



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2023

From the Pastor

Teach Me

(Psalm 119:65-68)

“God Said What?” And Why It Matters

It seems appropriate somehow that as we enter the month of June at RLC we should hear the writer of an ancient hymn say in humble prayer before God, “Teach me good judgement and knowledge... teach me Your statutes” (Psalm 119:65-68). The school year might be soon coming to an end, and with it a focus on learning that helps our youth find their calling and place in the world. But the opportunity for all of us to grow in what truly matters (where real joy is found, what life is actually all about) could just be ratcheting up a notch.

In the month of June, we invite you to dive into God’s Word and make it even more an “up front” part of your worship experience. New Bibles in the main sanctuary and Family Life Center that align with our in-worship readings give you the chance to pull out the good book during the service and follow along. Sermons in June will focus on God’s Word in the Old Testament and feature surprises we find there. Why is that important? We dare never assume that truth is found merely in our natural knowledge of the world or the inclination of our hearts. What matters is what our heavenly Father continues to teach us through the gift of His Spirit!

Semi-Annual Meeting June 11 Offers a Teachable Moment

God has been doing some amazing things at RLC in last six months. Sunday School 2022-2023 has been a rousing success. We have completely transitioned to monitors in the main sanctuary and live text in the video livestream for our traditional worship service. The number of people God brought into His family through Holy Baptism this year has been higher than ever. But while we have much to be grateful for, rising costs due to inflation and future repair needs for

Worship Schedule

Saturday

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday

8:00 am in the Sanctuary*

9:30 am in the Sanctuary

11:00 am

Praise Worship
in the Family Life Center*

*Live Stream

Dates of Interest:

Holy Trinity.....	Jun 4
Coffeehouse.....	Jun 9
Men’s Breakfast.....	Jun 10
Volunteer Recognition.....	Jun 11
Bible Dedication.....	Jun 11
Voter’s Meeting.....	Jun 11
Missionary Trump.....	Jun 14
New Members.....	Jun 18
MS Mission Trip.....	Jun 18-23
Blind Ministry.....	Jun 23
Taize Worship.....	Jun 24
VBS Week.....	Jun 26-30

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Sunday Morning Adult Ed

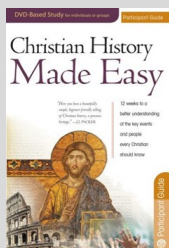
Christian History Made Easy

Yes, we will again have a summertime Sunday School for adults. The class will be held **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am from June 11-August 27** 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 11 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!

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



our church building and schools are creating challenges for our finances, too. We want you to learn about what is on the horizon so that we can better plan for our future together. We really need you to take time out of your busy schedule to attend our Voters' Meeting June 11 at 12:30 PM. Childcare for families will be provided. This is an opportunity to better learn and plan for the part we each play in God's mission as we serve in that mission together.

Resurrection Lutheran School Hires Administrative Dean Robin Hester as Full-Time Principal for 2023-2024 School Year

Beloved RLS Administrative Dean, Ms. Robin Hester (see portrait photo of Robin below) is transitioning into her new role as principal of Resurrection Lutheran School this month. We give thanks to God for leading Robin to step into this position and will recognize her work among us in a service of commissioning in all worship services on June 4. Many thanks to Interim Principal Bob Unger and all RLS teachers and staff in 2022-2023 for a job well done!

Peace and joy in Him,
Pastor Jonathan



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 (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org) for assistance.

We encourage you to find areas of interest that best suit your natural gifts, and join us as we reach out with the love of Christ, by grace, through faith, for service.

