

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2020

Prayers of the Church: (*RLC Members)

Ongoing Prayers

*Diane Cuper *Eve Sommers *David Brooks
*Anne Altieri *Charlotte Raines Stephanie Samuels
*Eric Hammergren *Wes Wyatt Ava Conklin
*Helen Puza Frank Grace Helen Wolf
*Anita Moore *Wilma Brown Elizabeth Smith

*Vern Erbert Dennis

Mike Zimmerman, Son of Mark and Sally, US Navy Deployed, Spain Jackson Buser, Working in the Congo

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Susanne Mundort	Jett Marshall	Don	Craig
Carol & Frank	Rachel	Bill	Rob
*Mike Allen	Anne Price	Rene	Beth
*Gary Ferro	Linda Gilson	Kevin Wo	esterhouse
Angie Price	*Fuad Rihani	Alison Zi	eglmeier

Those Prayed For on January 12th

Henry	Gary	Bruce	Vern Eb	ert
Mary	Avril	Sandy	Annmari	.e
Lily	Cindy	Justin	Gene Fu	ller
Red	Brian	Keith	Bob Brya	an
Carlton	Carol	Anna	Tom Car	r
Anne	Marcia	Marie	Dave Ra	nkine
Kaitlyn	Alison	Victoria	Uncle Pa	ıul
Janice	Donna	Gavin	Aunt Joa	ın
John	Arlie	Jaime	Bonnie	Barbara
Bill	Sarah	Joanne	Dasha	Julia
Tim	Sharon	Don	Brad B.	Henry
Sara	Herbie	Julie	Jeri	Josh
Lynne	Pete	Granny	Duane	Arleen
Dorothy	Larry	Karen-Ca	ancer Trea	tments
Healing for Child with Multiple Health Issues				
	Mary Lily Red Carlton Anne Kaitlyn Janice John Bill Tim Sara Lynne Dorothy	Mary Avril Lily Cindy Red Brian Carlton Carol Anne Marcia Kaitlyn Alison Janice Donna John Arlie Bill Sarah Tim Sharon Sara Herbie Lynne Pete Dorothy Larry	Mary Avril Sandy Lily Cindy Justin Red Brian Keith Carlton Carol Anna Anne Marcia Marie Kaitlyn Alison Victoria Janice Donna Gavin John Arlie Jaime Bill Sarah Joanne Tim Sharon Don Sara Herbie Julie Lynne Pete Granny Dorothy Larry Karen-C	Mary Avril Sandy Annmari Lily Cindy Justin Gene Fu Red Brian Keith Bob Bry. Carlton Carol Anna Tom Car Anne Marcia Marie Dave Ra Kaitlyn Alison Victoria Uncle Pa Janice Donna Gavin Aunt Joa John Arlie Jaime Bonnie Bill Sarah Joanne Dasha Tim Sharon Don Brad B. Sara Herbie Julie Jeri Lynne Pete Granny Duane Dorothy Larry Karen-Cancer Trea

In Celebration of:

Our Many Blessings	Families	Marriages
Pastor Ion and Ellen	Mackenzie's Birthday	RLC

For Those That Mourn:

Family of Joanne Schmitt Ed and Anne Altieri, Brother-In-Law, Jack Arsenault John Crandall, Close Friend and Classmate, Bryan Dale Jan Boyer, Friend, John Wuiff Sue Campau, Sister-In-Law's Mother, Jackie Morgan Rev. Dr. Art Scherer, Former SED President

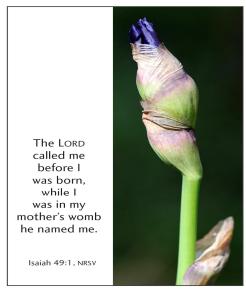
Other Requests:

Persecuted Christians Oromo People Those in Prison
Uganda Church, Pastors, Leaders Our Missionaries
Stephen Ministry Caregivers Healthy Pregnancies
Thanksgiving for Rain Job for Husband Glenda - Foot Surgery
Abby - Knee Surgery Anne - Looking for a New Job

Pastor John and Connie in Israel

Clarity on Difficult Decision (Home Purchase)

Bipes Family - Extra Prayers As They Remember Cheryl



Through Isaiah God called His Servant to be a light to the Gentiles. God has bestowed on the Church, the Body of Christ, all the needed spiritual gifts to build one another up. The earlier servant, the nation of Israel, failed to look beyond themselves, and too often the Church of this day also focuses inward instead of proclaiming the Gospel to others. The beauty of God is that He stopped at nothing to save us. He became His own sacrificial Lamb to take away the sins of the world. Now He deigns to call us His servants. In this Epiphany Season, we let the light of that precious Gospel shine on us, and through us, on all whom we meet.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Today is also the day we remember and give thanks to God for the gift of life.

