

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

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*Pastor's Corner for February 19-25*

## **Good Eating**

The great philosopher and theologian George Strait has a great song titled "I Saw God Today" that I want you to listen to as you read this.

We read so many stories in the Bible, some we know well and some that are new to us, that talk about people having interactions with God. Every once in a while, upon reading one of these stories, I get caught up wishing that I could have such an interaction. I find myself asking the question, "Why doesn't God still work like that?" because I feel that I need to see Him face-to-face in whatever situation I may be facing. Exodus 24:8-18 is one of those stories.

In this story we find Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy other elders going up onto a mountain to have dinner. When they get to the top of that mountain “they saw the God of Israel... and they beheld God, and ate and drank.” How cool is that?!?! They actually had a meal on top of a mountain with God! It is so incredible that it is hard to wrap my mind around. I find myself in awe and full of jealousy when I read this story.

According to Mr. Strait, God’s “fingerprints are everywhere” and he is certainly onto something there. We may not be able to sit next to God, sharing a cold drink and a bucket of fried chicken (that day is coming, though the menu may be different!), but do not mistake God’s presence around a table. Throughout the Bible, we see God gathering with people around a meal, most notably the meal of Holy Communion that we celebrate at worship.

This week, we have opportunities to gather around meals and see God in a couple different ways. First, we have our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21 and God will be there, working through fellowship and community. Join us for pancakes and syrup and see how God is working through your Resurrection family. Then we have our Ash Wednesday service where we are reminded of our need for God’s forgiving presence in our lives as we begin our journey with Christ to the cross and the empty tomb. In our evening service, we get to see God’s fingerprints in His real presence in, with, and under the bread and wine.

So, while we wait to see God face-to-face join us for a meal and there you will get to see God’s work through His people!

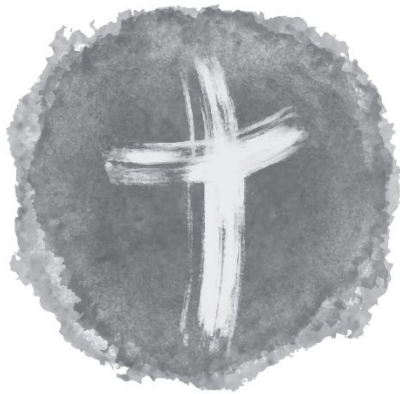
Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Zach Sarrault

### **Yard Sale**

We want to bring back the RLC Yard Sale, but we need some help! I will be hosting a short introduction meeting on **Sunday, February 19 at 12:30 pm** in Room 151, Family Life Center. The goal of the meeting is to learn what we need to do to get

started for a Yard Sale in the late spring/early summer time. If you've helped in the past but don't want to help anymore, still come! We need to learn from you. New folks are welcome! Contact [zach.sarrault@rlcary.org](mailto:zach.sarrault@rlcary.org).

## Prayers of the Church



# ASH WEDNESDAY

## February 22

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

Both Services Available via Live Stream

**No Wednesday night activities will be held.**



Baptized on Sunday, February 19 at 9:30 am

## **Lucas Bader Noreen**

born on August 23, 2021,  
son of Bradley Daniel Noreen and Megan Bader Noreen.  
Godparents are Scott Bader and Hallie Hartley.

## **Magnus Warren Noreen**

born on November 20, 2021,  
son of Douglas David Noreen and Ainslee Elizabeth Noreen.  
Godparents are Bryan and Paige Noreen.

## **Logan Charles Noreen**

born on October 6, 2022,  
son of Bryan Harold Noreen and Paige Purcell Noreen.  
Godparents are John Purcell and Audrey Bowden.

*May God's blessing be upon these boys as they grow in their baptismal grace.*

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### ***Last Class!***

#### **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™

*Looking ahead...*

**Sunday, February 26**

Join us for a *Mission and Ministry Presentation* from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall! The Porter Family will discuss their experience with hosting and welcoming a Ukrainian family.

**Sunday, March 5**

We will begin a new Adult Sunday School Class, *Poetry and Our Christian Faith*. Led by Larry Cameron in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30 am.

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No Youth Sunday School  
on Sunday, February 19  
for Preschool-5th Grade!

Connection Cafe  
for Middle and High School  
will be held in The Warehouse



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Baptized on Sunday, February 19 at 11:00 am

**Sky Olani Ingram and Savannah Ila Ingram**

born August 25, 2013,  
daughters of Curtis James Ingram and Fonda Jonette Ingram.  
Godparents are Dexter and Tammy Smith.

