

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 27, 2023



Pastor's Corner for August 27-September 2

Seeing the Possibilities in Each Other (Matthew 14:22-33)

One of my earliest experiences of the Holy Spirit working to build me into His church and empower me as a follower of Christ happened in my late 20's. My parents had been super active at church when I was a kid growing up. Then, during my college years, I stopped going. I had head knowledge of Jesus. I believed the Christian faith to be a worthy thing. But things were static. That changed when I finally felt called to return to church on my own. At first, I just worked at showing up most Sundays. Then I helped out with odd jobs, here and there. But then... the pastor of the little church I attended took ill. The congregation managed to line up pulpit supply for several upcoming Sundays, but there was one week they just couldn't get anybody. So, somebody asked if I could prepare a devotion for one

Sunday morning. Of course, my response was “no.” That was crazy. Didn’t they know it was against the rules for an ordinary guy like me to stand in for the pastor? Then, this salt-of-the-earth guy in the congregation offered to help. He’d look over my devotion and offer advice. He’d bring in a pastor he knew to help. We’d do it TOGETHER, he said. With his encouragement, I gave it a shot. And as it turned out, it wasn’t the disaster I thought it would be. I still just showed up most Sundays and helped out here and there. But serving in a way I’d never considered before started to look more and more possible as a result. I used to wonder why that salt-of-the-earth guy in the congregation didn’t just volunteer to do the job himself that Sunday. He would have done a much better job! All I can think is that he must have seen something in me. In Christ Jesus, that’s what happens. We see possibilities in each other. In Christ Jesus each one of us is built up, together.

Like Peter, we know what it’s like to get out of the boat and flail... We know what it’s like to take on that God-sized task and whether because we think too much of ourselves or not enough of God, we sink! All we can do is cry out for help. Or perhaps we know what it means to get into a routine and to no longer think that inspiration or change or joy can be found anywhere. And yet, together with Peter, our confession once again today –that Jesus is the “Christ, the Son of the Living God”– is the result of the Spirit’s work in and among us. The church belongs to Jesus and receives the gifts of the kingdom –especially the Word of God– to be proclaimed in the narrow sense by pastors and in the wider sense by Christians everywhere. We all have a role to play; we all have gifts God uses to build up His Church. St. Paul says so in our Epistle: “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

Jesus saw the possibilities in St. Peter. Seeing the possibilities in one another, let us never stop praising God AND empowering each other for new tasks that grow us. Praise God that ALL have a part to play for service in God’s kingdom!

Safety and Security in the Family Life Center for 2023-2024 at Resurrection Lutheran School

As the new term at Resurrection Lutheran School gets underway, plans are in place to ensure an even safer environment for RLS students, staff, and faculty using the

Family Life Center. We ask that anyone from the RLC community without a school badge who desires to enter the Family Life Center during regular school hours (8 AM to 3:30 PM) please use the main school entrance door where you will go through the visitor admission process. Please know that all other doors will remain locked throughout the course of the day and are not to be used by visitors to the facility. Many thanks in advance, for your understanding and cooperation!

Meet Marsha!

Marsha, beloved doggie of RLC church member Jim Bowen, Sr., is looking for a new home as Jim is unable to care for her as he used to. Marsha is spayed and up to date on all her shots. She would make a loving companion for someone living alone or a nice addition to a welcoming family. If you'd like to inquire about adopting her, please reach out to the church at office@rlcary.org.



Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church



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.

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 a donation of \$10. Led by Mindy Stephani with assistance from Tim Kearby.

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

[\(Click to RSVP\)](#)

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

[Christian education information, including class descriptions, can be found here.](#)

[Click here to download the Christian Education Fall 2023, Block 1 Sheet.](#)

Paper copies are available at the Information Centers in the Narthex and Family Life Center Lobby.

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

All are welcome!

Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Cash, check, or credit card payable at door.

[Please register for current week by Sunday evening at 7:00 pm here.](#)

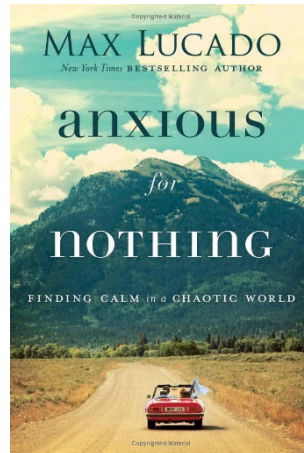
Interested in volunteering to help with set up, serving, and cleaning? [Sign up here.](#)
We also welcome individuals or groups who would like to contribute to preparing the food.

