

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 2022



Pastor's Corner for September 18-24

**Giving Thanks for God's "Right Hand" and "Left Hand" Kingdom Work
(1 Timothy 2:1-8)**

There are times in the church when terms are used without explanation. One you might have heard is the "Doctrine of Two Kingdoms." What does that mean... and why should we care? Well, the Scriptures tell us God works to save us by sending the Holy Spirit to give us faith in Jesus. This work is called the work of God's "right hand kingdom." However, the Scriptures also tell us something else: God raises children through family members and teachers... provides for our daily needs

through human labor... keeps the peace through governments and the laws they adjudicate. This is called God's "left hand kingdom." Here God uses the law—rewards and punishments, carrots and sticks— to preserve humanity and permit us to enjoy this beautiful world we live in. God is working in both, but God's methods and purposes differ in each.

You might be tempted to wonder why this matters. Here's a reason: it's not hard to give thanks for God's right-hand kingdom work. After all, who DOESN'T love living out the truth that God gifts us the Holy Spirit through the promises we receive again and again in God's Word? And when life is going along pretty well — politicians "on our side" are doing what we voted them into office for, CEOs are conducting their businesses with care for employees and integrity for their customers, retailers are providing good, quality merchandise at what we consider reasonable prices, etc.— we might even spontaneously give thanks to God for that "left-hand" kingdom work, too! But... the world and each of us being the imperfect, broken people we are, such thanksgiving for God's left-hand kingdom work isn't likely to last long— if it occurs at all. Since we belong to a God who loves the world and wants ALL to know it... that's a problem. St. Paul writes in our epistle reading for this weekend: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." Are you disappointed at times with the behavior of the rich and powerful? Do your politicians and public servants let you down? St. Paul was executed for his work as a Christian missionary by the authorities of his day. He knows even better than we do how difficult it is to see the left-hand kingdom work of God in earthly kingdoms and governments.

Yet underneath St. Paul's encouragement to pray for kings and those in high positions, is the true gold of our text: God "desires ALL people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, one mediator between God and men (the man Jesus Christ) who gave himself as a ransom for ALL." St. Paul, who called himself "the chief of sinners" nevertheless also calls himself a "herald" of the one true King. As a forgiven sinner St. Paul was empowered to serve both the Triune God made visible in the Son of God, Jesus Christ AND those around Him. He did so with the message of God's love for all.

Praying for all —even those in high positions— is never easy or automatic. Praying on behalf of all, we give thanks for God's heart for the world. This week, by the Spirit's guiding, let's live as people of God's right- AND lefthand kingdoms.

Toddler Bibles (The Beginner's Bible: Timeless Children's Stories) Distributed This Weekend

Bibles come in all shapes and sizes these days and some even have fun illustrations intended to introduce youngsters to the lifelong practice of reading the Scriptures. Join us this weekend (September 17 and 18) as we distribute "toddler Bibles" (Bibles for children in the categories of Early Childhood through 1st Grade) to RLC children and their families in all services.

Peace and joy in Him,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

**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, please RSVP by September 18
to Brenda Peterson.

Then, the celebration continues on Sunday, September 25, 2022, with a cookie
fellowship following every Sunday morning service!

**We will be collecting Mites for Missions
at all services, September 17 and 18.**

Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box
in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC,
and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale,
% Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 W. Lochmere Dr.,
Cary NC 27518.

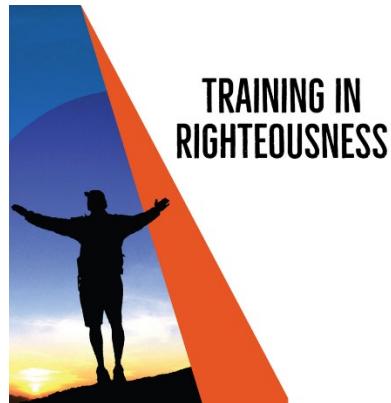
The large Mite Box is always available
at the Welcome table in the Narthex
for gifts anytime during the month.



*Thank you for supporting the mission grants
of Lutheran Women in Mission.*



**Sunday Morning Adult Christian Ed
Classes Start This Week!**



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's 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.



