

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor Time to Sharpen Up

(Proverbs 27:17)

It only happens once a year, but it underlies what I find to be a vivid and thought-provoking image in the Scriptures. Whenever I prepare to carve the Thanksgiving turkey, I pull out the knife used for that purpose alone and drag it over the sharpening rod, to hone its edge. I don't know the mechanics of how one metal surface refines the other. All I know is that without that simple action the knife I'm using is less likely to cut cleanly through the meat. It won't perform the job it was intended to perform quite as well. In the book of Proverbs,



King Solomon compares the sharpening of metal on metal to a similar "sharpening up" of people who undertake a task together or seek the purposes of God through the leading of the Holy Spirit as a group: "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens

another," Solomon writes. Tasks undertaken individually can still turn out well, of course! It's just that when people strive for a common goal and do so side-by-side while seeking God's leading, the Holy Spirit will use the gifts each brings to the table in such a way that all parties benefit more than they would have if they had undertaken the same task either individually or separately.

Classes at Resurrection Lutheran School for the 2022-2023 school year are already underway. Soon the "littles" at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool will be making their way back into the building too! Due in no small part to our incredible school staff and teachers, enrollment at our church's schools is robust again this year, thanks be to God! I can't help but take note that as many children and young people return from summer break and gather again in our nation's classrooms...

SEPTEMBER 2022

Worship S<mark>ched</mark>ule

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:

RLP Parent Night Sep 1
Holiday - Labor Day Sep 5
Ladies LuncheonSep 7
WNW BeginsSep 7
Ignite Lock-InSep 9/10
CoffeehouseSep 9
Men's BreakfastSep 10
Veterans LunchSep 14
Pizza NightSep 14
Pastor Jonathan Event Sep 24
Blind MinistrySep 30

Sunday Adult Ed

Training in Righteousness

First and Second Timothy are two of the most beloved and controversial of Paul's letters, giving us a great opportunity to grow in our faith through a discussion-based study of these two letters. How to pray for our leaders, identifying bad doctrine, what to wear in church, who should serve in church, the love of Christ, baptism, the Word, and even the end times it is all here in Paul's letters to a beginning pastor! Among all of this, it was Paul's desire to instruct and encourage young Timothy to be grounded in the Gospel, setting a good example for all believers in his Gospel ministry.

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, starting September 18, as we walk with Paul and Timothy in the life saving, life transforming, Gospel ministry of Jesus! This class will be team led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach.

Questions? Contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.



ready to be formed and educated —sharpened up— for life in the real world... how we all have the opportunity to grow in God's Word when we gather around God's promises and seek answers to the most important Life questions together. Worship and personal devotions are important. In-person group Bible study allows us to go deeper in God's Word and to benefit from the Spirit-forged "iron" in others as we sharpen one another up. It all happens, of course, by the leading and love of God for us and in us, through Christ Jesus. Jesus leads us to new insights. He provides new "aha!" moments that encourage us in our faith journey. And even gives us opportunity to be the vehicle for others to grow and learn. As iron sharpens iron, so one person will sharpen another.

RLC is pleased to offer many opportunities for sharpening up this fall. In addition to Sunday School for children and youth, there are several Sunday morning and midweek studies for adults and youth that are sure to fill a need for almost anyone. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

Every knife in the drawer can get a little dull from wear. I hope and pray that you make time in your busy schedules now to join us for a time of sharpening. We will all work better as God enables us to work together!

In peace and joy, Pastor Jonathan

Installation of Southeastern District President Rev. Dr. William A. Harmon

Saturday, August 13, 2022 King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg VA







A Message from Newly Installed SED President Harmon and his wife, Gayle:

se.lcms.org/post-installation

CELEBRATE PASTOR JONATHAN A. BLANKE'S 30 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY



You are cordially invited to attend a celebration

in honor of Pastor Jonathan A. Blanke,

as he reaches the 30th Anniversary of his ordination in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Setting will be casual, with hors d'oeuvres and cake, including some of Pastor Jonathan's favorites.

Saturday, September 24, 2022

6:00 pm - Worship and Special Recognition in the Sanctuary

7:00 pm - Hors d'oeuvres and Cake in the Family Life Center

Please mark your calendars so you won't miss this momentous occasion!

For planning purposes, <u>please RSVP by September 18</u> to <u>Brenda Peterson</u>.





Resurrection Lutheran School Choir and Middle School Chorus were honored to be a part of Pastor Harmon's Installation. Two previously recorded videos were shown during the service.

Sunday Adult Ed

David and the Psalms

David (of the Old Testament) and the Psalms are forever linked. In this 10-week class, we will explore the life of David, whether boy or King, as well as the Psalms. Scholars are divided about how many of the Psalms David wrote but he wrote at least 46 of them - sometimes laments or of praise.