RLC Church Council News

May 2023

- The Principal Call Update – though not required, the RLC Council held a Special Meeting on 27 April 2023 to review the proposed hiring of Robin Hester as Principal of Resurrection Lutheran School. This is a staff hire, and according to Tom Kolb, the hiring official is the Resurrection Lutheran School Board. Given that this is usually a called position, it was decided to request the endorsement of the Resurrection Lutheran Church Council which represents the members of RLC. After a presentation by Mackenzie Sottini (RLS Board Chair) and Bob Unger (Acting Principal, RLS), the RLC Council endorsed the decision to hire Robin Hester by a unanimous vote.
- DCE Call Update – much like the Principal, the field of available candidates for DCE is extremely low across the country. Yet the need for support for our children and to meet the family part of our mission statement remains. Thus, Resurrection Lutheran Church is now considering a non-called hire for this position as well.
- Security at the School was addressed (following recent school shootings nationwide). Acting Principal, Bob Unger, completed a security walkaround with a Cary Police Officer to get ideas on how to make our overall facility more secure for all.
- The Council was unable to finalize a new Budget during this May meeting. Some details for the current year were not yet available, so the June Council Meeting will be moved up to the week prior to the Voter's Meeting. The Council will have a draft 2023-2024 Budget to submit to the Voters on 11 June.
- The Council is now developing a prioritized list of investment needs at Resurrection as the facility begins to age. This includes such things as new windows, 2 new HVAC systems, possible security upgrades to the windows and doors, Fellowship Hall upgrades, FLC Kitchen upgrade, main building kitchen upgrade, etc.
- A small distribution of The Next 40 Mission Funds was authorized by the Council in the May meeting. The Council agreed to send \$5,000 to "Not Alone Blind Internet Ministry," \$5,000 to Camp Linn Haven, and up to \$3,000 for Lutheran Study Bibles to be sent to the seminary students in Uganda. This leaves about \$98,000 for future Missions distributions. If you have suggestions, please share with one of your Council Members.
- ESV Bibles have been ordered to replace most of the existing Bibles in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Family Life Center. Most (not all) of the old Bibles will be donated to the Prison Ministry.
- **The Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, 11 June 2023, beginning at 12:30 pm in Family Life Center.** This meeting will be available online for viewing and chat only via Zoom.

Your Council members are listed below and are willing to take questions and suggestions.

Mike Haertling, President (505) 690-9929	Mark Dirks, Council Member (919) 345-5348
Erika Hulse, Vice-President (678) 849-3233	Charles Miller, Council Member (919) 534-5649
Mike Hahne, Treasurer (919) 749-7666	Aaron Newcomb, Council Member (919) 645-8005
Mike Heffner, Secretary (469) 644-2049	
Barry Needle, Council Member (919) 345-5088	Ex Officio: Margaret Hyatt, Operations Director (919) 851-7248
Lori Jannings, Council Member (919) 523-6619	Ex Officio: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Sr. Pastor (301) 997-6687

Spiritual Milestones

Confirmation



<u>Name</u>	<u>Baptismal Birthday</u>	<u>Confirmation Verse</u>
Avery Payton Alladin	July 3, 2022	Proverbs 4:23
Morgan Rhys Astudillo	May 17, 2009	Philippians 4:13
Michelle Anna Cerny	November 30, 2008	Psalms 16:8
Cole Thomas Dirks	March 29, 2009	Isaiah 6:8
William Matzen Douglas	July 12, 2009	Ephesians 6:11
Marlene Kathleen Guthrie	June 29, 2011	2 Timothy 4:7-8
Luke Richard Heise	November 15, 2009	Romans 10:9
Lyla Addison Holfelder	May 17, 2009	Matthew 6:34
Jaxon Roof Huddle	October 24, 2009	Colossians 3:23
Johanna Mae Kell	June 21, 2009	Joshua 1:9
Addison Kate Leahy	February 1, 2009	Romans 12:2
Alec Burke Leahy	February 1, 2009	Jeremiah 29:11
Lucas Daniel Rosas	March 30, 2008	Philippians 4:13
Nicole Elisa Shaltanis	July 5, 2009	Psalms 46:5
Sebastian Keith Striplin	June 21, 2009	Genesis 3:15
Robert-Joseph Yamamura	February 15, 2009	Matthew 19:26

Confirmation Sunday was celebrated on April 30th during the 9:30 am worship service.

Congratulations to Our Confirmands!

Resurrection Lutheran School, 8th Grade

William Paul Adams	Longleaf School of the Arts
Avery Payton Alladin	Cardinal Gibbons High School
Connor William Babcock	Holly Springs High School
Margaux Elizabeth Bonpain	St. Mary's School
Michelle Anna Cerny	Wake Christian Academy
Emma Katelyn Cholak	Holly Springs High School
Jay William Davis	Grace Christian School
Luke Alexander Frisbie	Apex High School
Marlene Kathleen Guthrie	Wake Christian Academy
James Walter Holloway	Athens High School
Elozino Hannah Iyebutemeh	Green Hope High School
Francis Conley Jennings	Athens High School
Gwendalyn Cynthia Judd	Cary Christian School
Harrison Fredrick Judd	Cary Christian School
Audrey Reyes Lapham	Apex High School
Naile Wasse Melaku	Apex High School
Charles Michael Persson	Apex High School
Emerson Dharma Raj	Cary Christian School
Robert Joseph Yamamura	Cary Christian School



