

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023



Pastor's Corner for March 12-18

Water in Unexpected Places (Exodus 17:1-7)

So how is your faith journey going so far, during this season of Lent? Ever find yourself feeling a little “parched”?

The focus this week, both in our weekend worship and in our upcoming midweek Wednesday evening service, is on God’s gifts for the sin-sick, weary heart. In our Old Testament reading, the children of Israel are in the last place anyone could ever hope to find refreshment: the wilderness area near the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula. There is no water anywhere. And the people start to wonder if they had

left Egypt only to die in what seemed at the time like an abandoned, God-forsaken place. Things got so bad that Moses, seeing more rocks on hand than sources of water, begins to wonder if the people are ready to stone him! Yet in this same barren place so unable to sustain life, God is present! He instructs Moses to take the same staff used to bring plagues against Pharaoh in Egypt and strike a rock to give the people water. Refreshed and prepared for the journey, the people live to fight another day.

The worries and the cares of the world can weigh us down. No matter what might be sapping our strength this week, we take heart that the best water in life's unexpected places comes from our living Lord Jesus Christ! Come celebrate with us this weekend living water (and the gift of the Spirit) for a new brother in the faith: little baby Charles (Tate). Join us as we find refreshment and renewed call to live in hope, because of the difference God's gift of water in unexpected places makes!

Life for Uganda Presentation This Weekend at 9:30 AM, Sunday

RLC's Life for Uganda team will talk about the recent trip to Amudat and Jinja, Uganda during the Sunday School hour this Sunday, March 10, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you've been following the group's activity and keeping RLC overseas mission efforts in your prayers, you won't want to miss this!

Dinner and Midweek Lenten Service March 22 with Lake Country Lutheran High School Band and Choir

All RLC members and friends are invited to a late afternoon/early evening meal with student musicians from one of our LCMS sister schools in Wisconsin, Lake Country High School on March 22. We are blessed to have over 50 band members on hand for our Wednesday evening midweek service as well as a morning assembly at Resurrection Lutheran School on the following Thursday! [To register for the dinner and take part in this time of fellowship, just click here.](#)

Blessed to be refreshed along the way in Christ, with all of you!

Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

Lenten Midweek Worship Amazing Grace

God interacts with the most broken people with His Amazing Grace. Throughout Lent, we will be focusing on some familiar or not so familiar characters in Scripture that had life-changing experiences with God's Amazing Grace. Grace that causes the blind to see, gives water to the thirsty, welcomes the broken, and raises the dead.

Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary!

May His Amazing Grace continue to change you this Lenten season.



Live stream available on our [YouTube channel](#).

Note: Wednesday evening classes will begin at 6:45 pm after service.



Baptized on Sunday, March 12 at 9:30 am

Charles Thomas Tate

born March 8, 2022,
son of David Charles Tate and Justine Marie Tate.
Godparents are Ricky Webb and Kelly Webb.

May God's blessing be upon Charles Thomas as he grows in his baptismal grace.

Mission and Ministry Presentation

Life for Uganda



Life For Uganda has returned from a sensational visit to Uganda. We traveled many, many kilometers throughout northeast Uganda, reunited with old friends, made new connections, celebrated a new church building, enjoyed meals and games with several congregations, and learned a great many things.

We can't wait to tell you about it! Join us on **Sunday, March 12** in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. We'll share stories and pictures from our travels and describe some of the most urgent needs we encountered. And the Uganda Crafts Market will be open with beautiful new items for sale.



No class this week!
Adult Sunday School Class
Poetry and Our Christian Faith

Poets have often addressed the key issues of life, such as love, faith, hope, grief, and death. This series of lessons will examine some of the world's greatest poems and will use them as springboards to examine what the Scriptures have to say on the same topics. Included in this study will be poems by Emily Dickinson, William Shakespeare, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Dylan Thomas, T.S. Eliot, and William Butler Yeats.

**Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
from March 5-May 14!**

You will want to bring your Bibles to each class. Copies of the poems will be distributed at each session. Led by Larry Cameron.

