



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2023

From the Pastor

One Spirit, One Mind

(Philippians 2:2)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Life Together is one of my favorite books. The encouragement for individual members of the faith community to live in love for one another is so needed for people of every generation... but especially so today. And much of that message in Bonhoeffer’s book is captured in quotable quotes! Here is one of many: “The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community.”

It’s easy to identify all that is wrong with the world...where community is often based on what folks appear to hold in common or claim to have accomplished. And it’s easy to critique the church too, where everything is supposed to work differently! Yet despite our own status as sinners, God is at work not only to join us to Himself but as One who is present in and among us, to bring us into renewed relationships with one another. Bonhoeffer summarizes and distills into quotable

quotes the larger message St. Paul communicates in his letter to the Philippians: “If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy



complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind” (Phil 2:1-2).

That “one spirit, one mind” we are called to share because of Christ Jesus is our focus this month at RLC. Resurrection Lutheran School, Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, and Resurrection Lutheran Church

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:

- Munns Memorial.....Aug 5
Veterans Lunch.....Aug 9
Coffeehouse .....Aug 11
Men’s Breakfast.....Aug 12
Adult Games .....Aug 13
Church Council.....Aug 15
Young Adults.....Aug 16
Blessing Learners.....Aug 19/20
RLS First Day.....Aug 22
Men’s Fellowship.....Aug 23
Blind Ministry.....Aug 25
Student Ministry.....Aug 27

# Sunday Morning Adult Ed

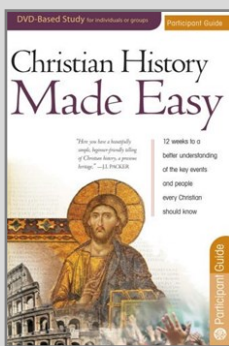
## Christian History Made Easy

Class is held on **Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am from June 11-August 27** in the Fellowship Hall. This program is titled, *Christian History Made Easy*.

During class, we explore the people, places, and rulers who were notable for the Christian faith over 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. 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. Come and join us!

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



are all using “one spirit, one mind” as our theme for the 2023-2024 school year. Moreover, Pastor Zach and I will be shining the light on that topic during our August summer series on the book of Romans and “the family of faith” that is presented in Romans 9-12. It is all in line with our congregational values focus on Christian relationships for 2023-2024: “We believe the Church is a community of believers gathered by the Spirit to live out our faith in Christ with one another.”

All of which is a nice segue to alert you to our fellowship focus for the fall. Starting September 6, we look forward to a robust schedule of Wednesday Night Workshop (WNW) offerings. RLC’s Fellowship Committee is working hard to ramp up weekly meals for all, beginning at 5 PM each WNW night. If you’d like to help too, feel free to contact the church office. Be on the lookout for meal signups/RSVPs to be published online in the weeks ahead! We also look forward to providing fellowship opportunities, meaningful group time, Bible studies, and musical ensemble rehearsal times for all members of the family. You won’t want to miss the opportunity to be a part of it all. We hope and pray that not only will you find a place to dive in yourself... you might actually bring along an interested friend or family member, too! Hope to see you there.

In peace and joy,  
Pastor Jonathan

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## 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](mailto: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.*

*From the Pastor*

## Associate Pastor's News

Can you believe it's already August? It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating graduates, getting ready for VBS, and planning vacations. Now we are buying school supplies, rescheduling calendars, and planning carpools. It is hard to believe that we are starting a new school year right in the face. But a new school year always brings a certain sense of joyful anticipation. Similar to a new calendar year, we have another opportunity for a new start.

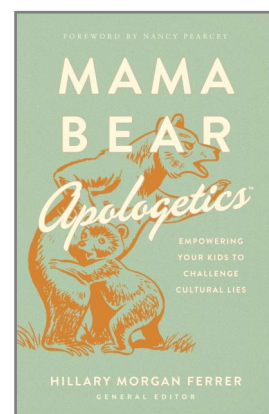
So, what will be different for you this year? Any new goals, excitements, or fears? There may be plenty to worry about as your kids or grandkids journey off to a new year. Will they be safe? Will they be taught well? Will they forget what I've taught them over the summer? In what ways will they change between now and springtime? Will they hold tight to God's truth and love this year?

There are many different thoughts that can run through the minds of a parent as you send your kids to a new school year, many of them may not be any different from any other season of life. Above all, we hope that they will be loved and love others well. As parents, we are always searching for ways to faithfully guide our kids in the truth and love of God in the face of an ever-changing world. It is my prayer that you parents keep your church in mind as you face the challenges of parenting.

Though I may lack experience (Sophia turns 1 this month!), I will always listen, pray, and walk with you in your Christian parenting. And, while I lack experience, I have listened to many other Christian parents and have some resources that could be helpful to all of us growing parents.