***May God continue to bless
each of you as you
begin this next chapter!***

High School Graduates

Daniel Haertling	Holly Springs High School, to Wake Tech
Charlie Heard	Athens Drive High School STEM Academy, to North Carolina State University, Poole College of Management
Benjamin Heffner	Middle Creek High School, to University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Finance
Joshua Kendall	Cary Academy, to Stanford University
Emma Key	Saint Mary's School, to University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Public Policy and Business on Pre-Law Track
Jason Key	Athens Drive Magnet High School, to University of North Carolina-Charlotte Mechanical Engineering
Lilli Kirby	Homeschool with Honors, Dual Enrollment Wake Tech and Campbell University
Olivia Lubak	Wake Christian Academy, to William Peace University, Criminology
Anysah Meneau	Fuquay Varina High School with Honors, to Western Carolina University, Nursing
Nora Miller	Apex High School, to University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Computer Science
Lily Moore	Apex High School, Magna Cum Laude, to Winthrop University, Musical Theatre
Kirk Porter	Middle Creek High School, to North Carolina State University
Paul Shaw	CrossRoads Flex, Will Play Soccer with WakeFC USL Team, Then MLS Next U19
Penelope Verburgt	Apex High School, to Western Carolina University Hospitality and Tourism Management

College Graduates

Chris Gebbia	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Adams School of Dentistry
Sarah Hooper	Masters of Art in International Journalism, City University of London Employed as Foreign News Reporter at The Sun Online (joined in 2022)
Katie Kuekes-Baker	University of Virginia, Master's in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader Program Employed at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Maternal Medicine Department
William Xenakis	Northwestern University, Computer Scientist, Employed at C3.Ai

Outreach Service to the Community

Operation InAsMuch

On April 29, 125+ volunteers provided numerous acts of service to our church members, community, and country. Volunteers put in 800+ service hours providing service to over 3,000 people. Volunteers participated in 12 service projects, including cataloging Christian materials for the CLI Prison Ministry, packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief, knitting hats for preemies at Wake Med, making tie dye sheets and quilts for Sleep In Heavenly Peace, making crafts and favors for hospice, nursing homes, and shut ins, doing trail maintenance and preparations for campers at Camp Agape, building for Habitat for Humanity, stocking, cleaning, and organizing the food pantry at Western Wake Crisis Ministry, beautification and landscaping for Families Together PLM and RLC, sending cards of encouragement to our RLC family, missionaries, and service personnel and MUCH MORE!

For those that participated, **THANK YOU** and we pray you were blessed by your service and the fellowship of your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you were not able to join us, we hope to see you next year! And special thanks to Thrivent Financial who provided \$1,750 for our Action Teams to buy materials and supplies for our day of service.



Breakfast and Welcome



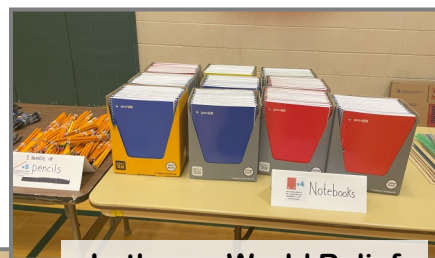
Habitat for Humanity



Camp Agape



thank you



Lutheran World Relief





Families Together



Sleep in Heavenly Peace Tie Dye Sheets



Gifts & Memorials

For the Love Fund

In Memory of Matlin Xenakis
Bill and Fran Xenakis

For Gifts and Memorials

In Honor of Ayer Justice's
Birthday on May 23
Larry and Debbie Adams



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Mission Goal Reached

The LWML Mission Goal for the 2021–2023 biennium is \$2,150,000. We are filled with gratitude and joy as we announce that God has worked through your generosity and stewardship to surpass this goal. The Mite offerings you have shared now total \$2,154,511!

Each time you choose to give to LWML Mission Grants through the Mite offerings, you are directly pouring God's mercy and message into the lives of others – some you may know and others you may never meet. People you are helping range in age from little children to the elderly, and their homes are located across the globe. Some recipients may be right in your neighborhood, others are men, women, and children living abroad. No matter their age, or how near or far, God knows the needs of every single person.

*And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*

We continue to praise God for His provision and for your generosity in stewarding the gifts you have been given. Thank you for coming alongside LWML as together we proclaim Christ, support missions, equip women, and serve others! For the list of grants, lwml.org/mission-grants.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR 2022-2023
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

SCOTT FERGUSON
LAURA FUSSELL
CHRISTA NEWCOMB
LAUREN PATTON
EYDEE PERSSON
SANDY WUORI

MANY THANKS TO OUR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:
KELLY ZADOW, KIM BREILER, STACY TELLONI & ANGELA YORK

WE SERVED 50+ PRE-K TO 5TH GRADERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!



