

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022



Pastor's Corner for November 20-26

Giving Thanks for a True King (Luke 23:26-43)

Someone I know once said: Jesus of Nazareth crucified and risen from the dead so thoroughly impacted the course of human history that we shouldn't be surprised to hear echoes of that story in our art and literature... even when the creators of such art and literature never intended for them to be there in the first place. The enthronement of the King of Kings on the cross of Calvary amidst the wreckage of life just can't help but show up in unexpected places. That thought crossed my mind when I first watched the movie Hacksaw Ridge several years ago. I think it especially touched my heart— and I still remember it now— because of the years our family spent living in Okinawa and serving as missionaries there. The depiction

of Desmond Doss at the Battle of Okinawa has echoes of Christ the King reverberating inside of it. That's not only because Doss was a real Christian man desiring to serve his country during World War II as one who would save life rather than take it. It is the fact that Doss was, by all appearances, not a hero. His refusal to take up weapons in battle or even retaliate when picked upon appeared cowardly. The men of his company viewed him at first (not unjustifiably) as a liability. But Doss would demonstrate his mettle on the battlefield. Even after his fellow-soldiers had retreated from the killing zone, Doss, a medic, would keep going back into the hellish place to "get one more" of the wounded. The day would come when they would not return to the heat of battle without him. Desmond Doss is not Jesus, of course. Yet the fact of the crucified and risen Christ has so impacted our world it is tempting to see the echo of Christ the King in the telling of Doss's story. God used Desmond Doss in an extraordinary way to bring life to many of the fallen on the battlefield.

The wreckage of life is real, though it need not occur on an actual battlefield in wartime. The Enemy is real. At times, suffering in the heat of conflict takes even the "strongest" of us by surprise. Yet, the King of Kings is victorious... even there... even amidst the wreckage of our lives. His love for us has the final word. Desmond Doss did not give up his own life for those he rescued, but Jesus did, for you and me. For all who look to the one-and-only King saying "Remember me when You come into Your kingdom" the answer comes: "You will be with me... You are with me... Today." As we close out the Church Year and gather together this Thanksgiving let us never forget: In Christ Jesus there is Life for everyone "on the battlefield"... wherever that place and no matter where the circumstances of that battlefield might be. Even today. Even now. Come, Lord Jesus! A very blessed Thanksgiving to all of you!

Pledge Cards for Stewardship Weekend 2022 Available Again This Weekend

Our congregation's Stewardship Weekend event (Part 1) took place last weekend. This weekend, November 19-20, we again invite you to take part if you missed it last week. You may either pick up a pledge card when you are in church and submit in person, or [else submit a pledge online here](#) (scroll down on that linked page to the "Pledge Form"). The purpose of your pledge is not for our own church budgeting or fundraising efforts. It is for your own Christian walk. No matter how

you submit your pledge, it will be completely anonymous. I hope and pray that this practice will encourage you to embrace the joy of Christian discipleship that only God can give!

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Canned Food Drive Wednesday November 23

RLC will once again offer a service of thanksgiving with Holy Communion this coming Wednesday evening at 7 PM. We invite you to make this yearly tradition a part of your family's Thanksgiving celebration! This year, especially in view of the shortages at many of our area food pantries, we also ask that you consider bringing along one canned food item when you are with us on Wednesday evening. Items requested by Western Wake Crisis Ministry are...

- Canned meats
- Rice-a-Roni
- Stuffing
- Instant potatoes
- Low Sugar Canned Fruits
- Low Sodium Canned Veggies
- Pasta sauce/canned tomato products (no glass, please)
- Baking Products
- Condiments
- Salad Dressings
- Spices
- Ramen Noodles
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper

Thank you!

Peace and joy in Him,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

Church Council

Dear RLC Voting Members,

One of the responsibilities of the Church Council is to maintain an active membership composed of nine (9) elected members of the congregation.

Per the **RLC ByLaws**,

- The normal term of office as a member of the Church Council is a two (2) renewable term.
- The Nominating Committee is instructed to seek candidates from RLC's membership.
- Any member of the congregation may propose a candidate for Church Council membership to the Nominating Committee (Officers of the Church Council + Senior Pastor, *ex-officio*).

The names of the nominees (with bios) will be published to the members of the congregation at least twice before the Election Meeting of the Congregation.

Currently, three Council members are coming to the end of their terms; two are not seeking re-election.

Presently, the Nominating Committee of the Church Council is requesting any member of the RLC Congregation to nominate candidates for the Church Council. As soon as you decide, please send your candidate(s) nominations to a member of the Nominating Committee: [Barry Needle](#); [Erika Hulse](#); [Lisa Snyder](#); [Pastor Jonathan Blanke](#).

If you have been nominated before, but were not elected, and would still like to be a candidate, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Thank you very much for your candidate nominations.

