

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 9, 2023



Pastor's Corner for April 9-15

We Are His Witnesses

(Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4)

This weekend we celebrate the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ, son of Mary and Son of God.

None of us had the privilege of arriving at the empty tomb that first Easter morning— a tomb everyone expected would be locked down and shut tight. None of us experienced the crucified Lord Jesus risen and granting forgiveness the way Peter, the disciple who denied Jesus did. But He lives in us! We, together with Peter, are witnesses of the resurrected Christ. That may sound like a daunting

reality on a day we are used to spring traditions and celebratory music. Yet, if Peter is any indication, God chooses the least likely people on earth to give voice to resurrection hope.

I know of a Jewish man who became a Messianic Christian because of the prayers and testimony of the children at the Christian school where he worked in the library. I know a Christian lady who worked as an English teacher in a foreign country for 35 years who had no family of her own on hand but an enormous entourage of students who considered her their “sensei” because of her testimony to them about Jesus... and because they knew she loved them. I know of a man who was a Christian Japanese POW captured during the battle of Okinawa. He shared his Bible with other POWs after the battle and his son became a pastor and professor of Hebrew who helped translate a version of the Bible used all over Japan today.

Naturally, your story and mine will look different from the children at the Christian school, the American English teacher, and the Japanese POW. But we each have a story to tell. Each of us is a unique witness to Christ who is living and present with us through the Word, water, wine, and bread. We live in Him within His body, the Church, and as the epistle lesson this weekend reminds us, “When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory” (Col 3:4). For now, we might feel as ordinary as an old gardening pot upended on someone’s front porch. But did you notice the photo above? Even an old pot can resemble an empty tomb where Life has overcome Death! What better time than Easter to be used by God as witnesses to Jesus and God’s very good Good News?

Christ IS risen, for you and me, no matter who we might be and no matter where our life’s journey has taken us. Each of us is a witness that He is risen... risen indeed! Alleluia!

RLC Nursery Service Easter Sunday at 9:30 AM (Open Nursery All Morning)

This weekend all Sunday School activities for children, youth, and adults will be on vacation for Easter Sunday services. However, the nursery will be open all morning for parents and children who would like to take advantage of the space. The nursery will be open and staffed for you to drop off small children as usual during

the 9:30 sanctuary service. We invite you to bring your whole family to church— we love to hear the voices of RLC's youngest worshippers!— but if you need to avail yourself of this service, it is available at 9:30 AM.

A joy-filled Easter to all of you!
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

He is not here
HE IS RISEN
MATTHEW 28:6

Holy Week Observances and Easter Sunday Celebration

Maundy Thursday | April 6

4:00 pm

Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 pm*

Worship with Holy Communion

(First Communion for 5th Grade Students)

Good Friday | April 7

12:00 pm

Worship (Preceded and Followed by a Soup and Salad Lunch)

Musical Offerings by Cantus Christe Quartet

7:00 pm*

Tenebrae Service featuring *The Suffering Servant* by K.L. Scott

Led by Sanctuary Choir, Soloists, and String Ensemble

Easter Sunday | April 9

6:30 am

Sunrise Service Begins in Prayer Garden, Processes to Sanctuary

Led by Celebration Singers

8:00 am*, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion

Music Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Resurrection Brass Ensemble

11:00 am*

Praise & Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center

***Live Stream Services**

Connect through our YouTube channel

at youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC.

On Easter Sunday, the shuttle bus will run between RLC and Ritter Park according to the following schedule:

- 9:00 am-9:45 am – Pick Up from Ritter Park and Drop Off at Sanctuary
- 10:30 am-11:15 am – Pick Up and Drop Off from Ritter Park and Sanctuary, Family Life Center

- 12:15 pm-12:45 pm – Pick Up from Sanctuary, Family Life Center and Drop Off at Ritter Park

Please Note:

No Saturday worship on Easter weekend. No Sunday School, youth or adult, on Easter Sunday. The Church Office will be closed on Friday, April 7 and Monday, April 10. Check with your small group leader for other schedule changes.



IN LOVING
Memory

It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our sister in Christ, **Cheryl Schlage**, was called to rest with Jesus.

Our prayers are with her daughter, Danielle Altieri, and their family at this time.