*May God's blessing be upon Sky Olani and Savannah Ila  
as they grow in their baptismal grace.*

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### **Mites for Missions**

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **February 18**

**and 19.** Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

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

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

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### **Sanctity of Life**

*(We) have fought the good fight, (we) have finished the race, (we) have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7

We reached the conclusion of the baby bottle campaign this past Sunday. However, if you still have a bottle at home that you forgot to turn in, we will be happy to receive it. Since the return boxes are no longer there, please give your bottle to a staff member or to one of our pastors. If you still want to write a check, make it out to Gateway Women's Care, and place it in the collection basket.

We thank you all for your donations and your prayers. In two weeks, we will give you the results of our "race" and include our thanks to all who assisted in making this a success.

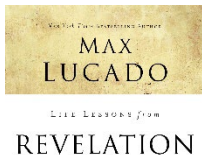
Above all, keep the unborn and their parents in your prayers.

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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**

Please see new class description below.

- **Men With Kids**

Meet on **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm** in Room 247, Family Life Center. We will follow the Confirmation schedule.

- **This Is the Church: Conversations around the Basics of the Christian Faith**

Three 90-minute gatherings on Saturdays, 9:30-11:00 am (February 25, March 4, and March 11) will focus on the basics of what Christians believe and how the Christian faith can be understood in distinction from other



world religions. Meet in Room 151, Family Life Center.  
Contact [jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org).

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## **New Wednesday Night Adult Christian Ed Class**

### **Christianity: The First 3 Centuries** From Christ to Constantine

How could a tiny sect ever conquer the world? This video-based class has teachings from Dr. Paul Maier, a retired Professor of Ancient History from Western Michigan University. Each class will have a video led by Dr. Maier, and then time for questions and answers.

The class topics include:

- Our Sources of Information
- Jesus of Nazareth: What else do we know?
- Apostles and Emperors
- Persecutions and Bishops
- Defenders of the Faith
- Martyrs for the Faith
- Torments of the 3rd Century
- The Great Deliverance

**Class will meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center starting February 15.** Class time will adjust during Lent. There is no cost for the class; all materials will be provided. Led by Mindy Stephani. *Hope you will join us!*

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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!*

**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)).

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## Saturday, February 25

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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### The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults Friday, March 10

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in February! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come join us! Our special needs guests love to attend and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. We need setter uppers at **5:30 pm** (both food and room), servers at 6:30 pm, and cleaner uppers at 8:30 pm. **Sign Up:** <https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN>

The next Coffeehouse is Friday, March 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. *The Real Housewives of Room 3121* will be our band.

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office at 919-851-7248 or [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org).

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## Men's Softball

Attention Men: Spring is just around the corner. Time to grab your glove and cleats and join your fellow church members in representing RLC in the Town of Cary's Church League. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights late March through June.

If you are interested in joining us for some exercise, fun and fellowship, please see Adam Brake or send an email to [mens-softball@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-softball@rlcary.org). **Practices will start the week of March 12.** All sign-ups must be made by March 19.

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## Room for Rent

We have a church member who is looking for a room for rent. If you have space available and would like to speak with them, please reach out to the church office at 919-851-7248 or [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org).

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# 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)



## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Shine a light on Jesus' love!

Let's launch on a cosmic quest where we will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. *Stellar* rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun!

Mark your calendar for June 26-30!

Registration opening soon.

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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 ~ High School Youth Group  
\*No Youth Group on February 26.
- **Service Project ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
**February 21**, Family Life Center Gym  
[Sign up to volunteer here!](#)
- **No Open Warehouse on Wednesday nights 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



**BREAKAWAY**  
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

CONNECTION CAFE @ 9:30AM

**YOUTH GROUP**  
@ 6:30PM

Last Call to sign up for the Lock In!  
Fill out the Google Form on Group Me or email Ms. Jen

**LOCK IN!**

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

STARLIGHT BOWLING

**FUN!**

Pizza and Snacks

**Breakaway**  
High School Youth Ministry

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny

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

**Resurrection Lutheran Preschool**





**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!**



email- **office@rlpcary.org**

call- **919-851-7270**

# Resurrection Lutheran School



Something about a Bible break in the middle of the school day!

**Substitute Teachers Needed!**



**We need you!**

- No experience needed
- \$100 for a full day substitute
- \$50 per half day day substitute

Contact: [robinhester@rlsclary.org](mailto:robinhester@rlsclary.org)

**Substitute Teaching**

Take an opportunity to get involved with your child's learning experience.

Resurrection Lutheran School is committed to educating generations of children in the training and instruction of the Lord. We would love for you to consider joining us to be a part the experience.



