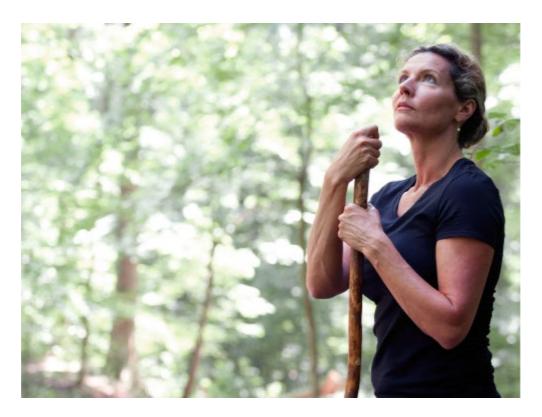
## Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost October 2, 2022



Pastor's Corner for October 2-8

# God Hears You and Is With You (Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

There are times in life when we ask someone a question, seeking advice that can change a situation, but the answer they give is anything but satisfactory. These past few weeks, I've been on the giving end of poor advice a time or two. Every once in a while, Sophia can be awfully grumpy right before bedtime. We've done everything in the book to get to her to stop crying and she just continues to scream. We've changed her, bathed her, fed her, cuddled her, and burped her yet she is still unhappy. In between the screams and the gasps, as we walk her and rock her around the bedroom, Kesley looks at me and asks questions, "How do we get her to stop?" and the answer to the question is far from satisfactory, "She's just a baby and babies cry."

Not the answer she was looking for.

Whether we like it or not, God can be on the giving end of those far-fromsatisfactory answers at times. Habakkuk, one of those prophets we generally don't spend much time with, was asking God a question and he had been asking for a long time. "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help and you will not hear?" (Hab. 1:2). Habakkuk was frustrated with the way his country was headed. What was once a strong God-fearing country, was now a country that was falling apart. Judah was constantly turning their back on God, seeking after other means to satisfy their desires. There was conflict within their own borders over which direction their country should go. Morals were lacking and truth was up to anyone to define.

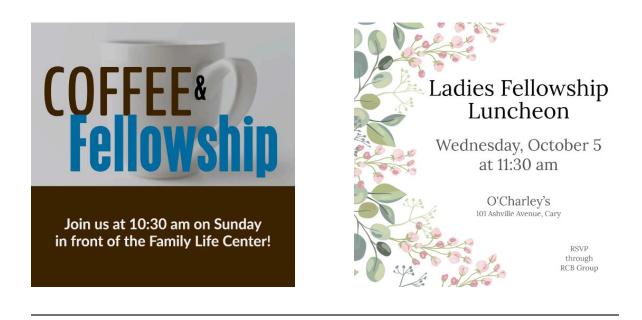
Sound familiar? There are times when we can call out to God with a simple question. Whether we are frustrated with our country, our family, or the world at large we can cry out to God with Habakkuk, "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help and you will not hear?" But God does hear our prayers and they will be answered.

God's response to Habakkuk is the same response He gives us today, "For still God's Word awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end-it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay" (Hab. 2:3).

God says to wait, and He will come. God doesn't forget His people and you are those that He knows. His presence is still at work and His love is still active. So, whether your week is chaotic or peaceful, remember that God hears you and is with you.

Your brother in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

## **Prayers of the Church**



## Celebrate with Lutheran Women in Mission

Let's celebrate all that God has done through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars you put in your Mite Box, and we thank you! Our new LWML Mission Statement reads, "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." The Holy Spirit has been doing this for 80 years through the LWML.

This year's theme is "For Us and With Us," based on Romans 8:31-39 — What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32). We glorify God by sharing His love with others. Your generous mite offering donations enable us so we can share the Gospel throughout the world. Join us on this LWML Sunday to give thanks and praise to God. Thank you for supporting the LWML!



## Sunday Morning Adult Christian Ed



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 discussionbased 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 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 (started September 18), 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 and no book to buy. We meet in Room 151, Family Life Center, on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am. Led by Mindy Stephani.

### Other Adult Bible Study Opportunities:

- Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center Current study is *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 started September

#### 12. 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 Current study is *Be a Godly Man*.

• The Thread

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall \*note room change 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.

