

# Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

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**BUILD WELLS ♦ BUILD SCHOOLS ♦ BUILD LIVES**

*Pastor's Corner for January 29-February 4*

## **Abundant Life (John 10:10)**

On February 2 Juli and I join the Life for Uganda team (Cheryl and Jeff Fike, Ron Bostick, Bruce Brodhagen and Debra Werner) for a trip to Uganda. The purpose of this trip is to reconnect with our partners in mission on the other side of the world, celebrate our support for a new church in Amudat town, and take part in a graduation celebration at the LCU seminary graduates. At every service this weekend, you can find out more about all that the team will be doing as we gather together at RLC for a special focus on God's mission to the world. You can also keep track of our group's activities on our RLC social media sites (Facebook and Instagram pages).

One of our mission focuses at Resurrection Lutheran Church is to "engage the

nations,” whether we do that on an international or national mission trip or get to know and share God’s love with the people from the many nations God is bringing to our own doorstep right here in the Research Triangle. Either way, God is at work to shine His Epiphany light in the hearts of all through ordinary folks like you and me.

In the Bible verse I’ve chosen for my weekly greeting this week, Jesus says this about the sheep He came to rescue as the Good Shepherd: “I came that they might have life and have it abundantly!” The light God shines for us this Epiphany season not only opens our eyes to the gift of life we enjoy as we receive and share “all that I need to support this body and life” (clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home)... it especially opens our eyes to the “capital-L Life” that is ours in Christ, which we receive and share with others in word and action: “Christ... has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil” (Luther’s Small Catechism, Explanation of Articles 1 and 2 of the Apostles’ Creed). Please keep us in your prayers as we undertake this work!

### **Time and Talent Survey Submission Request**

I’m so grateful for all the many volunteers at Resurrection who make our collaboration on behalf of the Gospel of Christ possible. There is a way for everyone to connect and get involved! This weekend, we will be distributing “Time and Talent” forms for worshippers to fill out and submit. The names we collect on this form will allow us to get you plugged in to any number of service or spiritual growth opportunities. I invite you to take a moment and submit a form for yourself... and encourage others in your family to do the same. We really need you and welcome your participation!

### **Lutheran Coalition Habitat Build**

This weekend find out more about the amazing work Habitat for Humanity is doing in Wake County and how you (and those you know) can connect with those who are empowering people in need of affordable housing in our area to find it. We invite you lend a hand as a member of the RLC Lutheran Coalition Build team.

Epiphany peace and joy, Pastor Jonathan

## Prayers of the Church

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### Saturday, January 28

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

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Baptized on Saturday, January 28 at 6:00 pm

### Adalynn Sue Johnston

born November 1, 2022,

daughter of Anthony Todd Johnston and Breann Lindsey Johnston.

Godparents are Stacy Johnson and Andrew Jannings.

*May God's blessing be upon Adalynn Sue as she grows in her baptismal grace.*

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## 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™

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## Habitat for Humanity

The Lutheran Build Coalition with Habitat is back for 2023 beginning with the warehouse wall build on **Saturday, February 11**. Site construction will continue through the end of May. The Lutheran churches in the area will join together to build a new Habitat home. Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

This year, the Coalition homes are being built in a new community called Old Poole Place in Southeast Raleigh. On the exciting Day 1, February 11, each Lutheran

church is sending 3-5 volunteers to help build the walls and then raise them onto the foundation at the build site.

We have selected 2 RLC sponsored work days (Saturdays) and we need 15 volunteers each day to support the build. Our work days are **March 25** and **May 13**. No construction experience is necessary, being a member of RLC isn't necessary, feel free to invite a friend; there will be jobs for everyone with a serving heart.

You must register and sign up via the Habitat vhub link:

<http://vhub.at/lutheranbuild>.

Not able to join an RLC build day? No worries. You can sign up for Saturdays that other churches couldn't fill or even weekday (Thursday/Friday) slots, if that works better.

\$ Support Needed! If you're not able to work on-site, there are other ways to support the project. We need additional funds to help offset the cost of building materials that the Lutheran Coalition community shares. Please mark your financial gifts "For: RLC Habitat Build".

Questions? Contact Tim Hiteshew, RLC Coalition Coordinator, Lyle Malotky, Bill Boyer, or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## 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.



LIFE LESSONS FROM  
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](http://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**  
Join us again 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**  
No Adult Christian Ed class on Wednesday evenings until April 12.
- **Men With Kids**  
Meet again on **Wednesday, February 1** from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 246, Family Life Center.

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## Sanctity of Life

This past Sunday marked the 39th observance of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, a day where pro-life citizens and churches across America came together and lamented the tragedy of abortion. This observance came about when President Ronald Reagan issued "Proclamation 5147 - National Sanctity of Human Life Day, 1984, which highlighted the lives that had already been lost to abortion and designated Sunday, January 22, 1984 as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. He stated, "I call upon the citizens of this blessed land to gather on that day in homes

and places of worship to give thanks for the gift of life, and to reaffirm our commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of each human life.” This tradition was continued by Presidents George H. W. Bush, George W. Bush, and Donald Trump.

