

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 16, 2022



Pastor's Corner for October 16-22

Jesus Is There in the Quiet (Luke 18:9-17)

Many of our appointed Gospel readings during this year are all about “not losing heart.” When you stop to consider some of the national trends that have become news stories in our own city this past week (as I write this, a shooting incident in East Raleigh has taken the lives of five people), is that not an especially timely Word for all of us to put in our pocket and carry around this week?

Jesus knows that when it comes to our hopes and dreams in life... especially with all that is fair and life-giving in our dealings with others at home, at school, on the job, and in our community... it is easy to grow discouraged. He knew that at times even

God Himself appears to be on the opposing side of something His children hold dear and hope for. And so, Jesus tells the story of a widow, the most powerless person in the society of his day, going up against an unjust judge, a man of power and reputation. "If this powerless widow could prevail against such a man, won't God come to your aid and deliver justice even more faithfully?" Jesus says. Sure, it might seem right now like a promise delayed is a promise betrayed. But don't give up! Don't lose heart. Jesus knows what real powerlessness is. All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to the resurrected One, who became powerless and died on a cross. But He now lives. And He might even be using you and me to be agents of change and justice here below.

All of which puts prayer and the quiet spaces of life in the proper perspective. Prayer isn't so much a one-way conversation that, accompanied by the appropriate measure of faith, necessarily gets the results it wants when it wants them. It looks, at times, much more like a wrestling match with God. Just consider the prayers of the Old Testament patriarchs. Especially in the drier seasons of life, prayer can be much closer to an attitude of waiting and hearing only silence. But despite the silence, Jesus, is there in the quiet. Jesus keeps hearts open. Because of Jesus, we don't give up. He hears the yearnings of our heart and takes them to the throne of the Father (Rom 8:34). And all appearances to the contrary, Jesus has and will again deliver what only He knows we and the world we serve need most.

Because of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, we do keep heart. We keep at this fragile thing called faith. As we gather again this Sunday to celebrate the One who is with us even in the quiet places of life, we receive the power of the One made power-less out of love for us.

Relief for Victims of Hurricane Ian

The Florida-Georgia District of the LCMS is currently accepting gift cards for victims of Hurricane Ian in Southwest Florida. If you would like to donate, we invite you to purchase a gift card from Target, Walmart, Lowes, or Home Depot and submit it in the offering plates through a special offering envelope available at the church entrances this weekend. These cards will then be sent directly to the Florida-District office so that local congregations can use the donations where they are needed most. [You may also make a direct financial donation by clicking this](#)

[link](#). All monies donated will go toward cleanup efforts such as fencing, roof repairs, tree removals, water damage, and necessary supplies.

If You Get a Personal Request for Funds...

This past week someone in the congregation received a message with my name on it that was NOT from me and was sent from an email that is not mine. This is a practice called email spoofing and is a common practice of scammers to get you to send them money. Please know that RLC staff will never make direct appeals by email to people in the congregation for personal financial gifts or donations. The Resurrection Lutheran Church Love Fund and Community Crisis Funds are established to provide financial support to our church community. If you receive such a request, I encourage you to disregard it, not respond to it, and delete it from your email Inbox. [You may also report it to the FTC at this link.](#)

Peace and joy in Him,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church



**Flowers on the Sanctuary Altar
are in memory of Sarah Peterson.**

Her 28th Birthday would have
been October 12 and
her Baptismal Birthday was
October 14.

Flowers given by her parents
Grant and Brenda Peterson.

We are so thankful for Eternal Life
through our Savior Jesus Christ!

Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.
Click here or call the church office at 919-851-7248.
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.



**COFFEE &
Fellowship**

Join us under the breezeway
on Sunday from 10:30-11:00 am!

Stop by and meet our new members!

Welcome, New Members!