There is much for which we and our society need to repent: senseless war, destruction of the environment, wasting God's precious resources, the gluttony of some in the midst of another's hunger, the wealth of some in the midst of another's poverty, not to mention bigotry, selfishness, greed, and many other sins against our fellow human beings. This lack of respect for human life is among the many things for which Jesus issued a call to repentance. Those who heeded the message found grace and forgiveness from a God Who wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, Jesus Christ.

Missionaries:

Mark and Megan Mantey, Uganda Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia

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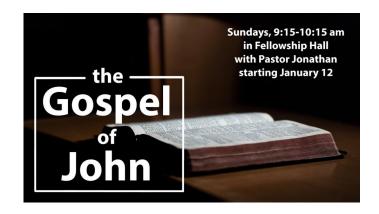
Please welcome

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke

our new Senior Pastor!

Learn more about Pastor Jonathan on the Pastor's Page of our website at www.rlcary.org/about-us/pastors-page.

He can be reached at jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org.



On **The Gospel of John webpage**, you will find Pastor Jonathan's presentations from the Soup Supper, as well as last Sunday. This page will be updated each week throughout the Bible study.

www.rlcary.org/ministries/the-gospel-of-john

Annual Gateway Baby Bottle Fundraiser ~ January 18-February 16, 2020

Gateway Women's Care is a local pregnancy resource ministry offering compassion, hope, and non-judgmental help to women and men facing unplanned pregnancy. This free support enables those considering abortion to make informed decisions and to know there are realistic alternatives. Gateway's main center is located on Hillsborough Street, close to several college campuses and to downtown Raleigh.



Gateway also offers post abortive care and education for women and men suffering from a past abortion. Many of Gateway's volunteers and staff are post abortive and want to help others in this situation. Gateway is a Christ-centered ministry and shares the Gospel to those clients who want to receive it.

Gateway receives no government or taxpayer aid. They rely mostly on Christians and churches like RLC to keep their doors open. RLC is hosting a baby bottle drive for Gateway to help raise funds, so that more women and men can be served and provided with lifesaving support.

After services starting the weekend of January 18/19, please pick up one or more baby bottles

to take home with you to fill with coins, cash, or check. Talk to your children about the reason for the baby bottle and why you are giving. There will be a collection bin available in the Narthex **through February 16.**

If you prefer to donate by check, make checks payable to Gateway Women's Care or give online at www.gatewaywomens.care. Gateway is dependent on the generosity of our community to provide services cost free for its clients.

Questions? Contact Deb Oesterling at deb.oesterling@rlcary.org.



Council Corner - January 2020 Meeting

We opened our meeting with a devotion from Joshua 1:1-9 with the theme for both the Council and the Church overall to "Be Strong and Courageous".