David-Shepherd, Warrior, King, Husband, and Fatherhe certainly had many roles in his life. The Psalms - written over a span of many years, speak of personal triumphs and sometimes tragedies, are intricately linked with his life, his triumphs and tragedies. We will explore the life of David, as well as some wonderful psalms and how they applied to the writer as well as to our lives today.

Bring your Bible to class. There is no cost, no book to buy, but please register with the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

We will meet in Room 151, Family Life Center, from 9:30-10:30 am, starting on Sunday, September 18. Led by Mindy Stephani.



Adult Christian Education

Other Bible Study Opportunities

Monday Evening

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Join us in person on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm, starting September 12 through October 31 in Room 151, Family Life Center, for a new study of *Promised Rest* by Michelle Diercks. We will also have a Zoom group available at the same time on Monday evenings. Books are available through christianbook.com, cph.org, or Amazon. Amazon also has the book available in the Kindle store. Questions? Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, <u>office@rlcary.org</u>).

Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship

We will kick off with a potluck on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center, for fellowship, study, and small group discussion. Our initial study will be on *The End Times* and led by Mark Otten. After this first day, we will meet at 7:00 pm. All men welcome! Contact <u>mens-ministry@rlcary.org</u> or join the Men's Ministry group through RCB.

Tuesday Morning

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Starting September 13, we will again study the coming Sunday Scripture lessons from 10:30-11:30 am in Room 151, Family Life Center, with Pastors Jonathan Blanke and Zach Sarrault. God gives His Word to instruct, guide, and bless our lives. The Scripture lessons in worship offer a menu every week to build up the people of God in faith and hope.

Wednesday Evening

The Thread

The Holy Scriptures are rich and varied in content. Not only do we have two testaments (both Old and New), but the people God used to bring us the Word used poems, songs, historical narrative, letters, and parables to do so. What is the one common thread that holds this rich tapestry together? Join us as we look at various Old and New Testament passages where the most prominent themes of the Scriptures as a whole are in evidence. We will meet Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, starting September 7 in Room 151, Family Life Center, with Pastor Jonathan Blanke.

Men With Kids

Men with Kids starts on September 7 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center. This Wednesday night group will follow the Confirmation class schedule. Initial study is *Be a Godly Man*. Contact Tom Gebbia at <u>mens-ministry@rlcary.org</u> or join the Men's Ministry group through RCB.

Saturday Morning

This Is the Church

This is an introduction and review of the main doctrines of the Christian faith. The focus will be on the core doctrines (Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper), understanding how and why they occur in our worship life and what makes Christianity different from all other world religions. Meet with Pastor Jonathan Blanke for three days (September 17, September 24, and October 8) from 9:00-10:30 am. Both newcomers and veterans of the faith are welcome to take part!

Outreach Service to the Community

Thank You!

Christmas in July

Safe Families for Children

We donated \$1,350 in gift cards. After using all our donated gift cards last year, they were very appreciative and said our donations are truly an answer to prayer!

Families Together PLM

We delivered an SUV full of much needed household goods and cleaning supplies, as well as \$325 in gift cards.

Raleigh Rescue Mission

We dropped off our donations 'just in time'! Carla, Donations Coordinator, was just placing an order for towels, linens, diapers, and kids underwear - exactly what we were able to deliver!

Gateway Women's Care

We delivered a carload of baby supplies that will be put to use right away. This was our first year including Gateway in our Christmas in July and they are very appreciative of our support!

Thank you to all who participated! Our donations — three SUV/trunk loads of items and \$1,675 in gift cards — were much needed and appreciated!



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

WakeEd Partnership's Community Supply Drive collected more than 125,000 school supply items and \$50,000 for Wake County Public Schools!

School supply items are distributed at Tools4Schools, WakeEd's free classroom supply store for teachers. *Thank you for helping with the success of this program through your generosity!*

Happy Anniversary!

September 1 Daniel and Lois Haertling 65 years

> September 5 Joe and Sue Barry 51 years

September 7 Alan and Kay Tharp 54 years

September 9 Fred and Wendy Zei 50 years

September 20 Haile and Hanna Hirpa 30 years

Barry and Randi Munns 25 years

September 23 Edward and Anne Altieri 61 years

> September 29 Rick and Kim Foresta 10 years

September 30 Bob and Melissa Cotton 25 years

Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM)

Thank you, RLC members, for food donations over the summer months! For people experiencing food insecurity and financial crisis, it is helpful to be able to receive free food once a month.

If you know anyone experiencing a food or financial crisis in Apex, Holly Springs, Friendship, New Hill or Fuquay-Varina, please have them call WWCM at 919-362-0657 for help.