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

**Anxious for Nothing:
Finding Calm in a Chaotic World**
September 6-October 18

This 7-week study will be based on Max Lucado's *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. This program is based on Philippians Chapter 4 and provides people with a roadmap for overcoming anxiety and finding lasting peace. While anxiety is a part of life, it doesn't have to dominate our lives. We will explore the biblical prescription for anxiety, which is celebrating God's goodness, asking for His help, leaving your concerns with Him, and meditating on good things.

Led by Mindy Stephani and Tim Kearby. Participant guides will be available for a suggested donation of \$8 each.



Come and discover a life of calm and develop tools for combating the onslaught of worry in this chaotic age in which we live. Join us on **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm, in Fellowship Hall during Wednesday Night Workshop starting September 6!**

Grace-full Women

September 6-October 18

Grace-full Women is a course meant to reassure us each week of all that Christ has done, is doing, and will do for us. Studying the Law and Gospel, as seen through the Scriptures, reveals both our dependence on Grace, as well as His promises, and brings us this blessed assurance.

The format of each session will be to watch and discuss selections from the 1517.org video series "Law & Gospel Devotional." Some of these selections are entitled: "Why the Law Cannot Save," "The Cross Alone is Our Theology," "What Can Separate You From the Love of God," and "Psalm 23 - The Means by Which God Takes Care of His Sheep."

Led by Shane Jarvis. No additional materials or preparation are needed. Simply come ready to receive the Good News and depart full of Grace on **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm, in Room 251, Family Life Center.**



Music Ministry

Resurrection Lutheran Church's Music Ministry includes people of all ages, and all levels of musical ability and background. Together we give glory to God and serve as a blessing and inspiration to others through the use of our God-given talents in musical offerings. This year is full of exciting, inspirational festivals, and musical events.

[Click here for full listing of the Music Ministry opportunities.](#)

We are looking forward to the 2023-24 season, especially the upcoming Fall semester **starting Wednesday, September 6**, unless noted. If you wish to participate in the Music Ministry at Resurrection or have any questions regarding the various opportunities, please contact Bob Unger, Director of Worship and Music Ministry, at robert.unger@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248 ext. 25.

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).



Monday Night Women's Bible Study

September 11-October 30

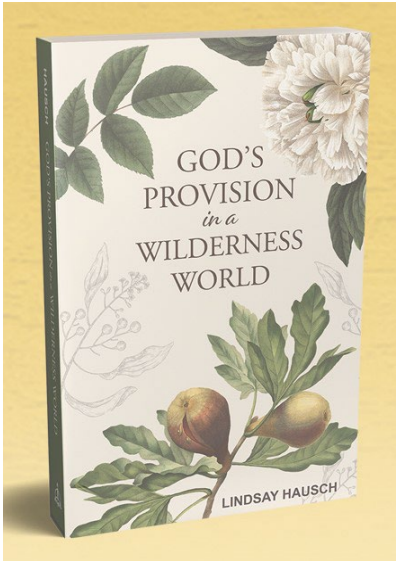
God's Provision in a Wilderness World

by Lindsay Hausch

Join us in person at church on **Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm, starting on September 11** in Room 151, Family Life Center. We will also have a Zoom group available at the same time on Monday evenings.

An eight-week Bible study, *God's Provision in a Wilderness World* 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.



Books are available through christianbook.com, cph.org, or Amazon. Amazon also has the book available in the Kindle store.

Questions? Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

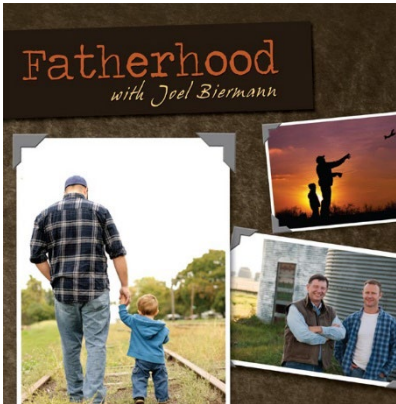
Men's Ministry

All men invited!

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

Fatherhood with Joel Biermann

September 6-September 27 (Initial Study)



Fatherhood is more than providing half the genetic material at conception; it's being there for the long haul. In *Fatherhood with Joel Biermann*, the Concordia Seminary professor and dad relates how being a father is a demanding pursuit with a heavenly goal-raising kids who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Men's Monthly Breakfast - September 9 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy the smell and taste of bacon! Join us for fellowship, music, message, and a full breakfast to get your Saturday started. Bring a friend, neighbor, or fellow member.

Men's Weekly starts again on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center, for POTLUCK, fellowship, and study. Bring your favorite meat, side, or treat. We will meet from 7:00-8:15 pm on the following Mondays.