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

Bring a Bible with an Old Testament to class. There is no cost, no book to buy, but please register with the church (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. *Hope you will join us!*



Baptized on Sunday, September 18 at 11:00 am is

Sophia Ann Sarrault
Born August 7, 2022,

daughter of Zachery Rane Sarrault and Kelsey Ann Sarrault.

Godparents are Trenton James Beffery and Amy Kristeen Beffery.

*May God's blessing be upon Sophia Ann
as she grows in her baptismal grace.*

Other Adult Bible Study Opportunities:

- **Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship**
Mondays, 7:00 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center
Our initial study will be on *The End Times* and led by Mark Otten.
- **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**
Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center
Eight-Week Study of *Promised Rest* by Michelle Diercks. Zoom option available.
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship**
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am in Room 151, Family Life Center
We will study the lessons for the following Sunday, and as we do, we expect that this Word will enrich and edify our community prayer, faith, and servant life in Christ.

- **Men with Kids**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center

Initial study is *Be a Godly Man.*

- **The Thread**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center

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? We will look at various Old and New Testament passages where the most prominent themes of the Scriptures as a whole are in evidence. Led by Pastor Jonathan.

Click for the [FALL 2022 Christian Education Sheet.](#)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Have you thought about joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry? Did you know that we make more than just prayer shawls? We also make hats from preemie to adult sized, scarves for kids to adults, and blankets! Interested but don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We even have supplies you can borrow to learn on.

We meet the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month from 4:00-5:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center. **This month, we will meet on September 4 and 18.** Do you know someone who needs a prayer shawl? Just call or email [Betsy Moll](#) and I'll arrange a day and time to meet in Room 240 for you to get one. *Hope to see you Sunday!*



Saturday, September 24

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

Help Needed

We could use some volunteers to assist with preparation and clean up for Pastor Jonathan's 30th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday evening, September 24. Please click on the following link to see the SignUp Genius for what is available. Contact [Kim Simpson](#) with any questions.

signupgenius.com/go/4090b48aaab292-pastor

Sleep in Heavenly Peace-Durham

Delivery Day - Saturday, September 24
9:00 am-1:00 pm
Northgate Mall Durham

No experience necessary. All deliveries led by an SHP team lead. Just bring your

hands and hearts and help deliver beds to kids who don't have them!

Sign Up: signupgenius.com/go/9040e4dabac2cabf49-shpvolunteers2

Questions? Contact [Deb Oesterling](#) or the church office.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, September 30 from 5:30-7:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy to learn more and for volunteer needs
or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

LWML Eastern Zone Rally

Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm
80th Anniversary Celebration ~ 1942-2022 80 Years of God's Grace

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
2920 Hwy. 42 East, Clayton NC

Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10.
Gifts of the Heart: iChoose Pregnancy Support Services

RSVP by September 24 at <https://bit.ly/3QMWCqv>

Contact: [Val Feick](#)



Life For Uganda

**Sunday, October 2, 2022
At Bond Park from 4:00-6:00 pm**

Life For Uganda will host a Reverse Raffle Fundraiser on Sunday, October 2 at Bond Park in Cary. The Grand Prize winner will receive 50% of proceeds from ticket sales. Tickets are \$100/each and only 100 will be sold – so don't wait to purchase! You could win up to \$5,000! Your support will help support EDUCATION AND CLEAN WATER PROJECTS in Uganda.

Please visit [LifeForUganda.org](#) or email info@lifeforuganda.org for more information about our Uganda mission, purchase tickets, and find details about the raffle. While visiting the website, please consider making an ongoing donation to Life For Uganda.



Lutherans For Life

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 15 from 8:30 am-Noon

God is not divided; God loves life. He created it. He redeems it through Christ! He sanctifies life through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Come, explore what God is doing for life on October 15th. Lutherans for Life will present on the basics and importance of Life Teams in congregations.

