

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 2023



Pastor's Corner for July 30-August 5

Thanksgiving in July (Romans 8:28-39)

Hailey Bartholomew is a young woman featured a few years back in a TED talk. (You can Google her name and discover a blog she initiated: [365grateful](http://365grateful.com).) She describes herself as someone once “lost” and feeling stuck on a treadmill. She was married to a good man and had beautiful, healthy children. Why was she feeling so down? It was hard to explain. So Hailey sought the counsel of a person who advised her to spend a little time each day reflecting on something for which she was grateful. Every day, Hailey took a photograph of something she was thankful for. She discovered it changed her life! She’d thought of her husband as unromantic until the day she took a picture of him serving dinner. She noticed for the first time the largest portion of pie was on HER plate! She realized that getting the largest portion was one small but profound way her husband showed his care for her. Though she found mothering a “boring job,” she took photos of her children and

discovered how much joy and wonder there was in her world. By the simple action of looking for and celebrating small reasons to be grateful, Hailey found herself lifted out of that feeling of being “stuck.” She started to thrive.

Last week, St. Paul described the inward “groaning” that accompanies life in the real world. This week, St. Paul lists the things that may cause us to groan... tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, violence. Insert your own downer to this list! Then take a look at it. Nothing... none of it, Paul says, can separate us from the love of God which is ours in Christ Jesus. After all: “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” We’ll never stop groaning. But our God knows a thing or two about suffering. More importantly, God’s Son who has truly suffered in our place and is victorious over sin and death... is now living, and thriving, in our hearts. Our gracious God has given us what truly matters! He still preserves us and takes care of us. Let’s give thanks for what we have today... confident that in our crucified and risen Jesus, we are “more than conquerors.” Think of it as... Thanksgiving in July!

Join Us as We Welcome the Cima Family to RLC, July 30

Members and friends of Resurrection are invited to gather at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, July 30, as we welcome the Cima family (J. P., Aimee, Celeste, Isabella, and Isaac) to share a little about what God is doing in Cambodia and throughout Asia. The Cimas will also be available before and after all services that weekend. I invite you all to greet them warmly and encourage them in their work.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

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.

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!



***No class this week
due to the Mission and Ministry Presentation!***
Summer Adult Christian Ed Class

This summertime Sunday School for adults is held **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am from June 11-August 27** in the Fellowship Hall. The 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!

Last Sunday to bring in items!



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.)

• 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).

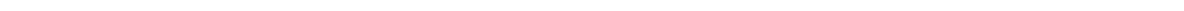
If anyone would like to bring sides or sweets, please include that in your RSVP to Holly Canupp or Pastor Zach at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org.

A promotional graphic for a mission trip. At the top, it says "Poland Mission Trip" in large teal letters, with "LCMS Short Term Missions" in smaller purple text below it. On the left, it lists "Erika Hulse, Mission Trip" and "July 31 - August 14". In the center is a white rounded rectangle with a purple border containing the text "JESUS FREES US" in large letters, with "Forgive", "Trust", "Live", "Praise", and "Mercy" arranged around a central figure of a person with arms raised. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a woman with glasses and a green shirt. Below the central graphic is a map of Poland with a green arrow pointing to a specific location, and a photograph of a white church building. At the bottom, it says "Parafia Ewangelicko-Augsburska Bładnice" in teal text.

Poland Mission Trip
LCMS Short Term Missions
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JESUS FREES US
Forgive Trust Live Praise Mercy

Parafia Ewangelicko-Augsburska Bładnice





Don Morrow and Deb Oesterling

invite you to celebrate with them as they unite in marriage

Friday, August 4, 2023

Saving Grace Lutheran Church, Queen Creek, Arizona

Pastor Timothy Lawson, Officiating

Wedding Livestream, 7:00 pm (EST)

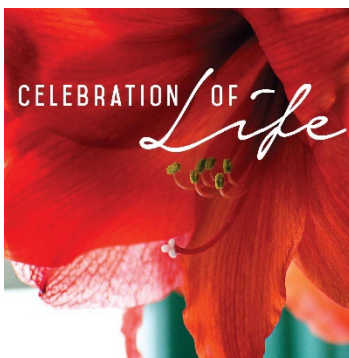
savinggracelc.online.church

[Wedding Bulletin](#)

Ceremony recording will be available at this link through August 11, 2023:

savinggracelc.org/wedding

The couple's new address is
6202 E. McKellips Road, Unit 113
Mesa, AZ 85215



A Memorial Service for our sister in Christ,
Randi Munns
to be held at Resurrection on Saturday, August 5 at 11:00 am.

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.
Our prayers are with her husband, Barry, and their family at this time.

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).



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.

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

Thank you so much, RLC, for your prayers and well wishes on our Youth Mission Trips this summer! We had two successful trips where we learned to respectfully serve in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Rutherford County, North Carolina and the community of Savannah, Georgia.

The Youth involved took part in morning devotions, service work from 9:00 am-3:00 pm, meal prep, community exploration, and every night ended with praise and worship plus devotional church group time. It is a packed day and at the end of the week, we took part in a very special foot washing ceremony.

Want to hear more? Just ask us! We are so excited to tell of our experiences. You can also check out our reels and follow us on our Instagram - **@youthatrlc!**

Middle School Blue Ridge Group:

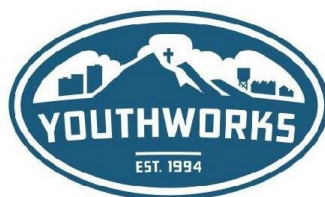
Sophia, Katy, Katie, Mary, Josh, Jonah, Wyatt

With a special thanks to adult leaders, Harrison and LeAnn!

High School Savannah Group:

Paul, Ben, Blake, Cooper, Grant, Allison, Lauryn, Abby

With a special thanks to adult leaders, Harrison and Heather!



Christ-Centered Mission Trips

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



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

Resurrection Lutheran Church 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
rlcary.org | 919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

Prayers of the Church – July 30, 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 23, 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, July 22
- High School Mission Trip, July 16-21, Savannah, Georgia

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, Recovery
- *Greta Nelson
- Shannon, Friend of *Katy Johnson
- Paul Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- Mary Ann Wozniak, Cancer Treatment
- Julie Wozniak, Recovery
- *Ginny Koren
- *Hope Studt
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- Trevor Pocock, Recovery
- Diane, Upcoming Surgery, Calm and Confidence

For Comfort

- 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**

Updated 7/28/23

Attendance and Giving – July 30, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, July 22

6:00 pm - 41

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am - 51; 9:30 am - 153; 11:00 am - 117

Total In-Person Worship: 362

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am - 79; 11:00 am - 42

Total Online Views: 121 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: \$18,668.47

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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