Memorial Service will be held on **Saturday, April 8** at 11:00 am at Resurrection with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

- **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**

Join us for *Heroes of Faith*, based on Hebrews 11, **Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm** from April 17-May 22. (We will not meet on April 10.)

Hebrews 11 gives us a list of role models: ordinary people who trusted God in radical ways. This eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study by Douglas Connelly on the heroes of faith will encourage you and help deepen your own trust in our great God who still keeps all his promises, so that you might live out your faith in radical ways today. 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.

- **Men With Kids**

Meet on **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 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, 6:30-7:45 pm** in Room 151, Family Life Center. Led by Mindy Stephani.



**Congratulations to Matthew and Lauren Bowling
upon the birth of their daughter, Merritt Ryan!**

Born on March 31, 2023
at 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 20 in.

Proud grandparents are Randy and Janet Bowling.

Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them
as they celebrate this blessing!

Bagel Bunch

The Bagel Bunch meets for an hour of fellowship and conversation to tell stories, share concerns, and joke around. All men are welcome, come when you can. For spring/summer, the group will move outdoors at Java Jive, across from RLC, on **Tuesdays, 7:30 am**. Questions? Contact Lyle Malotky.

Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults Friday, April 14

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in March! We had 135 people attend. We would like to thank Travis Taylor and his band, The Real Housewives of Room 3121, who played for us.

We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to come to these events, 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, April 14** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. *Rooted* will be our band.

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



Men's Retreat & Service Event April 14-16

We are two weeks away from our Men's Retreat and Service Day at Camp Agape! All men are invited.

We kick-off Friday evening, April 14, around 6:00 pm with a cookout/potluck gathering at the Retreat House. Our study is woven in throughout the impactful weekend with sessions Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning. Participants have the option to stay overnight at the Retreat Lodge or commute. Our overnight accommodations are optimal at 16 with a max of 24.

Service: Weather permitting, we will spend most of Saturday morning and afternoon tackling multiple projects throughout the camp utilizing multiple skill sets and capabilities. All men are invited. *Note, you are able to attend Saturday only.*

If interested or have questions, contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

CLI Prison Alliance

CLI Prison Alliance has a huge need for donated Christian books, Bibles, CDs and DVDs (including foreign language materials). They need 260,000 books per year in order to reach inmates in over 1,000 facilities.

As you are doing Spring cleaning, please consider setting some books aside for CLI. Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives if they have some. The collection box is under the coat rack by the mailboxes, or you can drop them off at the CLI office, 3001 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Many donors include a \$20 check that offsets the cost of shipping one box of books, or they make a donation online at cli.world.





Saturday, April 29

8:00 am-12:00 pm

During this annual event, we provide numerous acts of service for our church, community, and country. We begin with breakfast in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am, and most activities will be completed by noon.

There will be many opportunities available for all ages to participate. Nursery care will be provided. Some of the activities will be at RLC and others off site.

This year, some activities include Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief care packages, card making, quilting and sewing, and much more. You will find the full listing at the link below or on the paper forms.

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

You may also sign up using a form located at the information tables. Questions? Contact Jan Boyer or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Lutheran Witness Subscription

Due to a communication issue with Concordia Publishing House, the Lutheran Witness subscriptions for RLC members was not received until this past week. You should receive the May issue in the mail, and the January-April issues will be sent to the church and distributed to your mailboxes. So sorry for the delay – if you have any questions, please contact Margaret in the church office. Thank you!

Children's Ministry News

Easter Eggstravaganza Fun!



Thank you
youth
for your
service!



Children's Sunday School

We look forward to
welcoming your child(ren)
to class Sundays from 9:30-10:30.
There will be no class April 9th (Easter)
and April 30 (Confirmation). Contact
erika.hulse@rlcary.org for more info!



Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30
9:00 am-12:00 pm



Shine a light on Jesus' love!

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

We welcome all children ages 4 through rising 5th grade to join us for this amazing week in God's Word. It will be filled with games, crafts, music, and most importantly, Jesus' learning that'll last for light years to come.

[Click Here to Register Now!](#)

Cost: Early Bird Price from March 15-May 31, \$5 per child or \$15 max per family
June 1-June 26, \$10 per child or \$30 max per family

Cash or check accepted, payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church. Mail or drop off to Church Office, 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518.