- 1. Part of our meeting was spent in providing key background information for our new members on our prior giving history, current budget review, key committee updates, development/Gospel Sharing focus on our current Social Ministry budget, and membership statistics (including number of inactive).
- 2. December revenue was \$65,000 above normal 5-week monthly giving. **Thanks to all our members for their support.** We used this extra funding to pay many of our Social Ministry commitments for this budget year. Due to the strong December giving, we currently have a \$23,000 surplus. To date, we are running slightly below half of our \$1.3M budget. Current projection is that we may have a small deficit at the end of the budget year. We will continue to experience a tight spending operating position.
- 3. Council approved our 2020 Together in Mission funding, increasing the funding for the Mantey's and reducing the funding for the former missionary, now serving full time in WI. (The Trumps).
- 4. Council voted that our 2020 Southeastern District (SED) pledge will remain at 6.2% of our monthly income.
- 5. A preliminary update to current Next 40 giving was shared. Given the loss of key families/contributors, we will most likely fall short of our overall goal. A series of action steps will be taken to help members be aware of their pledge status. Additional information will be shared with the congregation.
- 6. We are beginning to document our weekly attendance in both worship and in our Education programs. We do see a positive trend in worship attendance since the arrival of Pastor Jonathan.
- 7. Pastor Jonathan has reviewed several key issues as follows:
 - The background for considering a change in our worship times. Council also noted the input from several sources highlighting that members who attend certain services don't feel as connected to the pastor. Council moved to develop a "Focus Group" to initially study the question, with no definitive guideline as to possible service change and implementation timing. A possible Focus Group leader was recommended. A separate article will be published in the February Newsletter.
 - Council endorsed the Ministry Covenant that will be executed by Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Jon/Ellen. It is a recommended LCMS practice to execute such a document when a former pastor maintains his membership in the church he served.
 - It is recommended that we begin to have permanent name badges made for all members, with the encouragement that they wear them. Also, Council members will have special badges printed, so that RLC members can be more aware of who they are with the intent of encouraging dialogue.
- 8. Council will begin over the next couple months to mutually develop several objectives that will be used for Pastor Jonathan's annual evaluation.
- 9. Council spent considerable time looking at the overall process of adopting critical staff. Key points reviewed are:
 - Pastor Jonathan indicated that he could have some initial thoughts on the role of an Associate Pastor developed in the next 30-60 days. He also indicated that he would like about a year to better evaluate where we are and work with the Council to develop a more focused go-forward ministry plan.
 - The Council also felt that we need to develop some form of a financial basis to support the hiring of the Associate Pastor prior to initiating any formal Call Process, which will be supported by the Stewardship Campaign. Best thinking to date is that the timing to bring in an Associate Pastor would be 2021.
- 10. Council will begin to develop a list of Strategic Goals both short term and longer term. Each Council member will be asked to contribute their thoughts. In addition, Council would like to include any goals developed by the Staff through their self-assessments. RLC members can send their comments to Bob Shimmel (bbshimmel@yahoo.com) who will be summarizing.
- 11. Council discussed the concept of holding a Spring Congregation Forum as a follow up to our December 2019 Voter's Meeting. More information to follow.

Any questions can be directed to the following 2019 Council members:

Bob Shimmel – President - bbshimmel@yahoo.com
Dave Geisler – Treasurer – dgeisler3355@gmail.com
Barry Needle – Member – bjneedle@gmail.com
Dave Upton – Member – drupton@gmail.com
Jacin Suskin – Member – jespinet1@gmail.com

Claudia Guthrie – Vice President – <u>claudia.guthrie5@gmail.com</u>
Joe Bastante – Member - <u>joe.bastante@bcbsmnc.com</u>
Dan Mitchell – Member – <u>d697mitch@gmail.com</u>
Erika Hulse – Member – <u>4thehulses@bellsouth.net</u>

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Flowers placed on the Altar in honor of Cameron's birthday by Adam and Michele Brake. The **Offering Envelopes for 2020** are in your church mailboxes.

The **2019 Financial Statements** have been mailed. Please review for accuracy.



Any questions can be emailed to finance@rlcary.org.



Stacy and Christopher Reed were married in a private ceremony on November 27, 2019.

They invite their church family to a celebration of their marriage on **Saturday**, **January 18** in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-5:00 pm.

Please come by for food, fun, and fellowship!

RLC Quilting Group

We will meet on **Tuesday, January 21 (note date change!)** at 11:30 am in Room 151 of the Family Life Center.

We will <u>not</u> be meeting the following Tuesday (January 28).

Please feel free to come by anytime and help cut fabric, lay out designs, pin, sew, tie, and enjoy some good fellowship!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Call Diane Hoffmeister at 919-624-7886.



The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will begin a new study: Forgiveness: Received from God, Extended to Others by Donna Pyle.

Forgiveness is always personal. It's incredibly difficult to do. But it's never optional. Through this study, you will learn of the life-altering, rich teachings God's Word offers about forgiveness. Your heart will soften as you learn of Jesus' forgiveness

for you, and you'll be encouraged to extend that same forgiveness to others.

Books are available from Amazon and ChristianBook.com.

