



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2023

From the Pastor

Begin By Listening

(Matthew 16:14-16)

September at Resurrection Lutheran Church is all about living out what it means to be disciples of Jesus together. Not only do we gather in regular weekly worship as we do all summer long, we also have a chance to take things one step further by journeying together with the Scriptures as our lodestar throughout the week.

You will recall that St. Peter’s confession in the gospels, prompted by Jesus’ famous question “Who do you say that I am?”, was preceded by another: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” I had always thought of that first question as a contrast to the second. And I had always thought of it as a kind of foil: the world’s misunderstanding and faithlessness set in stark relief against the disciples’ God-empowered understanding and faithfulness. But David Schmidt, on the 1517.org website, highlights Jesus’ more important second question while also adding this about the first: “In discipleship,” he says, “we are following



Jesus, but we are following Jesus in the world. We do not close our ears to the world around us. We don’t try to silence its voices. Instead, we listen. But we listen with discernment.” Being a follower of Jesus, then, “begins

by listening.” While that naturally and most importantly entails listening to Jesus, it also means listening to the world. It means tuning in to what others are saying about Jesus and matters of faith so that we may better know how to engage them with the precious Word of Life.

One way to listen to Jesus and consider what the world is saying about Him is to gather together around the Word of God and share what we

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:

- Labor Day.....Sep 4
Tues. Morning StudySep 5
WNW Begins.....Sep 6
Coffeehouse.....Sep 8
Blessing of Teachers....Sep 9/10
Men’s BreakfastSep 9
Sunday School Starts.....Sep 10
Monday Eve Studies.....Sep 11
This Is the Church.....Sep 16
Jim Bowen Memorial.....Sep 20
Childrens Bibles.....Sep 16/17
Blind Ministry.....Sep 29

Sunday Morning Adult Ed

Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph

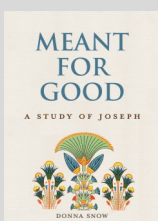
A devotional journey through the life of Joseph, Genesis 30-50.

Everyone remembers Joseph from Sunday School days! But how often have you stopped to think about Joseph's life as a kind of "spiritual boot camp" that parallels your own? As author Donna Snow writes, "The amazing truth about God's spiritual boot camp (basically, our whole life) is that He never leaves us. Ever.

In Joseph, we see Christlike qualities and parallels to apply to our Christian walk. We can choose to become victims of our circumstances, or we can trust God to bring beauty from ashes every single time.

If you are looking for an opportunity to be immersed in God's Word and enjoy conversation on important topics with your faith family at RLC, now is your chance.

Join us on **Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall from September 10-November 12!



are hearing. September at RLC gives us the chance to do just that. Have a busy schedule? This month there will be an opportunity to gather around God's Word to match every RLC member's calendar! Sunday mornings, Monday evenings, Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and Saturday mornings all have something going on. A detailed listing is available on the church website ([just click here](#)) or via the hard copy pamphlet already distributed at RLC worship services and available for pick up near our worship entrances. Who we say Jesus is will, of course, not align with what the world says about Him. But guided together by the Spirit and confessing Jesus before others, we open our ears to the voices around us, inviting those who engage with us to experience God's love at work in the world. Invite a friend to come along, too! I hope and pray you will join us.

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

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) 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.

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!

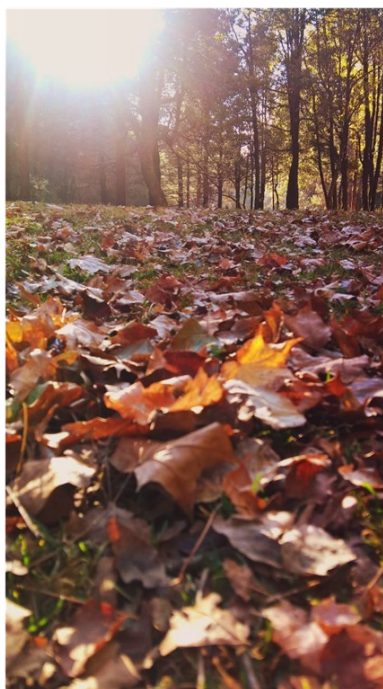
We will meet on **Sunday, September 10** from 5:00-9:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.

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

Assistant Pastor's News

Notice the Shifts Around You

Have you noticed a shift in daylight? The sun is rising a little later and setting a little earlier in the evening. That shift started back in June, but I don't generally notice it until sometime around now. What about the shift in kids or families? Older parents always seem to tell younger parents to cherish the time because, "it goes by fast and before you know it, they're all grown up." Not any faster than any other day or month or year, but we tend to notice the shift years later when our kids are off to college or moving out to start their own life.



