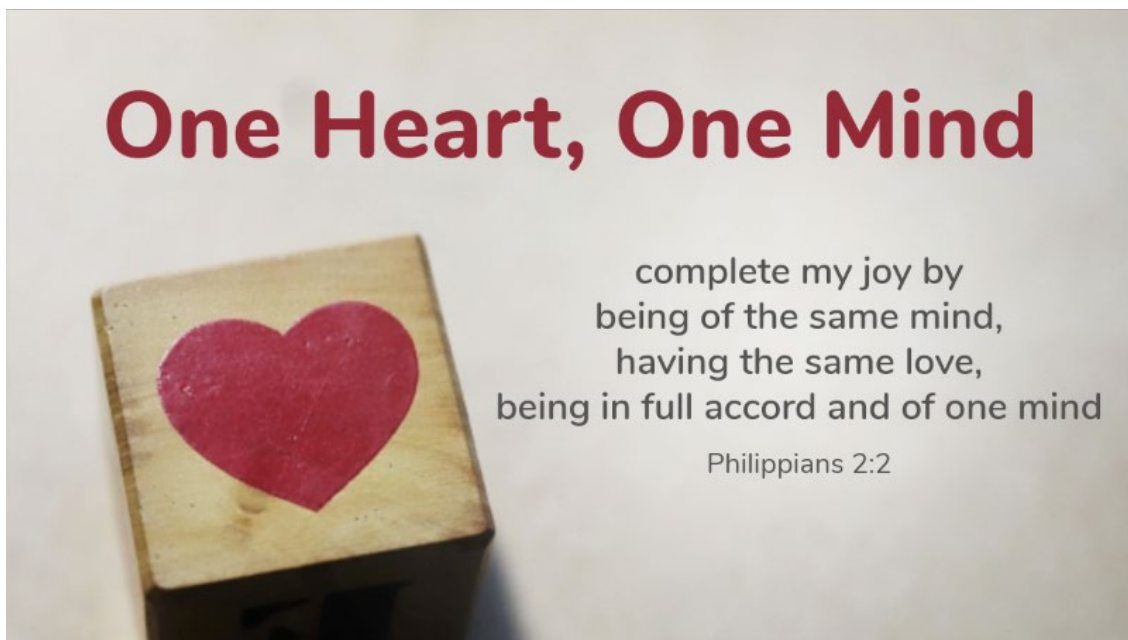


Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2023



Pastor's Corner for August 20-26

One Heart, One Mind (Philippians 2:2)

If you come to Resurrection this week, you'll notice things are a little busier than normal. The 2023-2024 academic year for Resurrection Lutheran School has begun! It is a very exciting time of the year with both RLS and RLP starting in back-to-back weeks. As a church staff, we absolutely love having all the kids around and interacting with our faculty and staff. It is an incredible ministry that we are humbled to be a part of, serving these three institutions of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Resurrection Lutheran School, and Resurrection Lutheran Preschool.

But we aren't as separate as we may think. Sure, there are technical things that separate the three institutions, but what are we called to? Who are we called by?

The theme for RLS this year is "One Heart, One Mind" coming from Philippians 2:2 which reads...

*complete my joy by being of the **same mind**, having the **same love**,
being in full accord and of **one mind**.*

It's the reminder of the unity to which we are called as children of God. We are brought into a family, united by the blood of Christ, sharing the same Father with our Savior. But the unity of family can, at times, be difficult for some to understand. Families, more often than we like to admit, are broken. There is division and hate in families that can cause an ugly form of disunity, therefore creating different hearts and different minds. While I still love the image of the family of God, I understand why it isn't a comforting image for others. That is why Paul uses so many different images for the people of God.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul talks about the people of God as the body of Christ...

*For the body does not consist of one member but of many...
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
(1 Cor. 12:14, 27)*

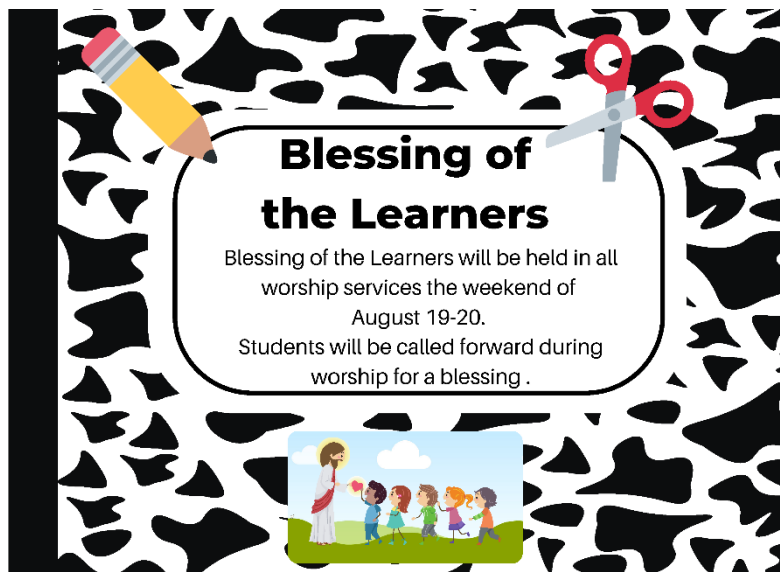
There is a unity in the body that can only come about by the Creator. It is a unity that is created by the very hand of God, and it is a unity that cannot be separated. The unity that we have in Christ with One Heart, One Mind can only come because we are the body of Christ and Christ is the head of that body (Colossians 2:19). When we share the same head, we have no choice but to be united with Christ, changed by the Holy Spirit to share, One Heart, One Mind. It is one of the many joyful blessings of God, knowing that we do not go through this life alone, but we journey through this life with the whole body of Christ, the entire family of God.

