The Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023



Pastor's Corner for May 28-June 3

Let It Flow (John 7:37-39)

Ever stop and consider how multi-faceted the important language in the Bible truly is? Like a precious stone, you can hold each image used to talk about God up to the light, and turning it, see not one but many sparkles that enlighten and illumine. One facet of water in the Gospel of John is that it quenches thirst... think of Jesus with the Samaritan woman (John 4). Another is that it cleanses... consider Jesus washing His disciples' feet (John 13). But Jesus wants us to see yet another different facet of water on this Pentecost Sunday. Instead of speaking about water as something that cleanses and instead of using water only as an image of something that quenches thirst, Jesus illustrates the work of the Holy Spirit speaking about water as something that FLOWS. "'Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out

of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' Now this he said about the Spirit." The Holy Spirit is not at work damming up the love of God in us, causing us to enjoy it all for ourselves. The Spirit is at work to make the love of God flow... in us and through us, to others. It isn't ours to stockpile. It isn't ours to ration.

This weekend we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, POURED OUT upon the followers of Jesus in the early days of the Church and FLOWING THROUGH them as they testified (and as followers of Jesus continue to testify today) to the work of God as Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier. Just what God's living water looks like will depend a little bit on the unique personality and experiences of each and every child of God. But the gift of the Spirit that we share has one thing in common with each of us: it can't be kept inside! Let's say "yes" together to God for all that he has done for us in Jesus. Cleansed by the Spirit of God in Holy Baptism and drinking deeply from the wellspring of life that is ours in Christ Jesus... let's just let the work of the Spirit flow through us into a world of need!

Take a Look! The New ESV Bibles Are In

This Sunday we are pleased to make our newest pew Bibles available in all worship services. The English Standard Version is widely used throughout our church body today, and is a faithful translation of the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek of the Scriptures. We have ordered a large print edition so that it is easy to read for a variety of worshippers. I invite you to pull out the Bible during worship services and practice looking up Bible verses the old-fashioned way, either for yourself or together with the members of your family! It's a great skill set to develop and will make accessing God's Word even easier for you and your children/grandchildren.

For those who still like the convenience of their devices (that includes this pastor), there are also a variety of apps you can use:

the YouVersion Bible App (free)

the BibleGateway App (free) and

the <u>Dwell Bible Listening App</u> (yearly subscription fee required)

Anyone interested in a free Bible is welcome to pick up one of the older NIV Bibles currently in the Narthex. Those not claimed after this weekend will be donated to CLI Prison Alliance.

RLC Voters' Meeting Sunday, June 11 at 12:30 PM

I look forward to seeing all RLC members at our upcoming semi-annual voter's meeting, on June 11. This will be an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for all of the good things God is doing at RLC... and to discuss and approve our upcoming budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. This year we also have special plans for families with small children, so that Mom and Dad can take part in the meeting (kids can get popsicles and enjoy activities on the outdoor playground with Children and Family Ministry Director Erika Hulse). While we have much to be grateful for, rising costs due to inflation and recent/future repair needs for our church building and schools are creating challenges for our finances, too. We want you to be aware of what is on the horizon so that we can better plan for our future together. Thank you in advance for making time for this important conversation together.

Save the Date: June 14 with Rev. Shauen Trump and Family

Members and friends of Resurrection Lutheran Church are invited to hear all about the good work God is doing in Africa! Save the date for time with LCMS missionary, Rev. Shauen Trump at 6:30 PM on June 14th. Rev. Trump, a former member of RLC, has been serving as a missionary in Africa for fifteen years and as the Regional Director for LCMS mission efforts in Africa since 2020. He is visiting us with his family: his wife Krista and their children Josiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Esther. Our gathering will be at the home of RLC members Jeff and Cheryl Fike: 207 S. Mason Street Apex, NC 27502-1918

Food and drinks will be on hand for those coming directly from the workplace. There will also be ample parking, including space for handicapped or disabled participants.

Those attending are asked to RSVP at the following link: rlcary.org/about-us/mission-outreach/rev-shauen-trump-and-family-visit

I look forward to seeing you there! Pastor Jonathan Church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

Prayers of the Church



Baptized on Sunday, May 28 at 9:30 am

Emily Monell McCaw

born December 6, 2022, daughter of Derek Monte McCaw and Pauline Joyce McCaw. Godparents are James Pickett and Felicia Smith.

May God's blessing be upon Emily Monell as she grows in her baptismal grace.

Memorial Day

The Veterans Group at Resurrection would like to hear from you. We have a group you can message through RCB.

At the end of May, we unofficially start the opening of the summer season on Memorial Day - the last Monday.

Over the past weeks, we have talked about the intervention of Peacemakers. As

Christians, we want to intervene early and in prevention of turmoil. We see Peacemakers those who act to deescalate emotions by building bridges at a local community level or among cultures. However, as a Nation, we place the role of Peacemaker on the shoulders of our freedom defenders - those in our military.

Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember those Peacemakers who will not arrive home from the conflict. This day is set aside to memorialize those citizens who gave all - those who died in military service during a conflict.

history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

We will not meet during summer. Check the announcements in August for the Fall study.

Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship

On break for the summer, see you in September!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

This study does not meet in the summer; we will resume after Labor Day.

Men with Kids

Our Wednesday night group is on break for the summer and will start back after Labor Day.

This Is the Church

Three 90-minute gatherings on Saturday mornings (9:30-11:00 am on May 27, June 3, and June 10) in Room 151, Family Life Center, will focus on the basics of what Christians believe and how the Christian faith can be understood in distinction from other world religions. If interested, contact jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org.