**Heather Augustus
Sophia, Owen**



Jake Berger



Dawson Berry



Freida D'Amico



**Dean and Gail
Gustafson**



Lynelle Omwake



Nancy Randazzo

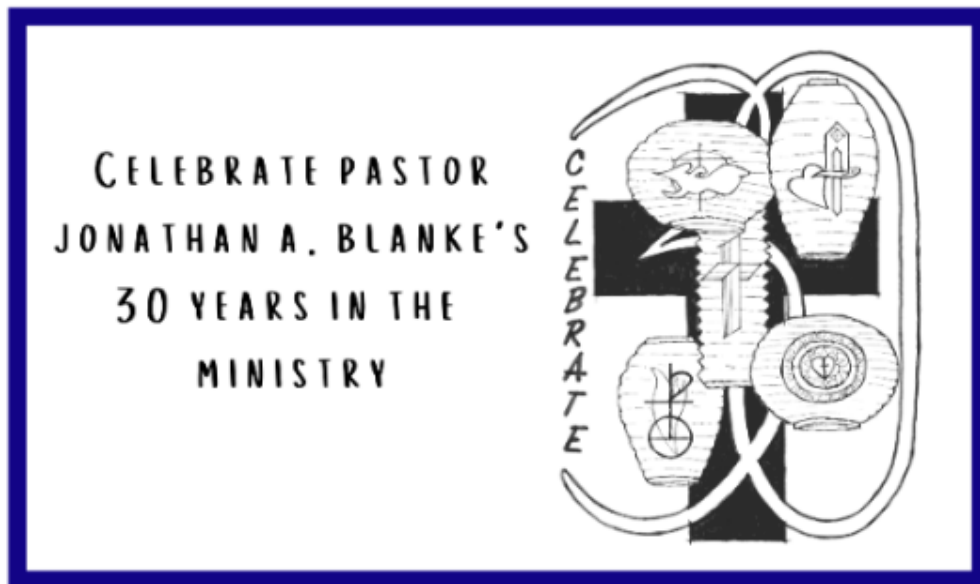


Jim and Becky Sanvi



Laurie Zadow

Thank you for helping them connect and get to know their RLC Family!



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

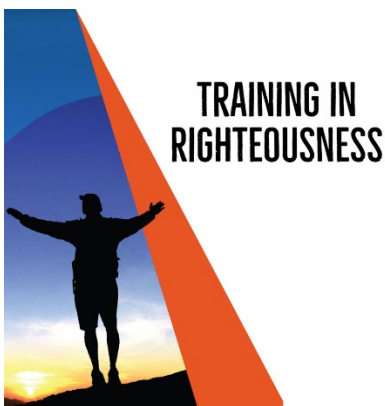
Please mark your calendars so you won't miss this momentous occasion!

For planning purposes, please RSVP by October 16 to [Brenda Peterson](#).

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

We can always use more help! If interested, sign up
at signupgenius.com/go/4090b48aaab292-pastor.

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 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 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.

Men's Monday Weekly Study and Fellowship

Join us on **Monday, October 17** as we start our new series covering season two of *The Chosen*. The American television series, *The Chosen*, is based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The second season focuses on Jesus continuing to build his group of disciples while encountering both opportunities and difficulties with the word of his public ministry starting to grow.

Our Kick-Off Session starts 30 minutes early at 6:30 pm with a potluck. Please bring your favorite meat, side, or treat to share. After the potluck this week, we will meet Mondays from 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.

Weekly 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, September 12-October 31. Zoom option available. New LifeGuide Bible Study, *Advent of the Savior*, to begin November 14. Details to follow.
- **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 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](#).

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 from 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

(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.

Young Families Gathering

Plan to join us for a get together on **Sunday, October 23** at 4:00 pm at the Justice Family's house! We will gather for food and fellowship as we get to know the other families of Resurrection! Contact Pastor Zach for more info and to RSVP at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

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.

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

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, October 28 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).

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



On **Sunday, November 6**, we will be gathering at Ritter Park at **11:00 am** for a joint service of worship and praise with our sister congregations Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church and Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church. Following our worship together, lunch will be provided consisting of Ethiopian food and hot dogs.

And a dessert contest! Please plan to have your sweet treat on the dessert table by

noon. (If interested in being a judge, contact [Kim Simpson](#).) There will also be fun games and activities.

Save the date! We look forward to seeing you in the park.

Results! Life For Uganda Reverse Raffle

Thanks to all who purchased a Reverse Raffle Ticket to support the work and mission of Life For Uganda. The event was a huge success!

The 25th, 50th, and 75th tickets drawn received small cash prizes and the 100th ticket drawn was the grand prize winner! All winners have been notified and you can see the results and in what order your own ticket came up posted on the LFU bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

The grand prize winner has donated his winnings back to LFU, so we've raised almost \$10,000! This will make a significant impact in our efforts to build wells, build schools, and build lives in Uganda. We sincerely thank you for your contribution and we promise to keep you up to date on how you're helping to change lives.



BUILD WELLS ♦ BUILD SCHOOLS ♦ BUILD LIVES



If you are willing to donate treats, or even better decorate a trunk or bring a game, please contact Jenny Piontek at jenny.piontek@rlcary.org or Pastor Zach at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org.



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!!!