### Life For Uganda

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

Make plans to join us for an afternoon cook-out at Bond Park in Cary, (Kiwanis Shelter), on Sunday, October 2nd, where Life For Uganda will host a Reverse Raffle Fundraiser. 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!! Each raffle ticket includes two meals at the cook-out. Additional meals will be available for \$7/each. RAIN OR SHINE!

Your support will help support EDUCATION AND CLEAN WATER PROJECTS in Uganda. Please visit <u>www.LifeForUganda.org</u> or email <u>info@lifeforuganda.org</u> 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.



## **Christmas Music Festival**

What Sweeter Music, accompanied by an orchestra and including the singing of familiar carols, including Silent Night, Angels We Have Heard on High, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful, special music, and narrative from Holy Scripture will be presented at the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Worship Services on Sunday, December 18.

All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this exciting preparation for Christmas. Rehearsals for *What Sweeter Music* are scheduled for **Wednesdays**, **beginning October 5, 7:30-8:00 pm**. A choral "dress" rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 10:00 am.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Unger at the church office (<u>robert.unger@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248 ext. 25) and/or be present at one the

initial rehearsals. It is okay if you are not able to attend all the rehearsals, we would rather you attend as your schedule allows, than to exclude yourself from participating in this wonderful opportunity.



We are combining two of our most popular events into one: Men's Breakfast and Pastor's Forum on **Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a full breakfast, fellowship, and a relaxed conversation with the Pastors.

Do you have a question you would like to ask the Pastor but haven't? We will submit questions to the Pastors in advance to get the conversation started. You can submit questions to Tom Gebbia via email, phone, drop it in his church mailbox, or send it directly to the pastor. Please use this event to invite your friend, neighbor, or church member you haven't seen lately.

Contact Tom Gebbia at <u>mens-ministry@rlcary.org</u>, if you are interested in helping.

## Blessing of the Quilts and Silent Auction

The **weekend of October 8-9** at all of our worship services, we will be celebrating the Blessing of the Quilts. Come see the hand-tied quilts The Piecemakers, RLC's quilting group, put together this year. The quilts will be blessed, then shipped to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Quilts are valuable tools in LWR's relief work to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. To recipients, they are a symbol of God's love and compassion. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, room dividers, simple tents, or floor coverings. LWR distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in wartorn Europe following the Second World War. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year.

Also, that weekend is the Silent Auction Fundraiser for The Piecemakers to buy the needed materials to continue making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. There will be a variety of quality, hand-made quilt products that are perfect for gift giving in the upcoming season, think birthdays, baby showers, and Christmas!

You are invited to view them and enter your bid on the items on display in the Narthex and Family Life Center before or after all services on October 8-9. After, the bid sheets will be picked up and winners contacted for delivery and payment. Each item will have a bid sheet identifying the suggested market value and the minimum bid.



## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner



Join us on Wednesday, October 12 from 5:45-6:15 pm in the Family Life Center for pizza!

Everyone is invited. Pizza night will be held one Wednesday per month on October 12, November 2, and December 7. Cost is \$2 per slice. You can pay at the door but must have <u>order placed by Tuesday</u>, <u>October 11</u>.

Click <u>HERE</u> to make your reservation.

## The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse on September 9! There were 116 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**, **October 14** in the Family Life Center gym. Our very own *Reign!* band will play for us. Questions: <u>Brenda Peterson</u>

Sign Up: https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN

**Lutherans For Life** 

### Save the Date! Saturday, October 15 from 8:30 am-Noon

Are you interested in changing hearts through the Word of God and the Love of Jesus Christ? If this sounds like what you are interested in supporting, this is what Life Teams are all about. Join your voice to the blessing of loving and serving your neighbors in need, no matter what life issue they are experiencing.

As you leave the Services this weekend, you will find a table with brochures explaining Lutherans for Life. At the same table, you will also find a sign-up sheet for attending the presentation on the 15th. Please register so that we will know how many tables to set up and how much food to prepare. Registration and the event are free. A light breakfast will be available from 8:30 am to 9:00 am and it will be followed by the presentations.



You are cordially invited to attend a *rescheduled* 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, October 22, 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 <u>RSVP by October 16</u> to <u>Brenda Peterson</u>.

Then, the celebration continues on Sunday, October 23 with a cookie fellowship following every Sunday morning service!

## **Lutheran Witness Subscription**

It is time to renew (or start) your Lutheran Witness subscription. This church magazine has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans.