Nurturing Your Faith: Identity
September 11-October 2 (Initial Study)



Our identity as forgiven children of God is explored in Nurturing Your Faith: Identity. This four-part Video Bible study is hosted by Rev. Dr. John Nunes. He examines how as Christians – forgiven for Jesus' sake – we are reconciled to God. Reborn to fellowship and active community, we are inspired to praise God for His great love.

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

Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@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 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

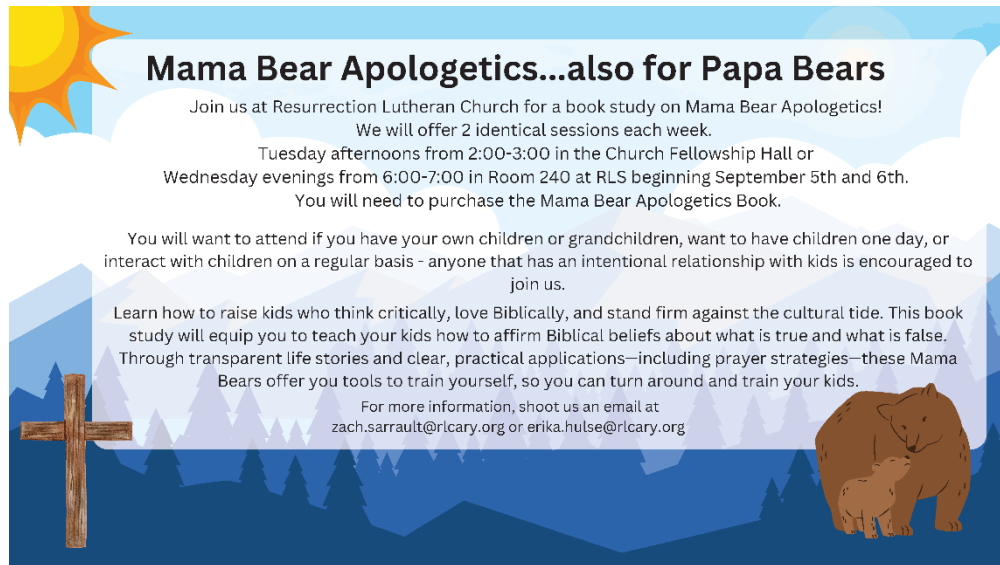
Volunteers

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

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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

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

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](#)

High School Adult Leaders Needed

The High School Youth meet every Sunday night from 6:30-8:00 pm and we are looking for some RLC Adults that would be willing to join a rotation to come in and be a mentor, friend, faithful connection. There is no prep or planning. Come comfortably dressed as most of the youth show up in sweats. It's a chill vibe and our goal is always to have fun in our faith. Requirements are easy. Must be 21 years of age, willing to fill out a background check, and a heart for our youth. The High School Youth is very active and they are AMAZING! This is not a hard volunteer opportunity but a very important one. Studies show that Youth need at least 5 faithful church friends/members outside of their family to even consider continuing on once they graduate high school. *Can you be one of their 5?*

This Week

- **Sunday, August 27** from 2:30-4:30 pm
Kick Off of Youth Events with Parent Meetings

RLC Youth Ministry
YOUTH KICKOFF

**August 27th:
2:30-4:30pm
Meet in GYM**

*All Middle School
and High School
Youth!*

**Parent
Meetings:
2:30-3:00 pm
Meeting #1
4:30-5:00 pm
Meeting #2**

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



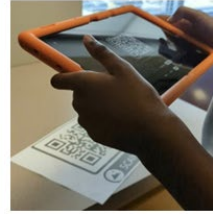
Drive-Up Drop-Off/Pick-Up (for All Ages)

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

A fun start to a magical school year!



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Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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 – August 27, 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 20, 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, Safe Return
- Beginning of Resurrection Lutheran School on August 22
- A Pregnancy
- Students Off to College
- A New Job
- God's Grace

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
- Eve, Jan, Brian, Alice, Karl, Charles, Karen, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Mark, Keith, Kevin, Timmy, Weston, Ira, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Patty, Bob, Marina, Julie, Debbie, Mitch, Jadis, Jim, Mary, Stuart, Patricia, Jonathan, Noreen, Shelby, Margo, Ken, Donald, Corey, Joe, Lydia, Barbara

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Larry Moyer

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Maui and Those Affected by the Fires and Deaths of Loved Ones
- 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
- Chronic Illnesses
- Brother with Parkinson's Disease
- Sons Garrett and Jacob

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 27, 2023

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, August 19

6:00 pm - 70

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am - 58; 9:30 am - 148; 11:00 am - 83

Total In-Person Worship: 359

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am - 79; 11:00 am - 37

Total Online Views: 116 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: \$16,696.65

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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