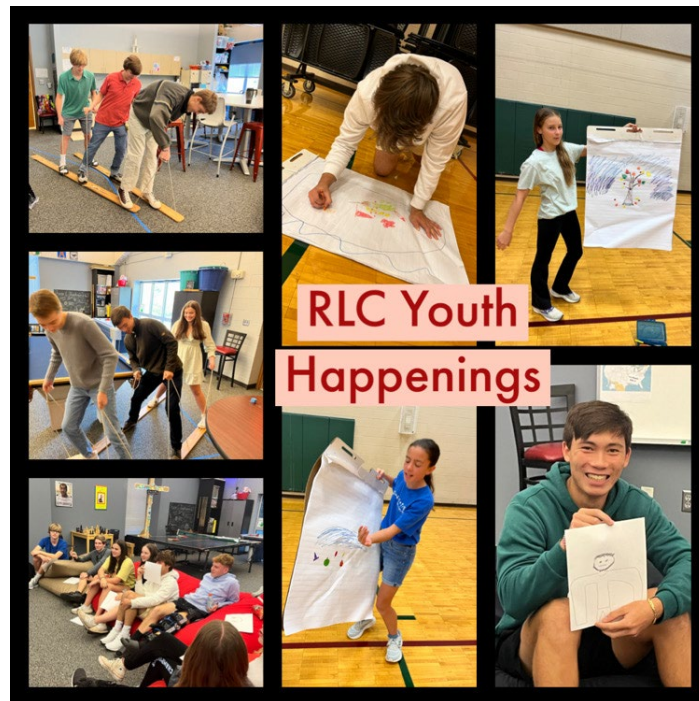
KICKS - Grades 3-5

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!!!



Student Ministry

Let's get excited about Sunday School! Our combined class of middle school and high school 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.
- **Sundays, October 16 and 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm** - Breakaway Youth Group (High School)
- **Sunday, October 30** - Service Event for Middle and High School: TRUNK OR TREAT!

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

BREAKAWAY
Here's what's happening this weekend:

Sunday, Oct. 16th

☀️ Connection Cafe
9:30-10:30

● Leadership
Open to ALL!
5:00pm

☀️ Youth Group
6:30-8pm



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Firefighters' Visit

RLP invites area firefighters in October to speak with our children about fire safety. They come to our classrooms wearing their uniforms and dress in their equipment in front of us. The children are able to see the firetruck, hoses, and ladders up close. The following week, we all practice our first fire drill. Safety is very important at RLP!



Preschool Punchlines:

A 3-year-old's grandma shared how her granddaughter calmed herself when feeling a bit overwhelmed at Disney World: she sang softly to herself a song she learned in Chapel. The song was The B-I-B-L-E. We all find comfort in the Bible.

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. We have 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

RLS Middle School is Awesome!

Save the Date for the **Middle School Halloween Dance and Party on Friday, October 28** from 7:00-10:00 pm. You don't want to miss it!

Click here for the [Middle School Newsletter](#) for October.



The poster features the Resurrection Lutheran School logo in the top left, which includes a circular emblem with a cross and the text 'RESURRECTION LUTHERAN SCHOOL'. Below the logo, it says 'CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN EDUCATION'. The main text reads 'MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 19 @ 9AM'. A large vertical 'RLS' is on the left. The center shows a photograph of the school building with a sign that says 'RESURRECTION LUTHERAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 5'. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTER TODAY' and 'ADMISSIONS@RLSCARY.ORG'. The website 'WWW.RLSCARY.ORG' is at the very bottom.



The poster has a background of a sunset over water. The title 'WORSHIP SERVICES' is in large teal letters at the top. Below it, two columns of text describe the services: 'Traditional Worship in Sanctuary' on Saturday at 6:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 and 9:30 am; and 'Praise Worship in Family Life Center' on Sunday at 11:00 am. A note at the bottom states '*Services Live Streamed to YouTube'.

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 October 16

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – October 16, 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 October 9, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travel
- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays
- Pastor Jonathan's Recovery from COVID
- Safety During Hurricanes Fiona and Ian
- All First Responders and Mercy Teams Assisting with Hurricane Recovery

For Healing

- *Becky Berger; *Kim Goss
- *Paul Shaw, Recovery and Rehab
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Judy Dean, Sheila McNair
- Nicholas, *Becky Coyne's Nephew and His Family
- *Bob, Procedures and Treatment Plan
- Mark Raines, *Charlotte Raines' Son
- Chase, Upcoming Surgery

- Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Keith, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Mark, Weston, Roger, Eric, Mara, Sue, Connie, Corey, Debbie, Chuck, Glen, Ed, Ted

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Dick Bloom
- Friends and Family of Cindy Burns

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
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Call Committee for DCE
- *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 High School Band Members and Families Preparing for Travel to Florida in October
- John Niffenegger, Son of *Paul and *Barbara, Recovery from Storm Damage
- Our RLC Uganda Team Preparing for February 2023 Mission Trip
- Faithful to Attend Church
- Our Nation

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 – October 16, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, October 8

6:00 pm - 49

Sunday, October 9

8:00 am - 54; 9:30 am - 100; 11:00 am - 92

Total In-Person Worship: 295

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, October 9

8:00 am - 104; 11:00 am - 25

Total Online Views: 129 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - September 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 97,206.85	\$ 300,750.24
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 99,769.53</u>	<u>\$ 299,452.69</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -2,562.68	\$ 1,297.55

Last Week's Offerings: \$27,150.51

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$23,134.63

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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