

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 2023



Pastor's Corner for July 9-15

Who needs "For I desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." (Romans 7:18b)

I'm sure there are more times than we care to admit when this is the refrain of our lives. With Paul, we may see the sin in the world or the sin in our lives, wanting to do something about it, while having no idea what to do. We may be stuck in an addiction or habit that we gave up trying to fight long ago. There may be a family member or friend that is in cycle of self-harm and you're at a loss for how to help. You may look at our community and country, wondering how we got here, finding yourself drowning in fear and anger, desiring to do something good, anything to benefit others, but knowing that you cannot do it on your own.

It's a lonely place to be, wanting to do good, but not able to live it out the way that God calls us to. That's the inner struggle Paul speaks to in his letter to the Romans. It's the struggle that God's people have been fighting against since Adam and Eve. Even our first parents wanted to do what was right when they ate the fruit. They thought that it was the right choice, even though they were lied into a state of misplaced desires. So, where do we go when we are stuck in this lonely, sometimes dark and stagnant middle ground between desire for good and our own inability to do the good?

First, we need to define what is truly good and right. The only place where we can know and find what is truly good and right is in the Word of God. In God's Word, breathed into our hearts in baptism, worked into our lives by the Spirit, we see what God's desires are for our lives and for all of His creation. We must be continually in God's Word for our desires to align with His and for God to then use us in the places He intentionally puts us. It is in God's Word that we find what God wants for the world, mainly for "all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

Second, we need to be reminded of God's promises. This too is found in God's Word, as well as being the habitual prayer of our hearts. When we are continually reminded of God's promises, our desires are focused on the Kingdom to come and living out God's Kingdom work here. When we are focused on God's promises and desires, we are reminded of what is to come, and when that is in the forefront of our hearts and minds, we see that we are a part of something so much bigger than ourselves.

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He...Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double." (Zechariah 9:9, 12)

With the proper understanding of what is good and right according to God's Word and the promise of God's Kingdom inheritance for us, at work now, we are strengthened with God's ability to do what is right. It is not our own strength, not

our own wisdom, not our own understanding, not our own will or desire at work within us, but that of our Savior working in you as His Kingdom people.

At Vacation Bible School, we saw God's Kingdom at work among His people as they lived out the desires of God, shining His light into the lives of 170+ kids and their families. We cannot say "thank you" enough to all of you that served God's church at VBS!

For those with the "desire to do what is right" but not sure where to start, take a tag off of one of our Christmas trees during the month of July. Christmas in July is a great way to live out God's Kingdom work this summer!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

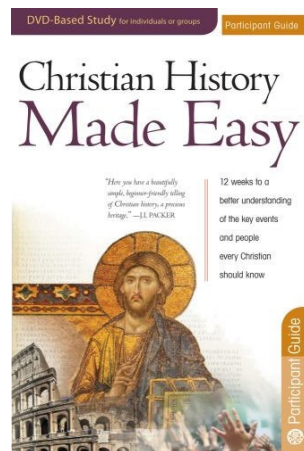


Summer Adult Christian Ed Class

Yes, we have a summertime Sunday School for adults again. The class is held **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am from June 11-August 27** in the Fellowship Hall. The 12-week program is titled, *Christian History Made Easy*.

During the class, we 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 is featured in each class.

There are two study guides for the class and we ask for a donation of \$10. Led by Mindy Stephani 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 here 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 (famieliestogethernc.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.)

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).





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 19** gathering.

Food and Fellowship for the Blind

We thank all of our faithful volunteers who helped again to make our last meal and time of fellowship with our blind and visually impaired guests such an amazing evening!

We will meet again on **Friday, July 28 from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

We appreciate anyone who would like to come and help! Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy or the church office (919-851-7248, 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.

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



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.

Visual Faith

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – July 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 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 July 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
- Vacation Bible School Volunteers, Leaders, Especially Kelsey and Team,
as They Shared the Light of Christ to over 170 Children This Week
- Middle School Mission Trip Participants and Leaders
- Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Convention in Milwaukee, June 22-25, Celebrating the
80th Anniversary of LWML, and Their New Mission Goal and Newly Elected Officers
- *Mindy Stephani, Total Healing of Left Eye
- Blessings for Our RLC Blind Ministry Guests Who Will Gather on Friday, June 30
- Blessings for the Work of the Local Charities RLC Has Selected for Our Christmas in July
Collection, Families Together and The Green Chair Project
- Answered Prayers
- Deb Oesterling and Her Years of Service at RLC

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
- Evelyn Bloom, Recovering From Fall
- *Virginia Koren, Broken Hip During Trip Out of Town
- *Hope Studt, Recent Surgery
- *Jim Bowen, Sr., Recent Surgery
- Patricia, Patti, Alex, Molly, Eve, Bill, Ruthie, Hope, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Mark, Timmy, Kevin, Keith, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Hope, Jadis, Mitch, Kent, Debbie, Charlie, Lee, Marina, Harold, Ken, Donald, Eric, Mara, Connie, Sue, Karen, Marti, Kriss

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Linda Hooper, Sister-In-Law of *Ken and *Diane Hooper
- Friends and Family of Barb Pohl, Friend of *Bob and *MaryAnn Unger
- Friends and Family of Joseph Buckner, Father of *Kenn Buckner

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 and Families in Turmoil
- 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
- For the Lost, That They Seek Jesus
- Wednesday Night Workshop Planning, Education, and Fellowship

- Families Struggling
- Thompson Family, Tom's Memorial Service
- Ayden's Safety
- Rain in Canada
- Maita Family, LCMS Puerto Rico Missionaries
- To All Those Who Risk Their Lives in the Name of Freedom

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, July 31-August 14
- Our Country

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.*

Attendance and Giving – July 9, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, July 1

6:00 pm - 52

Sunday, July 2

8:00 am - 71; 9:30 am - 114; 11:00 am - 103

Total In-Person Worship: 340

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, July 2

8:00 am - 90; 11:00 am - 58

Total Online Views: 148 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: \$21,572.20

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 enter the 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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