Lutherans for Life has over 130 Life Chapters and 75 Life Teams across the United States. Through these chapters and teams, they accomplish the mission of equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. When the fearful teen learns of unexpected pregnancy, are you ready to apply the Gospel of forgiveness and lead them to life-affirming support toward informing their decisions for life and not death? When your loved one becomes incapacitated and seeks institutional support, will you know the right questions to ask so that their life will be honored, supported and appreciated but never forgotten or discarded? When a co-worker or friend reveals their child has identified as something other than what God created them, will you have a compassionate voice of love and support in the truth that God created them male and female? Life issues are all around us and we are called by God to support those experiencing any life issues through His Word of truth. It is loving to know how best to support and encourage your neighbor with the hope of God's word of life.

Resurrection Lutheran Church seeks your support of a planned Life Team to address these life issues and more. Please come Saturday morning, October 15th to learn more.

Children's Ministry at RLC



You are invited to
Sunday School!

Children's Sunday School for students age 3 through 5th grade begins September 11, 2022. Our amazing teachers are looking forward to welcoming you to their classrooms.

Reminder! Please register for Sunday School!

We are planning now to welcome your children! Please register so we can have all supplies ready on the first day!

Click here to register:

<https://forms.gle/WCFLehmNrGpsJ1tt5>



Sunday School Classrooms:

- Pre-K -Room 132
- K & 1st grade -Room 134
- 2nd & 3rd grade -Room 131
- 4th & 5th grade Room 133



Toddler Bibles

Resurrection Lutheran Church will distribute Toddler Bibles in all services the weekend of September 17th.

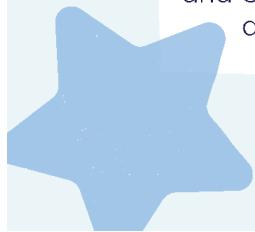


shine!

KICKS! Kids in Christ Keep Shining Grades 3 to 5



Mark your calendar for 2 KICKS events this fall! September 14th and October 12th beginning at 6:15 p.m. Fun, games, friends and devotional. From 6:15-7:30 pm in the Family Life Center.



Please contact Erika Hulse at
erika.hulse@rlcary.org for more information!



Student Ministry

Youth happenings this week for Breakaway (High School) and Ignite (Middle School):

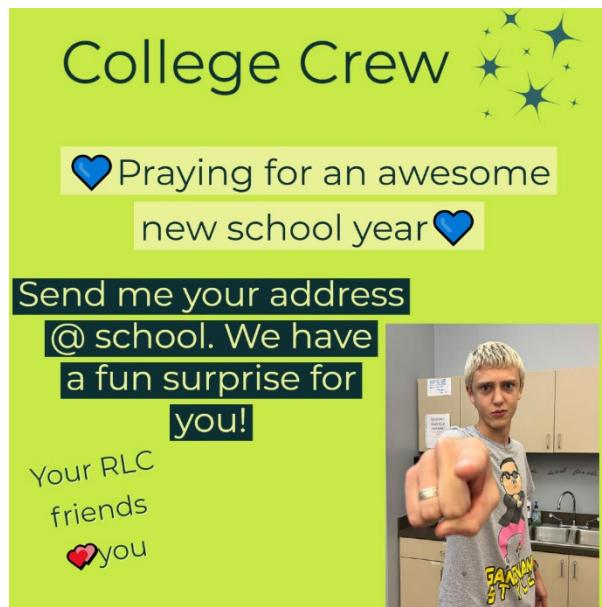
- **Join us for Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am!**
Connection Café for 6th-12th Grade is led by Jenny Piontek in Room 253 (The Warehouse), Family Life Center.
- **Breakaway (High School Youth Group)** will meet Sunday from 6:30-8:00 pm in The Warehouse.
- If you missed our **Youth Gathering Presentation** by the Youth Participants last Sunday, click this link to view the video that was shown: youtu.be/Z2bvyy1mLQxk

Peace in Christ,
Jenny Piontek, Youth Director
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org



Attn: RLC College Students or Families of College Students!

Student Ministry would like our first service project of the year to be Care Packages for our College Crew. And we need addresses! Please send package mailing addresses directly to jenny.piontek@rlcary.org. Thanks!