Location: Room 151, Family Life Center

Date and Time: January 20-March 9, 7:00-8:00 pm

Contacts: Dawn Leister or Sharon Hahne



Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia, thomas.gebbia@gmail.com or 919-413-1621.



Winter Fun Dinner

All women of RLC are invited for fellowship and dinner at O'Charley's Restaurant on **Thursday**, **January 23 at 6:30 pm**. O'Charley's is located close to church, at Ashville Ave. and Tryon Rd., close to Wake Med Hospital.

Please RSVP to Carol Bostick by 1/20/20 (919-270-7914 or cjbostick@att.net).

We hope you can join us but if not, our next dinners will be February 20 and March 19.



Please join us Sunday, February 2 12:00-2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

"Understanding Dementia"

Please join us for this information session led by Lisa Levine, Program Director for NC Dementia Alliance.

More than 170,000 people in North Carolina are affected by all forms of dementia. NC Dementia Alliance focuses all of their efforts locally and offers insight, compassionate support and assistance to those who are living with or caring for individuals throughout all stages and types of dementia.

Understanding the varying types of dementia is important and critical for both the patient and the caregiver. Not only will it allow for better planning, but it will also allow for more opportunity to include the diagnosed person in decision making before the disease progresses.

The session will begin at noon with a light lunch and refreshments. A short presentation will be followed by a discussion and a question and answer session facilitated by RLC Stephen Ministry. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can provide for materials and refreshments.

RSVP to Jan Boyer at <u>j2b2boyer@aol.com</u> or online at <u>www.rlcary.org/ministries/stephen-ministry</u>.



We NEED Soups and Chilis!

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a5ab22a5f85-soup



Come and Join Other Moms for Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Stay in touch on Facebook at Moms Together - RLC!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on 1st and 3rd Fridays from 9:30-11:30 am!

February 7 and 21



Save the Date! ASP Kick-Off Meeting Sunday, February 9

After the Late Service Room 253, The Warehouse

Questions? Contact John Wood

john@thewoodteam.com or visit www.asphome.org.

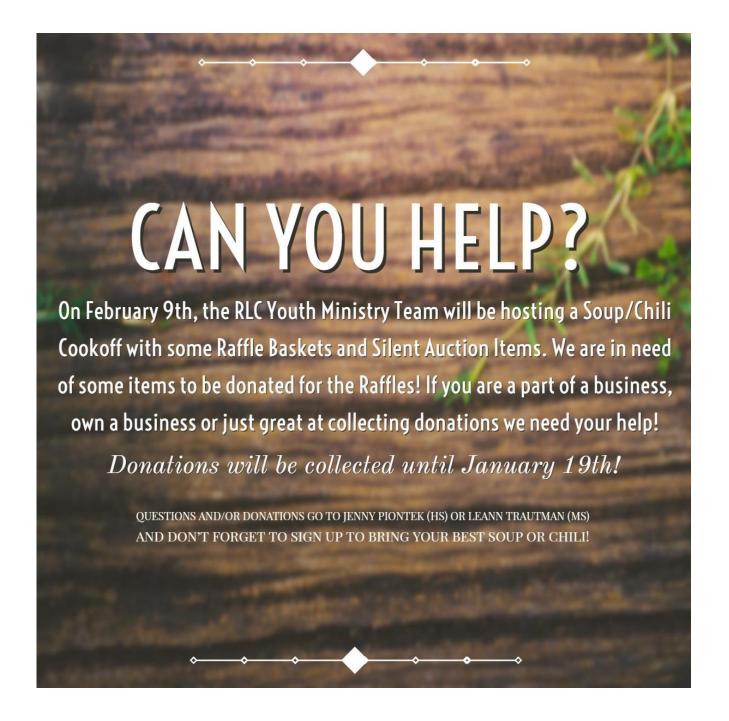
Help Make Someone's Home... Warmer, Safer or Drier!

No Construction Experience Necessary!

