

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 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	Dennis	
*Vern Ebert	*Jackson Buser, Working in the Congo		
Mike Zimmerman, Son of Mark and Sally, US Navy Deployed, Spain			

### **Ongoing Cancer Treatments**

Jeff Marshall	Carol & Frank	Don	Craig
*Mike Allen	Rachel	Bill	Rob
Anne Price	*Gary Ferro	Rene	Beth
Linda Gilson	Angie Price		
*Fuad Rihani	Alison Zieglmeier		

### Those Prayed For on February 2nd

For the Sick:	Bryan	Shirley	Anita	Kimmy l	Fix
Jackie D.	David	Bill	Bob	Justus N	ikolai
Tom Carr	Penny	Manon	Matt	Ron Van	Haitsma
Dave Rankine	Steve	John	Diane	Aunt Joa	n
Roseann	Cyndi	Wish	Martha	Uncle Pa	ul
Mel	Fuad	Dorothy	Anne	Justice	Red
Brian	Carlton	Keith	Anna	Marcia	Annmar
Marcia	Mitch	Stephen	Amy	Karen	Angela
Michelle	Judy	Jean	Harold	Donna	Gavin
Ken	Gloria	Arlie	Kay	Bill	Dar
Eve	Janice	Karen	Dasha	Bruce	Gary
Henry	Audrey	Paula	Brad	Nancy	Sharon
David	Sylvia	Marlo and Bob Bryan			
Sally Zimmerman		Jennifer Mudd			

### In Celebration of:

God's Provision Marriages Friends Strength Paula Boehm's Friendship

### For Those That Mourn:

Deb Gebbia, Mother, Jackie Paasch Family of Nancy Riefenhauser Sonstroem Family, Cousin, Gretchen

### Other Requests:

Persecuted Christians Oromo People Uganda Church, Pastors, Leaders Healthy Pregnancies Safe Travel Successful Surgery for AJ Anita-Surgery on Monday Dennis' Successful Surgery For a Cure for Coronavirus Safe Travels for Suzi and Benjamin

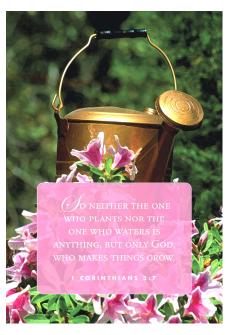
**Missionaries:** 

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

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Those in Prison Our Missionaries Affordable Apts. Friend Struggling Job for a Friend Control of Worldwide Viruses Protection for a Granddaughter

Family



Today we finish our Epiphany journey through St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians with a focus on God's responsibility for our growth in His Word. Whether we are pastors, teachers, or ordinary family members of those we long to see grow in their understanding of their loving Savior Jesus--or whether we ourselves seek such growth from others--we give thanks to God for the labor of faithful fellow "field hands" and rest in the promise that God--and not any one of us-is giving the growth!

ASH WEDNESDAY February 26

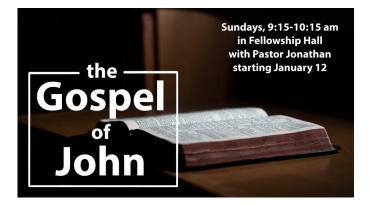
# 8:45 am in the Sanctuary

Imposition of Ashes with Resurrection Lutheran School

# 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

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

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



Flowers placed on the altar in honor of Cassidy's birthday by Adam and Michele Brake.

## TAIZE Service Saturday, February 29

(note date change!)



We will use the format of worship known as TAIZE for that Saturday's evening service at 6:00 pm.

This format includes a darkened setting of the worship space with more candles, the singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.



Agapé + Kure Beach Ministries is serving the people of God in North Carolina. How about you? Have you been to camp?

This ministry seeks to teach the faith, witness through the power of faithful staff, and reach into the community. Our "Reach 100" program seeks to bring 100 children each summer to a week of faith based Christian camp, totally free of charge. Often these children are homeless or in severe financial need. Agapé has partnered through "Reach 100" with congregations, social service groups, schools, and congregations to offer great summer camp experiences.

In 2019, this ministry served over 13,000 guests. Our focus is on a small-group style that stresses the importance of building relationships with God, with other people, and with God's creation.

Agapé summer camp program lives out **seven major goals** in shaping the lives of campers. They believe in the power of God to make a positive difference in lives of all people.