Your church also wants to walk alongside you this school year, which is why, starting in early September, Erika Hulse (real parenting experience!) and I will be co-leading a Christian parenting class. We will be walking through a book titled, *Mama Bear Apologetics*, (dads, this is for you too) that tackles some tough questions that Christian parents may face today, interpreting these questions Biblically and faithful to God's truth.

If you are a parent and are interested or know of a parent who may be interested, reach out to me or Erika Hulse ([zach.sarrault@rlcary.org](mailto:zach.sarrault@rlcary.org), [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)) for more information. In the meantime, here is a link to the Mama Bear website ([Mama Bear Apologetics | Train Yourself. Equip Your Kids](#)) that has many good resources for parents who desire to walk with their kids in the faith.



Your brother in Christ (and struggling parent),  
Pastor Zach Sarrault

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### *Small Groups*

## Adult Game Night

Looking for a night of fun and fellowship? Like to play board/card games?

Join us for Adult Game Night on the 2nd Sunday of each month!

We will meet on **Sunday, August 13** from 5:00-9:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.

Questions? Contact Sandy Wuori or Ben Wuori through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

## *Adult Christian Education*

# Upcoming Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

### Monday

#### **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**

Join us in person for *God's Provision in a Wilderness World* by Lindsay Hausch on **Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm** in Room 151, Family Life Center, from September 11-October 30. An eight-week Bible study that explores sections of the Book of Exodus and applies them to the here and now, for readers on their own journey through their own wilderness. Readers are left with the message that despite life circumstances, despite the readers' own wildernesses that are out of their control and difficult, God will deliver them from their wilderness.

We will also have a Zoom group available at the same time on Monday evenings. Books are available through christianbook.com, cph.org, or Amazon (Kindle version available too). Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

#### **Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship**

Men gather for fellowship, study, and small group discussion on **Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm** in Room 240, Family Life Center. This weekly fellowship and study runs September through May. All men welcome! Contact Tom Gebbia at [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org) or join the Men's Ministry group through RCB.

### Tuesday

#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship**

We study the coming Sunday Scripture lessons from **10:30-11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall, September-May, with Pastor Jonathan Blanke and Pastor Zach Sarrault. God gives His Word to instruct, guide, and bless our lives. Scripture lessons in worship offer a menu every week to build up the people of God in faith and hope.

### Wednesday

#### ***Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears***

Join us for a book study on Mama Bear Apologetics! **We will offer 2 identical sessions each week on Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center, beginning September 5 and 6.**

Learn how to raise kids who think critically, love Biblically, and stand firm against the cultural tide. This book study will equip you to teach your kids how to affirm Biblical beliefs about what is true and what is false. Through transparent life stories and clear, practical applications— including prayer strategies— these Mama Bears offer you tools to train yourself, so you can turn around and train your kids.

You will need to purchase the Mama Bear Apologetics book. You will want to attend if you have your own children or grandchildren, want to have children one day, or interact with children on a regular basis- anyone that has an intentional relationship with kids is encouraged to join us. Led by Pastor Zach Sarrault and Erika Hulse.

*Additional Wednesday evening classes will be announced in the coming weeks.*

## Men's Ministry

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Men's Breakfast** returns on Saturday, August 12 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come gather for fellowship, food, and message. Bring a friend, neighbor, or fellow member.

Our **August Summer Fellowship Series** will be on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm. It was suggested we try the food at BJ's Brewhouse in Cary. Bring a friend, neighbor, or fellow member.

The **Bagel Bunch** continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am at Java Jive, across Kildaire Farm from the church.

Looking ahead... **Men with Kids** during Wednesday Night Workshop will begin on September 6 and the **Men's Ministry Weekly Study and Fellowship** will start again on Monday, September 11.

Contact Tom Gebbia or [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

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## Wednesday Night Workshop

### Weekly Dinners

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce the return of **Wednesday Night Dinners from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Gym starting September 6**. Begin with a delightful dinner, then stay for a variety of activities, including adult Christian ed classes, confirmation, youth events, and music ministry rehearsals.

Our dinners are thoughtfully prepared, catering to all ages with a kid friendly, buffet-style setup. We will have a fantastic vegetarian option available upon request. Plus, a delectable dessert to satisfy your sweet tooth. An excellent opportunity to bond with family and friends over a sit-down meal!

In the upcoming weeks, we will begin to collect RSVPs through the church website and provide an online sign up for volunteers interested in helping with set up, serving, and cleaning. We also welcome individuals or groups who would like to contribute to preparing the food. Look for details in the weekly announcements.

Questions? Contact Kim Simpson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)). We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

### On The Go Podcast Hits 200!

LWML On The Go - the official podcast of Lutheran Women in Mission hit a milestone on Wednesday, July 12. This **200th episode** is hosted by President Eden Keefe and her daughter, Alli Bauck. They share a little history about the podcast and a new devotion Titled, [Change](#) by Mary Smith.

