

# Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

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*Pastor's Corner for February 5-11*

## **Encouragement to Live as Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-20)**

It has been said about our Gospel reading for this weekend that there is no reflection of God's grace in it. After all, the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day appeared to be a pretty holy bunch. Yet Jesus says, "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven"! While you might picture Jesus saying those words with a frown, I'd ask that you picture Him saying them with a smile and an encouragement to live out the identity He promises is already ours, in Him! How can I invite you to do that? Look at what Jesus says about salt and light. When Jesus talks about our being salt and light He doesn't say, "You SHOULD be the salt of the earth and light of the world." Or "You HAVE to be salt and light" let alone, "Just successfully do (A), (B) or (C) and you will successfully become salt and light." Rather, He says, "You are the light of the world .... You are the salt of the earth." As in, you ALREADY are. Even if you don't realize it. Even if you once knew it and forgot. Even if you have a hard

time believing it, right now.

Once the Word of God redirects us to see and affirm the identity we have in Christ Jesus, we take heart that God isn't finished with us yet. We rejoice that He is leading us into new paths and new ways to be salt and light at work in the world.

In this Epiphany season, the call to live out who we are as light of the world and salt of the earth is a profound encouragement. We encourage one another this week to let our lights shine in the world!

### **Time and Talent Sheets Still Available to Fill Out and Submit**

Thanks to everyone who took part in our Time and Talent weekend last week! If you were not at RLC and unable to fill out a form, you can still pick one up on the way in to church this weekend and submit in the baskets outside the main sanctuary and gym in the Family Life Center. If you signed up for a new area of service at RLC, be on the lookout over the next couple of months for an email instructing you about further involvement.

Epiphany peace and joy,  
Pastor Jonathan

## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Prayer Requests for Uganda Mission Team**

- For the safety and well-being of individuals and congregations of the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU), and for all the people of Uganda
- That the Christian message of hope and salvation will continue to spread throughout Uganda

- For the eradication of the Ebola virus in Uganda
- For energy and wisdom for Pastor Jonathan as he leads instruction at Magamaga Seminary in Jinja, Uganda
- For the safe travel, health, and well-being of this team, and for all short and long-term missionaries
- For energy, wisdom, and discernment for the Life For Uganda Board of Directors
- That Life For Uganda can broaden its committed volunteers and supporters and find resources with the expertise and skills needed to expand our message to a wider audience

Mission team members are Pastor Jonathan and Juli Blanke, Ron Bostick, Jeff and Cheryl Fike, as well as Bruce Brodhagen and Debra Werner from St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, Wisconsin. Team travel dates are February 2-13; they will spend most of the time in the Amudat region in northeast Uganda. Pastor Jonathan will lead a week-long course at the Seminary.



Baptized on Sunday, February 5 at 9:30 am

**Wesley Robert Unger**

born May 20, 2022,  
daughter of Jacob A. Unger and Lauren E. Unger.  
Godparents are Jackson Dosch and Marie Moffitt.

May God's blessing be upon Wesley Robert as he grows in his baptismal grace.

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***No class this week!***

**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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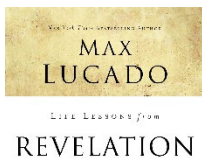


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## Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

- **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.



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**

Meet on **Mondays, 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**  
There will be no Adult Christian Ed class on Wednesday evenings until April 12.
  - **Men With Kids**  
Meet on **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm** in Room 246, Family Life Center. We will follow the Confirmation schedule.
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Baptized on Sunday, January 29

**Tanya Teresa Matzen**

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

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## 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>

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, February 11  
at 8:00 am

Fellowship Hall

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

Contact Tom Gebbia or [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

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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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## Sanctity of Life

A prayer from Portals of Prayer:

*“Creator God, thank you for the gift of life. Comfort those who feel as if their life doesn’t matter. Bring to repentance those who believe some lives are not worth protecting. Bless all organizations that help people choose life for their unborn children. Forgive those who are grieved by their past sins against life. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to give us new life. Amen.*

**Sunday, February 12** is approaching; that is the last day to turn in your baby bottle, which is overflowing with your love for life. 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. 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.

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

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Former RLC members, Tom and Else Travers, will be celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on February 17th.

Greetings can be sent to them at Tom and Else Travers, 3006 Arran Thistle, Williamsburg VA 23188.

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# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21, 5:30-7:00 pm  
Family Life Center Gym

*Join us for an All You Can Eat  
pancakes, sausage, ham, applesauce,  
and the best fellowship around!*

**It's BACK!** We need lots of volunteers to make it successful. We are looking for helpers to cook, prepare, serve, and clean up the pancake dinner.

If you can help, [please sign up here](#).

Free will offering with proceeds going to Warmth for Wake, Lutheran Church Charities, and Heifer International. *Thank you to all whom give generously!*

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## Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for  
the Visually Impaired meets

**Friday, February 24**

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](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).



# Children's Ministry

## FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### READY TO VOLUNTEER?

The Children's Ministry Team is in need of volunteers! It is easy and fun! Contact [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We have had great attendance at Children's Sunday School classes. We'd love for your children to join us!

Classes are from 9:30 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

Children engage in stories, games, crafts, music and more!



Questions?  
Contact:  
Erika Hulse at  
[erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)

## K.I.C.K.S. (Kids In Christ Keep Shining)

K.I.C.K.S. provides fun and fellowship for kids in 3rd-5th grade.