Our gospel readings this month highlight a shift in Christian behaviors that we should not let slip by unnoticed like a summer solstice. Matthew 18 is a foundational scripture for Christian Conciliation. Little shifts in our personal relationships can lead to big conflicts that seem insurmountable. And when the conflict finally blows up, we can miss the shift that is needed to bring us back into alignment. Often, we (myself included) confess saying "I'm sorry. I apologize. I didn't mean to hurt you." But the Bible doesn't say "apologize", it says "repent". A confession that acknowledges what we did, the impact on others and accepting consequences without making excuses can lead to true forgiveness and reconciliation. But, sometimes we're like Peter, looking to set boundaries on forgiveness, asking, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (Matt 18:21). Other times, we forgive by brushing it off saying, "it was nothing... forget about it... that's OK." True forgiveness says, "I will not dwell on this incident... I will not bring this incident up and use it against you... I will not talk to others about this incident... I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship." That's work. But that's exactly how God operates when we confess to Him. His steadfast love for us is as high as the heavens from the earth and He separates our sin as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:10-12).

When we make that shift, make those promises of forgiveness to each other, and understand that God is doing the same for our sin through the death of Christ on the cross, we can restore harmony in relationships and glorify God for His work in and through us.

So, for now, notice the shift in daylight and enjoy the time before the long nights dominate our days. Take time with your families before they begin the next phase of their life. And look for any shifts in relationships where you can address conflict in ways that lead to true confession and forgiveness rather than "hoping" it will just go away.

If you or someone you know are having difficulty with that shift, prayerfully consider Christian Conciliation and let's walk through the process together.

Rev. Alan C. Shaw
Assistant Pastor for Personal Coaching and Family Health



Adult Christian Education

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

MONDAY

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm - Room 151, Family Life Center
God's Provision in a Wilderness World, September 11-October 30

Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center
Nurturing Your Faith: Identity, September 11-October 2 (Initial Study)

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am - Fellowship Hall

Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears

Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center

Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm - Fellowship Hall
September 6-October 18

Grace-full Women

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm - Room 251, Family Life Center
September 6-October 18

Men with Kids ~ Fatherhood with Joel Biermann

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm - Room 247, Family Life Center
September 6-September 27 (Initial Study)

SATURDAY

This Is the Church

Saturdays, 9:30-11:00 am - Room 151, Family Life Center
September 16, 23, 30 only



[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 Workshop

Weekly Dinners

We are thrilled to announce the return of **Wednesday Night Dinners from 5:00-6:00 pm in 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! Look for menus in the weekly announcements.

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!

Outreach Service to the Community

Christmas in July

A BIG thank you to all members who contributed to our Christmas in July campaign!

Your generosity provided 85 Healthy Home Baskets to **The Green Chair Project**. They reuse furnishings donated by our community to help our neighbors in need facing the challenges of homelessness, crisis, and disaster — helping 30 families per week in Wake County. Learn more: thegreenchair.org

Your generosity to **Families Together** provided an SUV stuffed to bulging that was gratefully received. Through direct support and advocacy, they assist families with children as they transition from homelessness to sustainable housing and stable homes. Learn more: famielstogethernc.org

The Human Care Committee of RLC is grateful for your participation in this outreach. *Again, thank you!*



Outreach Service to the Community

The Coffeehouse at Resurrection

**The next Coffeehouse is Friday, September 8
from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym!**

Imagine...

It is the second Friday of the month. You enter a room filled with people of all abilities. Whether you choose to spend the night dancing to live music, sitting and chatting with groups of friends, enjoying snacks and catching up on news, or just watching the people go by, you will not go away without a smile.

*"My favorite thing to do at the Coffeehouse
is to have people help me write cards to my friends."*

"I like the food and getting to dance a lot."

Now and Then...

The Coffeehouse at Resurrection is an outgrowth of The Coffeehouse at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, which began as a way to provide a social experience for adults with special needs. Recently joined by The Coffeehouse at Garner United Methodist Church, the Coffeehouses are working together to form a bridge between communities, and to give everyone in attendance the opportunity to make friends with people outside their usual social circles. It's lots of fun! We are always looking for volunteers and leaders too! (Volunteers setting up, food and room, serving and clean up. Sign up here: bit.ly/3kqoHGN)

The Coffeehouse is an evening for entertainment, snacks, social interaction, and networking. On certain Fridays throughout the year from 7:00–8:30 pm, an empty space is transformed into a coffeehouse ambiance with round tables and soft lighting to create a relaxed atmosphere. December features a shared dinner for all Wake County Coffeehouses at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Musicians entertain in a variety of formats from sing-along to karaoke, gospel to country, jazz to folk music. Attendees are invited to participate in song or relax and enjoy. Light snacks are served, and conversation is always the prime ingredient as people come to make new friends, see old ones, share experiences and be entertained. The average attendance at a Coffeehouse event has grown to 100 people and has often swelled to upwards of 200 people (prior to the pandemic) of all abilities.

The remaining Coffeehouses for this year are September 8, October 13, and November 10.

The Serving Cup began the Coffeehouse program in October 1997, with the aim of expanding the opportunity for social interaction and fellowship between adults of all abilities. Its purpose was to provide an inclusive setting for all, including developmentally disabled adults, to meet and mingle and have fun with the entire community. The success of the Coffeehouse led its founders to realize there was a great unmet need among the developmentally disabled participants in the Coffeehouse for some essentials such as social interaction, housing, employment opportunities, and transportation. Our Coffeehouse is completing its 22nd year and our Coffeehouse was begun by Kathy Rasmussen.

