



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2022

From the Pastor

The Big Picture

(Psalm 104)

Space Shuttle Astronaut Mike Massamino wrote a book a few years ago entitled Spaceman. In it he described what it was like to be involved in a spacewalk. When asked to describe what it was like to do an EVA ("extravehicular activity") he said: "It's very emotional. ... And viewing our planet was so compelling. Words like beautiful and awesome just don't do it justice. I felt that I was looking at a paradise.... I can't imagine any place being more beautiful than our planet and how lucky we are to be able to live here." You sense as you listen to a man talking like this that it's a kind of "words fail me" sort of moment. Why? Not only is the earth our home, and as astronauts often point out, the ONE home of all nations on earth. Not only is the earth a marvelous creation of the God... the earth is



declared by God to be good. The creatures that live and thrive on this terrestrial ball are even used by Jesus as a focus for all who are at times set upon by worries they feel they can never escape. To put it simply, Massamino saw the BIG PICTURE from out

there. Yeah, he had a job to do... to fix the Hubble telescope... to perform a million-dollar job on a billion-dollar instrument. And yes, as he described the experience, he ended up stripping the bolts of a handrail the crew would end up tearing off the Hubble so they could do their job! But in the midst of the stress and expectations that were riding on the line... Massamino saw a BIGGER picture. In the dead empty parts of space, the earth was to him a thing of beauty. A person can't help sweating the little things... the up-close parts of life... but seen in light of the BIG PICTURE that Massamino saw, it's hard not to see how truly blessed we all are. As the psalmist writes, "I will praise

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:

- Hands-On Bible Class.....Nov 2
Sleep in Heavenly Peace...Nov 5
Taize Worship..... Nov 5
Joint Worship in Park.....Nov 6
Election Day, No RLP/RLS.Nov 8
Veterans Day..... Nov 11
Thanksgiving Service.....Nov 23
First Sunday in Advent....Nov 27
Christmas Toys Due..... Nov 27
RLS Book Fair..... Nov 28
Hanging of the Greens....Nov 30

# Sunday Morning Adult Ed

## In the Fullness of Time

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son..." (Galatians 4:4).

God sent His Son to earth for a purpose: to accomplish His salvation plan. When we look at the Old Testament, we see that God had been working this plan from the very beginning and the Christmas story is where the plan was finally being fulfilled.

In our new Bible study, we will use Paul L. Maier's book, *In the Fullness of Time*, to better understand the unfamiliar historical details surrounding the familiar Christmas story as told by the gospel evangelists. In the process, we will see that God's faithfulness to Joseph and Mary, shepherds and wisemen... all the people who populate the original Christmas story foreshadows His faithfulness to us, too!

**Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, November 13-December 11.** Class will be team led by Pastors Jonathan & Zach.

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the Lord: Lord my God You are very great. You are dressed in glory and majesty" (104:1).

November is the month to look at the big picture of what God has gifted each of us, or as Martin Luther puts it, not only has God the Father created the beautiful world and all creatures, He has also given me "my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses... clothing, shoes, food and drink, house and home..." In the area of our financial gifts, which are also gifts from God's hand, we once again encourage one another to consider what portion of the blessings God has entrusted to us that we can dedicate toward kingdom work here at RLC. I invite you to consider submitting a pledge in worship services over the weekends of November 12/13 and 19/20 using one of the pledge cards you can pick up at church. Pledges are made anonymously and are simply a way to say "thank you" to God for His good gifts this past year while recommitting ourselves again to a life of active stewardship in 2023. You can also make a pledge electronically through links made available through our church website and in our weekly announcements.

This year I'd also like to take a moment to alert you to another way you can dedicate offerings to the mission of the church: through Resurrection Lutheran Church Endowment. This endowment, together with a similar endowment set up for Resurrection Lutheran School, has been established through the Lutheran Legacy Foundation, organization that assists LCMS churches in making the most of the funds entrusted to them on behalf of God's kingdom work. LLF will match the first \$500,000 deposited into the RLC Endowment by 20%. Interest and dividends from the memorials and other gifts earmarked for the RLC Endowment will be used....

- To help other LCMS churches as they are getting started
- To respond to national or international needs or disasters
- For community needs in Wake County
- To provide for the specific financial needs of individual members of RLC who find themselves in extraordinary circumstances
- To provide scholarships for individuals studying at an LCMS seminary or college preparing for other church ministry vocations
- To support national or international missionary efforts

(Applications for specific financial disbursements can be made through the church office and submitted to the Church Council for review.)