- **1.** Building self-value, self-esteem as a child of God through trusted relationships and personal affirmation.
- Provide quality Christian Role Models in our staff who can live out their faith in all aspects of their lives - walk the talk.
- 3. Provide a safe environment for campers to grow emotionally, physically, and spiritually.
- 4. Teaching Creation Stewardship all campers experience encounters in God's creation.
- 5. Building Leaders for the future of the church and the world.
- 6. Using Music to share faith.
- 7. Having FUN!

We invite all to experience the Spirit of God at Agapé this summer and throughout the year!

For more information, <u>agapekurebeach.org</u>.



### **Council Corner – February 2020 Meeting**

- 1. We opened our meeting with a devotion that reviewed multiple scripture references related to how The Word reveals God's Plan in the Bible. This is appropriate as the Council is beginning to develop on-going future church plans.
- 2. We welcomed Harrison Hulse to our Council meeting as part of our High School Youth Leadership Development program.
- 3. January receipts were below our expectations and monthly needs. We had several major expenditures, including paying our Social Ministry Together in Mission funding and the impact of the 2020 2% staff salary increases. The net was negative \$25,000 and put us YTD in a (\$1,000) position.
- 4. The Endowment Committee provided an update of our current Endowment funds, including highlighting the purpose of each fund. Council has begun to move more funds on a systematic basis from our dedicated accounts into the New Paul Kibler Educational Funds.
- 5. We have begun to track our attendance more closely and January 2020 was up 6% compared to January 2019.
- 6. Council endorsed the Church Security Team recommendation to spend the estimated \$1,500 to purchase 8 new security cameras to cover all entrances into the church building. We currently have cameras that cover RLS and RLP. In addition, new signs noting "video monitoring" will be put on all doors and in the parking lot.
- 7. We received a special \$2,500 donation, which will be used to purchase 2 new storage sheds. Sheds have been on our "wish list" for a period of time.
- 8. Pastor provided an initial set of his goals for this year and going forward they are being incorporated into the overall Council goal setting process.
- 9. We began our initial 2020-21 budget discussions, noting that this year we will be doing an objective based, "bottoms up" approach. The budget will be submitted for congregational approval at the June Voter's Meeting.
- 10. We reviewed the timetable for the Service Change Focus Group, noting that a final Council decision would be made late 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- 11. We amended our December Together in Missions funding to include the Trumps. Our pledge will now be sent to the District Office.
- 12. Based on initial individual Council member input, we began our review of immediate (2020), short term (2020-21), and longer term (2-5 years) objectives. Goals have been broken down into the following categories: Church Unity, Church/ Christian Life, Church Dogma, Worship, Pastoral Support, InReach/Outreach, Administrative, and Staffing. Our next step will be to prioritize our goals and assign where they fit timing wise. We will continue to work on them for the next several months with the ultimate goal being to provide a draft document for Congregation review and comment at the June Voter's Meeting prior to finalization.

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

Bob Shimmel – President – <u>bbshimmel@yahoo.com</u> Dave Geisler – Treasurer – <u>dgeisler3355@gmail.com</u> Barry Needle – Member – <u>bjneedle@gmail.com</u> Dave Upton – Member – <u>drupton@gmail.com</u> Jacin Suskin – Member – <u>jespinet1@gmail.com</u> 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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## Safe Families For Children Circle of Support Workshop

### Sunday, February 16 1:00-3:00 pm

### Sovereign Grace Church 401 Upchurch Street, Apex

Interested in learning more about serving with Safe Families For Children?

Come to our SFFC Circle of Support Workshop where we give you an opportunity to learn more about the Safe Families For Children movement and provide a space for you to be equipped so that you can support families in crisis alongside a team of volunteers motivated by compassion.



Sovereign Grace will have childcare and for lunch, we will have Daniel's Restaurant cater lasagna, salad, and bread. We will also have a gluten-free/dairy-free option. Suggested donation of \$7 per person will help cover costs and you can pay by cash, card, or check as we will have someone with a square card reader at the door.

Register at <u>www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-families-for-</u> children-circle-of-support-workshop-tickets-86702727191

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

## Women's Fellowship Dinner at O'Charleys Restaurant

### Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 pm

Join us at O'Charleys Restaurant, Asheville Avenue and Tryon Road (near Cary Wake Med hospital) as we celebrate Jesus Loves Us. Please RSVP by Monday, February 17 to <u>RLWomen@rlcary.org</u>.

