

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022



Pastor's Corner for December 18-24

God's Answer to the World's Dread (Isaiah 7:10-17)

The promise was made flesh and dwelt among us. This is the week that we turn the corner a bit from a focus on the prayer "Come Lord Jesus!" and the encouraging greeting "The Lord be with you!" to a focus on the promise fulfilled: The Lord IS with you. Jesus IS God with us!

Ahaz is the king appearing in our Old Testament reading this Sunday. Isaiah brings a Word of God to encourage the king. If only Ahaz would listen! But Ahaz is a king experiencing dread. He is worried about the ruler of Israel and the ruler of Aram

who have formed an alliance and are preparing to attack him. “Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, do not let your heart grow faint,” Isaiah says to him (7:4). God’s GOT this, Isaiah promises! And to comfort the king further, Ahaz is asked to name a sign so that God can actually demonstrate faithfulness to the king in a tangible way (7:10). But Ahaz answered his dread not with the peace of putting his trust in GOD’s plan but with the busy-ness of putting his OWN plans in place! Isaiah promises Ahaz this will not go well. But the sign of God’s faithfulness is promised anyway: “The virgin will conceive and bear a son and shall call His name ‘Immanuel’ (God with us).”

Dread appears to be a trending topic these days. Whether it’s the possibility of a global recession, the impacts felt by a “triple-demic,” personal or family crises— or just the gloomy cold weather and the long dark days— there are plenty of reasons we might feel both the need to get our plans in place and the inadequacy of doing that well. We will always have work to get done and something to be concerned about. But once again this year, whether we are looking for a sign or not, God gives us one: The virgin has conceived and born a Son. This Son is God’s answer to the world’s dread. Our sins are forgiven. The living Spirit of God dwells within us. We end the year at rest and at peace, with the confidence to trust not in ourselves but in the assurance of God’s love for us and the truth that God always keeps His promises.

The Lord IS with us. Jesus— God with us— is born.

Christmas Music Festival at RLC This Weekend (12/17 and 18)

This weekend marks our annual Christmas festival at RLC with special music in both the 8 AM and 9:30 services on Sunday morning. We will not have Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 9:30 AM so that everyone who would like to do so might be able to attend or take part. Many, many thanks to all RLC instrumentalists and vocalists who have worked so hard again this year to make our celebration of the season special! We are so grateful for every one of you.

Special Voters’ Meeting on January 8 at 12:30 PM

Congratulations to Charles Miller and Aaron Newcomb— the newest members of the RLC Council— and to Mike Haertling, who is re-upping for another term of

service! And thank you to everyone who came out for the Voters' Meeting last weekend. This is to announce that we will have a Special Voters' Meeting on January 8 at 12:30 PM to call one of three candidates. These candidates have been recommended by the RLS School Board Call Committee to the RLC Council. We will also receive congregational approval of two people (one pastor and one layperson) to vote on behalf of RLC for LCMS Synod President for the next triennium. Hope to see you all there!

Peace and joy in Him,
Pastor Jonathan

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26.

Prayers of the Church



She will bear a son,
and you shall call
his name Jesus.
for he will save his people
from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Worship Services

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)

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

3:00 pm - For Families with Young Children in Sanctuary
featuring Interactive Lessons and Carol Singing

4:30 pm - Traditional Christmas Carol Family Worship in Sanctuary
Special Pre-Service Musical Offerings by Resurrection Music School Students

6:00 pm - Candlelight Service in Family Life Center
Contemporary Settings of Traditional Carols and Holy Communion

8:00 pm - Candlelight Service in Sanctuary
Traditional Christmas Carols with Resurrection Brass Ensemble,
Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells
**live stream*

10:00 pm - Candlelight Service in Sanctuary
Traditional Christmas Carols and Holy Communion

December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 am - Festival Celebration of Holy Communion with Christmas Carols
featuring Anno Domini Quartet and Gloria Singers in Sanctuary

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



LAST WEEKEND!



Help WWCM fill their shelves as they help our neighbors in need through the winter months.

Help Beyond the Holidays

Help collect much needed everyday items that support families beyond the holidays.

Holidays and Beyond Shopping List

Place these items in a sturdy bag or box:

- Canned Meats
- Sides (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
- Hygiene Products: Deodorant, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Shampoo, Conditioner etc.
- Ramen Noodles

Please also consider adding a small financial contribution to help round out this drive to provide perishable items.

The cost of these items should be around \$50. Cash/check donations are also welcome. Make checks out to Western Wake Crisis Ministry and turn into the office or offering plate. Please bring all donations between December 1st and 18th.