The cost is \$12.95 annually. Make checks payable to RLC and either use designated offering envelope or note "Lutheran Witness" in memo.

<u>Deadline is October 24.</u> New members to RLC receive a one-year free subscription from the church.

### Men's Workout Group

Are you looking to start or shake up your fitness routine, but need some extra motivation, group accountability, or a workout that's actually fun? Or perhaps you'd like to enjoy the wonderful Fall weather but spend more time than you'd like at the office or home office. You may have recently read in the New York Times or other news outlets about F3, a faith-based, free men's workout group held outdoors all around the country. Did you know that there are many active sites every day of the week throughout Wake County, including one just across the street from RLC at Ritter Park? The group is open to men of all fitness levels and ages (typical age range 35-55, but we also have guys in their 20s and 60s), and has different types of workouts for running, strength training, power walking, yoga, and more. If you'd like to learn more or try out one of the workouts, feel free to contact RLC member Art Berger, who is actively involved in the group. (Note that F3 is not sponsored by RLC, or any particular church.)



## Children's Sunday School

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Our Children's Sunday School is off to a great start. We are welcoming 30-40 children each week. Our amazing staff is building relationships through Bible stories, games, songs and crafts. Sunday School is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Join us!!! Pre-K room 132, K \$ 1st grade room 134, 2nd \$ 3rd grade room 131, 4th \$ 5th grade room 133. Register here: https://forms.gle/Wq9NhTYfEJBZoXf17

### Hands-On Bible Gift for 2nd and 3rd Graders

October 29th and 30th, all 2nd \$ 3rd grade students are invited to attend one of our worship services where they will receive a super cool Hands-On Bible! It is a gift to your child from Resurrection Lutheran Church!

## Children's Church

Children's Church is offered during the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service. Children are dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Message. The children will be engaged in crafts, games and Bible stories. We look forward to seeing your children there!!!

## KICKS - Grades 3-5

The first KICKS (Kids In Christ Keep Shining) event in September was a great success. 12 students attended and learned about friendship. Thanks to Ms. Kim and Ms. Leah for leading the event! Our next KICKS event is set for October 12th at 6:15 pm. We hope you will join us!!!

### **Student Ministry**

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather! This year the goal is to try new things. I am so excited that we had so many youth and family join us mid-September for our official youth group kick off. Our first Wednesday pizza night was a great success and Warehouse Wednesdays has been very busy. However, I am most excited about Sunday School! It shouldn't come as a surprise that Sunday School took a huge hit during Covid. Adjustments and new things are being tried. The combination of Middle School and High School together, new teachers, new curriculum, and an awesome attitude, we now have a real class. A class that makes it easy to have conversation, games, interactions, and just be inspired by the Word. Seriously AWESOME! Haven't checked it out yet? We are in The Warehouse every Sunday morning at 9:30 am! God is doing exciting things here within the RLC youth!

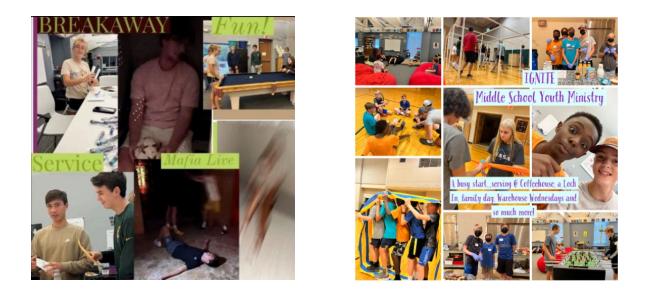
Youth happenings for Breakaway (High School) and Ignite (Middle School):

 Join us for Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am! Connection Café for 6th-12th Grade is led by Jenny Piontek in The Warehouse (Room 253), Family Life Center.



- Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm Study Group for Grades 6-12, Not Involved with Confirmation
- Sundays, October 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm Breakaway Youth Group (High School)
- Sunday, October 9 from 1:00-2:30 pm Ignite Youth Group (Middle School), Theme: Picture Perfect
- Wednesday, October 12 from 5:45-6:15 pm Pizza Night! Click <u>HERE</u> to make your reservation.
- Sunday, October 30 from 1:00-5:00 pm Service Event for Middle and High School: TRUNK OR TREAT!
- Mission Trips: June 18-23, 2023 - Middle School Mission Trip to Blue Ridge Mountains Area in North Carolina July 16-21, 2023 - High School Mission Trip to Savannah, Georgia More information coming soon!