Easter Flowers

Easter flowers will be used for the Easter services. Choose from 6" Lily (\$20), 6" Hydrangea (\$25), and 8" Azalea (\$30). Order forms are available in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

All orders and payment need to be received [by Sunday, March 12](#). Place in Linda Merrill/Office mailbox, make checks payable to RLC.

You may pick up your plants to take home after the last Easter Service on April 9. Plants are provided by Fairview Garden Center.

Questions? Contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

Lake Country Lutheran High School Band and Choir Visit

Lake Country Lutheran High School is currently in its 24th year of operation and is enjoying tremendous success. The school opened in the fall of 1999 with 5 students and has grown to its current enrollment of 332 students. Our recently Called Teacher, Tyler Timm, taught at LCLHS last year.

The music department of LCLHS is in a continual state of growth as the school itself continues to grow and expand. Currently, the curricular offerings include Concert Band and Concert Choir, with extra-curricular offerings in Pep Band, Jazz Band, Drumline, Brass Choir, Recorder Ensemble, Resound Handbell Choir, and Vocal Ensemble. As God has blessed their ensembles, so it is their passion and joy to serve others through the gift of music - to Him be the Glory!

56 students and 7 adults comprise this Tour Group, and we at RLC/RLS are excited to host them for this special concert of worship as they share and celebrate the musical gifts with which they have been blessed.

Please make every effort to attend this Concert/Worship on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

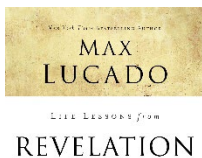
Before worship, join us for a Congregational Supper of City BBQ from 4:30-5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Hosted by RLC in honor of the LCLHS musicians. All are welcome. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family for RLC attendees. Cash or check payable at door. [Please register in advance here.](#)

LCLHS will also present their music at an all-school assembly for RLS on Thursday, March 23 at 9:00 am.

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. 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.

This Monday, March 13, join us for potluck at the fire pit (3rd row of RLC parking lot) at 6:30 pm. Bring your camp chair, favorite beverage, and if you

want a meat, treat, or side to share for potluck. Weather is currently appropriate as cloudy, cool, and an extra hour from daylight savings time. Rain plan is Room 240.

Reminder... Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a conversation with Pastor Zach at the **Men's Breakfast**, Saturday morning on March 11. Grace is at 8:00 am. Bring a friend, neighbor, or fellow member, or two.

- **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.

- **Men With Kids**

Meet on **Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30 pm*** in Room 247, Family Life Center. We will follow the Confirmation schedule.

- **Wednesday Night Adult Christian Ed**

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. 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, 6:45-7:45 pm*** in Room 151, Family Life Center. Led by Mindy Stephani.

Note: Wednesday evening classes will begin at 6:45 pm after midweek worship during Lent.

- **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.

Lenten Offerings

Offerings received during the Lenten Midweek Worship Services this year will go to support the following:

Warmth for Wake

Seasonal energy assistance outreach program to provide fuel to low-income residents of Wake County during winter months. Sponsored by [Wake Co. Health & Human Services](#).

Lutheran Church Charities

LCC's mission is to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need through disaster and crisis relief and K-9 ministries. For more information, lutheranchurchcharities.org.

Heifer International

Strives to end hunger and poverty in sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities. Learn more: heifer.org

Please place your offerings in the specially marked offering envelopes or denote "Lenten Offerings" on your check. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these important charities and ministries!

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. **Practices will start the week of March 12.** All sign-ups must be made by March 19.

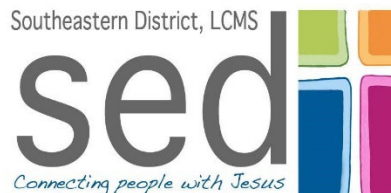
SED President Bill Harmon Online Forum

Unable to attend one of President Harmon's in-person Forums?
Join us on Zoom on March 16 at 7:00 pm!