### Come walk with us!

The Emmaus Way walkers will meet for walking indoors at Cary Towne Center on **Wednesday, February 19.** Meet us in the food court at 9:30 am for a few laps around the mall followed by beverages and fellowship.

For more information, please contact Lyle/Sue Malotky or Jamee Thieme through RCB.

Wednesday Night Workshop Adult Christian Education Class

### Secrets of the Vine February 19-April 13

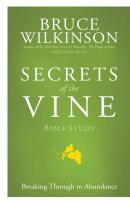
Taught by Mindy Stephani

John 15 reveals four levels of fruit bearing in Christian life. We will examine fruitfulness for God and offer insights on

how to break through to a life of great impact—one that's afforded to all believers.

During Lent, class will be from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Cost is \$6 for the study guide which is strongly recommended.





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 21 March 6 and 20



**National Lutheran Choir**, winners of the 2007 Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence from Chorus America, brings sacred choral music from Minneapolis to Raleigh as part of their <u>Southeastern U.S. Tour 2020</u> (Charlotte and Atlanta). Artistic Director **David Cherwien** leads the 60-voice Choir through an eclectic program, complete with an ecumenical Massed Choir of local singers, and congregational singing with Dr. Cherwien at the organ.

### Congregations participating in the Massed Choir in Raleigh:

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary Church of the Nativity, Raleigh Edenton United Methodist Church, Raleigh First Baptist Church, Raleigh Grace Lutheran Church, Raleigh Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Raleigh

### Nativity Episcopal Church, Raleigh Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary St. Mark's Lutheran Church, China Grove

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Raleigh White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 25, 5:30-7:00 pm Family Life Center

Come join us for "All You Can Eat" pancakes, sausage, ham, applesauce, and the best fellowship around!

> Free Will Offering to Appalachia Service Project (ASP).

RSVP/Volunteer Forms are in your church mailbox. Please RSVP using the upper part of the form.

We are looking for helpers to cook, prepare, and clean up. If you can help, use the lower part of the RSVP/Volunteer Form and place in Kim Simpson's mailbox. Or sign up online: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B48AAAB292-shrove3.

There is a Free Will Offering. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Proceeds to benefit Appalachian Service Project (ASP). Thank you for generously supporting this mission!

Let's make Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is the place to be for FUN and Fellowship!

### Lutheran Women in Mission of the Carolinas: JOY Event

We invite you to join us for this event in March! A group from RLC is planning to attend. Registration materials are located on the Women's Ministries board near the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Carol Bostick or Jamee Thieme through RCB.

### Saturday, March 21 8:30 am-2:30 pm

### Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Anderson, South Carolina

Theme: The Wellspring of Life Jesus, our Wellspring of Life, offers the only source of true peace and joy. The beautiful water imagery throughout Scripture gushes forth through this study to quench our thirst and longing to know Jesus like never before. Come thirsty and get refreshed. Psalm 42:1-2

**Guest Speaker: Donna Pyle** Donna has a passion for studying and teaching God's Word. She has traveled throughout the U.S. and internationally to speak and teach where God opens doors. Donna authored over 30 Bible studies, including 4 DVD Bible study series for LWML, several books with Concordia Publishing House.



### Prayer | Worship | Bible Reading | Giving Serving | Spiritual Gifts | Witnessing

Discover how Resurrection nurtures these faith disciplines in our personal lives, church family, and community.

There's a place for you at Resurrection!

### Join us Saturday

### March 7, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### **Fellowship Hall**

Lunch Included, Child Care Available

#### **Reserve Your Spot by February 24!**

Contact Deb Oesterling, RLC Connections, at <u>deb.oesterling@rlcary.org</u> or the church office (919-851-7248).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

# RLC'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT & SERVICE PROJECT

## MARCH 20-22, 2020

6:00 pm Friday to Noon Sunday Camp Agape near Fuquay-Varina

To express interest, ask questions, or volunteer, contact Tom Gebbia through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



# Middle School Shadow / Move Up Day Tuesday, February 18 at 9:00 am

Email admissions@rlscary.org to reserve a space.



RLS Kindergarten Chapel Leaders share a message about the fruit of the Spirit with Resurrection Preschoolers.

#LeadingWithFaith





KINDERGARTEN SHADOW DAY FEBRUARY 25, 2020 TUESDAY: IPM-2PM

CONTACT ADMISSIONS@RLSCARY.ORG



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RLP is offering Summer Camps for:

3-yr-olds (children currently attending RLP 2-yr-old class are eligible) (must be toilet-trained) to rising kindergarteners

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June 1-4 June 8-11

June 15-18

June 22-25

Neighbors and friends are welcome! Information and registration forms available soon.