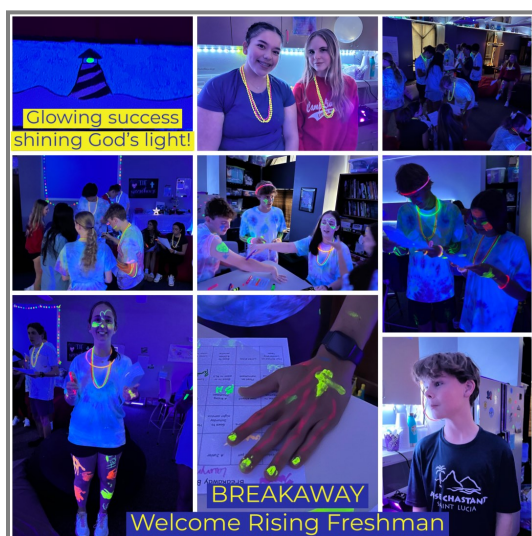
Student Ministry

Breakaway

*Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect,
but I press on... Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward
to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14*

It is that exciting time of year where our Breakaway High School Youth Group welcomes the rising Freshman to be part of the Family in our tradition of Glow Night. Why Glow Night? We celebrate that Christ is truly in all the things we do, whether we are serving, playing, reading devotions, bible study, games, in the Warehouse, team building, praying, outside, anywhere and everywhere. We aim to glow God's awesome light! Wow, did we ever glow!

With all the excitement it makes it a little easier to accept the shift in our Breakaway community. We say hello right before we say "see you soon" to our Seniors. Always looking forward and pressing on to God's call. God is certainly at work in the RLC Youth and it is a privilege to say "hello" and "see you soon" when Christ is in all that we do!



Happy Anniversary!

June 6

Darrell and Anita Moore
64 years

June 7

John and Sandy Eckstein
65 years

June 10

Mark and Pat Otten
45 years

June 12

John and Alison Adams
30 years

June 13

Jim and Thelma Rhodes
59 years

June 15

Bill and Eileen Douglas
60 years

June 16

Marty and Emmy Cullen
61 years

June 21

Chris and Gina Alladin
20 years

June 22

Mike and Janet Lucien
10 years

June 23

Robert and Marie Bruce
63 years

June 26

Fred and Terry Page
63 years

June 29

Roy and Linda Rhoden
60 years



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

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3-year-olds to rising kindergartners

(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!

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

Volunteers Needed!

Contact

kelseysarrault@rlscary.org



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: 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For the 2023-2024 school year:

- ♦ Part-Time Before Care Worker, Monday-Friday from 7:15 am-8:15 am
- ♦ Part-Time After Care Worker, Monday-Thursday from 3:00-5:00 pm

Contact rosiecreasy@rlscary.org.

SUMMER CAMPS

- ♦ **Summer Cheer Camp** (rising 3rd-6th) - June 5-8, 9:00 am-12:00 pm*
 - ♦ **Shore Fun Beach Camp** (rising 1st-2nd) - June 12-15, 9:00 am-12:00 pm*
 - ♦ **STEM/Coding Camp** (rising 3rd-6th) - June 5-8, 1:00-4:00 pm and
June 19-22, 1:00-4:00 pm
 - ♦ **Theater Camp** (rising 5th-8th) - June 19-23, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 - ♦ **Shore Fun Beach Camp** (rising 1st-2nd) - June 19-22, 9:00 am-12:00 pm*
 - ♦ **Summer Dance Camp** (rising 3rd-6th) - July 10-13, 9:00 am-12:00 pm*
- *optional early drop off

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 1** Field Day (K-8)
Early Release, 1:00 pm
- June 2** Ending Chapel, 10:00 am
Last Day of School - Happy Summer!



Eighth graders travel on a sentimental journey to our nation's capital as they reflect on their time together at RLS!



Resurrection Lutheran School

Robert Unger
Interim Principal

Rosie Creasy
Director of Admissions/
School Growth

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Soaring to New Heights

Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

(Isaiah 40:31 NIV)

Mission:
Resurrection Lutheran School is committed to educating generations of children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Because of this commitment, we will provide a Lutheran educational experience that is Christ-centered, as well as academically focused for children in junior kindergarten through eighth grade.



LIVE STREAM

**Join us online for worship live
Sundays at 8:00 am and 11:00 am!**

Connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC

or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Missed the live service?

Watch the worship services
on our YouTube channel at any time.



LEARN MORE

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Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke, Senior Pastor
Rev. Zachery Sarrault, Associate Pastor
Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to our congregation.
Here are the different ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate as you enter worship
- Mail to 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
- Online through our church website at rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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