Bed Available

We have a like new, Twin XL adjustable bed that we would like to donate to someone who can use it. The head and foot both raise and lower independently via a plug-in motor attached to the underside of the bed. The entire bed height DOES NOT elevate like a hospital bed. It also has a vibrate feature. The box spring mattress is attached to the frame for full support and adjustability. The top XL twin mattress has been in a waterproof, bedbug proof encaser the entire time we have owned the bed (except to take the pictures). We used the bed in a spare bedroom and it was rarely used so we're getting rid of it and hoping to make better use of the space. The headboard is removable so it could be replaced with a headboard to fit any décor. This bed is great for inclined sleeping, surgery recovery, for someone who needs help to sit up or get into bed, etc. Here's a [link to the pictures of the](#)

bed so that you can see what it does/doesn't do. Thanks for helping us find a good home for this bed so that it can avoid the dump. For questions or other donation suggestions, please contact Susan Harrell or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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

Dance Club and Art Club in full swing!



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

Latest Lion's Tale



Online Worship Bulletins

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC

or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Visual Faith for September 18

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service

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Prayers of the Church – September 18, 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 Hambergren, *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, *Geoffrey Wiggins, Marc and Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai, Beverly Kunitsky, Mattie Corbett

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen, Anne Price, *Gary Ferro, Angie Price, Alison Ziegelmeyer, Carol Dilberto, Roseanne Candiello, Jackie, Linda H., Kathy Siemon, Scott Brinkley, *Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Glenn Wagner, Pamm Haley, Judy Dean, Brian Reilly

For Expectant Moms

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Those Prayed for on September 11, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travel
- Our RLC Family
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Staff, Students, and Families
- Javed, Cancer Free
- *Mary Newhouse, Recovering at Home
- Answered Prayers
- Our Many Blessings
- Our Wonderful Coffeehouse Volunteers
- Laura - Pregnant
- A Fully Staffed Sunday School, 40 Children Attending

For Healing

- *Becky Berger
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering From COVID
- Jan Bloom
- Carol, Cancer Surgery September 8
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Judy Dean, Sheila McNair
- *Greta Hervey; *Mel Talenski; *Paul Wozniak
- *Kim Goss

- *Paul Shaw, Knee Injury
- Kevin Kuhl, *Katy Johnson, *Doug Spitz
- Bruce, For Better Health, Brother of *Ralph Klevenerow
- Hannah, James, Richard, John, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Keith, Mark, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Kevin, Katy, Doug, Randi, Kathy, Jenny, Karen's Mother, Jason, Bob, Bryan, Lena, Ken, Donald, Stacie, William, Debbie, Dana, Corey, Eric, Mara, Sue, Connie, Karen, Jaime

For Comfort

- Connie, Close to End of Life, and Her Family Especially Husband Glenn
- Family and Friends of Bill Drake, Friend of *Jan Boyer
- Family and Friends of Herman Farris, Brother-In-Law of *Elaine Ketcham Caltrider
- For Those That Mourn the Death of Queen Elizabeth II

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Candidates and Ongoing Call Process
- *Randi and Barry Munns
- Annie Ruth Ford, *Dennis Ford's Mother
- *Eric and Jill Hammergren
- *Pam Dickson
- *Bruce and *Annette Kennedy
- All Students and Teachers Beginning the New School Year
- Healthy Pregnancies
- All Who Travel
- September 11 Remembrances

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

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and *Megan Mantey, Uganda
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya

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 – September 18, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, September 10

6:00 pm - 35

Sunday, September 11

8:00 am - 65; 9:30 am - 121; 11:00 am - 108

Total In-Person Worship: 329

Youth Sunday School

Sunday, September 11

9:30 am - 40

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, September 11

8:00 am - 116; 11:00 am - 50

Total Online Views: 166 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - August 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 100,671.57	\$ 203,543.39
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 99,630.38</u>	<u>\$ 199,693.16</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 1,041.19	\$ 3,850.23

Last Week's Offerings: \$22,122.66

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$22,615.93

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2022/23: \$26,908.65

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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