RLC has been richly blessed by God, and we have a generous congregation. It is a privilege to be used by God to serve our community. Doing so, we say "thank you!" for all that God has done for each of us. Whether our offerings to God are big or small is not the point. Rather, seeing the big picture of all that has been gifted to us, we do what God allows us to do on behalf of the greater good.

In thanksgiving and joy,  
Pastor Jonathan

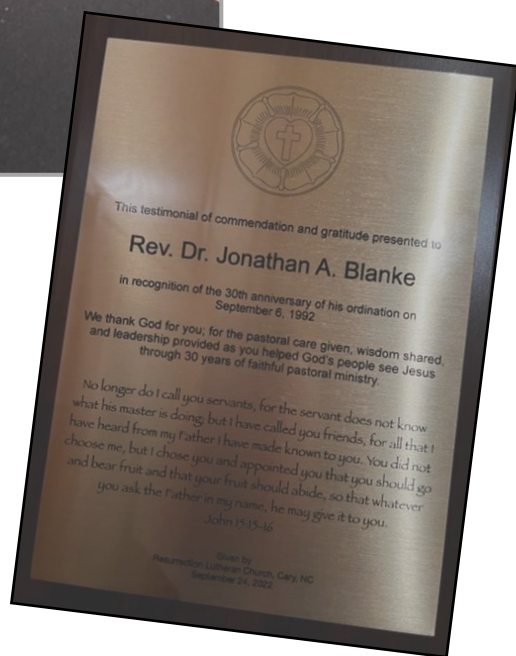
## Pastor Jonathan's Anniversary Celebration

### Thank You

I wanted to say thank you to everyone who prepared for, hosted, and attended a truly special evening for me on Saturday, October 22 in celebration of 30 years in pastoral ministry. The food was delicious and the venue so beautifully decorated. Our family enjoyed seeing the slides and had fun watching the video greetings. Most of all, it was good to spend the time with all of you! Thank you for celebrating with us! It was a night to remember, and I know I speak for Juli and Sarah too when I say that we will treasure the memory. I am humbled by all of the kind words, the cards, and the congregational gift also. Our hearts are full. It's hard to believe that 30 years are already past, but I'm looking forward to the next years God has in store for us together with all of you! - Pastor Jonathan



To view the tribute video shown at the celebration, [click here](#).



## Sunday Morning Adult Ed

### 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

### Upcoming Events

**Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship** ~ Join us on Mondays from 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240!

Our current study is *The Chosen*, Season Two. This American television series 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.

This series will run for eight weeks until December 5. On December 12, we will close out 2022 with a potluck and tool gift exchange starting at 6:30 pm. *Save the date!*

**Fall Fellowship Event - Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm - Blueprint Cary**

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. This event is in lieu of the Men with Kids Wednesday class (no confirmation classes). Blueprint Taproom is located in the Millpond Village Intersection of Kildaire Farm and Ten Ten.

**Men's Breakfast ~ Saturday, November 12 at 8:00 am**

Come gather for fellowship, food, and message in the Fellowship Hall. All men welcome.

In honor of Veterans Day, we welcome Mike Allen, fellow member of RLC. Mike is a Veteran who served as a Chinook helicopter pilot in Vietnam and will share his experience in serving in the Army during a conflict.

Contact: Tom Gebbia ([mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org))



Men's Breakfast and Pastor's Forum, October 8

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## The Piecemakers

### Blessing of the Quilts and Silent Auction

A huge thank you to everyone that made our Lutheran World Relief year a success! Thanks to all who donated to our mission with fabric, gently used sheets, and all other items to us. We completed 250 quilts, more than any other year thus far.

Our Silent Auction was beyond our belief. It brought in \$2,946, which will buy many rolls of batting and any other items we are in need of to work on and complete our mission quilts. We feel very blessed and grateful to all of you, but most of all to our Lord and Savior who continues to bless us in so many ways.