You can [listen](#) on the LWML App under Podcast or use your favorite podcast app.



## Outreach Service to the Community

### Food and Fellowship for the Blind

Resurrection offers a monthly social event specifically designed for the visually impaired. This gathering provides an opportunity for visually impaired individuals to come together for dinner, devotion, prayer, and fellowship. Our talented musicians provide musical entertainment, creating a vibrant atmosphere. The purpose of these events is to foster friendship, support, and the sharing of Jesus' love. They also provide a safe environment for the visually impaired to go out at night. These social events take place on the **last Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Our dedicated volunteers play a crucial role in this initiative by providing transportation to the visually impaired, preparing and serving food, and assisting with setup and cleanup.

The Blind Ministry at Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC) was established in January 2012, thanks to the vision of Pastor Mark Drengler, Ron Bostick, Annette Langefeld-Kennedy and her husband, Bruce Kennedy. After conducting thorough research and finding a mentor congregation in Conover, they embarked on this mission to reach out to the blind community in the Triangle area. The ministry aimed to combat the isolation often experienced by visually impaired individuals by creating a space for connection and fostering relationships with each other, as well as with caring Christian partners. The inaugural event welcomed five guests for dinner and prayer, and since then the ministry and community have flourished. Currently, we host between 30 and 40 guests each month, offering them a delightful evening of dinner, conversation, musical entertainment, and time for devotion and prayer.

The remaining Blind Ministry events for 2023 are scheduled for **August 25**, September 29, October 27, and November 27. Please note, we will not be meeting in December.

Since its inception, our ministry has experienced tremendous growth. Hosting such an event requires dedicated team of volunteers, and we are immensely grateful for their commitment. The volunteers who faithfully serve in this ministry can attest to the joy it brings to be involved. By bringing joy into the lives of our guests and demonstrating the love of Christ, we feel richly rewarded. Our guests consistently express their anticipation for these fellowship gatherings and their deep appreciation for the efforts we put forth on their behalf.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who contribute to the success of our Blind Ministry dinners. Without their unwavering support, none of this would be possible. *We invite you to join us in this incredible ministry!* We are in need of drivers, volunteers to assist with setup starting around 4:30 pm, and volunteers to help with serving and cleaning up. Our guests typically arrive at 5:30 pm and depart between 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

For any inquiries or if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Annette Langefeld-Kennedy through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)). Your participation will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



## Stephen Ministry

### Meet the Stephen Ministers & Leaders

Get to know the Stephen Ministry here at RLC!

#### Ron Bostick

Ron was one of the first Stephen Ministers at RLC and has served Stephen Ministry since 1999. He is one of the Stephen Leaders and Resurrection's Male Referral Coordinator. Ron is also one of the Triangle Area Stephen Minister Network (TASMN) coordinators, helping all congregations in the Triangle area bring quality, spiritual caring to others.



#### Sue Campau

Sue has served Stephen Ministry at RLC since 2004. She is one of the Stephen Leaders and Resurrection's Female Referral Coordinator. Sue is passionate about Stephen Ministry and caring for others in times of crisis. "You really see how the Holy Spirit works through this ministry to bring caring to others."



#### Troy Hirt

Troy was commissioned as a Stephen Minister in 2021 and a Stephen Leader in 2022. He is responsible for coordinating continuing education for Stephen Ministers. Troy has a caring heart, and a sincere desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others with the help of God.



#### Jan Boyer

Jan was one of the first Stephen Ministers at RLC and has faithfully served Stephen Ministry since 1999. As one of the Stephen Leaders, Jan is instrumental in coordinating the Stephen Ministry training. Her leadership and insights across all areas of the ministry help Stephen Ministry thrive here at RLC.



## Happy Anniversary!

#### August 21

Terry and Sandy Brummeyer  
52 years

#### August 24

Garland and Ann Johnson  
65 years

Bill and Connie Robison  
55 years

#### August 27

Jim and Dara Linn  
40 years

#### August 29

Robert and Sally Cotton  
64 years

Ron and Carol Mitchell  
59 years

#### August 31

Paul and Jan Wozniak  
66 years



*"Carry each other's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

*Galatians 6:2*

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## Survey

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill out the Children and Family Ministry Survey. Your input will help us plan for the upcoming year! If you haven't submitted your survey yet, please click here:

<https://forms.gle/kMmqeBLyy7v9nbC76>



TAKE SURVEY



Let the little children  
come to me.  
Matthew 19:14



## Registration

Registration is now open for the new school year. Please take a minute to register your child(ren) for upcoming classes and activities.

