



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2023

From the Pastor

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend

(John 1:29-42a)

It sounds so simple that it almost seems— well, too simple! But the friendship approach to bringing others into the love we know and share in Christ is still the best approach... almost 2000 years after the details of Jesus’ life in the New Testament Gospels were first recorded.

The Fourth Gospel gives evidence of how the process works. John the Baptist didn’t stand in the way of introducing two of his followers to Jesus. He simply stood aside and said, “Here He is! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” Then one of these two who



goes after Jesus to find out more about Him goes back home and brings his brother Cephas (a.k.a. the future apostle Peter). Jesus, noting the interest demonstrated by Andrew and Andrew’s brother Cephas, finds a man from their hometown named Philip and invites Philip to follow Him.

We don’t know whether or not Philip was an acquaintance of Andrew and Cephas... but it’s noteworthy that Jesus builds on the possibility Andrew and Cephas will find something in common with Philip, since they hail from the same city. Finally, we see traditional friendship evangelism in action as Philip going to his friend Nathanael with the same words Andrew used for brother Cephas: “We have found [Him]!” Note Nathanael’s response is less than positive: “Your Messiah is from where? Nazareth? Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Yet even that unenthusiastic response began to change once Nathanael had his first encounter with Jesus Himself at the prompting of his friend Philip: “Come and see!”

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:

- Challenging Convos.....Jan 4
Blessed Peacemakers.....Jan 8
Voter’s Meeting.....Jan 8
Pizza Night..... Jan 11
MLK Day/Office Closed....Jan 16
Confirmation Retreat.Jan 20-22
Sanctuary of Life.....Jan 23
Welcome to RLC.....Jan 28
Building Bridges.....Jan 28
Time and Talent.....Jan 28

Sunday Morning Adult Ed

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Join us for a new study on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am starting January 8 with Pastor Alan Shaw in the Fellowship Hall!

This 6-week Bible study on personal peacemaking will run through February 19.

Our study leads us to understand the basic truths about personal peacemaking from Scripture. We are each given the responsibility to serve as peacemakers.

This study will focus on understanding conflict, our responses to conflict, and a simple model we can follow as ambassadors for reconciliation.

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



The month of January at Resurrection Lutheran Church brings with it a focus on God’s mission to the world and the divine expectation (Matthew 28:19) for us, and our amazing privilege, to be a part of it! Look for a congregation-wide questionnaire, deployed the weekend of January 7 and 8, to help us gauge what the immediate needs of our community might be. I hope and pray that everyone who is able to do so will take the 5-10 minutes required to complete and submit the anonymous survey. Also, starting January 15 and continuing throughout the season of Epiphany, the RLC pastoral team will begin a sermon series on Old Testament passages that highlight God’s mission to the nations of the world— including friends and family we know and love who might not know of God’s love for them. Finally, at the end of the month (January 28 and 29) we will finish up with a Mission Weekend. This will be an opportunity for you to consider your part in God’s mission to the world as you either re-commit to avenues of service or find new ways to take part in God’s mission for 2023. Take the time to fill out RLC’s Time and Talent survey. Hear about the Habitat for Humanity Lutheran Coalition build, soon to get underway in Raleigh. This build, together with similar efforts by fellow Christians throughout Wake County, will provide more affordable housing for needy families in our area. Witness the sending of our Life for Uganda team members and myself (in all services that weekend) as we prepare to depart for Amudat and Jinja, Uganda, in February. Our trip is at the invitation of the Lutheran Church of Uganda, our partner organization there. My service at the Lutheran Theological College, Uganda is as a short-term missionary of the LCMS, as supported by Resurrection Lutheran Church.

You don’t have to go overseas to be a part of God’s mission to the world. As a baptized child of God, you are strategically placed to be a light that shines in the darkness— wherever that darkness might be. You can make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Jesus no matter who you are or what your circumstances might look like. I give thanks to God for all of you who have been friends to so many and brought them along on your own journey of faith. Who else is out there who needs to hear from us what the first followers of Jesus heard: “We have found Him!”? How many folks are there who can be pointed in the right direction with the simple invitation, “Come and see”?

A very happy and blessed 2023 to everyone!
Pastor Jonathan

Special Voter's Meeting

Sunday, January 8 at 12:30 pm
Family Life Center Gym

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

Adult Christian Education

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Monday Evening

New Monday Night Women's Bible Study ~ *Life Lessons from Revelation*

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.

We meet on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm from January 9-March 27, in-person and via Zoom. Books are available through Amazon and christianbook.com. A digital version is also available through Amazon. Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship

For the first four weeks of January, the Men's Weekly group is asked to consider joining the Wednesday night adult study starting on January 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The topic is Challenging Conversations. All are invited!