So, this school year, don't let our students, families, faculty, and staff journey alone. Whether they are members of RLC, RLS, or RLP, we are all of One Heart, One Mind by the Resurrection of our Savior. If you continue reading the rest of Philippians chapter 2, you'll see that the people of God are united with One Heart, One Mind so that we may be humbled to serve one another. Service begins with prayer.

Journey with the students, families, faculty, and staff of Resurrection with prayerful hearts. Pray that they may know the love of God, be led by the Spirit, kept safe in the arms of the Father, and united as the body of Christ.

Of One Heart, One Mind in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

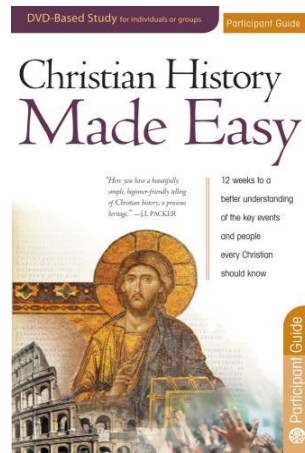


Summer Adult Christian Ed Class

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!



This is a Volunteer Opportunity for you!

Come learn more about it on **Tuesday, August 22** at 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall.

Our church has an opportunity to team up with a program funded by the Rotary Club of Cary called, *Read-A-Book, Get-A-Book*, that provides support of young, emerging readers in a Wake County Public School.

If this looks like something of interest to you, I encourage you to consider giving an hour for one, two or three (your choice) mornings a week and join us for the information session noted above.

Please know that you do not need specific skills. You will be an encourager as children read to you. I am excited about this program! It's one way we can serve children in our community. By the end of the year, each child who participates will have a little library of books in their home they can read. The joy of reading opens up the world!

[Please reach out to me](#), Juli Blanke, and let me know if you will be able to attend the Info Session on Tuesday, August 22 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



Men's Ministry

All men invited to the
August Men's Summer Fellowship Event!

Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm

BJ's Brewhouse – Cary

Bring a friend, neighbor, or fellow member.

Bagel Bunch continues to meet Tuesdays, 7:30 am at Java Jive, across from the church.

Men with Kids starts back on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center. Study on Fatherhood.

Men's Weekly starts again on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center, for POTLUCK, fellowship, and study. Study on Nurturing Your Faith: Identity. We will meet from 7:00-8:15 pm on the following Mondays.

Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, August 25

5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy to learn more and for volunteer needs
or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Saturday, August 26

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

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

Wednesday Night Workshop

Begins September 6

Start with a delightful dinner, then stay for a variety of activities, including adult Christian ed classes, confirmation, youth events, and music ministry rehearsals. The schedule is as follows:

5:00-6:00 pm

Dinner in Family Life Center Gym
(Reservation Link Available Soon)

5:00-5:30 pm

Jubilee Bells (2nd-6th Grade) in Sanctuary

5:30-6:00 pm

Rainbow Choir (4 years-1st Grade) in Sanctuary

Sonshine Singers (2nd-6th Grade) in Choir Room

6:00-7:00 pm

Kidz Live (Kindergarten-5th Grade) in Family Life Center Gym

Ignite, Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th Grade) in The Warehouse

Mama Bear Apologetics in Room 240, Family Life Center

6:30-7:30 pm

Heavenly Handbells in Sanctuary

6:30-8:00 pm

Adult Christian Education Classes:

Anxious for Nothing, Finding Calm in a Chaotic World in Fellowship Hall

Grace-full Women in Room 251, Family Life Center

Men with Kids, Fatherhood with Joel Biermann, in Room 247, Family Life Center

7:00-8:15 pm

Confirmation in Room 240, Family Life Center

7:30-8:45 pm

Sanctuary Choir in Sanctuary

More information, including class descriptions, will be available through the Christian Education booklet and sheets located at the Information Centers in the Narthex and Family Life Center Lobby this weekend.