Graduating?

Last call! Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information as soon as possible. We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter.



Please include the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33. Thanks!

Summer Adult Christian Ed Class

Yes, we will again have a summertime Sunday School for adults. The class will be held **Sundays**, **9:30-10:30** am from June **4-August 20** in the Fellowship Hall. It's a 12-week program titled, *Christian History Made Easy*.

During the class, we will explore the people, places, and rulers who were notable for the Christian faith over the centuries. Starting with the time of Martin Luther, there will be a focus on Protestant Christianity. Scripture will also be featured in each class.

There are two study guides for the class and we ask for a donation of \$10. Mindy Stephani will lead with assistance from Tim Kearby. Put June 4 on your calendar and make plans to attend the Saturday night service or one on Sunday at 8:00 am or 11:00 am. Come and join us!

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, June 9

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in May. We had 176 people attend. And we loved the *Every Voice Choir!*

We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! 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.

The next Coffeehouse is Friday, June 9 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have the Wake Christian Academy Jazz Ensemble perform for us!

In the summer, we have less volunteers - please help!

Sign Up: https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN

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



Voter's Meeting

Sunday, June 11 at 12:30 pm Family Life Center Gym

Agenda Includes Upcoming Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024



Join us

Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm

at V Pizza - Cary for fellowship!

Job Opportunity

One of our longtime custodians, Charles Shiel, will be retiring at the end of June, and we are looking for someone to fill his position. Workdays are Monday-Friday, approximately 10-12 hours/week, in the early morning hours. (Schedule can vary and exact times negotiable.)

Responsible for cleaning the church building, to include vacuuming, floor buffing, bathrooms, trash & recycling, windows, light bulb replacement, and other cleaning duties.

For more information or to apply, contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

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.

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

Volunteers Needed!

Contact kelseysarrault@rlscary.org.

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

Here's what is coming up...

Sunday, May 28

No Breakaway (High School Youth Group)

Sunday, June 4

Come celebrate our Seniors at the 11:00 am service in the Family Life Center!

Breakaway Seniors

We want to really celebrate you! On June 4th from **6:30-8:00 pm**, our Youth Group time will be devoted to celebrating you.

<u>Parents:</u> I put together a slideshow each year that is special to that senior class. The favorite part is always the baby pics and little kid pics. Please send pics by this weekend, so I have time to prepare. I really hope to see all of our Breakaway Seniors... even if you haven't been super active this year. You are a piece of the puzzle and important.





Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool | 919-851-7270 | rlpcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran School

Mark Your Calendars!

May 29 - No School (Memorial Day)

May 30 - 5th Grade Promotion Celebration at 12:00 pm

May 31 - Kindergarten Graduation at 11:00 am, 8th Grade Graduation at 6:30 pm

June 1 - Field Day (JK-8), Early Release at 1:00 pm

June 2 - Last Day of School, Chapel at 10:00 am, Dismissal at 11:00 am





Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

Latest Lion's Tale

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



Online Worship Bulletins

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at woutube.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 – May 28, 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 and 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, Jackie, Linda H., Kathy Siemon, Scott Brinkley, *Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Judy Dean, Bob, Michael Murphy

For Expectant Moms

Brianne Kibler, *Janet Lucien, *Brittany McGrady

Those Prayed for on May 21, 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
- *Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Recovery
- *Brendan Nigg, Recovery
- New Beginnings
- Our New Resurrection Lutheran School Principal, Robin Hester
- *Bob Unger, Resurrection Lutheran School Interim Principal
- Vacation Bible School and Volunteers
- *Harrison Hulse's Engagement to Sarah
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Completion of the Year, and Their Staff
- Trevor Pocock, Home from Hospital and Recovering
- Graduates

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, Recovery
- *Cheri Spitz
- *Eve Sommers, Continued Recovery at Home
- *Marina de Moura Torres
- *Greta Nelson
- Shannon, Friend of *Katy Johnson
- Paul Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- Mary Ann Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- Patricia, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Mark, Keith, Kevin, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar,
 Stephanie, Janice, Eve, Megan, James, Bennett, Alex, Roy, Valter, Michelle, Harold, Donald, Ken,
 Eric, Mara, Karen, Marti, Sue, Connie, Ann, Dixie

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Glenn Wagner, Brother of *Dawn Leister
- Friends and Family of John Cima, Father of Missionary JP Cima
- Friends and Family of *Randi Munns, especially Husband Barry, Son Bryan
- Friends and Family of Roy Newcomb

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Travel Mercies
- DCE Call Process and Staffing Decisions
- Barry Munns and Family
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *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
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- People and Communities Affected by Spring Storms
- Safe Travel on Field Trip, *Glenda Moser
- Family and Friends Upcoming Funerals
- Safe Trip for Marlene

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

- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Associate Pastor Zach 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, Kenya

 Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
 <u>Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!</u>
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
 <u>Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!</u>

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 5/25/23

Attendance and Giving - May 28, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, May 20

6:00 pm - 53

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am - 76; 9:30 am - 124; 11:00 am - 108

Total In-Person Worship: 423

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am - 105; 11:00 am - 38

Total Online Views: 143 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - April 2023

	Current Month	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 118,062.87	\$ 1,080,632.94
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 107,272.48</u>	\$ 1,090,421.17
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 10,790.39	\$ -9,788.23

This Week's Offerings: \$18,119.54

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$24,559.84

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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