Please click here to register:

<https://forms.gle/s4Hm91aazPiNZm7m7>

REGISTER NOW

## Volunteers

Want to make an impact in the lives of the children in our church?

Contact Erika at: [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)

Needs: nursery attendant

teacher

teacher helper

leader of games & devotion

## Blessing of the Learners

Blessing of the Learners will be held in all worship services the weekend of August 19-20.

Students will be called forward during worship for a blessing .





## Student Ministry

# August Update

After a very successful season of Mission Trips this summer to the Blue Ridge Mountains (middle school) and Savannah, Georgia (high school), I am so excited to get all things YOUTH going again! Below are some important dates to already start marking on your calendar. I am excited for a full year of activities! And use the links below to get connected right NOW!

### Important Dates:

- ⇒ **Sunday, August 20** from 2:30-4:30 pm — Clean and Prep the Warehouse for a Great Year
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 27** from 2:30-4:30 pm — Kick Off of Youth Events with Parent Meetings
- ⇒ **Saturday, September 23** — Confirmation Retreat at Camp Agape for Confirmation Students Only
- ⇒ **Friday, November 3-Sunday, November 5** — SED High School Retreat, Virginia (High School Only)

### We Need You!

We need volunteers for ALL of our youth happenings desperately! We need anyone and everyone willing to participate with guiding our youth on their faith journey. Our ranks have been dwindling and the only way to keep our programming active and strong is in its volunteers. We have fantastic youth that are ready and willing to make connections with you!

Can you help? Reach out to Ms. Jenny at [jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org).

- \* Sunday School Teachers
- \* Youth Group Adult Leaders  
No planning or prep, just an extra set of hands and a listening ear.
- \* Ignite (Middle School Youth Group)  
Meets Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm
- \* Breakaway (High School Youth Group)  
Meets Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm
- \* Trip Adult Leaders  
Weekends or Overnight for Lock-Ins

Instagram - @youthatrlc



Student Ministry (rlcary.org)



Health Forms



## Missionary Update

### Mark and Megan Mantey

Greetings in Christ from Nairobi, Kenya! Megan and I pray that all of you are well. Thank you for your continued prayer and support for the Lord's work throughout Africa. We're grateful for your partnership.

Recently, Megan has been able to work with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG). They continue to focus on sharing the Gospel by training and teaching pastors and church leaders. This is often challenging, as there are many obstacles in place for people to go to school or attend conferences. Megan works with church leaders to help remove many of these barriers and even provide educators who can teach and train pastors. We're grateful to share that Dr. Masaki from the LCMS was able to travel to Ghana from Ft. Wayne to teach ELCG pastors on Lutheran Doctrine and practice. The president of the church body shared this was so helpful and provided a great learning opportunity.

We look forward to visiting with all of you when we return to the US on home service. Thank you, again, for being a part of ministry in Africa through prayer, encouragement, and support.

In Christ,  
Mark and Megan Mantey



#### Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director

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### Enrolling NOW for 2023-24

#### + Classes for children 2-years to 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)**

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

To **ENROLL** or schedule a **Tour**,  
[office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org) or **919.851.7270**

## BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

At Resurrection, we think of you as family and work hard to accommodate the needs of our school community. RLS families may now take advantage of an early drop off time (7:15-8:15 am, Monday-Friday) in order to make the morning commute easier! After School Care is available from 3:00-5:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. No After Care on Fridays. Our “home-away-from-home” atmosphere allows students to learn and play in a relaxed, less structured environment after school hours. [Click here to register.](#)

## SCHOOL HOURS AND DRESS CODE

Doors will open at 8:15 am. Students should arrive no later than 8:30 am. Dismissal for Junior Kindergarten-5th grade at 3:00 pm and 6th-8th grades at 3:15 pm. Please take a moment to carefully read the [2023-2024 Dress Code Policy](#) and note any changes. Contact Robin Hester, Principal, with questions at [robinhester@rlscary.org](mailto:robinhester@rlscary.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- August 8-10** Uniform Sale, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Room 151
- August 19 & 20** Blessing of Learners  
(RLC blesses students as new school year begins at all four worship services.)
- August 21** Meet the Teacher  
K-5th grade, 10:00-11:00 am  
6th grade, 10:00-11:00 am  
7th/8th grade, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- August 22** First Day of School, Early Release at 11:30 am  
(JK/K will follow a staggered entry schedule on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.)
- August 24** All Students Attend
- August 25** Popsicles on the Playground, 3:30 pm
- August 28** Before and After School Care Begins
- August 29** Back to School Night — Parent Meeting
- September 1** Early Release, 11:30 am



### Resurrection Lutheran School

Robin Hester  
Principal

Rosie Creasy  
Director of Admissions/  
School Growth

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*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](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)

or through our website at  
[rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](https://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](https://rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving)
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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