Please note: WWCM does not accept donations of clothing, household goods, or other durable goods. The ministry does gratefully accept donations of paper and clean plastic grocery bags without holes in them. You may put those items in the food collection bins.



Gifts & Memorials

For the PPK Endowment Fund

In Memory of Helen Kelermeier:

Keith and Dawn Leister



We encourage you to find areas of interest that best suit your natural gifts, and join us as we reach out with the love of Christ, by grace, through faith, for service.

Care and Outreach

Connect, Serve, Learn, and Grow

Altar Care

We are having an organizational meeting on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping and serving your church and the Lord. Come join us! Questions? Contact Linda Merrill in the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Food and Fellowship for the Blind

Resurrection offers an outreach to the blind, a monthly social that includes dinner, devotion, prayer, and fellowship. Here, both sighted and visually impaired people gather for friendship and support as they show and tell Jesus' love. These events occur on the last Friday of the month from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in this amazing ministry! We need drivers, people to set up starting at around 4:00 pm, and to help with serving and cleaning up. Contact <u>Annette Langefeld-Kennedy</u>.

Blind Ministry would like to recognize Danny Thompson of Danny's Bar-B-Que. He has graciously provided meals for the last three months at his cost. We are appreciative of his generosity and support of this ministry. Danny's BBQ is located at 311 Ashville Avenue, Cary. For more info and other location, <u>dannysbarbque.com</u>.



Breadshare

Breadshare is social ministry program within RLC where we bring food and fellowship to those in need in our congregation. If your family is experiencing any type of needful situation such as surgery, illness, or the birth of a baby and you could use some support, please let the church office or Diane Hoffmeister know. If you would like to participate in delivering meals, sign up on RCB, contact the church office (919-851-7248, <u>office@rlcary.org</u>) or <u>Diane Hoffmeister</u>.

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse on August 12. There were 114 in attendance! 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, September 9 in the Family Life Center Gym. *The Loch Nuts* will be the entertainment. Sign Up: <u>https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN</u> Questions? Contact <u>Brenda Peterson</u> or the church office (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248).

Volunteers Needed to Advance Slides in the Main Sanctuary

We are putting together teams for the Sanctuary services (Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 9:30 am) to assist with advancing slides during worship. Teams of two people per week are ideal. Training will be provided. If interested, speak with Lori Jannings (6:00 pm), Brenda Peterson (8:00 am), or Dara Linn (9:30 am).

September News



Sunday School Registration Link: https://forms.gle/WCFLehmNrGpSJ1tt5



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director

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Student Ministry

Youth Happenings

Happy new school year! I hope the transition back to school has been a blessing for all families. It is time to transition into a fantastic new school year with the Youth Ministry as well. There is so much to do and we are looking at a full schedule of events all year!

Resurrection Lutheran **PRESCHOOL**

ENROLLING FOR 2022-23

Classes for children 2-years-old through 5-years-old, including transitional-kindergarten.

Our program provides a balance of academic and social opportunities by means

of our 'learning through play' philosophy in a loving Christian atmosphere.

... balance of social/academic opportunities

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

... a loving Christian atmosphere

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... experienced, committed, nurturing staff ... averaging over 10 years of staffing stability

 \ldots developmentally age-appropriate, hands-on, child-centered experiences

... a Co-Teaching Team develops a 'learning through play' environment

... weekly **Chapel & Music** for all; **Science** for 4's & T-K ... we **partner** with families to provide the finest program for children

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This year, our theme will be *Stories*. We will be exploring how our story is part of a much bigger story. God has chosen each one of us to be a part of his family and a part of his story. He is in all things that we will do whether that is making new friends, serving our community and church, continuing our faith walk journey, playing some games and having fun.

Sunday School will kick off with the Youth Gathering presentation on September 11 from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Start the year by hearing the stories and experiences in our own words.

Then Connection Café (Sunday School for Grades 6-12) will begin on September 18 from 9:30-10:30 am in The Warehouse (Room 253) where we will rediscover and look in a new way at some "classic" bible stories.

Questions? Contact Jenny Piontek, Youth Director, at jenny.piontek@rlcary.org.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to School Night was a great success! We hope that you enjoyed meeting your children's teachers and getting to know other RLS families. This will be the first of many opportunities to gather as a community. If you were unable to attend and would like to arrange a time to meet with your teacher, please let us know.

