



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

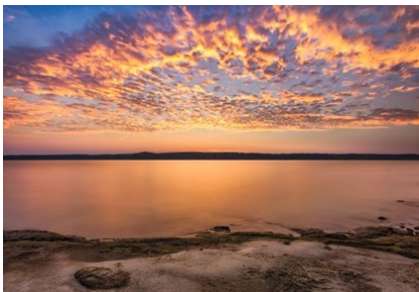
OCTOBER 2022

From the Pastor

The Lord Will Watch Over Your Coming and Going

(Psalm 121)

I recently saw the televised moment the casket of Queen Elizabeth II was brought inside St. George’s Chapel in Windsor for her committal service. At that very moment a choir sang the words of Psalm 121, one of those “Psalms of Ascent” in the psalter expressing the joy of worshippers approaching Jerusalem to worship in the Lord’s house. That psalm has memories attached, for me. A sung version of it happened to be on a movie soundtrack I bought as a college student



because I like Pat Metheny, the lead musician featured on that soundtrack. It was reinforced when I heard another version of it chosen by the choir director and sung by the choir of my church at that time while our pastor’s wife underwent treatment for cancer. I’ve spoken its message aloud

many times as a pastor when travel mercies are requested or God’s protection for family members is petitioned. And the psalm’s message came full circle in more recent years when I received a greeting card with its text printed inside its cover not long after Juli and I moved to a new church location. The psalm expresses in poetic terms the watchful eye of our loving God on our busy life activities... whether we are arriving or departing, coming or going: “Behold, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber no sleep... the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.” It is as appropriate for a child’s first day of school as it is for a monarch being laid to rest.

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:

- Men’s Breakfast.....Oct 8
- Blessing of Quilts Oct 8-9
- Ignite Event..... Oct 9
- Pizza Night.....Oct 12
- K.I.C.K.S. Event.....Oct 12
- RLS Fall Break.....Oct 13-14
- The Coffeehouse.....Oct 14
- Lutherans for Life..... Oct 15-16
- Pastor Blanke Event.....Oct 22
- Reformation Day.....Oct 30
- Trunk or Treat.....Oct 30

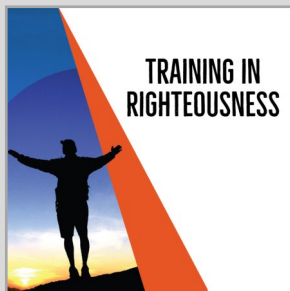
Sunday Morning Adult Ed

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 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.



Our congregation's decision in June to call a Director of Christian Education was motivated by the desire to be used by God to watch over the youngest of our faith community. A dedicated, full-time staff position invested in the spiritual formation of our kids is appropriate for a congregation that desires to grow in its outreach to families— many of whom we meet through our church's schools! Many thanks to Dan Shaltanis, the DCE Call Committee Chair, and to those serving together with him on the Call Committee (Scott Ferguson, Jamie Measmer, Jamee Thieme, and Angela York) as they undertake the important work of assembling a list of candidates for consideration. We look forward to keeping everyone posted regarding important updates on the work of the committee in the months ahead.

The month of October will also be a time to recall how the Lord watches over all of us is by gifting us His Spirit to provide caring service on behalf of one another and the people of our extended community. Three events in particular are worth highlighting this month:

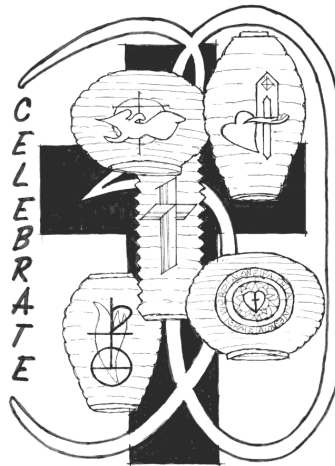
1. The Piecemakers (RLC's Quilters) will exhibit and dedicate the quilts they have been working on this year the weekend of October 8-9. Over 200 quilts have been completed! We are grateful for the service of these dedicated volunteers! After a time of blessing in all worship services, the quilts will be shipped off to Lutheran World Relief, where they will be used worldwide to alleviate human suffering.
2. Anyone interested in being part of a Life Group at RLC will want to check out the upcoming Lutherans for Life workshop the morning of October 15 in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome Pastor Jeff Duncan to RLC for a workshop that Saturday and a presentation during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, October 16. You are invited to find out more by talking to one of the organizers for the weekend event. They will be on hand between worship services each Sunday leading up to the 15th.
3. A bed is a basic piece of furniture we all take for granted; but without a bed, ordinary tasks like schoolwork and simple successes during daylight hours are more difficult. Our next "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" event to build beds for families in need will be held November 5. Be on the lookout for more information during the month of October.