Men's Weekly will resume on Monday, January 30 from 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center. Contact mens-ministry@rlcary.org.



2022 Men's Ministry Tool Gift Exchange

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

Challenging Conversations

We will take 4 weeks in January during our Wednesday Night Workshop to explore how to be faithful disciples of Christ in challenging conversations and circumstances. Join us as we strive to better understand theologically faithful view of marriage and sexuality, as well as consider real-world examples of how faith is impacted by LGBTQ+ life. Practical guidance on how to embody the love of Christ toward sexual and gender minorities, identify situations of unconscious bias, and live and speak with ethical integrity on these topics will be shared. Meet in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Jonathan Blanke on Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Many thanks to Dr. Bruce M. Hartung, professor emeritus at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, for joining us via Zoom for our sessions on January 4 and 25. All are welcome.

Men With Kids

This group is asked to consider joining the other Wednesday night adult study, Challenging Conversations, starting on January 4. Men with Kids will resume on Wednesday, February 1 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 246, Family Life Center. Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Gifts & Memorials

For Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of
Case Justice's 9th Birthday
Larry and Debbie Adams

For the Love Fund

In Memory of Her Daughter,
Jill Comport
Alice Cassimatis

For The Coffeehouse

Donna Krupcale



Community Partner

Thank You!

I want to thank Margaret, Garrett, and Resurrection Lutheran for allowing Life Experiences to hold our holiday event there on December 5. Everyone enjoyed themselves a great deal!

Thank you again!
Michelle Hile, Executive Director
Life Experiences

Life Experiences is a non-profit organization in Cary, North Carolina whose mission is to serve and improve the lives of Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission

Thank You!

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World. On behalf of the Board of Directors of MALIM it gives me great joy to wish you a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

As I reflect on this past year, it is nothing short of remarkable to see how the Spirit has led so many people to help move God's mission forward through the work of Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission (MALIM). Over the last 5 years, MALIM has given out over \$1 million in grants supporting mission opportunities in urban ministry settings, multi-ethnic outreach efforts, programs which address Professional Worker shortages, Lutheran school ministries, neighborhood ministries responding to food insecurity, covid needs and other community hardships - all of which require funding to reach people with the saving message of the gospel in new and innovative ways.



Tom Kolb, SED Facilitator for Schools, Youth and Family Ministry, at Resurrection Lutheran School's (Cary, NC) playground, which MALIM helped fund.

My heart is filled with thanks for each of you who have faithfully donated to support MALIM's mission work – for congregations that have added MALIM to their budget, for freewill offerings and special donations, for all of the individuals who have sent in their financial support. I am excited to see how the Spirit will move through the new MyNeighbor grants in 2023.

Praying for your peace, love, joy and health in the coming year,
Deaconess Robie Hillhouse
MALIM President



(To read full letter, see attached PDF.)

Pastor Alan's Coaching Corner



Happy New Year everyone. This will be my final update as a seminary student in the Specific Ministry Pastor program. Four years ago, I thought to myself, “4-years is the same amount of time as doing high school or college all over again.” Four years ago, I thought to myself, “there are a lot of classes between class #1 and class #16”. Four years ago, I thought to myself, “how in the world am I going to find the time to add 10-15 hours a week just for studying?” Four years ago, I asked you to keep me in your prayers throughout this journey. And here we are, 4-years later. My cohort started with 13 students and will graduate 8. Class #16 will be completed on January 13th. Many long nights and weekends was where I found the study time,

which made for some tiring Monday mornings (not that I've ever enjoyed Monday mornings). I continue needing your prayers because like so many seminary students before me, I went in thinking “I know how to do this” and graduate thinking “there's a lot I still don't know after all of this.” I am so thankful for your prayers and financial support over this journey. I truly could not have done this myself. Thank you!

So, what's next? I'd love to say that I'm taking a long vacation, but that's just not in the cards. I continue to work full-time at Fort Bragg with the Special Operations community and it's an honor to serve those professionals in any small way I offer. But it's also time to get my specific ministry off the ground and 2023 will be a busy year finishing two classes needed for certification in Christian conciliation through Ambassadors of Reconciliation. I've done some conciliation and coaching work for members and non-members alike since I started this journey and I'm really excited to continue providing that resource for people around our District.



One of the “good things” to come out of COVID is that my Fort Bragg organization recently adopted a more flexible time schedule for civilians, which should allow me an opportunity to create limited office hours at the church during the work week. I'd love to say right now what day and time it will be, but that is impossible; however, I will make it as widely known and predictable as possible for those who want to reach out and talk to me for coaching or conciliation.