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



### **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 <u>link to the pictures of the bed</u> 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 (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248).

### **Resurrection Lutheran Preschool**

**Openings are still available for this year, 2022-23!** There are classes for children, 2-5 years, including Transitional Kindergarten. Join our family today!

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



#### **Preschool Punchlines:**

After coming off of the playground on a very hot day, a boy shakes his head full of hair, saying, " I like wagging my sweat off."

## **Resurrection Lutheran School**

Our PSO **Pumpkin Sale** is back for another year! Please <u>sign up by Tuesday</u>, <u>October 4</u> to let us know how many pumpkins (\$10 each) your family would like to reserve for pick up after carpool on Thursday, October 6 between 3:15-4:00 pm or on Friday, October 7 between 8:15-9:00 am. <u>Click HERE to order pumpkins</u>.

Proceeds from this sale will help us support PSO programming and special requests from our teachers and staff throughout the year. Thanks in advance for your support of our efforts to enhance the amazing educational community that is RLS!



Latest Lion's Tale



## **Online Worship Bulletins**

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at <u>youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC</u> or through our website at <u>rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship</u>.

## **Visual Faith for October 2**

Attendance and Giving

**Church Calendar** 



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#### Prayers of the Church – October 2, 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, \*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 Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, 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, Bryan Reilly, Bob

#### For Expectant Moms

Linka, Laura Bembick

Those Prayed for on September 25, 2022

#### Thanking God Today

- Safe Travel
- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations, Anniversaries, Birthdays
- Baptism of Baby Sophia Sarrault, and Her Parents Kelsey and Pastor Zach
- Pastor Jonathan and the 30th Anniversary of His Ordination
- \*Bill Xenakis, Treatments Completed
- Our Many Blessings

#### For Healing

- \*Becky Berger; \*Kim Goss; \*Paul Shaw; \*Doug Spitz
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Bruce Klevenow, \*Ralph Klevenow's Brother
- Blind Ministry Guests Maria Barker, Judy Dean, Sheila McNair
- Nicholas, \*Becky Coyne's Nephew and His Family
- Jackie, \*Sandy Wuori's Sister
- Bob, Procedures and Treatment Plan
- Mark Raines, \*Charlotte Raines' Son

• Ashley, Stacy, William, Randi, Jenny, David, Timmy, Justin, Tim, Red, Brian, Keith, Mark, Kevin, Carlton, Carol, Jackie, Nicholas, John, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Richard, Bryan, Esther, Jan, Glenn, Noah, Ginny, Ellen, Shelby, Julian, Lynn, Bob, Jonathan, Chris, Jackie, Katy, Caitlyn, Killian, Carol, Toni, Rose, Eric, Mara, Connie, Sue

#### For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Robert Myron, Uncle of \*Susan Moore
- Friends and Family of Janice Field, Stepmother of \*Robert Field
- Family of Ethan Holst, Died After Birth, Friend of \*Alan Sullivan

#### 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
- Safe Travel Marcia
- \*Randi and Barry Munns
- Annie Ruth Ford, \*Dennis Ford's Mother
- \*Eric and Jill Hammergren
- \*Pam Dickson
- \*Bruce and \*Annette Kennedy
- \*Jan and Paul Wozniak, Restoration
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- Cary Hight School Band Members and Families Preparing for Travel to Florida in October
- \*Karen and \*Gary Ferro
- Betty, \*Karen Ferro's Mom, As She Mourns
- Our RLC Uganda Team, Preparing for Next Mission Trip
- Healthy Pregnancy

#### 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.

#### \*RLC Members

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Attendance and Giving – October 2, 2022

**In-Person Worship Attendance** 

Saturday, September 24 6:00 pm - 57

Sunday, September 25 8:00 am - 54; 9:30 am - 101; 11:00 am - 95

**Total In-Person Worship: 307** 

#### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, September 25 8:00 am - 154; 11:00 am - 47

**Total Online Views: 201 views** 

#### **General Fund Giving and Spending - August 2022**

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

Last Week's Offerings: \$17,716.10

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 <u>rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving</u>
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC

Questions? Contact <u>finance@rlcary.org</u>.

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