

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 15, 2023



Pastor's Corner for January 15-21

Of Mission Statements and Mission-Guided Living (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

The mission statement of Resurrection Lutheran Church, published on our website and repeated often around here, is this: "By grace through faith in Christ we reach out to all with His love and build each other up for service." Even the best mission statements are too brief. None contain the whole counsel of God. None can say all that we might feel needs to be said. But here's the thing: without a mission statement that we affirm together, it's easy to just go through the motions of the

Christian life. Without a brief recognition of what we're about, made shoulder-to-shoulder with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we're liable to make half-baked decisions as a congregation that may or may not be in the sweet spot for why God put us here. Pastors Zach, Alan and I will take the Sundays throughout Epiphany to look at what the prophet Isaiah has to say about God's mission... and how it connects with what we see as we leave the church parking lot week after week (see the photo above). It's important. Our God is a God of grace and mercy. But the grace of God has a purpose. We are here for a reason.

Mission-guided living starts where everything begins: the grace and mercy of God. What we do is "by grace through faith in Christ." In his first letter to the Corinthians, that's where Paul begins too: "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus..." The people of the church to which Paul writes are declared to be "sanctified." They are "saints" (1:2). This is not by virtue of their behavior or good works. It is because they have been "washed" (see 1 Cor 6:11). It is because they have received the life-giving Word of God (Col 1:2-7). Being set apart for God's mission doesn't begin only after we've lost 15 pounds with WW or Noom. It doesn't start only after we've been inducted into the Church Council (as 9 of our church members will be this weekend).

Mission-guided living begins with the unmerited love of God for sinners that makes them God's children through water and the Word. Are you a sinner? Fine, so am I! Have you been washed in Holy Baptism? Thank God! I have been too. The gift of God's Spirit is poured out upon us throughout our journey here below. God knows we continue to stumble and fumble. We have lots of learning left to do. But every sinner washed by God is poised to get to work. If you aren't already thinking about it, I challenge you to consider a way you might be able to serve others. Or maybe you have an idea for something new that we can do to serve others in the community. January 28 to 29 will be our "Mission Sunday" and a chance for you to fill out and submit your 2023 Time & Talent survey.

It is a privilege for us to give thanks for and commit ourselves anew to the mission to which we have been called. God's mission invigorates us. It not only points us in the right direction. It not only calls us away from a focus on ourselves. It challenges us to think outside the box, get outside our zones of comfort, and grow, in the process. So, let's get growing in 2023... together! I look forward to seeing you at the

first of five services focused on “Jesus, the Light for the Nations” this weekend.

RLC Welcomes Lutheran Schools Basketball Tournament Participants and Their Families This Weekend

To all who were able to take part in the basketball tournament this weekend and are worshipping with us today... we offer our warmest greetings and welcome! Please make yourselves at home with us while you're here... and have a safe trip home again, too.

Slide Advancement Team Training Session Wednesday, January 18 @ 7:30 PM

If you are interested in assisting with slide advancement for services in the main sanctuary and are available this Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 PM, I invite you to stick around to see how it's done. We need helpers for 6 PM Saturday and 8/9:30 AM on Sunday. We will meet inside the main sanctuary on Wednesday evening. Hope to see you there!

Invitation to Meet Southeastern District President Dr. William Harmon, January 26

President Harmon will be in our area on the evening of January 26 for a time of conversation and listening to the needs of our churches. If you would like to meet him, I invite you to make time for a visit. He will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Clayton, NC from 7 to 9 PM.

Epiphany peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

**Sunday Morning
Adult Christian Ed Class**

Join us for the study, *Blessed are the Peacemakers*, on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am 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.



**Ambassadors
of
Reconciliation™**

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, January 14
at 8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Come gather for fellowship, food, and message.
All men welcome.

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



**MEMORIAL
SERVICE**

A Memorial Service for our brother in Christ,
Jim Kerns
to be held at Resurrection on Saturday, January 14 at 1:00 pm.
Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Our prayers are with his family at this time.

Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **January 14 and 15**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.



*Thank you for supporting the mission grants
of Lutheran Women in Mission!*



Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

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



REVELATION



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 for the first four weeks of January, please consider joining the Wednesday Night Adult Study with Pastor Jonathan that started on January 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic is *Challenging Conversations*.

Men's January Fellowship ~ All Men Invited

Meet up on **Monday, January 16** at 6:30 pm at Blueprint, Cary.

The Men's Weekly will start back up on **Monday, January 30** from 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.

- **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.

- **Wednesday Night Adult Christian Ed**

Challenging Conversations meets Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Jonathan and will run through January 22.

