

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 23, 2022



Pastor's Corner for October 23-29

The “Problem” of Peripheral Vision (Luke 18:9-17)

Do you at times find yourself weighed down by negativity because you're focused on the shortcomings of others? When I think about my interior monologue throughout the course of any given day, stopping to imagine what it all must sound like to my heavenly Father, I call to mind a child I met at a church where I served many years ago... a kid I'll call Kathleen (not her real name). Kathleen almost always had a sunny disposition. She was a cute but precocious 4-year-old with trademark pigtails. She didn't usually act up, but you could sometimes see in her eyes that the proverbial wheels were turning. I mean, she was a good little girl, but she just

couldn't help giving most anything a little extra thought— which could, at times, land her in trouble! I'll never forget how at the end of the year all the kids from church were doing their song for the Christmas program and there was Kathleen alongside all her friends from the preschool. The kids trooped into church with their holiday finery on. They lined up in the front to do the number they'd practiced. They looked up at the music director who beamed beatifically at all of them. And then, about 20 seconds after they'd launched into the song they'd practiced tirelessly for the last several weeks, Kathleen held up her hand. She waited a few moments. She did TRY to be patient. But finally, unable to contain herself any longer, she took down her hand, used it to point to another little girl in the same row and said, rather loudly, "She's not singing!" When the music instructor pretended not to notice and went gamely on, Kathleen spoke up again, this time shouting. "SHE'S...NOT... SINGING!" This notification was repeated in similar fashion throughout the song, which of course eventually ground to a halt. It seemed to have never occurred to Kathleen that not only was her classmate on stage not singing... her peripheral vision and focus on others had made it impossible for her (or anyone else, for that matter) to sing, as well!

Jesus' parable for this weekend about a judge-y guy in church conveys a similar message. When we get distracted by our peripheral vision, noticing the shortcomings of others but not our own need for God's mercy, we live like Kathleen does. We don't sing. We don't make music together very well. How wonderful that God welcomes and forgives every humble heart casting a repentant gaze on Jesus! What a blessing that the kingdom of heaven is not for those who are perfect but for those who, forgiven sinners that they are, sing in thanksgiving and praise to a God who is, first and foremost, a God of mercy.

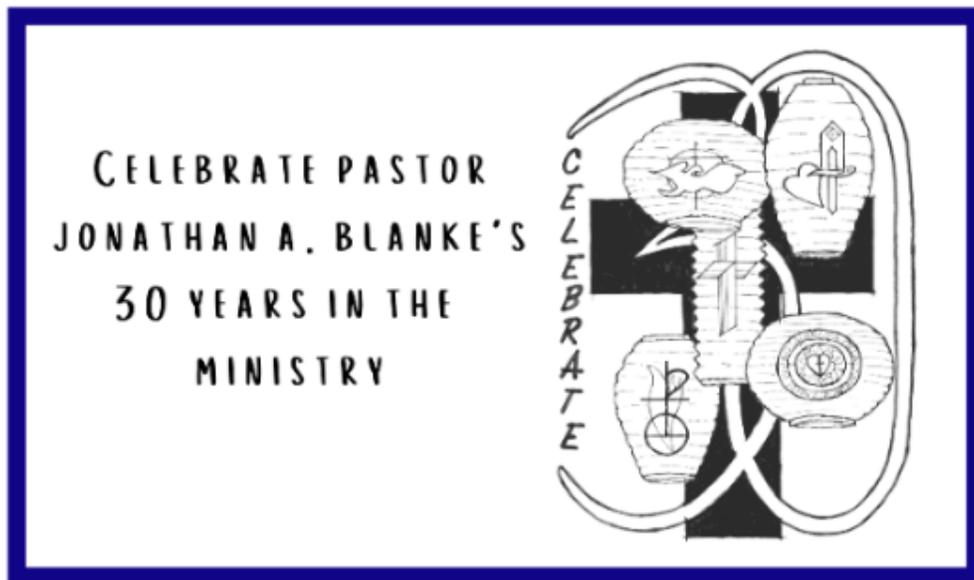
That helps me live with joy and —even though I don't hold a tune very well— the desire to "make music" in my life with others, too. What about you? Can you feel a song coming on?