Here are some numbers to think about:

- 63 million – The estimated number of abortions in America between 1973 and 2020.
- 129 million – The estimated number of people who identify as pro-life.
- 2 million – The number of people served by pro-life pregnancy centers in 2019.

Did you know that currently the abortion pill accounts for more than 60% of all US abortions. Women can now order the abortion pill online, receive it by mail, and abort their babies at home without ever seeing a medical professional or having an ultrasound to see how far along they are. To effectively reach these women in 2023, Gateway is looking to add Telecare services. This will allow them to have a virtual appointment with women seeking the abortion pill online and schedule a same-day ultrasound before it is too late.

Statistics show that 85% of women, who complete a Telecare appointment, go on to schedule an ultrasound, and 40% of abortion-determined women choose LIFE after an ultrasound.

NOTE: If you are returning a bottle, place it in the box with a hole in its cover. Also remember, if you are paying by check, the check should be payable to Gateway Women’s Care. If you have not already picked up a bottle, please take one on your way out of church. If you have already filled one bottle, feel free to take another.

Above all keep the unborn and their parents in your prayers.

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# 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](http://www.tilm.org)**







## Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, February 1  
at 11:30 am

O'Charley's  
101 Ashville Avenue, Cary

RSVP  
through RCB Group  
or church office



## The Coffeehouse

Resurrection's Ministry for Adults  
with Special Needs meets

**Friday, February 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm**  
in Family Life Center Gym

Live entertainment by *Old Play* and light refreshments served.

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office.

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in January. We had 120 people! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! 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>

# 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](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)

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## 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](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)

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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](http://rlpcary.org)



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**Resurrection Lutheran Preschool - BEST PRESCHOOL**



Vote until January 31 Here:

[Welcome to the 2023 Maggy Awards Voting!](#)

## Resurrection Lutheran School



Resurrection Lutheran School | 919-851-7271 | [rlscary.org](http://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](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)  
or through our website at [rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](https://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

## Attendance and Giving

## Visual Faith

## Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

[rlcary.org](https://rlcary.org)

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## Prayers of the Church – January 29, 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, \*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, Alex Fernandez

#### 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, Bob, Dennis, Cheryl Schlage

#### For Expectant Moms

Laura, Amy Lambert

#### Those Prayed for on January 22, 2022

#### Thanking God Today

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings
- Our Many Blessings
- Caring Hearts and Hands Within Our Church Family
- Marriages
- Good Test Results

#### 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, Desiree, James
- \*Brendan Nigg
- \*Marty Stephani, Recovery, and \*Mindy
- Cheryl Schlage, Mother of \*Danielle Altieri
- Roger Robbins; Jerry Crueger; Bruce Klevenow, Brother of \*Ralph Klevenow
- \*Ellen Richter, Recovery
- Glenn, Second Round of Chemo

- Susan and David, In Rehab Together Following Auto Accident
- Nancy Waggoner
- Jimmy Harris, Brother-In-Law of \*Kay Earp
- \*Lyle Malotky, Upcoming Surgery
- David and Lynda Kramer
- Dennis Leister
- Randi, Alex, Patti, Pam, Jan, Church, Terry, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Mark, Keith, Carlton, Brian, Isabel, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Stuart, Bob, Jackie, Jeff, Brendan, Alice, Marty, Glenn, Susan and David, Ken, Donald, Doug, Church, Linda, Tom

### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Jim Kerns, Especially His Children, \*Shaelyn and Aiden
- Friends and Family of Wayne Burton
- Friends and Family of Polly McKendry

### **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 Candidate Heather Lowing and Her Family as She Considers the Call to RLS
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Call Committee for DCE
- Safe Travels
- \*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 Departure in Early February
- Marlene - Test Results, Health
- Healthy Pregnancy
- Pro-Life Supporters
- Jordan Lutheran Church Building Decisions
- Those Seeking Employment
- Finding Life's Purpose
- Travel Safety for Larry and Laurel
- Financial and Marital Problems

### **For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, Strength for the Health and Well-Being of the People They Serve**

- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Associate Pastor Zack and Kelsey, Assistant Pastor Alan and Faith, and Their Families
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and School Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers



### **For Our Missionaries**

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

*Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands.  
We trust You are working all things according to Your good plan and purposes,  
and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.*

**\*RLC Members**

*Updated 1/27/23*

## Attendance and Giving – January 29, 2023

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, January 21

6:00 pm - 52

#### Sunday, January 22

8:00 am - 69; 9:30 am - 114; 11:00 am - 96

**Total In-Person Worship: 331**

### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

#### Sunday, January 22

8:00 am - 119; 11:00 am - 48

**Total Online Views: 167 views**

### General Fund Giving and Spending - December 2022 (Revised)

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 180,894.24	\$ 699,979.03
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 124,807.79</u>	<u>\$ 641,406.69</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 56,086.45	\$ 58,572.34

Last Week's Offerings: \$17,369.77

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](http://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](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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