Mark your calendar for our next event on **Wednesday, February 15 from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym.

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## Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

I can't believe it's already February! We have A LOT coming up in Breakaway from Leadership opportunities to service events to a Lock In with activity on top of Youth Group and Connection Cafe. Find a spot to plug in!

There are so many opportunities coming up, especially regarding service projects and events. If you are needing service hours, this is a great time to get those hours done. And if you are already done with hours, just come and have fun serving with your friends! Mission trip families look for a separate email next week.

**Here's what is coming up:**

- **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am**  
Connection Cafe, Sunday School for Middle and High School
- **Ignite ~ Middle School Youth Group**  
Sunday, **February 12**, 1:30-3:00 pm
- **Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
Breakaway ~ High School Youth Group  
\*No Youth Group on February 12 or 26.
- **Service Project ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
**February 21**, Family Life Center Gym
- **Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30 pm**  
Open Warehouse  
\*No Open Warehouse during Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 22.

- Breakaway ~ High School Youth Group Lock In  
February 24-25
- Save the date! Service Project ~ Easter Egg Hunt  
March 26, 2:00-4:30 pm

**IGNITE**  
Middle School Ministry  
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**YOUTH GROUP:**  
**February 12th**  
**1:30 - 3:00**

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**Connection Cafe**  
Sundays @ 9:30am  
In the Warehouse

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**Warehouse Wednesday**  
Feb. 1, 8, 15  
6:00pm - 6:30pm

**RLC Youth**  
**Upcoming Service Events**

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Shrove Pancake Supper  
February 21st  
Opportunities to serve,  
set up, clean up

Valentines for Shut Ins  
During February  
Youth Groups

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Stuffing Easter Eggs  
During March Youth Groups

Easter Egg Hunt  
March 26  
2:00pm - 4:30pm

Tell a story, hide eggs, set up, clean up

Questions about any of these events, contact Ms. Jenny

**Breakaway**  
High School Youth Ministry

**February**

**LOCK IN**  
February 24

Connection Cafe:  
Sundays @ 9:30am  
In the Warehouse

**Youth Group**  
Sundays @ 6:30pm

No Youth Group February 12th.  
Watch Group Me for Updates regarding LOCK IN

**LOCK IN!**  
Friday, Feb. 24th - Saturday, Feb. 25th  
Arrival: 7:00pm (Fri. night)  
Depart: 8:30am (Sat. morning)

**STARLIGHT BOWLING**

**Pizza and Snacks**

**FUN!**

**Breakaway**  
High School Youth Ministry

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny

Ms. Jenny, Youth Director  
[jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)

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Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



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**Resurrection Lutheran  
Preschool**

**3-year-olds  
to rising kindergarteners**  
(children currently in our 2's classes are eligible)  
(ALL Ages MUST be toilet-trained)

**June 5 - 8** (9:15-12:30)  
**June 12 - 15** (9:15-12:30)  
**June 19 - 22** (9:15-12:30)

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!  
**EMAIL FOR BROCHURE & REGISTRATION FORMS!**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

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email- **office@rlpcary.org**  
call- **919-851-7270**

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool | 919-851-7270 | [rlpcary.org](http://rlpcary.org)

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Resurrection Lutheran School

Junior Kindergarten met with The Piecemakers, RLC's quilting group, to learn about quilts on Q day!



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



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## Prayers of the Church – February 5, 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 29, 2022**

#### **Thanking God Today**

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings
- Our Many Blessings
- Caring Organizations Within Our Local Communities
- Development of Boost.Uno Foundation
- \*Marty Stephani, Coming Home from Rehab
- Marlene Kibler, Good Test Results
- Daughter's New Townhouse

#### **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, Continued Recovery, and \*Mindy
- Cheryl Schlage, Mother of \*Danielle Altieri

- Roger Robbins; Jerry Crueger; Bruce Klevenow, Brother of \*Ralph Klevenow
- \*Ellen Richter, Recovery
- Susan and David, In Rehab Together Following Auto Accident
- Nancy Waggoner
- Jimmy Harris, Brother-In-Law of \*Kay Earp
- \*Lyle Malotky, Surgery and Recovery
- David and Lynda Kramer
- Dennis Leister
- Marilyn, Rosita, Karen, Joe, Joan, Unspoken, Randi, Virginia, Javed, Alex, Patti, Stuart, Ellen, Paul, Bill, Brendan, Marty, Glenn, Alice, Kathy, Julian, Joann, Ken, Donald, Jack, Jacob

### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Polly McKendry
- Friends and Family of Anthony Michael Maerten, Son of Chairman, St. Paul in Whispering Pines
- Friends and Family of Doug Jeffcoat, Father-In-Law of \*Taylor Jones

### **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 Mission Team, Departure on February 2
- Jordan Lutheran Church Discernment and Decisions Regarding Location
- Safe Travel to Israel

### **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 2/3/23*

## Attendance and Giving – February 5, 2023

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, January 28

6:00 pm - 74

#### Sunday, January 29

8:00 am - 91; 9:30 am - 134; 11:00 am - 138

**Total In-Person Worship: 437**

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

#### Sunday, January 29

8:00 am - 92; 11:00 am - 47

**Total Online Views: 139 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: \$20,590.52

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](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).

*Updated 2/3/23*