God willing, life will bring us more sunrises and sunsets than we will be able to count. No matter which might be uppermost in your mind this month, remember that we work and serve the Lord who watches over us in our coming and going. He neither slumbers nor sleeps!

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Sunday Morning Adult Ed

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



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 RSVP by October 16
to [Brenda Peterson](#).

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 Father- he 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 book to buy.

**We meet in Room 151,
Family Life Center, Sundays
from 9:30-10:30 am.**
Led by Mindy Stephani.



Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast and Pastor's Forum

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 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](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org), 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 mens-ministry@rlcary.org with any questions.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST
& PASTOR'S FORUM**



Saturday, October 8
at 8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Come gather for fellowship, food, and message.
All men welcome.

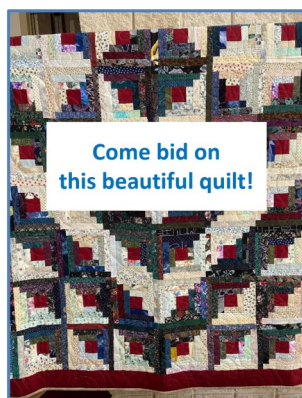
Contact Tom Gebbia or mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

The Piecemakers

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 war-torn 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! Auction items include an heirloom quality, queen size quilt (shown left) and a variety of themed items, such as throws, totes, baby items, table and bed runners.

You are invited to view 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. Bid sheets will then be picked up and winners contacted for delivery and payment. Each item will have a bid sheet identifying the suggested market value and minimum bid.

Questions? Contact Linda Merrill in the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org)

Connect & Serve

Lutherans for Life

Does Resurrection Lutheran Church need a Life Team? The mission of Lutherans For Life is to equip Christians to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life. A Life Team is one way churches participate in this mission. RLC is exploring this idea and we want you to come explore with us.

Presentation on Life Teams
Saturday, October 15
9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

We welcome two presenters, Reverend Jeffrey W. Duncan and Chris Wethman for this special event. Rev. Duncan joined the staff of Lutherans for Life (LFL) in January 2020. He had been appointed to the National Board of Directors in 2017 after over 30-years of volunteer activity in LFL chapters, his parishes, and as District Life Coordinator of the Kansas District LCMS. Chris Wethman is joining us from Grace Lutheran Church in Durham, North Carolina.

The event is free and a light breakfast will be available from 8:30-9:00 am. Before and after services in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby, there is a table with information about Lutherans for Life. Please register for this event at that table.

Mission and Ministry Presentation on Life Teams
Sunday, October 16
9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

During the Sunday School hour, we will host a Mission and Ministry Presentation on Life Teams with Rev. Jeff Duncan in the Fellowship Hall. Both Adult Christian Ed classes will not be held that day.

We hope you are able to join one or both of these presentations!



The Holy Land Christians

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for **October 29-30**, when we will be hosting a nice display of handmade olivewood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem available for purchase. These carvings include nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and other religious crafts that make nice wedding, baptism, Easter, and especially Christmas gifts. These carvings are handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. For more than ten years, Bethlehem Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to ongoing conflict and the pandemic. Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing their carvings. George Ghanem, who is an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem, will be speak at each service that weekend. To purchase gifts online, visit our website at holylangetcsc.com.

Gifts & Memorials

For the PPK Endowment Fund

In Memory of Fernley Wagner:

Jamee Thieme

In Memory of Helen Kellermeier:

Jamee Thieme



Adult Christian Education

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Monday Evening

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Join us in person on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm, September 12-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. Books are available through christianbook.com, cph.org, or Amazon. Amazon also has the Kindle version. Questions? Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship

We meet on Mondays from 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center, for fellowship, study, and small group discussion. Current study is *The End Times* and led by Mark Otten. All men welcome anytime, come when you can. Contact mens-ministry@rlcary.org or join the Men's Ministry group through RCB.

Tuesday Morning

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

We study the coming Sunday Scripture lessons from 10:30-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall 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 meet Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Jonathan Blanke.