Yours in Christ,
Barry J. Needle
Council President

Final Call for DCE Candidate Submissions

Members of the DCE Call Committee (Dan Shaltanis - Chair, Jamee Thieme, Angela York, Jamie Measmer, Scott Ferguson) met on November 15th to determine which method to pursue a DCE for our congregation. The group decided to focus on calling an experienced DCE. With this in mind, the committee is seeking names for which we can add to our growing list of candidates. If you know someone or know of someone able to fill this call, please send the name to any committee member by November 29th.



Thanksgiving SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm

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
or view service online at [Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC!](http://ResurrectionLutheranChurch-CaryNC.com)

There will be no other Wednesday night activities held.



Baptized on Sunday, November 20 at 9:30 am

Caio Torres Kesler Fuller
born November 8, 2013,

Jonas Torres Kesler Fuller

born December 10, 2016,

Niall Torres Kesler Fuller

born October 21, 2018,

sons of Michael Ingram Fuller and Cristina Torres Kesler Fuller.

Godparents are Jonathan Andrew Blanke and Juli Hope Blanke.

*May God's blessing be upon Caio, Jonas, and Niall
as they grow in their baptismal grace.*

In the Fullness of Time



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

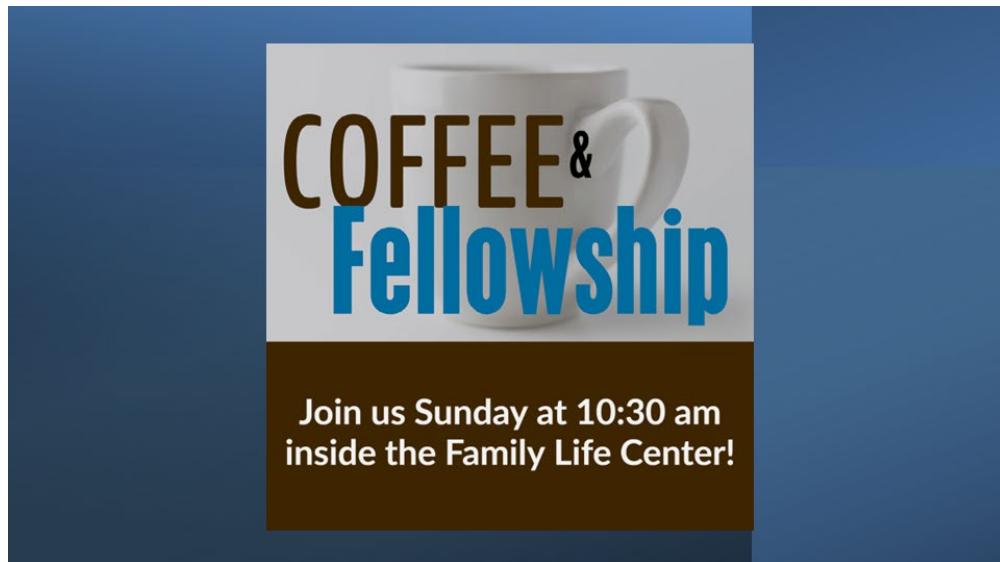
God sent His Son to earth for a purpose: to accomplish His salvation plan. When we look at the Old Testament, we see that God had been working this plan from the very beginning and the Christmas story is where the plan was finally being fulfilled.

In this 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 and Zach.

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



Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Help decorate the church for Christmas, order a poinsettia today! Cost is \$18 per plant with a choice of red or white flowers. **Orders are due by November 20.**

Pick up a form at church or download one [here](#). Place your completed order form and check made payable to RLC in the office mailbox of Linda Merrill or mail to 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518.

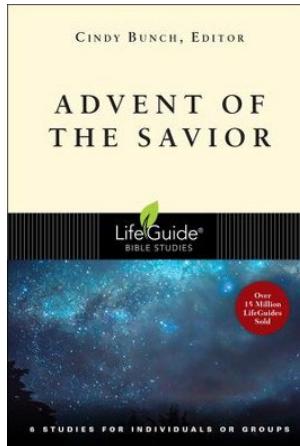
You may take home a plant after the 10:00 am worship service on Christmas Day. Plants not claimed by January 4 will be donated.

Women's Bible Study ~ Advent of the Savior

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm from November 14-December 19

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 and have a Zoom option available. Books are available through Amazon and christianbook.com. A digital version is also available through Amazon. For more information, contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.



Bagel Bunch

With the cooler weather, the Bagel Bunch has moved inside to the back room of

IHOP (1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary). Join the men of RLC for breakfast and fellowship on **Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 am!** Questions? Contact Lyle Malotky.

Christmas Store

There are many families who do not have adequate resources to purchase gifts for their children at Christmastime. 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. 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 Street, 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](https://www.facebook.com/TheChristmasStore).