Thank you for your support in helping our neighbors in need!

Holidays and Beyond 2022

Look for Donation Barrels at the Welcome Information Center in the narthex and Information Table in the lobby of the Family Life Center December 1-18. Checks should be given to the office or turned into the offering plates.

Highlights

- Purchase items on check list **OR**
- Make out a \$50 check to Western Wake Crisis Ministry and they'll shop for you
- Bring **box of supplies or checks** to church between **December 1st and 18th**.

Questions?

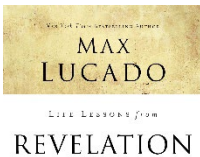
Call Margaret Hyatt at 919 851 7248

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

- **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**

No classes on Mondays, December 19 and 26, January 2.

We begin a new study on Monday, January 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm (in-person and via Zoom). Class will run through March 27. Join us for Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Revelation*, a 12-session study on the book of Revelation. The apostle John writes about an amazing vision he saw while in exile that gave him a glimpse into heaven.



Key Themes are God has a plan and a future for the world, God will be ultimately victorious over evil, there will be a final accounting for our faith and our lives, and there is a better world in store. Books are available through Amazon and christianbook.com. A digital version is also available through Amazon. For more information, contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.

- **Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship**

We will not meet on Mondays, December 19 and 26.

In January 2023, both Monday and Wednesday night men's groups will be invited to join the Wednesday night adult study group for a special topic and speaker.

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship**

We will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

- **Wednesday Night Adult Christian Ed**

New study begins on January 4, 6:30-7:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Details to follow.

- **Men With Kids**

No class on Wednesdays, December 21 and 28.

In January 2023, both Monday and Wednesday night men's groups will be invited to join the Wednesday night adult study group for a special topic and speaker.

- **Blessed Are The Peacemakers**

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, January 7-February 19, led by Pastor Alan Shaw.



A green poster for a Christmas event. At the top left, the text 'College Crew' is written in white. Below it, 'Merry Christmas!' and 'Welcome Home!' are written in a white, hand-drawn font. In the center, there are four red rectangular boxes containing white text: 'LET'S GET TOGETHER:', 'MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH', '7:00-9:00PM', and 'WAREHOUSE'. To the left of these boxes is a white line-art icon of a steaming cup of hot chocolate. To the right is a white line-art icon of a Christmas tree with a star on top. At the bottom, the text 'Have hot chocolate, make and take an ornament and fellowship!' is written in white.

College Crew
Merry Christmas!
Welcome Home!

LET'S GET TOGETHER:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
7:00-9:00PM
WAREHOUSE

Have hot chocolate, make and take an ornament and fellowship!

Reaching Out with the Love of Christ to all People through Advent Offerings

Each Season of Advent, RLC designates a local, regional, and international ministry to support in reaching out with Christ's love to all people. This year, the following organizations were chosen:

- **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service** | lirs.org
Mission: As a witness to God's love for all people, we stand with and advocate for migrants and refugees, transforming communities through ministries of service and justice. Driven by our faith and our nation's values, LIRS works to protect and embrace refugees, migrants, and children seeking a new life in America.
- **MANNA Food Bank** | mannafoodbank.org
Mission: To involve, educate, and unite people in the work of ending hunger in Western North Carolina. We are the Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA), a network of more than 200 partner agencies, volunteers, staff, board, and others working together in a shared mission of involving, educating, and uniting people in the work of ending hunger in Western North Carolina.
- **With Love From Jesus** | withlovefromjesus.org
Mission: To cooperate with the Holy Spirit in building the kingdom of God by meeting practical needs. We are an Evangelical outreach to the needy community in Raleigh and surrounding areas. Our goal is to minister to the spiritual needs, as well as physical needs of those individuals we serve each week.

Please use the Advent Offering envelopes or indicate 'Advent Offering' on memo of checks.

Meeting Notice

Special Voter's Meeting
Sunday, January 8 at 1:00 pm
Family Life Center Gym

Agenda includes Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Call and Confirmation of Voters for LCMS Presidential Election

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School


Here's what's coming up:

- **Why do we serve?** [Check out our Mission Video!](#)
Registration for Middle School and High School Mission Trips are happening now!
- **Breakaway, High School Youth Group ~ Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm**
December 18 - **CHRISTMAS PARTY!**
- **Activities will resume** on Wednesday, January 4 and Sunday, January 8, 2023!