Men With Kids

Men with Kids meets in Room 247, Family Life Center, from 6:30-7:30 pm. This Wednesday night group will follow the Confirmation class schedule. Current study is *Be a Godly Man*. Join the Men's Ministry RCB group or contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Music Ministry

Christmas Music Festival

What Sweeter Music, accompanied by an orchestra and 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, 7:30-8:00 pm. A choral “dress” rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 17, 10:00 am.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Unger at the church office (robert.unger@rlcary.org, 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.

Happy Anniversary!

October 12

Colin and Peggy Hayes
20 years

October 14

Elliot and Holly Canupp
5 years

October 22

Zach and Renee Guerin
5 years

October 26

Jonathan and Tina Kendall
20 years

Outreach Service to the Community

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

First priority is providing beds for children who are sleeping in compromised situations. That may mean on the floor, on a pile of blankets, or on a couch. A volunteer crew delivered to a family of 3 little girls that had all been sleeping on the same (broken) twin size bed. That same night a bed was delivered to a 17-year-old that had never had a bed of his own.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace provides the bed, mattress, and bedding to each child. Bedlessness is a real problem in the US with 2-3% of the population sleeping without beds. Two questions are asked of the applicants: is the child over 3 and under 18 years, and do they currently not have a bed. Volunteer builds sponsored by local churches, businesses, and individuals have built and delivered more than 60,000 beds in the US.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace provides all the tools and expertise that allow people with little or no experience to build all the components for a solid, wood bunk bed. It is always a fun-filled half day that ends with branding the beds. The fellowship is wonderful and the ability to solve a problem for others leaves everyone feeling a bit better about the world!

RLC will be sponsoring a Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day on **Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm** in the church parking lot. Mark your calendars! We will need 50 volunteers for the build.

Sign Up Now: signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aba823a3f4c61-resurrection1

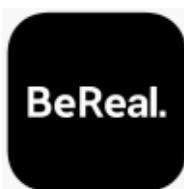


Student Ministry

Youth Happenings

Oh, those texting teens! One common picture of youth today often includes a phone in their hand. No matter what they are doing, their “lifeline” is always within reach. As adults, we ourselves must be “connected.” In My position, I see and address cell phone use all the time. It was at this summer’s LCMS Youth Gathering, God opened my eyes to a bigger picture. We needed to use our phones quite a bit. It’s how we stayed connected as a group knowing where and when to meet, it’s how we found out what sessions were happening and when, where food was, and of course which color shirt to wear for the day.

However, I wasn’t ready to be taught about the next new thing. Of course, there is TikTok, SnapChat, Instagram and the list goes on making me roll my eyes as a parent and youth director. I got a lesson about a new fad: BeReal app. The idea being that you get this app and it will alert you to a 2 minute window to take a picture of what you are doing in those two minutes. No filters. Just an authentic picture of what you are doing. You can



add captions, but the picture itself is supposed to be taken and posted. So in the middle of Flame’s (LCMS Christian rap artist) amazing testimony during a mass event, I start seeing phones come out and the youth posting their BeReal before the time ran out. At first, I was embarrassed and a little upset that they weren’t totally invested but what I found out was something much bigger. As the BeReal authentic pictures were taken, captions were made

claiming where they were, how awesome Flame was, excitement and praise to attend an LCMS gathering. Witnessing in a pure and authentic way that was true to them and could be appreciated by those that follow them. Embracing and claiming their faith posting for all of their peers to see.

On September 18, I got to see the power of utilizing that which we fear takes us away from our focus again. Our high school youth group, Breakaway, participated in a Zoom and Kahoot with 95 LCMS churches and 286 youth from across the country. All of whom had also attended the Gathering. They started in prayer, had devotional time with some of the amazing speakers from that week, and just had fun. Here’s what I saw: youth investing in their church relationship, having fun with others who share a common faith and belief System, and building connections with each other. Isn’t that what we want for our youth?



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

Mark your Calendars!

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 30th

3:00–4:30pm

In the RLC parking lot!

We will need:
Trunks
Treats
Youth to help
and
KIDS to have fun!

A graphic for a "Trunk or Treat" event. It features a green car outline, a yellow lollipop, and a white pumpkin outline on an orange background.

October News



Children's Ministry

October 2022

Children's Sunday School

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!!!