- **Men With Kids**

We will not meet for the first four weeks of January, please consider joining the other Wednesday Night Adult Study with Pastor Jonathan that started on January 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic is *Challenging Conversations*.

Men with Kids will start back on **Wednesday, February 1** from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 246, Family Life Center.

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, January 20, 2023

(Note the Date)

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come join us! Our special needs guests love to come, and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. We need Setter Uppers at 5:00 pm (both food and room),

Servers at 6:30 pm, and Cleaner Uppers at 8:30 pm.

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

The first Coffeehouse of 2023 is **Friday, January 20** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. Jim Linn's Band, *A Touch of Brass*, will play for us!

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

Sanctity of Life

As we pointed out last week, sanctity of life means all stages of life. Scripture tells us how precious life is and that we are to nurture it. Sanctity of life is not only something we remember on Sanctity of Life Sunday or during Sanctity of Life Month (January), it is something that is dear to our hearts every day. However, the traditional focus during the month of January, and in particular January 22, is on the unborn. We, therefore, at this time, ask the Church, as a whole, to pray for the unborn and for the parents of the unborn.

Prayers are also requested for the upcoming baby bottle fundraiser in support of Gateway Women's Care, which will kick off the weekend of January 21/22. Resurrection Lutheran has annually supported Gateway through a baby bottle fundraiser, among other things. Why do we support Gateway? We'll tell you why:

Gateway Women's Care provides educational, medical and counseling support services to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy with the goal of saving the lives of the unborn and sharing the love of Christ to those who are lost.

Gateway provides the following free and confidential services:

- Pregnancy testing and ultrasounds
- Pregnancy options counseling and Women's Right to Know education
- HIV/STD testing

- Post-Abortion Care
- Medical and community referrals
- Childbirth, infant care and fatherhood education

We will tell you more next week about Gateway and the baby bottle fundraiser. We will have baby bottles available, and we will explain how they are to be used. For now, keep the fundraiser in your prayers, and, above all, keep the unborn and their parents in your prayers.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, January 27 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).

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

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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!



Questions? Contact
Erika Hulse at
erika.hulse@rlcary.org

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

Here's what is coming up:

- **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am**
Connection Cafe, Sunday School for Middle and High School
- **Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm**
Breakaway Youth Group
- **Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30 pm**
Open Warehouse



Ms. Jenny, Youth Director
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran
PRECHOOL 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)

- * 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.

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

Resurrection Lutheran School



School Spirit Day as we prepare
for **Soarin' to the Hoop**
2023 Lutheran Schools
Tournament Weekend at RLS!



rlscary.org
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.

Attendance and Giving



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Prayers of the Church – January 15, 2023

*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 January 8, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travels, Especially During the Holiday Season
- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings
- Our Many Blessings
- Answers to Prayers and For Positive Attitudes
- New Baby, Holly Wagner, Great-Niece of *Dawn Leister
- Henry Otten's Successful Procedure, Grandson of *Pat and *Mark Otten

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
- *Marty Stephani, In Rehab, and *Mindy
- *Suzi Heffner, Recovery
- Cheryl Schlage, Mother of *Danielle Altieri

- Roger Robbins; Jerry Crueger; Bruce Klevenow, Brother of *Ralph Klevenow
- Linka Schleusener Jensen and New Baby Maiija
- *Ellen Richter, Recovery
- Glenn, Second Round of Chemo
- Susan and David, In Rehab Together Following Auto Accident
- Alex, Patti, Alice, Randi, Brendan, Marty, Stuart, Lorraine, John, Lucille, Wendy, Karen, Jenny, Ken, Donald, Eric, Mara, Connie, Sue, Pastor Teklu, Jaime, Judy and Terry, Chuck, Corey, Doug, Garrett

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of *Doug Spitz, Especially His Wife, *Cheri
- Friends and Family of Jim Kerns, Especially His Children, *Shaelyn and Aiden
- Friends and Family of Mother of Maria Barker, Blind Ministry Guest

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 January 8 Meeting
- 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
- Stuart and Sue Sanders, and the *Boyer Family
- Our RLC Uganda Team Preparing for February 2023 Mission Trip, Discernment Regarding Travel
- Stability in Government
- Good Test Results
- Brian

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

*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 – January 15, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, January 7

6:00 pm - 58

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am - 88; 9:30 am - 129; 11:00 am - 138

Total In-Person Worship: 413

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am - 114; 11:00 am - 56

Total Online Views: 170 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - December 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 180,894.24	\$ 699,979.03
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 113,998.41</u>	<u>\$ 630,597.31</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 66,895.83	\$ 69,381.72

Last Week's Offerings: \$15,830.52

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$26,922.27

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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