Joint Service at Ritter Park with Ethiopian American Congregations Sunday, Nov 6 @ 11 AM

There is a lot going on at RLC these days, which is why I'd like to put an additional plug in for an event coming up on the calendar in early November. We have once

again reserved the gathering space at Ritter Park for a joint service (with Holy Communion) with our Ethiopian American brothers and sisters on All Saints' Sunday, November 6. Children's Church will be available for our younger worshippers. Following the service, we will enjoy a meal together with games for everyone wanting to take part in the fun! I invite you to join us for this time of worship together and "Fall Fun Day" in the park. Everything gets underway promptly at 11 AM. (Driving down Lochmere Drive from Kildare Farm Road, you'll find the entrance to Ritter Park on the left side, a little way past the school entrance to the RLC campus.)

Peace and joy in Him,
Pastor Jonathan



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!

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

Prayers of the Church



Flowers placed on the altar
in memory of
her mother, Annie
by Rebecca Indla.

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.



Baptized on Sunday, October 23 at 9:30 am

Savannah Grace Aiello

born October 22, 2021,
daughter of Nicholas Francis Aiello and Alison Kensmoe Aiello.

Godparents are Jacob Robert and Jacqueline Brooke Kensmoe,
Andrew Michael and Brittney Ann Kensmoe.

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

Fellowship Opportunities for Young Families

Family Hour

Please join us for coffee and snacks on the playground for a new weekly event, Family Hour, **following the 11:00 am service on Sundays**. All are welcome!

Young Families Gathering

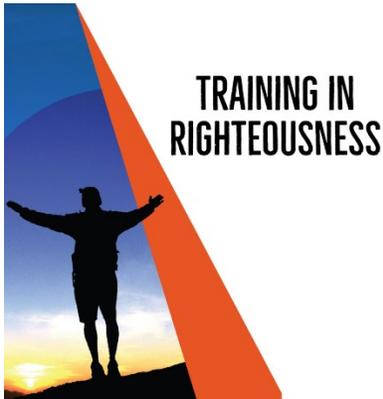
Plan to join us for a get together on **Sunday, October 23** at 4:00 pm at the Justice Family's house! We will gather for food and fellowship as we get to know the other families of Resurrection! Contact Pastor Zach for more info and to RSVP at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

DCE Call Committee Update

Members of the call committee (Dan Shaltanis - Chair, Jamee Thieme, Angela York, Jamie Measmer, Scott Ferguson) met on October 13th for their first meeting. After introductions, we discussed our role as committee members, reviewed the DCE position description, discussed the ways to call a DCE, and talked about next steps. The Church Council approved a position description seeking a DCE to focus on young Christians and their families. A copy of the position can be made available from Dan. The group found there were three primary ways to join our church staff, 1) a traditional call process from a list of names, 2) seeking a new DCE graduate from a Concordia University, and 3) calling an Intern from a Concordia University.

If you have thoughts, comments, or candidates for the committee, please share them with a call member. Please pray for the committee as they begin their deliberations on which method to call a DCE.

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.

Weekly Adult Bible Study Opportunities:

- **Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship**
Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center
Currently viewing *The Chosen*, Season Two.
- **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.

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).



We had 12 trunks last year. That was fantastic, but this year we want to make our Trunk or Treat bigger. I would love to double the number of trunks!

Don't have supplies or afraid of being creative? Don't worry, we have a bunch of resources available to you! If you are planning on being a part of the fun, please contact Jenny Piontek at jenny.piontek@rlcary.org or Pastor Zach at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org.

Trunk Decorators: You can begin set up at 2:00 pm on October 30 and need to be ready to go by 2:45 pm. The event will run until 4:30 pm.

Candy donations can be dropped off in the church office.