Any questions can be directed to the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

Wednesday Night 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.**

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!

Menu:

September 6

Baked Ziti with or without Meatballs, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Tray, Angel Food Dessert

September 13

Croissant Sandwiches, Green Salad, Fruit Tray, Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

September 20

Danny's Barbecue - Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Hushpuppies, Fruit Salad, Cookies

September 27

Taco Bar, Fruit Tray, Brownies

Shortly, we will begin to collect RSVPs through the church website, let you know payment options, 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). We look forward to seeing you there!

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, September 8

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in August! Thanks to Elliot Lubak for sending us wonderful musicians from Wake Christian Academy. We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer!

Our special needs guests love to attend 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. Our super helpers from the Cary High School Jr. ROTC will not be able to help in September - please help! Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN>

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, September 8** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have the *Lochnuts* perform for us!

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson through RCB 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 (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248) for assistance.

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/s4Hm91aa zPiNZm7m7>

REGISTER NOW

Volunteers

Want to make an impact in the lives of the children in our church?
Contact Erika at: erika.hulse@rlcary.org
Needs: nursery attendant
teacher
teacher helper
leader of games & devotion

Links:

Survey - forms.gle/kMmqeBLyy7v9nbC76

Registration - forms.gle/s4Hm91aa zPiNZm7m7

Mama Bear Apologetics...also for Papa Bears

Join us at Resurrection Lutheran Church for a book study on Mama Bear Apologetics!
We will offer 2 identical sessions each week.
Tuesday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 in the Church Fellowship Hall or
Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 in Room 240 at RLS beginning September 5th and 6th.
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.

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.

For more information, shoot us an email at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org or erika.hulse@rlcary.org

The graphic features a sun in the top left, a wooden cross on the left, and a brown bear with a cub on the right, all set against a blue background with stylized mountains and trees.

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

Student Ministry

Middle School and High School

I hope you all have had an amazing summer! Some of you I am sure are settling back into school routines, while others are getting supplies ready. I am so excited and eagerly awaiting the start of all things Youth here at RLC. Our summer mission trips were exciting, faith building, and energizing to move forward into a great year of activities and opportunities.

The RLC Youth Ministry focuses on relationships; building a relationship with God first, each other, our church, and our community.

Colossians 1:17, "And he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together."

We are a community that keeps Christ at the center while having fun in our faith! God has so many great things in store for the youth at RLC. Let's get started!

- [Health and Participation Forms](#)
- Follow the Youth on Instagram - [@youthatrlc](#)

Group Me will be updated over the next couple of weeks to add our new youth and families.

Important Dates:

- **Sunday, August 20** from 2:30-4:30 pm
Clean and Prep the Warehouse for a Great Year
Be ready to work, get messy, organize, and prep the room.
- **Sunday, August 27** from 2:30-4:30 pm
Kick Off of Youth Events with Parent Meetings

I am looking forward to a great year and walking on this journey of faith with your youth! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director

jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

919-851-7248, ext. 24

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

The 2023-24 academic school year has officially begun
as we pray for our special RLS community!



Resurrection Lutheran School | 919-851-7271 | rlsary.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 – August 20, 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, 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, Paul Wozniak, Mary Ann Wozniak

For Expectant Moms

Katie Wozniak

Those Prayed for on August 13, 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
- *Erika Hulse, Short Term Mission Trip to Poland, July 31-August 14
- Granddaughter's 3rd Birthday

For Healing

- *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, Recovery
- *Marina de Moura Torres, Recovery After Surgery
- *Greta Nelson

- Shannon, Friend of *Katy Johnson
- Julie Wozniak, Recovery
- *Ginny Koren
- *Hope Studt
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- Joseph McKinney, Recovering from Heart Transplant (Pediatric)
- *Vern Ebert
- Brian, Alice, Charles, Karl, Eve, Jim, Stuart, Francis, Mary, Marina, Ken, Donald, Amanda, Lee, Glen, Lisa, Tom, Greta, Patty, Noreen, Lou, Margo, Emily, Kathy, Mindy, Eric, Mara, Connie, Sue, Karen, Marti

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Virginia Sherlin, Mother of *Jackie Ring
- Friends and Family of *Lena Licciardi

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 All Those Affected by Fire in Maui

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

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 – August 20, 2027

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, August 12

6:00 pm - 64

Sunday, August 13

8:00 am - 53; 9:30 am - 114; 11:00 am - 121

Total In-Person Worship: 352

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, August 13

8:00 am - 92; 11:00 am - 34

Total Online Views: 126 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - July 2023

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 102,395.86	\$ 102,395.86
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 115,954.73</u>	<u>\$ 115,954.73</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -13,558.87	\$ -13,558.87

This Week's Offerings: \$24,593.88

Average Weekly Giving for 2023/24: \$20,479.17

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2023/24: \$27,761.30

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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