

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2023



Pastor's Corner for July 23-29

Endurance athletes amaze me.

No matter what the event may be, swimming, biking, running, or any other endurance event, I find it so incredible that people would be willing to put their bodies and minds through such pain. When an endurance athlete is asked what gets them through the event, they often answer, "the finish line." When you think about it, that is a pretty silly answer when the reality is, they are the ones that put themselves at the start line!

Life may feel like an endurance race at times, the biggest difference between you and I and other endurance athletes is that we didn't put ourselves at the start line.

We were given this life as a gift from God, but it can be a pretty hard life at times. We all have struggles that we may face. Struggles that could cause us to doubt our faith or God's credibility. Struggles that can cause us to treat others poorly, look with hate upon those that God has given to us for His purposes. Struggles that may cause us to hate ourselves and question our place on this earth. These struggles may fade from time to time, but for many of us, the only guarantee we may feel is that the struggles will always come back.

This world can be hard to slog through at times. During an endurance event, there always comes a time when you "hit a wall." It's that time in the race that your body is doing everything it can to tell you to stop. There is pain and regret that causes many athletes to hobble to the side of the course, sit down, and never get back up. If you have the mental capacity to face the struggle, and keep moving through the wall, you know that you can finish the race and reach the celebration that is waiting at the end.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18)

As Christians, we are the only people on this earth that know what is coming. For those who believe, there is an eternal glory bursting at the seams in anticipation for the day that we arrive at the finish line! Knowing what God has for you in the future and what He does for you now (Romans 8:26), we are equipped with the mental capacity to endure what God has placed before us. We are not people without hope, but we have the living hope that leads to life everlasting (Romans 8:23-25). And in this hope, we are spurred on to share this finish line joy with others so that more and more may know with confidence the glory waiting to be revealed to the children of God.

If you would like to celebrate with a sister in the faith who has endured well, faithfully awaiting the glory to be revealed, here is an opportunity to share in the joy of God's gift of life...

Millie Hiteshew joined Resurrection in 2006 after relocating to Glenaire from Chesapeake, Virginia. She loved singing in the choir for many years. In the last

couple years, she's not been able to get to church but she does appreciate all those who have stayed in touch and also having communion brought to her. Millie will be 95 on July 31 and her family would like to invite anyone who knows her to drop-in for a quick birthday greeting event at Glenaire (main entrance at 4000 Glenaire Circle) anytime between 4 and 5 pm on Friday, July 28.

I'll see you at Millie's as we celebrate the enduring presence of our God!

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 (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.)

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).



No Taize in July!

We will use the regular format of worship for the Saturday, July 29, 6:00 pm service.

J.P. and Aimee Cima

Serving the Lord in the Kingdom of Cambodia



J.P. and Aimee, along with their children (Celeste, Bella, and Isaac), have served in southeast Asia for more than 15 years, currently in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. J.P. serves the Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC), a growing collection of Lutheran congregations. J.P. travels throughout Cambodia to equip and empower the leaders of the CLC with informal mentorship and formal theological education, that they

might boldly announce and demonstrate the Gospel to the people of Cambodia. Aimee serves as the Mercy Manager for the Asia region. She supports the other personnel serving in this region and works with local church partners to coordinate mercy work.

Mark your calendars! J.P. Cima and family will be here at Resurrection the weekend of July 29/30 and will host a Mission and Ministry Presentation on **Sunday, July 30 at 9:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend!

• **YOUNG FAMILIES** •
gathering



Backyard fun and hot dogs! We will meet on **Sunday, July 30 at 4:00 pm**. Elliot and Holly Canupp will be hosting this time at their house (1404 Leanne Ct., Raleigh, NC 27606).

If anyone would like to bring sides or sweets, please include that in your RSVP to Holly Canupp or Pastor Zach at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org.