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

Please check out the April calendar with all of the happenings. On April 29, there is a church-wide service day called Operation InAsMuch. It's a great opportunity to participate in service projects around the church or within the community that is intergenerational. Have fun with it!



Looking Ahead...

A blue square graphic with white and pink text. At the top, it says "IGNITE MS YOUTH MINISTRY" in white. Below that, it says "April Schedule" in a cursive font. Underneath, it says "Connection Cafe @ 9:30am April 2, 16, 23 only". There are two pink stars. At the bottom, there are two rounded rectangles: one pink one with white text that says "Warehouse Wednesdays The LAST 2! April 12 & 19 6:00pm" and one blue one with white text that says "YOUTH GROUP April 16 1:30 - 3:00".A light blue square graphic with white and blue text. At the top, it says "BREAKAWAY HS YOUTH MINISTRY" in white. Below that, it says "April Schedule" in a cursive font. Underneath, it says "CONNECTION CAFE @ 9:30AM APRIL 2, 16, 23 ONLY" with a blue arrow pointing to the right. At the bottom, it says "YOUTH GROUP 6:30PM - 8:00PM APRIL 2, 16, 23, 30" with a blue arrow pointing to the right. There is a sun icon in the top right corner.

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director

jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran School

Happy Easter from the Cutest Kindergarteners Ever!



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

Resurrection Lutheran School | 919-851-7271 | 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

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 – April 9, 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, 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, Michael Murphy

For Expectant Moms

Brianne Kibler, *Janet Lucien

Those Prayed for on April 2, 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
- RLC Blind Ministry Helpers and Guests
- For Our Pastors and Music Ministry, Upcoming Holy Week
- 8th Grade Confirmation Students Presenting Their Faith Statements
- Successful Surgery for *Marty Stephani, and He is Home!
- Margaret Ryan, Recovery
- Family and Friends, RLC, Spring
- 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
- Roger Robbins; Jerry Crueger; Bruce Klevenow, Brother of *Ralph Klevenow
- *Vern Ebert
- *Cheri Spitz, Recovery
- Wendy Wood, Recovery
- Shannon, Friend of *Katy Johnson
- *Eve Sommers
- *Jim Sanvi, Father of *Katie Riccietello
- Maclean Hueske, Niece of *Diane Hoffmeister
- Russ Catania, Recovery from Surgery
- New Granddaughter, Merritt Ryan Bowling, Parents Matthew and Lauren Bowling, Grandparents *Randy and *Janet Bowling
- Roy, Debbie, Eve, Randi, Reba, Bill, Sharon, Janet, Tommy, Megan, Brendan, Alice, Marty, Amanda, Joe, Stuart, Sarah, Victor, Bill, Julian, Bonnie, Jim, Kurt, Fremont, Maryann, Ken, Donald, Doug, Eric, Mara, Sue, Connie, Wendy, Butch, Karen

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Peter Cassimatis, Father of *Nick Cassimatis
- Friends and Family of Beverly Kunitsky, Aunt of *Dawn Leister
- Family and Friends of Mary Herion, Mother of *Carol Buckner
- Family and Friends of Cheryl Schlage, Mother of *Danielle Altieri
- Family and Friends of Roy Newcomb
- Family of Friends of Ray Anderson, Uncle of *Eric Heise
- Family of Micah Jax Jahnke, Newborn Son of Nathan and Faith Jahnke

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
- Call Committees for Resurrection Lutheran School Principal and DCE
- *Randi and Barry Munns
- Annie Ruth Ford, *Dennis Ford's Mother
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan and Paul Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- Stuart and Sue Sanders, and the *Boyer Family
- Linda H., In Hospice Care
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles
- Janice, Daughter of *Eve Sommers
- Those Seeking Jobs
- Roseann, In Hospice
- RLS Travel Group, Travel Mercies for All

- Spiritual Healing for Steve
- Job Guidance

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**

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Attendance and Giving – April 9, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 1

6:00 pm - 59

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am - 117; 9:30 am - 223; 11:00 am - 117

Total In-Person Worship: 675

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am - 176; 11:00 am - 35

Total Online Views: 211 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - February 2023

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 82,402.75	\$ 871,183.55
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 113,329.97</u>	<u>\$ 871,014.92</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -30,927.22	\$ 168.63

Last Week's Offerings: n/a

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$24,890.96

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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