Merry Christmas and many blessings to you all,
Ms. Jenny, Youth Director
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran

PRESCHOOL class Offerings for 2023-24



Around
\$23
for a 3-4
hour day of
preschool
includes:

+ Classes for children 2-years-old thru 5-years-old +

- * Co-Teaching Teams develop a 'learning through play' environment
- * Developmentally age-appropriate, hands-on, child-centered experiences
- * Balance of social/academic opportunities
- * Experienced, nurturing, dedicated Staff

NON-Refundable Registration Fee = \$215 / \$415 for 2 children (checks payable to RLP or cash)

Drive-Up Drop-Off/Pick-Up
(for ALL ages)

LUNCH **every day** for ALL classes (provided by parents)

office@rlpcary.org

919.851.7270

Children in 3-year-old & older classes must be independently toilet-trained.

2023-24 Registration is NOW open for RLC members and currently enrolled RLP students!

To ENROLL or schedule a Tour, email office@rlpcary.org or call 919-851-7270.

Class openings are currently available (2022-23 preschool year):
in our 4-year-old, 3-year-old, and 2-year-old classes.

Invites you to
Transitional-Kindergarten (T-K) Informational Sessions

We are pleased to offer the following sessions for families to learn about RLP's T-K program. Attendance is optional and not required in order to register for T-K.

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 us. 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.'



Families may enroll their children upon completing a tour.

Tours dates for the 2023-24 Preschool year:



January 5 (Fri) @11:00 January 18 (Wed) @9:45
January 9 (Mon) @10:00 January 19 (Th) @11:00
January 11 (Wed) @11:00 January 23 (Mon) @12:45
January 12 (Th) @10:00

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool | 919-851-7270 | rlpcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran School

And we joyfully wait....



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Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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

Latest Lion's Tale

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.

Visual Faith for December 18

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

Prayers of the Church – December 18, 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 & Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai, Beverly Kunitsky

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, Dennis, Cheryl Schlage

For Expectant Moms

Laura

Those Prayed for on December 11, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays
- The Season of Advent
- College Acceptances
- Our Many Blessings
- Good News for Judy Dean on her Health (Blind Ministry Guest)
- *Vern and *Dorothy Ebert's 70th Wedding Anniversary on December 7
- Hadley's Baptism
- Bill's Recovery
- New Job for Daniel
- New Baby, Maija Jensen, Daughter of Linka Jensen, Granddaughter of Pastor Dave and Beth Schleusener, Great-Granddaughter of *Robert and *Marie Bruce (Prayers for Healing for Mom and Baby, Born Early)

For Healing

- *Becky Berger
- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Judy Dean, Sheila McNair, Linda Jones
- *Brendan Nigg
- Terry Park
- *Marty Stephani, Recovery from Surgery
- *Suzi Heffner, Recovery
- *Eve Sommers
- Cheryl Schlage, Mother of *Danielle Altieri
- Roy, Randi, Diane, Marty, Brendan, Justin, Red, Brian, Tim, Mark, Keith, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Natalie, Mandy, Alice, Paul, Glenn, Dennis, Rob, Stuart, Ellen, Sarah, Joann, Shelby, Julian, Ken, Donald, Eric, Connie, Mara, Sue, Pastor Teklu, Virginia, Karen, Gertrude

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of *Walter Staehle, Husband of *Francis
- Family and Friends of Dr. Robert Cline, Father of *Dara Linn
- Family and Friends of Wilma Dennis, Grandmother of *Jamie Measmer
- Family and Friends of *Pam Brown, Wife of *Peter, Mother of *Isabella
- Family and Friends of Deanna, Aunt of *Terri Nance
- Family and Friends of Virginia Danilowicz, Mother of *Michael Danilowicz
- Family and Friends of Steve Frank, Brother-In-Law of *Paul Smith
- Family and Friends of Ted Pocock, Grandfather-In-Law of Hannah Peterson

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
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- *Doug and *Cheri Spitz
- Stuart and Sue Sanders, and the *Boyer Family
- Our RLC Uganda Team Preparing for February 2023 Mission Trip, Discernment Regarding Travel
- College Admission Process for Students and Their Families
- Students for Life Facing Opposition
- Ted, Receiving Palliative Care

- *Don and *Jackie Schautteet
- Paul

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
- Our Stephen Ministers

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**

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Attendance and Giving – December 18, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Wednesday, December 7 - Holden Evening Prayer

6:00 pm - 89

Saturday, December 10

6:00 pm - 53

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am - 88; 9:30 am - 130; 11:00 am - 114

Total In-Person Worship: 385

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Wednesday, December 7 - Holden Evening Prayer

6:00 pm - 48

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am - 97; 11:00 am - 37

Total Online Views: 134 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: \$40,924.16

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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