Pizza Night - Wednesday, November 2



**Join us *one* Wednesday night per month
from 5:45-6:15 pm in the Family Life Center for pizza!**

Everyone is invited. Pizza night will be held again on December 7. Cost is \$2 per slice. You can pay at the door but must have order placed by Tuesday, November 1.

Click [HERE](#) to make your reservation.

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!



We will be hosting our third bunk bed build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace on **Saturday, November 5** in the parking lot outside the Family Life Center starting at 9:00 am. We are building 20 beds for 20 kids with the Fuquay-Varina chapter.

We need 50 volunteers for the build. No experience necessary. All stations are manned by a trained SHP lead. Sign up to volunteer and let's get 20 more kids off the floor!

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

For more information about Sleep in Heavenly Peace, shpbeds.org or [Sleep in Heavenly Peace - NC, Fuquay-Varina](#).



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.

Men's Fall Fellowship Event

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm

Blueprint – Cary

(Millpond Village Intersection of Kildaire Farm and Ten Ten)

All men are invited. *You do not have to be hungry or thirsty to join this event.*

Come out for fellowship in a casual atmosphere.

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

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults Our Last One in 2022!

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without them. 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 last Coffeehouse of 2022 is Friday, November 11 in the Family Life Center Gym. Our very own *Reign!* band will play for us again - you won't want to miss them! The Coffeehouse is from 7:00-8:30 pm.

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

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).



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!!!



The Hands-On BIBLE with Dirty Hands for 2nd & 3rd Graders and their parents

Join Pastor Zach for an introduction class on the Hands-On Bible you received in church! If you were unable to attend service and would like a Bible, please let us know! Learn fun tips and tricks to help you familiarize yourself with your brand new Bible! Pizza dinner is at 5:45 & needs to be ordered ahead

at rlcary.org/ministries/wednesday-night-workshop/wnw-dinner-reservations.

Wednesday, November 2nd
6:00- 6:30 p.m. in room 240 at RLS

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

Student Ministry

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.
- **Sunday, October 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.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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



What a day at NC State Fair!



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade



Latest Lion's Tale

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 extended to November 20. New members to RLC receive a one-year free subscription from the church.

Camp Agape Help Needed

Do you enjoy working outdoors? Having that wonderful feeling of accomplishment? Making a difference in the lives of others? Then consider helping out to keep up with what the trees are dropping down at Agape!

We have 12 miles of trails in need of repeated leaf-blowing to keep the trails safe and clear for retreat guests and school field trips. The need is every week between now and Thanksgiving. (Or perhaps beyond for some of those leaves that really hang on tight!)

Leaf blower and gas provided. Contact Mir to arrange a time to help at ACEed@agapekurebeach.org or 919-552-9421.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship
in Sanctuary
Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am

Praise Worship
in Family Life Center
Sunday, *11:00 am

**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.



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Prayers of the Church – October 23, 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 16, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travel
- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together
- Improvement for Marty's Leg
- Our Many Blessings
- Eddie Altieri and Jackie's Engagement

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

- John, Randi, Kathy, Alice, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Keith, Mark, Carlton, Carol, Lynn, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Paul, Carolyn, Dennis, Bryan, Lena, Ted, Ken, Donald, Eric, Connie, Mara, Sue, Steve, Ed, Cherly

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Dick Bloom

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
- *Bruce and *Annette Kennedy
- *Jan and Paul Wozniak, Restoration
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- Cary High School Band Members and Families Travelling to Florida
- Our RLC Uganda Team Preparing for February 2023 Mission Trip
- Florida Residents Affected by the Hurricane
- All Those Who Live in Fear
- Raleigh Shooting Victims and Their Families

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**

Updated 10/21/22

Attendance and Giving – October 23, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, October 15

6:00 pm - 57

Sunday, October 16

8:00 am - 71; 9:30 am - 99; 11:00 am - 82

Total In-Person Worship: 309

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, October 16

8:00 am - 102; 11:00 am - 36

Total Online Views: 138 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: \$22,765.67

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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