# office@rlpcary.org 919-851-7270

Wool E. Bull from the Durham Bulls Visits RLS!





# **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.

**Parents with Young Children:** There are handouts on the book table in the Narthex that might be beneficial for you. Feel free to take any of the books into worship with you for your children to read or look at during the service.

### 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 Sanctuary services and Room 151 in the Family Life Center during the Praise service.

### **Children's Message**

Our focus is to connect the theme and message of the day in a simpler way that children can understand and relate to on their level. Please don't feel your child is too young to be brought up to be a part of the message. Also, encourage your "older" children (through 5th grade) to participate. It is helpful to have children of various ages attend together. We hope to see more children participating in the Children's Message during worship.

### **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 to those that are signing up and showing up to acolyte! It is appreciated and important part of our worship. Please take time to check the Sign Up Genius to see if acolytes are needed for the upcoming weekend.

Our practice is to allow 5th-8th grade students to serve as acolytes allowing them to see the importance of worship and being actively engaged during the service. I hope you encourage and provide the opportunity for your child to regularly participate in this area of service.

### 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.

Postcards were mailed last week. If you participated in the Fall 10 Commandment home study and are planning to have your child make their First Communion in March, contact me so I can get the information to you. Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to working through this last step in preparation for their First Communion!

#### 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 <u>MaryAnn.Unger@rlcary.org</u>.

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# **Student Ministry**

# Ignite (6th-8th grades)

### Wednesday Night Workshop (Confirmation)

The Warehouse will be open from 5:55-6:25 pm. Stop by and hangout!

### SERVICE EVENTS:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - Tuesday, February 25 from 4:45-7:00 pm Servers needed to set tables, serve the meal, and clean up in the Gym. Great volunteer opportunity! Sign Up: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4fa4a62c7-shrove2

# North Carolina Food Bank - Saturday, February 29 from 9:00 am-Noon (MUST BE 12 - Their Rule)

Join Ignite/Middle School for a morning of sorting/stacking at the North Carolina Food Bank's warehouse. We will be meeting at the church and taking the church van or you can meet us at the food bank.

Sign Up: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4fa4a62c7-north

JoyFully, Ms. LeAnn, Middle School Youth Director - <u>leann.trautman@rlcary.org</u>

# Breakaway (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Thank you to all of the youth and families that helped with set up, clean up, raffles, talents, serving, judging, and of course, bringing soups and chilis! We raised just over \$2,000 and got a lot of great feedback.

### Sunday, February 16

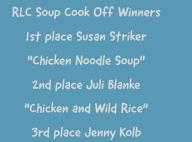
Connection Café at 9:15 am. Breakaway from 6:45-8:30 pm. Theme to be announced on Group Me.

Leadership Meeting moved! Leadership will meet on February 23 at 12:00 pm. The Leadership Meeting will be open to all current 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders that want to consider joining the Leadership Team next year. Come see what the meetings are like, help with the planning and see if you want to be part of the team. Please let me know that you will be attending, so I can prepare enough materials. Meetings usually end at 1:30 pm. Lunch will be served.

**Camp Rockfish** - There are a few high school spots left. Trip is March 20-22 and this is the last call. I will be sending in our numbers to the camp and recruiting adult leaders. Any adults that want to try out a weekend away with some awesome kids, feel free to contact me!

Joyfully His,

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



"Taco Soup"

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated!



2nd Place Sandy Nigg's "Just Chili" 3rd Place Diane Hooper's "4 Bean Chili" Thank you to all who participated! 10