Over the past few months, President Harmon has visited portions of the Southeastern District LCMS, offering a presentation on the work of the District and our path forward.

For those unable to attend or for those areas that he was unable to visit this time around, a virtual forum is offered on Thursday, March 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm. **Everyone is invited to attend.**

[To register, and receive the Zoom link, click here.](#) We look forward to seeing you online!



RLC Worship Servants

There is a need for volunteers to help out in all of our worship services. If you have ever watched an usher, worship assistant, or lay reader and thought “I could do that”, we would love to have you! Reach out to the following for more information:

- Saturday, 6:00 pm - Lori Jannings
- Sunday, 8:00 am - Brenda Peterson
- Sunday, 9:30 am - Dara Linn
- Sunday, 11:00 am - Suzi Heffner

You may also contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org for assistance.

There is especially the need for ushers at all services and with that in mind, we are having an **Usher Training/Refresher Session on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**. Everyone is welcome and it shouldn't take more than 45 minutes. RSVP to Lori Jannings through RCB or the church office, so we can have a headcount for handouts.

Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Coalition

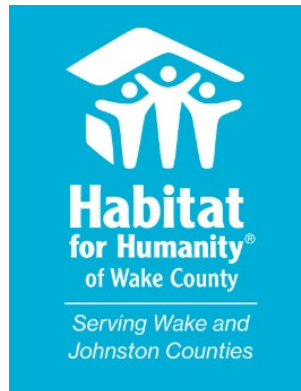
Permits have been secured for Old Poole Place in Southeast Raleigh. To finish the house by the end of the fiscal year, we have a 9-week build schedule, so we are going to be moving fast.

RLC Build Days are March 25 and May 13

15 volunteers each day (ages 16+)

Also, there are two slots on Thursday and Friday each week for Lutherans, if you would like to come out during the week.

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



Game Night

Looking for a night of fun and fellowship? Like to play games?

**Join us Sunday, March 26 from 5:00-9:00 pm
for Adult Game Night in Room 240, Family Life Center!**

We will provide board and card games, some easy and some more challenging - Wingspan, Ticket to Ride, Carcassonne, Cat in the Box, Qwirkle, Deception: Murder in Hong Kong. Bring a friend and join us!

Contact Sandy Wuori or Ben Wuori through RCB or the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

Food and Fellowship for the Blind

We spent an amazing evening on February 24th with our visually impaired guests again. We had a full house and would like to thank all of the volunteers who make these evenings possible.

Special thanks to Enrigo Italian Bistro in Waverly Place who donated a super

delicious dinner! When you want to dine out next time, try their food. It's so good!
And mention to them that you are from our church.

Our next fellowship dinner for the blind will be **Friday, March 31**. We can always use more volunteers. If interested, please contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy or the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

Room/House for Rent

We have a church member who is looking for longer term room or even house to rent, or a roommate who is looking for the same. If you have space available or know of an opportunity and would like to speak with them, please reach out to the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

Children's Ministry at RLC

Exciting things are happening in Children's Ministry at RLC. Sunday School is in full swing, please feel free to send your child(ren) any Sunday! Children's Church is available during the 11 am worship service. Children grades 3-5 have monthly events through our KICKS (Kids In Christ Keep Shining) program.

Contact erika.hulse@rlcary.org for details!



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 **Friday, March 17 from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym.



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.

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

Please take a moment to review the March schedules. I am excited about all the work God will do this month. Our last big, organized service project is going to be on March 26 (the Easter Egg Hunt). Mark your calendars!