## Adult Christian Education

# Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

### Monday Evening

#### **New Monday Night Women's Bible Study ~ Advent of the Savior**

Join us for this six-session LifeGuide® Bible Study which will introduce you to the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus, remind you of God's faithfulness and power to fulfill his promises, and draw you more deeply into the love that brought Christ to earth. We will meet in person on **Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm from November 14-December 19** in Room 151, Family Life Center. Zoom option is available. Books can be purchased through Amazon (digital version also) and [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com). Questions? Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto: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. All men welcome any-time, come when you can. Contact [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto: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 Pastor Jonathan Blanke and Pastor 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. Last class will be held on December 14.

#### **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. Join the Men's Ministry RCB group or contact Tom Gebbia at [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

## Gifts & Memorials

### *For Gifts & Memorials*

In Celebration of Our Daughter,  
Lynelle Omwake, Becoming a  
New Member

Roger and Rebecca Omwake



## Worship Service

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship

We gather for worship on the eve of this national Day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings.

God, in His Grace, has given us all that we need for body and soul. We respond with thanksgiving, recognizing that all we have is from His Grace.

**Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship and Holy Communion  
on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm!**

Service can also be viewed online at [Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC](#).

There will be no other Wednesday night activities held.

\*Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.



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## Outreach to the Community

### Christmas Store

There are many families who do not have adequate resources to purchase gifts for their children at Christmas time. They find themselves struggling just to make ends meet for the necessities of life. Following instructions of Jesus, the Christmas Store is designed to help families in the towns and cities of southern Wake County who are in need during the holidays.

Families are referred to the Christmas Store by Western Wake Crisis Ministry, Dorcas Ministries, Fuquay-Varina Emergency Food Pantry, and Holly Springs Food Cupboard. Throughout the year, these organizations work with people who are in crisis situations resulting from a lack of resources. They refer clients with children 14 years of age or younger to register for the Christmas Store. School counselors from local schools also refer families whom they know to be in need during the holiday season to register for the Christmas Store.

Once items are received and ready, clients are able to “shop” for 3 gifts for each child registered. So let’s help stock the Christmas Store! Here at Resurrection Lutheran Church, we place Christmas trees with gift tags in the Narthex and Family Life Center. Please pick up a tag (or two!), purchase the items, then place the unwrapped toy with tag attached back under the tree.

Another way to help is by purchasing toys online at your favorite retailer and have them delivered directly to United Church, 820 East Williams St., Apex NC 27502.

For gift idea lists by age and gender, [visit their Amazon page here](#).

**All toy donations are due by Sunday, November 27.**

For more information, visit the Christmas Store’s website at [ChristmasStoreNC.com](#) or Facebook page at [TheChristmasStore](#).



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](mailto:robert.unger@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248 ext. 25) and/or be present at one of the 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!

**November 6**

Ron & Diana Rogers  
35 years

**November 15**

Cliff & Connie Hofman  
25 years

**November 16**

Bob & Joyce Hirt  
59 years

**November 20**

John & Barbara Laskey  
51 years

**November 22**

Charles Shiel & Susan LaMantia  
30 years

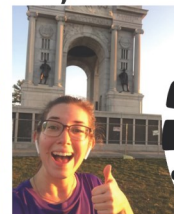
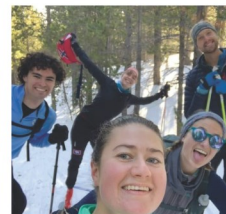
Join us at camp . . . or virtually from wherever you are!



# RACE FOR ACE



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MUSIC  
COMMUNITY  
FAITH

**LSM 2023**  
June 25–July 23  
Valparaiso University



**What is LSM?** Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is where music, community, and faith intersect and create a life-changing experience for young musicians. As the nation’s premier faith-based music academy this four-week, immersive residential performance and training program is for students, grades 8–12.

**What’s LSM like?** Students participate in large ensembles (band, choir, orchestra) and chamber music; receive lessons on primary and secondary instruments; and enroll in electives such as chapel choir, church music, handbells, composition, jazz band, conducting, musical theatre, and more. The daily schedule includes morning and evening prayer, classes, recreation activities, and concerts by faculty and guest artists.

**Why LSM?** Generations of alumni discovered their vocations by attending LSM and now serve as pastors, musicians, composers, teachers, and more—connecting the communities they serve through faith and music. Our vision is to see churches and communities renewed through music for the sake of the world.

**Do students receive scholarships?** Yes! LSM offers a robust matching fund program which allows many students and families to reduce out-of-pocket costs. Donations from church and community organizations are eligible to be matched by LSM at 50% for the full four-week session.

