

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 2, 2023



Pastor's Corner for July 2-8

A Different Motivation (Romans 7:1-13)

Who needs “bombs bursting in air” from the Star-Spangled Banner... who needs the explosive magic of fireworks on July 4th when you have a room full of excited kiddos during Vacation Bible School week? It was such a blast to be in the room and hear EVERYONE shouting about shining Jesus' light... I almost expected the Family Life Center was going to levitate! (So grateful for Kelsey Sarrault and her team of helpers!) It's a reminder that as important and fun as the festivities we enjoy over

this Independence Day weekend might be, our true independence from the darkness of sin and the burden of the Law shows us how belonging to Jesus is really worth shouting about.

In one of our appointed texts this weekend, Paul talks about how his readers no longer belong to the Law, but to Christ. It's not that God's laws ("you shall have no other gods," "keep the Sabbath day," "honor your father and mother") aren't good or important. They are. It's just that, in the life of the Christian, they're not the primary motivation for how life is lived.

When I was a 2nd-grader at Luther Memorial School in Richmond, Virginia, I remember this red switch on the wall that said, "Pull Down... Fire Alarm." There was another notice posted nearby that said, "do not pull down, except in an emergency!" Funny thing about rules: I don't think I'd ever have noticed the fire alarm switch or considered messing with it without that "do not pull down" sign. In fact, if you were a kid like me with a wandering mind, that's where it seemed your mind would inevitably go. "No trespassing" and other signs like it are necessary. But sometimes they get us to thinking "what's so interesting about the grass on the other side of the sign that I CAN'T go for a walk over there?" As St. Paul says, the Law shows us our sins but can't give us life. A life motivated merely by following the rules will only lead to either pride or despair. Ultimately, there is no life found there.

In Christ, you and I have a different motivation. We have been set free from the rule of sin and guilt and enlivened with the gift of God's Spirit to live out the love of Christ we've each received. This week we begin a new sermon series on the Kingdom of God: "Thy Kingdom Come." As we celebrate the freedoms our nation was founded upon, let's give thanks that we are also members of God's Kingdom... freed to live as beloved servants of our Living Lord Jesus!

Children and Family Ministry Director Erika Hulse Moves to Expanded Role in July



Our DCE (Director of Christian Education) Call Committee, led by RLC member Dan Shaltanis, labored faithfully last year and early into 2023 to create a list of candidates for our congregation to consider for a divine call. The DCE was to be a full-time position tasked with serving RLC children and their families. However, when it became apparent that the candidates for consideration were unavailable to serve at RLC for a variety of their own personal reasons, we realized that God was leading us in a different direction. No longer pursuing a called DCE position, RLC leadership chose instead to pursue an internal hire for an expanded role of the Children and Family Ministry Director. Starting in mid-July, our current Children and Family Ministry Director Erika Hulse will be moving into this expanded role. We are grateful for Erika's leadership in overseeing and organizing events and Sunday School activities for RLC children and their families last year. Her many years of experience as a teacher and love for God and God's children make her a valuable addition to the RLC ministry team as we seek to reach out to the families of our community and point them to the love of Christ.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

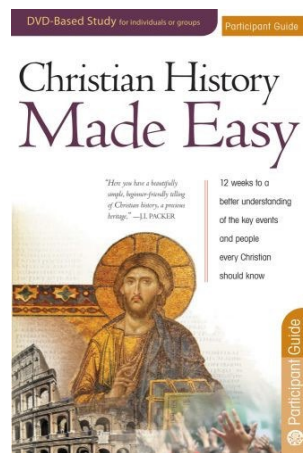
Prayers of the Church

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 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. Make plans to attend the Saturday night service or one on Sunday at 8:00 am or 11:00 am, and come and join us!



Christmas in July

Christmas in July is coming again for 2023! The Christmas trees are located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the Lobby of the Family Life Center from **July 1-30**.

Each tree has numerous ornament “tags”. Take a tag and return it to the tree with the requested item next time you are at church. No need to wrap them!

This year our gifts will benefit Green Chair Project (thegreenchair.org) and Families Together (famielstogethernc.org). These two organizations work to house homeless families in Wake County.

The Green Chair Project has asked for Healthy Home Bundles which consist of:

- Small Trash Can or Bucket or Laundry Basket
- One Roll of Toilet Paper
- One Roll of Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Pack of Sponges
- Antibacterial Spray or Wipes
- Glass Cleaner Spray

Place all the items in the can, bucket, or laundry basket and return to the Christmas tree. (The tree tag will have this list on it.)



Are you 18-30 years old, with no kids? Do you love Jesus?
Then join us for a new time of fellowship around God's Word!

We will get together on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 pm** to look into God's Word and the challenges that come from this life-giving, life-changing

Word!

Contact Pastor Zach (zach.sarrault@rlcary.org) or Elliot Lubak with any questions and for the location of the **July 5** gathering.

Adult Game Night

Sunday, July 9

Looking for a night of fun and fellowship?

Like to play board/card games?

Join us for Adult Game Night!

When: 2nd Sunday from 5:00-9:30 pm

Where: Room 240, Family Life Center

Bring something to share if you can and join us!