The award-winning National Lutheran Choir, based in Minneapolis, will be touring the Southeastern U.S. with concerts in North Carolina and Atlanta. The 60-voice choir, led by Artistic Director, David Cherwien, will perform a wide-ranging program celebrating the depth and breadth of the Lutheran choral tradition, featuring works by Felix Mendelssohn, Ola Gjeilo and Ralph Vaughan Williams, set alongside new arrangements of familiar tunes, including Kenneth Dake's "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

National Lutheran Choir on Tour in Raleigh Friday, February 21, 2020 – 7:30 pm – FREE Admission

Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral 715 Nazareth Street Raleigh, NC 27606





TOURS for RLP in JANUARY:

Public registrationmid-January share w/friends, neighbors, family

Wednesday 22nd @9:45 Thursday 23rd @11:00 Monday 27th @12:45



RLP provides a

balance of academic and
social opportunities
by means of our
'learning through play'
Philosophy. A developmentally
age-appropriate curriculum
is provided, integrating Jesus'
teachings within the
daily schedule.

Congratulations, Resurrection Lutheran!

Cary Magazine readers have voted for the 2020 Maggy Awards and we are delighted to announce that Resurrection Lutheran has been recognized in three categories!

BEST Preschool

BEST Private School

BEST Middle School Principal

Thank you to our loyal community and look forward to another year of innovative, Christ-centered education.





Leading with Faith!

Now enrolling Junior Kindergarten-8th grade for 2020.

Visit www.rlscary.org to schedule a tour today!

Resurrection Lutheran School

Children and Family Ministry

Questions you may have regarding any of these programs or events can be directed to the Co-Directors of Children and Family Ministry, MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org or Lea.Webb@rlcary.org.

Nursery for Infants and Toddlers

Nursery is available in Room 115 of the Preschool wing. Sign your child in with adult nursery attendant.

Due to children with food allergies, no food or snacks will be allowed in the nursery on Sundays.

Worshipping with Small Children

Quiet activity bags, books, and worksheets are located in the Narthex and at the children's table in the lobby of the Family Life Center.

Children are welcome in all of our worship services!

God loves the little children, and so do we! If there is ever a time that you feel your child needs a break, please feel free to use the nursery, Room 115 of the Preschool wing, during Sanctuarsy services and Room 151 in the Family Life Center during the Praise service.



Toddler Bibles

Toddler Bibles were presented during church services this past Sunday, January 12.

If you were unable to attend and would like to receive one, please contact MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org.

Acolytes

Being an acolyte allows our youth, grades 5-8, to be actively involved in serving at RLC. You are able to sign up online for dates and worship times that work for your family.



www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b48afa62c7-summer

Thank you for your service and participation!

Children's Church

for ages 3-6, is held weekly during the 10:45 worship service.

Children are dismissed before the sermon for 20 minutes to gather



together for a short lesson or story about the theme of the day. They will work on a craft and/or sing a song that matches the story. This time will help them grow their faith.



Fifth Grade Students (and others interested) participating in **Welcome to the Lord's Table:**

Our sessions kick off on Saturday, February 29. They must be attended in order to begin taking communion.

Please plan to attend Part 1 and Part 2. Remember at least one parent needs to attend with the student.

Saturday, February 29

9:00 am-12:00 pm Part 1 12:30 pm-3:00 pm Part 2

If staying for both parts, lunch will be provided.

Sunday, March 1

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Part 1 Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, March 15

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Part 2 Lunch will be provided.

Save these dates!

5th Grade Seder Meal - Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 pm First Communion - Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 pm

Questions? Contact MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org.

Student Ministry

YOUTH FUNDRAISER! SOUP/CHILI COOK OFF! Sunday, February 9 from 5:00-7:00 pm

Bring out your best recipes! Come volunteer! Join your church family for a yummy meal and raffles! Sign ups below. The reason we have these fundraisers is to keep costs down for families for events and mission trips, scholarships, and supplies for our events and trips.

Volunteers: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a5ab22a5f85-cook

We NEED Soups and Chilis:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a5ab22a5f85-soup

Ignite (6th-8th grades)

Wednesday Night Workshop (Confirmation) - The Warehouse will be open from (5:55-6:25 pm) so stop by and come hangout!

UP NEXT:

It's A New Year! Friday, January 24 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Join us in celebrating the New Year and all the wonderful blessings in store for us! We will start off in the Warehouse and end in the Gym. Please RSVP, so I know how many are attending.

NEXT SERVICE EVENT:

"Soup"er Bowl - Starting Wednesday, January 15

Youth Ministry will be collecting canned soups for Western Wake Crisis Ministry's Food Bank. Containers are in the Narthex and outside the Gym.