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children's Ministry Director, at erika.hulse@rlcary.org.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director

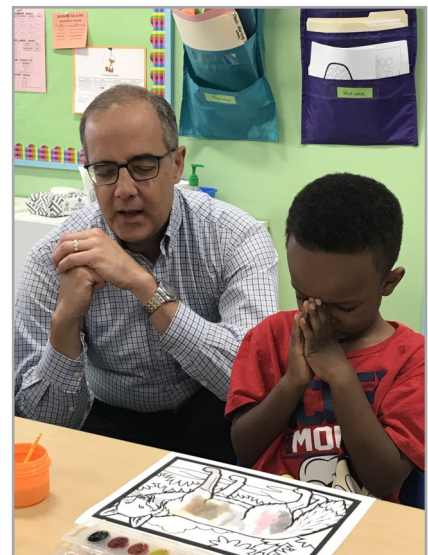
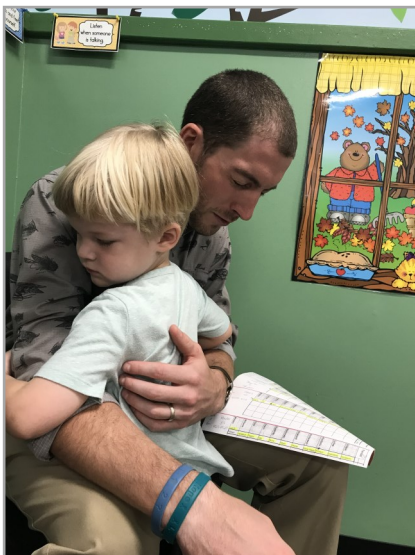
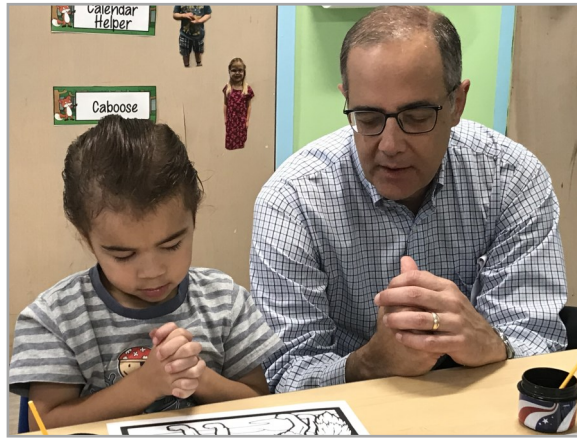
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The preschool children are all settling into a routine in their classrooms with their new friends and teachers. A few tears from the first couple of days of class have turned into great big grins and eyes of wonder on the faces of the children.

Before the first day of Chapel at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, we have a Blessing of the Children in the classrooms. Pastor Zach, Pastor Jonathan, and Miss Diane visit all of the children. They pray for each one of them and their family, the teachers, thanking God for watching over all of us and keeping us safe, and for all of His creations. "Jesus Loves Me" is sung each week at Chapel to remind the children that Jesus is with them always.



Our program offers opportunities and experiences that will enrich, expand, and develop a child's ever-increasing accumulation of knowledge in a loving Christian atmosphere.



SPELLING BEE

Resurrection Lutheran School is officially enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee for the 2022-2023 school year! All students will receive official study packets with spelling words from Scripps with the goal of identifying three winning students from each grade level after private classroom spelling bees. Those winning students will then go on to compete in a whole school spelling bee at RLS. The winner of our RLS school spelling bee will then compete in a regional spelling bee - current whispers report that it may be held at the Panther's Stadium in Charlotte!

ANNUAL JK-5TH GRADE DRIVE IN MOVIE

We are so excited to have our Annual JK-5th Drive In Movie back for another year! Join us **Friday, October 7** for the movie *YES DAY* in the school parking lot. Find all the details and event sign up [HERE](#).

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

RLS offers a small, nurturing, and academically rich environment for our students. We will be providing an opportunity for parents to visit during the school day to ask questions, meet middle school faculty, and learn about expectations, routines, and schedules on **Wednesday, October 19** at 9:00 am. This is a Parent Open House, however we will have an opportunity later in the year for fifth grade students to visit our middle school. If you would like to attend, please make a reservation by emailing Rosie Creasy, Admissions Director, at admissions@rlscary.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 12	Early Release, 11:30 am
October 13-14	No School - Fall Break
October 21	Early Release, 11:30 am
October 28	Middle School Halloween Dance, 7:00 pm
October 31	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Looking Ahead...

November 8	No School - Election Day
November 11	No School - Veteran's Day



Resurrection Lutheran School

Robert Unger
Interim Principal

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Director of Admissions/
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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.



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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