**rlsclary.org**  
Junior Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Latest Lion's Tale

### Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Call Update

Dear RLS Family,

I want to share the latest update as it relates to the recent Call that was extended to Heather Lowing. I have provided her response below as it speaks for itself. While we are disappointed in Heather's decision, it was not unforeseen.

*Thank you for your prayers as I prayed over the calls from Resurrection Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran in Delray Beach, Florida. One specific Bible verse kept appearing during this process, which also happens to be one of my favorite verses, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. This verse was one I really clung to during the process of listening to God's plan for me.*

*After several weeks of prayer and consideration, I have made the difficult decision to decline the call to Resurrection Lutheran School in Cary, North Carolina. This decision is the most difficult decision I have made in my professional career.*

*As I sought discernment, I wanted to make sure that I was truly listening to God's plan for me and my family. Resurrection Lutheran checked so many boxes on my personal list and there is always excitement partnering with new people for the Lord's work. As I prayed for clarity, God continued to show me that His plans pointed me back to my unfinished projects at Trinity.*

*As much as I am disappointed in not becoming part of the Resurrection Lutheran faculty, I have peace knowing God's plan for Resurrection is a great one.*

*Thank you for all the prayers, calls, emails and text messages for not only the call, but also for my husband's healing. Your love and concern made it that much harder to*

*decline. I will be praying that God's plans for Resurrection are clear in the upcoming months as you continue to seek a principal.*

*In Christ,  
Heather Lowing*

Resurrection Lutheran will now assemble the necessary documents to issue a Divine Call to our other candidate, Mr. Jonathan Fraker, Principal at Epiphany Lutheran Church and School, Houston, Texas, to become the new Principal of Resurrection Lutheran School. Your continued prayers and support are appreciated as we confidently continue our search for a full time Principal.

Peace and Joy in Christ,  
Robert Unger, Interim Principal

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**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 19, 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, Michael Murphy

#### **For Expectant Moms**

Laura, Amy Lambert

#### **Those Prayed for on February 12, 2023**

#### **Thanking God Today**

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings, Baptisms
- Our Many Blessings
- Safe Travels
- Caring Organizations Within Our Local Communities
- Development of Boost.Uno Foundation
- \*Marty Stephani, Home from Rehab
- \*Lyle Malotky, Successful Surgery
- Dennis Leister, Brother of \*Keith Leister, Successful Surgery
- Diane's Birthday
- Audrey's 11th Birthday

#### **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
- \*Lyle Malotky, Recovery
- David and Lynda Kramer
- \*Mike Lucien
- \*Sally Cotton
- Glenn, Brother of \*Dawn Leister
- Those Going Through Chemo
- Michael, Sally, Mike, Dennis, Stuart, Randi, Brendan, Bob, Ken, Donald, Glenn, Eve, Karen, Justin, Red, Brian, Tim, Keith, Mark, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Rudy, Eric, Mara, Connie, Sue, Angela, Ellen, Cindy, Jackie

#### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Pastor Teklu Ketema
- Friends and Family of Bea McKnight
- Friends and Family of Juli Keller McKinney
- Friends and Family of Dennis Reilly, Son of \*Gail Reilly and Nephew of \*Meta Linde

#### **For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance**

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- People of Turkey and Syria After Recent Earthquakes
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Candidate Jon Fraker and His Family  
as He Considers the Call to RLS
- Call Committee and DCE Call Process
- Safe Travels/Travel Mercies
- \*Randi and Barry Munns
- Annie Ruth Ford, \*Dennis Ford's Mother
- \*Eric and \*Jill Hammergren
- \*Pam Dickson
- \*Jan and Paul Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- Stuart and Sue Sanders, and the \*Boyer Family
- Our RLC Uganda Mission Team
- Jordan Lutheran Church Discernment and Decisions Regarding Location
- Jeri, Mother of \*Sue Campau, and \*Sue
- Healthy Pregnancy
- Those Job Searching

- Needed Blessings for a Friend
- Peace for John Hammell

**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 2/17/23*



## Attendance and Giving – February 19, 2023

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, February 11

6:00 pm - 47

#### Sunday, February 12

8:00 am - 60; 9:30 am - 98; 11:00 am - 138

**Total In-Person Worship: 343**

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

#### Sunday, February 12

8:00 am - 114; 11:00 am - 51

**Total Online Views: 165 views**

### General Fund Giving and Spending - January 2023

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 88,801.77	\$ 788,780.80
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 116,278.26</u>	<u>\$ 757,684.95</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -27,476.49	\$ 31,095.85

Last Week's Offerings: \$20,831.96

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$25,444.54

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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