FALL SPORTS

Athletic competition is an important aspect of middle school. RLS will offer Girls Volleyball (5th-8th) and Co-ed Cross Country (5th-8th) in the fall. Practices have already begun in preparation for an exciting season. *Go Lions!*

PRINCIPAL CALL COMMITTEE

The Principal Call Committee has identified fourteen candidates with the credentials we are looking for as the next leader at RLS. Three have shown interest in moving forward with a formal interview. Interviews will begin in September and continue into October.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 7	School Portraits (wear school attire)
September 11	Blessing of the Educators at All RLC Worship Services
September 29-30	Middle School (Grade 6-8) Overnight Field Trip
	Fall Retreat at Camp Agape

Looking Ahead...

November 8 No School - Election Day



RLS parents meet our teachers at 2022-2023 Back to School Night!





Resurrection Lutheran School

Robert Unger Interim Principal

Rosie Creasy Director of Admissions/ School Growth

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Soaring to New Heights

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

(Isaiah 40:31 NIV)

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.

Our Missionaries

Thank You

Greetings, friends at RLC Cary, from a steamy Phnom Penh! We pray this note finds you well.

What a joy to write this email, giving thanks to God for His gracious provision THROUGH YOU! Your passion for God's mission in Southeast Asia, expressed through your prayer and financial support of our family as we serve there, is an enormous encouragement to us. THANK YOU for partnering with us as we partner with brothers sisters in Christ on the other side of the world. It is our joy and privilege to serve on your behalf.

It has been a busy several months. After <u>6 wonderful weeks in the United States</u>, we slid back into normal routines in Cambodia.

J.P. continues to enjoy lots of opportunities for <u>teaching</u> and discipleship. Recently, he has been traveling to the provinces to lead <u>seminars on Luther's Small Catechism</u>. Just last week he was also asked by <u>Luther Institute</u> <u>of Southeast Asia</u> to teach <u>an introductory course</u> on the <u>Lutheran Confessions</u>. It never gets old to see <u>21st</u> <u>century Cambodians reading</u>, discussing, and resonating with <u>16th century documents</u>! J.P. was blown away by how quickly his audience found connections to their own lives and ministries in these rather esoteric documents. It was a blast! Indeed, J.P. has grown quite fond of many of these students, especially since spending time with them in their homes as a part of an ongoing program of intentional visitation</u>.

We also continue to host our church's <u>youth group</u> each and every Saturday. This is one of our favorite parts of the week. This past Saturday, Aimee ordered a cake to celebrate some youths' birthdays. The cake's delivery led to <u>an incredible opportunity</u> to share the Gospel with the delivery driver. He and Aimee talked for 45 minutes! Aimee also continues to support other missionaries in the region as a part of Asia Regional Managers team. She is particularly excited to plan a gathering for all missionaries in Asia, set for early next year IN PHNOM PENH! Where does she find time to also <u>help coordinate our church's Sunday school</u>!?

As for the rest of the family, the kids have successfully <u>started a new year of school</u>. Moreover, as of <u>Bella's</u> <u>birthday</u>, we now have two teenagers in the house! Nonetheless, Isaac, who is 5, still keeps us all young with his <u>boundless energy</u>.

You are a part of all of this. We repeatedly say that we could not be here without you because it is so true. Your prayers, your support, your encouragement—makes it possible for us to serve God's people in Cambodia. THANK YOU for your trust and partnership. Know that we are thanking God for you!

Please feel free to reach out to us any time using the information below. We love hearing from you!

In Christ, J.P., Aimee, Celeste, Bella, and Isaac Cima



Our Missionaries

Thank You



Dear friends at Resumection,

Nello! We hope you all are well. We wanted to thank you for your orgoing support for the Lord's work through our hands in East Africa. As our roles are shifting to more regional work throughout all of Africa, whe grateful we get to take you with us as we serve in education, care ministries and business management. We continually keep you all in our prayers and are thankful we are part of this work together. your support and prayers are very encouraging in our daily lives. Thank you!

> Peace in Christ, Mart & Megan

Ministry Partner

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Town Hall on LWR's Response in Ukraine

Join us on Wednesday, September 7 at 4:00 pm EST for a virtual event to learn about how your love has provided urgently-needed aid to Ukrainians. We will be joined by Tamara Demuria who is leading the efforts to help Ukrainians who fled violence. She'll also explain how the Ukraine conflict and other factors have created a "perfect storm" that threatens millions of our brothers and sisters with hunger. This is an opportunity to learn about LWR's emergency response and how our neighbors are being impacted. Link to register: www.org/register

Our latest <u>Situation Report</u> provides details about how your love is reaching our neighbors in Ukraine.



The Piecemakers

Upcoming Event

Blessing of the Quilts will be at all services on October 8/9. We will also have our **Silent Auction**. The auction will include an heirloom quality, queen size quilt. We will also have a variety of themed items, such as throws, totes, baby items, table and bed runners. Mark your calendar and plan to come and see many items for your Christmas shopping!



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 <u>finance@rlcary.org</u>.

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