The graphic features a light blue background. At the top left, the text reads "Erika Hulse, Mission Trip July 31 - August 14". To the right, "Poland Mission Trip" is written in large teal letters, with "LCMS Short Term Missions" in smaller purple text below it. A cartoon character of a woman with glasses and a green shirt waves from the top right. In the center is a white rounded rectangle with a purple border containing the text "JESUS FREES US" and a stick figure with arms raised. Below this are the words "Forgive", "Trust", "Live", "Praise", and "Mercy". To the left is a map of Poland with a teal arrow pointing to the location of the mission. To the right is a photograph of a modern church building. At the bottom center, the text "Parafia Ewangelicko-Augsburska Bładnice" is displayed.

Volunteer Opportunities

WakeMed-Cary is recruiting community volunteers who sew, crochet, or knit to make comfort items for the patients. Handmade items requested are blankets, hats, huggables, and quilts. The patients truly love the items they receive. Learn more at wakemed.org/volunteer/community-sewing-volunteer.

If interested in working within a small group at Resurrection to help provide these items, reach out to Linda Merrill for The Piecemakers or Betsy Moll for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Also feel free to stop by when they are meeting!

The Piecemakers, RLC's quilting group, meets every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center. The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:00-5:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.

WakeMed-Cary has in-hospital volunteer opportunities as well. Contact Suzanne Regan, Volunteer Services Representative - Cary, directly.

Questions? Contact the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org) and we will point you in the right direction.

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, August 11

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in July! Thanks to Elliot Lubak for playing CDs 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. In the summer, we have less volunteers - please help!

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

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, August 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm** in the Family Life Center gym. We will have the *Wake Christian Academy Jazz Ensemble* perform for us again!

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



Contact: Erika Hulse

erika.hulse@rlcary.org

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

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

On **July 16-21**, our High School Youth travelled to Savannah, Georgia through the YouthWorks program and participated in a weeklong Mission Trip. Due to the health epidemics and trips to the National Youth Gathering, this was our first Mission Trip in 5 years. So grateful for this opportunity and doing God's work with our hands!

Over 20% of Savannah's population lives below the poverty line with rises in homelessness and lack of affordable housing options. We partnered with missions like Union Mission (working to eliminate homelessness), Salvation Army, helped community members through minor home repair projects to make their homes safe, and other community organizations getting food to those in need. As our own group has felt the effects of the Covid epidemic, this community has also been severely impacted.

Our group of 8 youth and 3 adult leaders have arrived home safely. Thank you for all the prayers!

A special thank you to Harrison Hulse for devoting his time and talents developing activities and devotions with me to bring a really special opportunity to the HS RLC Youth. Thank you to Heather Burgiss for taking a week to spend with our youth to form deeper relationships within our group and with our community.



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



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 23, 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, 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 16, 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
- Healing for Baby Jonah
- Andrew and Katie's Wedding
- Marcus

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, Upcoming Surgery
- *Greta Nelson
- Shannon, Friend of *Katy Johnson
- Paul Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- Mary Ann Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- *Ginny Koren
- *Hope Studt
- Julie Wozniak, Recovery
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- James, Alice, Trevor, Sarah, Barbara, Jadis, Sue, Stuart, Paul, Mary Ann, Marina, Wanda, Liz, Kent, Kay, Matt, Bruce, Ken, Donald, Eric, Mara, Connie, Karen, Marti, Alice, Brian, Eva, Kris, Bill

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Joseph Buckner, Father of *Kenn Buckner
- Friends and Family of the Gegel's Whose Son Drowned This Week, Friends of *Bob and *MaryAnn Unger
- Friends and Family of Marta LaCroix, Sister of *Tim and *Karol LaCroix
- Friends and Family of Amy Watters, Cousin of *Linda Crandall
- Friends and Family of Houston Williams, Uncle of *Terri Nance

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
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Family Transitions, Especially College Students and Their Families

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

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**

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Attendance and Giving – July 23, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, July 15

6:00 pm - 57

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am - 65; 9:30 am - 131; 11:00 am - 78

Total In-Person Worship: 331

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am - 116; 11:00 am - 40

Total Online Views: 156 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - June 2023

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 91,526.83	\$ 1,274,793.86
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 123,726.43</u>	<u>\$ 1,324,711.39</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -32,199.60	\$ -49,917.53

This Week's Offerings: \$24,390.02

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$24,515.26

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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