*To learn how you or your congregation can connect with LSM, to share your LSM story, or to nominate a student, contact us at [lsm@lutheransummermusic.org](mailto:lsm@lutheransummermusic.org) or visit us at:*

**[lsmacademy.org](http://lsmacademy.org)**



## November News



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

November 2022

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Bible stories, games, songs and crafts.

Sunday School is from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

Register here:  
[forms.gle/Wq9NhTYfEJBZoXf17](https://forms.gle/Wq9NhTYfEJBZoXf17)

### FALL FUN DAY

On Sunday, November 6th, there will be no Sunday School class. We will be gathering at Ritter Park at 11:00 am for a joint service of worship and praise. Following worship, lunch will be served. There is also a dessert contest! Stay after for fun games and activities for all! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Erika at [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)



### HANDS-ON BIBLE INTRO CLASS

November 2nd from 6-6:30 in room 240 at RLS all 2nd & 3rd grade students and their families are invited to attend an introduction to the Hands-On Bible they received during worship the weekend of Oct. 29th. If your child was unable to attend worship and would like a Bible, please contact Erika at [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)



### 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 (KIDS IN CHRIST KEEP SHINING) GRADES 3-5

Thanks to the large number of youth who have participated, we will be adding a November and December event. Mark your calendar for the next KICKS event November 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. We hope you will join us!! If you'd like to order pizza before the event, place your order here: [rlcary.org/ministries/wednesday-night-workshop](https://rlcary.org/ministries/wednesday-night-workshop)



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children's Ministry Director, at [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org).



**Resurrection Lutheran  
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

rlpcary.org

919-851-7270



Registration for the 2023-24 preschool year will begin at the end of November.

We will have openings available for our transitional-kindergarten (young 5-year-old), 4-year-old, 3-year-old, and 2-year-old classes.

Email or call for more information about RLP or schedule an individual tour at [office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org) or 919-851-7270.

*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.*



*Student Ministry*

**Breakaway and Ignite Youth Groups**

It is a busy time of the year for the youth. On top of our regularly scheduled programs, like Connection Café and Youth Group, our serving season begins. The calendar is packed with opportunities to serve God, our church, and even our community.

While the events are fun and often involve laughter, it is important to always remember why we serve. We are "Son" Reflectors. When we serve, we reflect all that is good in our Savior.

Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." So here is your chance to shine to be a reflector of our God's great glory. Let the serving season begin!

**UPCOMING!!**

**Service Events  
Middle & High School  
Youth**

<b>Oct. 30th</b> <b>Trunk or Treat</b>	<b>Nov. 5th</b> <b>*SHP Build</b> <small>must sign up through church</small>
<b>Decorate Church for Christmas Nov. 27th</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens Service Nov. 30th</b>

Need service hours? There are lots of ways to get involved!

## KINDERGARTEN SHADOW DAY

Resurrection Lutheran School offers a small, nurturing, and academically rich environment for our students. We will provide an opportunity for rising kindergarteners and their parents to visit during the school day. The children will participate in a classroom activity while the parents learn about what RLS offers. If you would like to attend, make a reservation by emailing Rosie Creasy, Admissions Director, at [admissions@rlscary.org](mailto:admissions@rlscary.org).

## CULTURAL ARTS

Parents, we hope you enjoyed hearing about the Didgeridoo cultural arts performance our students experienced recently. It was both a fun and informative event for all ages! We are grateful for the supplemental grants provided by the United Arts Council that make shows like this more affordable for all of us!

## HELP WANTED

We are in need of After School Care Workers (January-June) and Substitute Teachers. For more details, contact Rosie Creasy at [contact@rlscary.org](mailto:contact@rlscary.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- November 8** No School - Election Day
  - November 11** No School - Veteran's Day
  - November 22** Early Release, 11:30 am
  - November 23-25** No School - Thanksgiving
  - November 28** Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- Looking Ahead...*
- December 15** All School Christmas Program and Reception



### Resurrection Lutheran School

Robert Unger  
Interim Principal

Rosie Creasy  
Director of Admissions/  
School Growth

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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.



# stayCONNECTED

## 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](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)

or through our website at  
[rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](https://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

### Missed the live service?

Watch the worship services  
on our YouTube channel at any time.



## LEARN MORE

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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](https://rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving)
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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