Well, that's it. The “party” is over and now it's time to get to work. Thank you again for your support and now it's time for me to support you.

Congratulations to Concordia University-Wisconsin's December Student of the Month, Theological Languages and Applied Theology double major Harrison Hulse!

The CUW faculty have selected Harrison Hulse as the December Student of the Month. Harrison is a Senior double major in Theological Languages and Applied Theology and is also pursuing a Philosophy minor. Harrison, from Apex, North Carolina, is a brilliant student with a strong and articulate faith. He always comes to class prepared, asks questions that help the whole class, and always contributes to class discussions. Harrison is a gifted student of Greek, he mentors every student imaginable (serving as a Peer Tutor), and he is a self-managed scholar. He is a good collaborator, working with other students on the Quaestus Student Journal as Publication Editor and is a coordinator for CUW Youth Ministry. Harrison plays in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and he works in the Mail Room. Harrison strives for excellence in mind, body, and spirit! Harrison was nominated by Dr. Kevin Voss.



credit: blog.cuw.edu

TRIANGLE FAITH.ORG

*“Are you ready to become
a better witness?”*

Saturday, January 28

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Resurrection Lutheran Church
100 W. Lochmere Dr., Cary, NC**

Building Bridges Not Barriers

Join with other Christians in a conversation that helps to engage with those in the Latter Day Saint (Mormon) community. This event is being hosted by Resurrection Lutheran in Cary in partnership with Jordan Lutheran Church, Apex and Truth in Love Ministry.

The Build Bridges Not Barriers workshop will provide a foundation on LDS (Latter Day Saint) belief and practice and abundant applications of how to engage in conversations with truth and love. Mark Parsons, the vice president of Truth in Love Ministry, brings an expert and current perspective to this conversation to equip us for ministry.

TriangleFaith.org is a cooperative effort of congregations in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that seeks to bring the message of forgiveness to the greater Raleigh Triangle community.



Mark Parsons

Vice President
Truth in Love Ministry

Mark Parsons is the Vice President of Truth in Love Ministry and heads up their Communications Team in Nampa, Idaho.

Truth in Love Ministry is a Christian ministry devoted to proclaiming Christ to Mormons and empowering Christians to witness. In addition to offering time-tested training, we provide ongoing support. This includes person-to-person mentoring as well as websites with pages of practical tips, strategies, and witness stories.

www.tilm.org



Children's Ministry

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KICKS

KICKS - Kids in Christ Keep Shining is for 3rd - 5th graders. Please look for emails with details about monthly events. We look forward to seeing your child(ren) there!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is at the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service. Children are dismissed after the Children's Message for crafts, games and Bible stories.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children's Sunday School classes will resume on January 8th and continue through May 21st. Classes are from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Classrooms can be found in the Resurrection Lutheran School building in the following rooms:

Pre-K: room 132

K & 1st grade: room 134

2nd & 3rd grade: room 131

4th & 5th grade: room 133

Join us for stories, games, crafts, music and more!



Happy Anniversary!

January 2

Jon and Carolyn Bohlmann
30 years

Questions?

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



Join us for stories, games,
crafts and more!!



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director

rlpcary.org

919-851-7270

Class openings are currently available

for 2022-23 preschool year:

in our 4-year-old, 3-year-old, and 2-year-old classes.

Families may enroll their children upon completing a tour.

Tours dates for the 2023-24 Preschool year:

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



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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

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

- * 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

- * Average of over 10 years staffing stability
- * Weekly Chapel & Movement/Music for all ages
- * Weekly Science for 4's & T-K
- * Partnership with families to provide a top-quality program
- * A loving Christian atmosphere

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.

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 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.

BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL

Thank you to *Cary Living* readers for voting RLS the Best Private School! We are still accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact admissions@rlscary.org.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PSO

We are so grateful for the outpouring of love and support of our PSO Teacher Appreciation Team. Thank you for all of the treats!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| January 3 | Welcome Back! |
| January 13-15 | Lutheran School Basketball Tournament at RLS |
| January 16 | No School - Martin Luther King Day |
| January 18 | Middle School Move Up Day (5th Grade) |
| <i>Looking Ahead...</i> | |
| February 10 | Enrollment Agreement Due (2023/2024 School Year) |
| May 16 | Fine Arts Program |



Resurrection Lutheran School offers a safe, nurturing and academically rich educational experience in a Christ-centered environment.

Thank you for voting us the "Best Private School" in Cary.



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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

or through our website at
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
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.
Please send submissions to susan.moore@rlcary.org.

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