	Calendar fo	or the Week	of February 16-23
Wednesday Night Dinners   Sign up <u>online</u> by Sunday night	Sunday	8:00am 9:15am	Worship/Holy Communion Christian Education Classes
WEDNESDAY to reserve your spot!		10:30am	Worship
Night Go to the RLC website, <u>www.rlcary.org</u> ,		10:45am 12:00pm	Contemporary Worship/Holy Communion Ringers of Glory
DINNER under Ministries tab,		l 2:00pm	SM Leadership Meeting
select Wednesday Night Workshop.		l:00pm 2:00pm	Oromo Ev. Lutheran Stephen Ministry Training
February 19		3:00pm	Mekane Yesus Fellowship
		4:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Honey-Peach Chicken Corn Spoonbread Casserole		5:30pm 6:30pm	Sunday SM Supervision Crossways
Green Salad with Spiced Cherries, Monterey Jack, and Nuts		6:45pm	Breakaway
Pimiento Cheese Rolls	Monday	3:00pm	Resurrection Music School Swedish School
Berry Shortcake Squares		5:00pm 6:30pm	Old North State Brass
Kids' Meal: Baked Corn Dogs		7:00pm	Men's Ministry
	<b>.</b> .	7:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	Tuesday	10:30am 11:30pm	Tuesday AM Bible Study Women's Quilting/Craft Group
		3:00pm	Resurrection Music School
Attendance - February 8/9		7:00pm	Celebration Singers
Saturday 6:00 - 47 Sunday 8:00 - 119	Wednesday	9:30am 12:00pm	LifeLight
Sunday 10:30 - 164 Sunday 10:45 - 133		3:00pm	Church Staff Meeting Resurrection Music School
Total = 463		5:00pm	Rainbow Choir
		5:00pm	Sonshine Singers
Sunday School: Adults - 143, Children - 74		5:15pm 6:00pm	Wednesday Night Dinner Jubilee Bells
		6:30pm	Adult Christian Education
General Fund Giving and Spending - January 2020		6:30pm	Heavenly Handbells
Current Month Veer to Date		6:30pm 7:20pm	Wednesday Night Workshop
Current Month Year to Date	Thursday	7:30pm   1:00am	Sanctuary Choir Meals on Wheels
General Receipts \$86,973.42 \$726,047.04		3:00pm	Resurrection Music School
Total Disbursements \$112,566.61 \$727,410.16		6:30pm	RLS Board Meeting
Receipts Less Disbursements \$-25,593.19 \$-1,363.12		6:30pm 7:00pm	Women's Dinner at O'Charley's Reign! Rehearsal
Average Weekly Giving for 2019/20 \$24,201.57	Friday	9:30am	Moms Together
	Saturday	7:00am	Men's VDC Reunion Group
Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2019/20 \$25,153.85		9:00am 9:00am	Carolina Kinder Men's Pickup Basketball
		6:00pm	Worship/Holy Communion
	Sunday	8:00am	Worship
		9:15am	Christian Education Classes
Learn more about Resurrection Lutheran Church at		10:30am 10:45am	Worship/Holy Communion Contemporary Worship
www.RLCary.org		1:00pm	Jubilee Bells
		1:00pm	Oromo Ev. Lutheran
www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary		2:30pm	Stephen Ministry Training Makana Vasus Fallowshin
		3:00pm 5:00pm	Mekane Yesus Fellowship Harmonia Deum
		5:45pm	Exodus
www.instagram.com/ResurrectionLutheranCary		6:30pm	Christian Book Club
www.youtube.com		6:30pm 6:45pm	Crossways Breakaway

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### 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 <u>www.gatewaywomens.care</u>. Gateway is dependent on the generosity of our community to provide services <u>cost free</u> for its clients.



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



# About the National Lutheran Choir: Singing a Sacred and Spiritual Story

Under the direction of Dr. David Cherwien, the National Lutheran Choirøs artistry is rooted in its mission to strengthen, renew and preserve the heritage of sacred choral music through the highest standards of performance and literature. Currently in its 34<sup>th</sup> year, the National Lutheran Choir features a roster of 60 committed volunteer singers from all backgrounds and many faiths.

Founded in 1986 by Dr. Larry Fleming, the National Lutheran Choir sings a sacred and spiritual story rooted in the Lutheran choral tradition. From early chant and simple folk anthems to complex choral masterworks and new compositions, the choir brings a rich and diverse repertoire of music to its listeners. In the 2019-2020 season, the National Lutheran Choir will perform a concert series in the greater Minneapolis/St. Paul area, and will also tour the Southeastern United States with concerts in Hickory, Raleigh and Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as Atlanta, Georgia.

In addition to concertizing, the National Lutheran Choir enjoys frequent broadcasts on public radio and maintains a YouTube channel with selected performances and concert streams. A discography of over 30 recordings showcases the ensemble¢s music-making over the years and features hymns, choral classics, contemporary works, spirituals and major new works commissioned by the NLC. Much of this influential new work is featured in a collection of printed choral music entitled õThe National Lutheran Choir Series,ö published by Morningstar Music. The National Lutheran Choir received the 2007 Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence from Chorus America and the 2007 Wittenberg Award from the Luther Institute.

