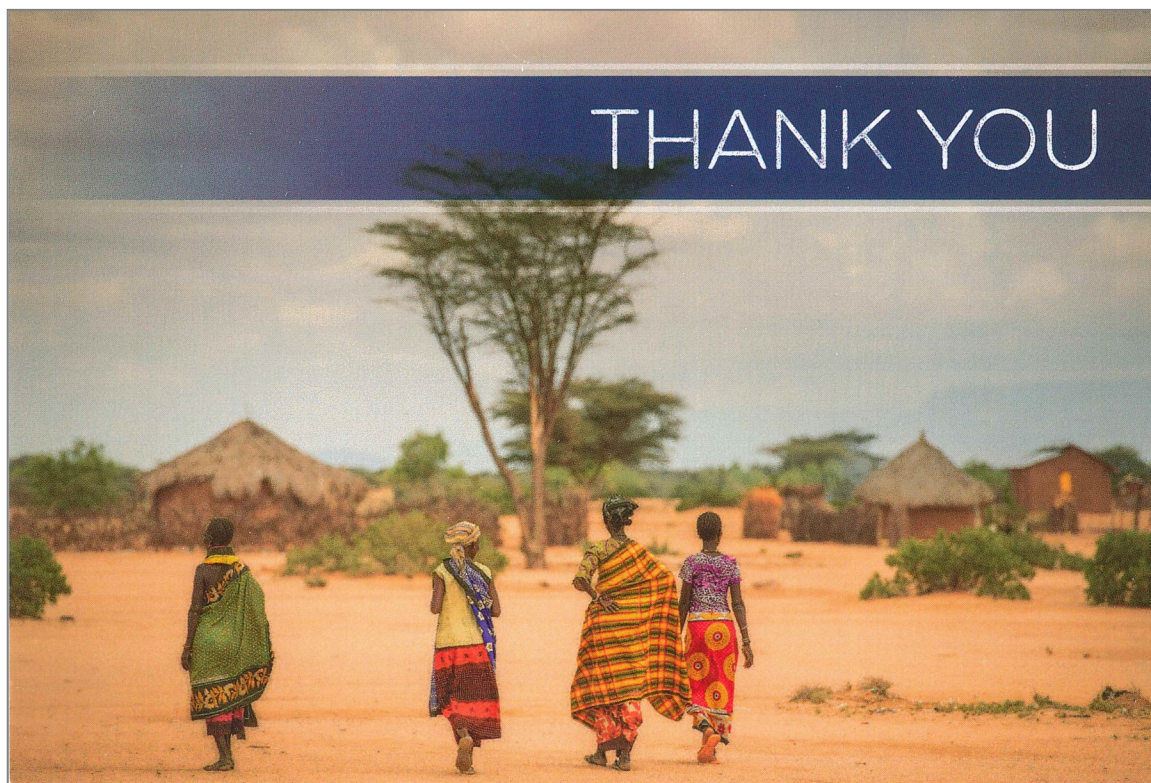
July 30

Ralph & Carol Klevenow
62 years



DCE Megan Mantey and Rev. James Odoo sharing a word of encouragement with congregants at Akia Lutheran in northern Uganda

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Front photo: Turkana Women near Lodwar, Kenya

Dear Brothers & Sisters of RLC,
Greetings in Christ from Nairobi.
Thank you for your generous
and faithful partnership in
the Gospel these many years.
We continue to be humbled
to serve as your hands and
feet in both the challenges and
joys of this work. Thank
you for your prayers, encourage-
ment, and
support.



- The Trump Family

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MORE VISITATION

The Cambodia Lutheran Church's (CLC) program of intentional visitation continues. During a recent trip to Prey Veng, we visited Pastor Sao Eam's congregation. One thing we learned is that the adults in this group are largely illiterate. We didn't know that beforehand, so it was a bit awkward to show up with boxes of books to share. But since there were plenty of literate kids there, we distributed resources, including Luther's Small Catechism, to them instead of the adults. Martin Luther wrote the Catechism in easy-to-memorize style for use in families who were often illiterate. Some 500 years later and many miles from Germany, we encouraged literate kids to read the Catechism to their illiterate parents!

MORE PROGRESS

J.P. has made good progress in his dissertation process. He completed a draft prospectus (an initial document which outlines what the student plans to study, as well as why and how they want to study it). Because his research will include human interviews, he was required to take a course on qualitative research design. While initially worried this might push him back several months, he was able to enroll in an intensive course at another institution. In late May he was on Zoom with people from all over the world for long hours late into the night (the course was taught based on US time). But he is now finished! Next step: getting the prospectus approved by his department.



MORE TRAINING



In May, J.P. continued teaching the Small Catechism in Takeo. This was session 3 of 6. Though J.P. had hoped to complete the study of the Apostles' Creed, the discussion was so rich that the group only finished the second article, on Jesus! The group is now officially behind J.P.'s plan. It's a good reminder that the material does not serve the schedule, but rather the schedule serves the Word of God. Schedules can change!

WE'RE COMING TO THE US!

Our family will spend 6 weeks stateside. Most of this year's visit will be personal time with family, though we do have a few dates:

- June 19* - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach, VA
- June 26 - King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, VA
- July 3* - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA
- July 8-13 - National Youth Gathering, Houston, TX
- July 19-21* - Higher Things, Bozeman, MT

* = preaching and/or presenting

PRAY WITH US

Pray: for new members of our Bible study; for Gospel sharing with families in our neighborhood; for upcoming visitation to Kampong Chhnang; for quick prospectus approval; for safe and fruitful travel to the US; **Praise:** for a strong end to the kids' school year; for Celeste's new business.

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THE DIMM FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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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?

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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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