Here's what is coming up:

- **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am**
Connection Cafe in The Warehouse (Sunday School for Middle and High School)
- **Ignite ~ Middle School Youth Group**
Sunday, March 12 from 1:30-3:00 pm
- **Breakaway ~ High School Youth Group**
Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm
- **No Open Warehouse on Wednesday Nights During Lent!**
- **Service Project ~ Easter Egg Hunt**
March 26, 2:00-4:30 pm



Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director
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**

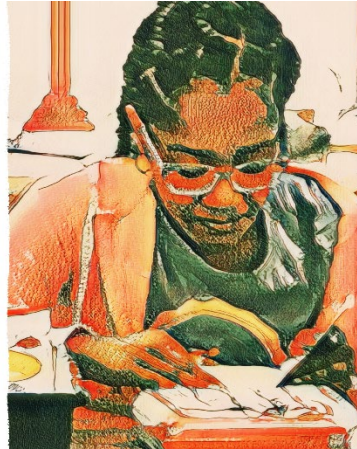
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Resurrection Lutheran School

**Making
Disciples
for Life** 

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN
SCHOOLS WEEK 2023**

MATTHEW 28:18-20



Join us as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week - March 5-12!

More exciting events...

- The RLS Choirs will sing at the 11:00 am praise worship service on **Sunday, March 12** in the Family Life Center (gym).
- We will welcome the Lake Country Lutheran High School Band & Choir during the Lenten Midweek Service on **Wednesday, March 22** and for a School Assembly on **Thursday, March 23**.

Resurrection Lutheran School | 919-851-7271 | rlscary.org

Latest Lion's Tale

Hello, Friends, Family, and Faculty of RLS and RLC!

The Principal Call Committee would like to inform you that Jonathan Fraker has declined the call to Resurrection Lutheran Church and School for the position of

principal.

The School Board will be meeting on March 16th to discuss next steps and will have more information for you at the end of the month.

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and above all prayers.

In His service,
Mackenzie Sottini, Board Chair



Online Worship Bulletins

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC
or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Attendance and Giving

Visual Faith

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – March 12, 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, *Cheri Spitz

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, Cheryl Schlage, Michael Murphy

For Expectant Moms

Laura, Amy Lambert, Brianne Kibler, *Janet Lucien

Those Prayed for on March 5, 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
- Baby Olivia Boyer, New Granddaughter of *Bill and *Jan Boyer
- Nathan and Brianne Kibler, Expecting a Baby in Late Summer
- The *Porter and Dudar Families Sharing Their Journey with Us
- Lynda, Returning Home
- Emma Elizabeth, New Granddaughter

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 Waiting for Surgery
- Roger Robbins; Jerry Crueger; Bruce Klevenow, Brother of *Ralph Klevenow
- *Lyle Malotky, Recovery
- *Sally Cotton
- *Vern Ebert
- *Cheri Spitz, Recovery from Surgery
- *Tina Ashworth, Healing from Surgery
- Anna, Niece of *Eve Sommers
- Margaret Ryan, Recovery
- Marilyn, Bobbie, Alex, Patti, Dennis, Randi, Marty, Brendan, Alice, Margaret, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Keith, Mark, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Kevin, Weston, James, Brenda, Logan, Bella, Julian, Joann, Glenn, Dennis, Ken, Donald, Fred, Eric, Mara, Karen, Connie, Sue

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Chuck Wolfe, Member of the Via de Cristo Community
- Friends and Family of Thelma Stauffer

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
- Residents of East Palestine, Ohio, Recovery from Train Derailment and Contamination
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Call Process
- 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
- Susan and David, Continued Recovery
- Linda H., In Hospice Care
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles
- Shayna for Safety
- Concern Over Adult Children Falling Away from Christ
- Teen Boys to Find Direction in Their Lives

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
- *Bob Unger and Robin Hester's Leadership of RLS During This Interim Period
- Area Pastors and School Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and *Megan Mantey, Uganda
[Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!](#)
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
[Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!](#)

*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 3/10/23

Attendance and Giving – March 12, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, March 4

6:00 pm - 49

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am - 85; 9:30 am - 135; 11:00 am - 95

Lenten Midweek Service - Wednesday, March 8

6:00 pm - 63

Total In-Person Worship: 427

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am - 124; 11:00 am - 46

Lenten Midweek Service - Wednesday, March 8

6:00 pm - 23

Total Online Views: 193 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: \$29,765.13

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
- 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.

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