She will bear a son,
and you shall call

his name Jesus.

for he will save his people
from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Advent Worship Services

November 27 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent

November 30 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Hanging of the Greens in Sanctuary (children and family focused service)

December 4 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent

featuring St. Francis Brass Band in Sanctuary at 9:30 am service only

December 7 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Holden Evening Prayer Service in Sanctuary

December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 14 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm

featuring Old North State Brass in Sanctuary

December 18 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent
Christmas Music Festival, *What Sweeter Music*, in Sanctuary
featuring Festival Chorus accompanied by a full orchestra
at the 8:00 am and 9:30 am services

December 21 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Christmas Carol Celebration in Circle Entrance (family friendly)

Worship Times, unless noted:
Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and Praise 11:00 am

The Coffeehouse Thank You!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who made our Coffeehouses so special this year! We were able to have 9 of them and we were so happy to do so. Our special needs guests love to come, and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. Also, thank you to *Reign!* for your great music.

Our next Coffeehouse will be on Friday, January 20, 2023. Please mark your calendars. Thanks again! Any questions can be directed to Brenda Peterson.



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

Student Ministry
Middle School and High School



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



Resurrection Lutheran **PRESCHOOL**

Invites you to



Transitional-Kindergarten (T-K) Informational Sessions

We are pleased to offer the following sessions for families to learn more about RLP's T-K program. Attendance is totally optional and not required in order to register for T-K. *Sessions on Tues. 11/29 & Th. 1/5 will have the same information.*

T-K from a PARENT's PERSPECTIVE

Tuesday, November 29th @7:00 pm

T-K Room #112

- Hear first-hand benefits and reasons for 'gifting an extra year' to your child (including down the road- 3rd grade, middle/high school, college).
- Conversation with former T-K parents for families "weighing options" and "on-the-fence" regarding sending a child to T-K vs. kindergarten.
- Wake County Kindergarten teacher shares expectations of students & a typical 'day in the life of a kindergartner.'
- Opportunity for conversation with RLP's T-K teachers about our program.



T-K TEACHERS Session

Thursday, January 5th @12:30 pm

T-K Room #112

Opportunity for conversation about our program with our T-K teachers in their classroom.

T-K from a PARENT's PERSPECTIVE

Thursday, January 5th @7:00 pm

T-K Room #112

- Hear first-hand benefits and reasons for 'gifting an extra year' to your child (including down the road- 3rd grade, middle/high school, college).
- Conversation with former T-K parents for families "weighing options" and "on-the-fence" regarding sending a child to T-K vs. kindergarten.
- Wake County Kindergarten teacher shares expectations of students & a typical 'day in the life of a kindergartner.'
- Opportunity for conversation with RLP's T-K teachers about our program.

Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Tuesday, January 10th @7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall at RLP

Wake Co. Kindergarten teachers share expectations of students & a typical 'day in the life of a kindergartner.'

office@rlpcary.org

919.851.7270

Resurrection Lutheran School

The RLS Choir (1st-5th) and the Middle School Chorus (6th-8th) have been rehearsing and will offer their music as a gift at Resurrection Lutheran Church on **Sunday, November 20 in the 11:00 am Worship Service** in the Family Life Center. If you are able, please plan to join us as we celebrate the season and give thanks for the blessing of our community.



Resurrection Lutheran School | 919-851-7271 | rlscary.org

Latest Lion's Tale



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 November 20

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar

Prayers of the Church – November 20, 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 Hambergren, *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 Ziegelmeyer, 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 November 6, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays
- Joint All Saints' Day Worship with Our Ethiopian Lutheran Churches
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bunk Bed Build on November 5, and All of the Volunteers
- Chase, Recovery from Surgery
- *Glenda Moser, Vision Improvement
- *Jim Rhodes, Good Test Results
- Our Many Blessings
- Veterans
- College Acceptance
- Clean Scans for Ali

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
- *Brendan Nigg; Jackson Buser
- Terry Park
- Ted, Alice, Richard, Paul, Bryan, Dennis, Randi, Bill, Bernice, Justin, Red, Brian, Tim, Mark, Timmy, Keith, Brendan, Sally, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Jack, Terry, Jan, Rich, Ken, Donald, Carter, Mark, Bill, Dennis, Karen, Marcus, Jeremy, Kim, Lynne, Terry and Judy, Chuck, Evelyn, Lauren, Cheryl, Eric, Connie, Mara, Sue, Pastor Teklu, Rose, Carol, Toni, Bowe

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
- *Walter and *Francis Staehle
- *Doug and *Cheri Spitz
- Our RLC Uganda Team Preparing for February 2023 Mission Trip, Discernment Regarding Travel
- Those Struggling with faith, Especially Youth
- How to Help Homeless Among Us

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 – November 20, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, November 12

6:00 pm - 56

Sunday, November 13

8:00 am - 84; 9:30 am - 78; 11:00 am - 98

Total In-Person Worship: 316

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, November 13

8:00 am - 96; 11:00 am - 31

Total Online Views: 127 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - October 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 102,909.98	\$ 403,555.22
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 113,708.91</u>	<u>\$ 413,211.60</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -10,798.93	\$ -9,656.38

Last Week's Offerings: \$24,089.82

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$22,419.73

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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