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

Men's Ministry

Join us for a casual outing at V Pizza (1389 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary, near Trader Joes)! We will gather on **Wednesday, July 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm**. No agenda, just food and friendship. You do not have to eat at V Pizza to attend this event. All men are invited.

Note:

Bagel Bunch meets at Java Jive, across from the church, on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am.

There will be no July Men's Breakfast.

Enjoy your summer!

Tom Gebbia (mens-ministry@rlcary.org)

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, July 14

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in June! Thanks to Elliot Lubak and his group for great music. 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. In the summer, we have less volunteers - please help!

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

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, July 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm** in the Family Life Center gym. We will have the *Wake Christian Academy Jazz Ensemble* again perform for us!

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



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.

Children and Family Ministry

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

We would love to have you join our team!

There are many ways to serve in Children's Ministry. We are in need of teachers, teacher helpers, substitute teachers and behind the scenes helpers. Our Children's Ministry Director, Erika Hulse, is available to discuss ways you can help and make an impact in the lives of our youngest members.



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director
erika.hulse@rlcary.org

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

From **June 18-23**, our Middle School youth traveled with the YouthWorks program to Rutherford County, North Carolina right in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. This area is both a beautiful travel destination and a struggling manufacturing area that struggles with food insecurity, homelessness, drugs, and parents looking for safe spaces for their children while they work. We worked alongside organizations like the Salvation Army, YMCA, the local Community Garden and Food Banks, to build relationships with community members and learn how we can use our hands to do Jesus' work throughout Rutherford County.

Our RLC group of 7 youth and 3 adult leaders were immersed in devotions, serving at our sleeping location, serving the community, and coming together in both our small group and our larger group to give praise each night for the amazing work God is doing within Rutherford County.

[Take a look at our video!](#)



**Middle School Mission Trip
June 18-23**



Rutherford County, North Carolina

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director

jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



Resurrection Lutheran **PRESCHOOL** Enrolling **NOW** for **2023-24**

Around
\$23
for a **3-4**
hour **day**
of
preschool
includes:

+Classes for children 2-years-old thru 5-years-old+

- * Co-Teaching Teams develop a 'learning through play' environment
- * Developmentally age-appropriate, hands-on, child-centered experiences
- * Balance of social/academic opportunities
- * Experienced, nurturing, dedicated Staff
- * Average of over 10 years staffing stability
- * Weekly **Chapel & Music/Movement** for all ages
- * Weekly **Science** for 4's & T-K
- * Partnership with families to provide a top-quality program
- * A loving Christian atmosphere



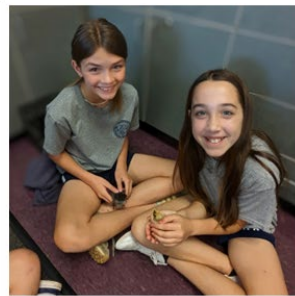
Drive-Up Drop-Off/Pick-Up (for All ages)

To ENROLL or schedule a Tour- email office@rlpcary.org or call **919.851.7270**

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

Resurrection Lutheran School

Baby chicks, hatched in 2nd grade,
ready to begin their egg laying career!
Fifth graders had a chance to meet them first.



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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

Latest Lion's Tale



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.

Visual Faith

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – July 2, 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, Kathy Siemon, Scott Brinkley, *Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Judy Dean, Bob, Michael Murphy, Greta Nelson, Marina de Moura Torres

For Expectant Moms

Brianne Kibler, *Brittany McGrady, Katie Wozniak

Those Prayed for on June 25, 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
- Vacation Bible School Volunteers, Leaders, and Children
- Middle School Mission Trip Participants and Leaders
- Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Convention in Milwaukee, June 22-25,
Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of LWML
- *Mindy Stephani, Healing of Left Eye

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

- *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
- Rebecca Jean Tharp, Recovery, Granddaughter of *Kay and *Alan Tharp
- Baby Jonah
- Pat, Patsy, Bill, Ruthie, Kenny, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Mark, Keith, Kevin, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Marina, Kent, Stuart, Valter, Greta, Ken, Harold, Donald, Judy, Debbie, Corey, Kris, Emily

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Linda Hooper, Sister-In-Law of *Ken and *Diane Hooper

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 for All Traveling This Summer
- 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
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, Especially Dave
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Staffing Needs at Resurrection Lutheran School, Resurrection Lutheran Preschool
- Lena
- LWML New Mite Goal and New Officers
- People Suffering from Mental Illness
- Healthy Pregnancies

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
- *Erika Hulse, Preparing for Mission Trip to Poland

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and *Megan Mantey, Kenya
[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 6/30/23

Attendance and Giving – July 2, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, June 24

6:00 pm - 60

Sunday, June 25

8:00 am - 56; 9:30 am - 130; 11:00 am - 94

Total In-Person Worship: 340

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, June 25

8:00 am - 103; 11:00 am - *no live stream due to loss of power*

Total Online Views: 103 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - May 2023

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 102,634.09	\$ 1,183,267.03
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 110,818.75</u>	<u>\$ 1,201,034.92</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -8,184.66	\$ -17,767.89

This Week's Offerings: \$19,338.99

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$24,651.40

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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