Donations can also be brought to any IGNITE event or Wednesday Night Warehouse. Our goal is to collect 540 cans!

JoyFully,

Ms. LeAnn, Middle School Youth Director - leann.trautman@rlcary.org

Breakaway (9th-12th grades)

Sunday, January 19

Connection Café at 9:15 am. Leadership Meeting at 5:00 pm. Breakaway at 6:45 pm. Theme: Prayer Stations

Sunday, January 26

Connection Café at 9:15 am. Breakaway at 6:45 pm. Guest Visitor: Pastor Jonathan!

Sunday, February 2

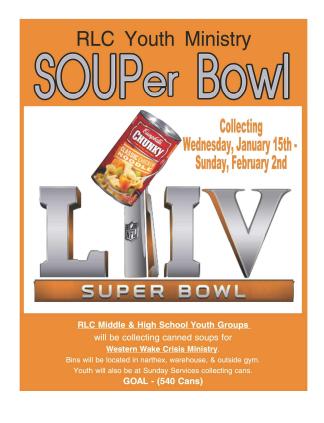
NO CONNECTION CAFÉ or BREAKAWAY!

*CAMP ROCKFISH - Spring Retreat - March 20-22 Sign up! Cost is \$165.

Joyfully His,

Ms. Jenny, High School Youth Director - jenny.piontek@rlcary.org





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Wednesday Night Dinners

Sign up <u>online</u> by Sunday night to reserve your spot!

Go to the RLC website, www.rlcary.org, under Ministries tab, select Wednesday Night Workshop.

January 22

BBQ Burger Casserole
Cheesy Crumb-Topped Broccoli
Apple-Carrot Salad with Creamy Lemon Dressing
Buttermilk Dinner Rolls
Caramel-Pecan Cheesecake
Kids' Meal: Bacon-Cheeseburger Rollups

Attendance - January 11/12

Saturday 6:00 - 59 Sunday 8:00 - 117 Sunday 10:30 - 155 Sunday 10:45 - 164

Total = 495

Sunday School: Adults - 142, Children - 65

General Fund Giving and Spending - December 2019

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$190,946.39	\$638,489.62
Total Disbursements	<u>\$131,129.76</u>	<u>\$614,843.55</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$59,816.63	\$23,646.07
Average Weekly Giving for 20	\$24,557.29	
Average Weekly Giving Budge	\$25,153.85	

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www.youtube.com

Search "Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC"

Calendar for the Week of January 19-26

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Sunday	8:00am	Worship/Holy Communion
•	9:15am	Christian Education Classes
	10:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Contemporary Worship/Holy Communion
	1:00pm	Oromo Ev. Lutheran
	2:00pm	Stephen Ministry Training
	3:00pm	Mekane Yesus Fellowship
	3:00pm	Ringers of Glory
	4:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:00pm	Harmonia Deum
	5:30pm	SM Supervision
	5:45pm	Exodus
	6:30pm	Crossways
	6:45pm	Breakaway
Monday	3:00pm	Resurrection Music School
Honday	5:00pm	Swedish School
	6:30pm 7:00pm	Old North State Brass
	7:00pm	Men's Ministry
Turaday	7:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study
	11:30am	Women's Quilting/Craft Group
	3:00pm	Resurrection Music School
	7:00pm	Celebration Singers
Wednesday	9:30am	LifeLight
	12:00pm	Church Staff Meeting
	3:00pm	Resurrection Music School
	5:00pm	Rainbow Choir
	5:00pm	Sonshine Singers
	5:15pm	Wednesday Night Dinner
	6:00pm	Jubilee Bells
	6:30pm	Adult Christian Education
	6:30pm	Heavenly Handbells
	6:30pm	Wednesday Night Workshop
	7:30pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	3:00pm	Resurrection Music School
	6:30pm	Women's Dinner at O'Charley's
	7:00pm	Reign! Rehearsal
Friday	6:30pm	Ignite - It's a New Year
Saturday	7:00am	Men's VDC Reunion Group
	9:00am	Carolina Kinder
	9:00am	Men's Pickup Basketball
	6:00pm	Worship/Holy Communion
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