Current contact for Resurrection is Brenda Peterson. She can be reached through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Stephen Ministry

The Ministry of Presence

The RLC Stephen Ministry group is going to be working with other church ministries to fill a potential gap in living out our values, especially “Christian Relationships.” Our Pastor Care Circle team takes communion to members who cannot make it to church for health or safety reasons. Our



Stephen Ministry team partners with family or friends who are facing any number of challenges such as the death of a loved one, financial difficulties from losing a job, a long-term illness, or any other need where having someone trained to listen is helpful. Our Prayer Circle team covers church members and staff with prayer and prays specifically for all the requests

that come to the church through the website and church lists.

Between the longer-term relationships of Stephen Ministry and Pastor Care Circle, and the prayer ministry and asks God for His mercies and healings is a potential gap that we’re starting to call the “Ministry of Presence.” This is a group of people who are trained for short-term relationships like hospital visits or someone who would like someone to visit. Members receive a brief training on visitation, as well as what the other ministries do so they can refer, if necessary, to Stephen Ministry or Pastor Care for a longer, more specialized, visitation.

The group is just getting started and we’re looking for people who would like to be involved in the visitations, as well as people you know who could use visitors. How can we serve you? How can we serve the people you know who could use someone to visit them? How can display Christian Relationships to the world around us? Please contact Pastor Alan at alan.shaw@rlcary.org, if you would like to be part of this group or know someone who could use a visit.



*“Carry each other’s burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Galatians 6:2

Happy Anniversary!

September 1

Daniel and Lois Haertling
66 years

September 5

Joe and Sue Barry
52 years

September 7

Alan and Kay Tharp
55 years

September 9

Fred and Wendy Zei
51 years

September 12

Mike and Tracy Douglas
25 years

September 17

Randy and Janet Bowling
40 years

September 18

Bill and Julie Easton
25 years

September 23

Edward and Anne Altieri
62 years

September 24

John and Alison Whatley
40 years

Gifts & Memorials

For the Love Fund

In Memory of Randi Munns
Bill and Fran Xenakis

In Honor of the Wedding of
Don and Deb Morrow
Bill and Fran Xenakis



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

September to Remember

**An extraordinary day for Lutheran Women in Mission,
and it only comes around once a year!**

It is a day of giving wherein the women and men of LWML are invited to donate to our Mission Grant Goal in honor of someone who has made a difference in their lives. And now, we are extending the invitation to you, personally!

On **September 12**, 2023, you will have the opportunity to help Lutheran Women in Mission raise funds for the mission grant recipients this biennium. [You can find a list of these grants here.](#) As you peruse the list of recipients you will discover a series of organizations whose objectives are clear — in their unique ways each one is honoring God by serving others.

To that end, every dollar you donate toward “September to Remember” will be sewn into these ministries, and our prayer is that the Lord would cause the people being served to reap a beautiful harvest by His provision. Further, we have been blessed with a \$10,000 matching gift, which means you will have the opportunity to double the impact of your giving!

Thank you for prayerfully considering [your donation](#) to this year’s “September to Remember”!

Community Partner

Safe Families for Children

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) hosts children and creates extended family-like support for parents who have nowhere else to turn through a community of devoted volunteers motivated by faith to keep children safe and families together.

There are many ways to serve vulnerable children and families in our community. Become a part of a Circle of Support and [learn more about each volunteer role](#):

- ◇ A Host Family hosts children in their home for a short period of time while a parent gets back on his or her feet.
- ◇ Family Friends come alongside the host family and/or partnering parents to provide encouragement and prayer during the time of hosting which could include, but is not limited to babysitting, transportation, meals, and support.
- ◇ Resources Friends help provide material needs like diapers, children’s items, meal trains, or professional services/skills like resume or job interview training to the team of volunteers as well as partnering parents.



**Safe Families
for Children**

SFFC is hosting an [In-Person Training](#) event at Resurrection on **Saturday, September 23**.

For more information about volunteering, contact the Greater Raleigh/Durham Chapter at 919-346-7051 or raleighnc@safefamilies.net.

September Children's Ministry News

Important Dates!

- Sept. 6** KICKS in gym 6-7 pm
Kidz Live Room 151
- Sept. 10** First Sunday School Class
- Sept. 24** Mission Experience 9:30 in
the Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 1** Sunday School at Ritter
Park 9:30, then worship with
your family

Don't forget!

Please sign your children up for Sunday
School using this link:
<https://forms.gle/eYZ1EPAD9v9wgex26>

Milestone Bible Distribution

On September 16 & 17 in all services
3 year old and 2nd Grade Bibles will
be distributed to children. Children
and parents will be called forward to
receive a Bible from the church staff.



BLESSING OF TEACHERS

In all worship services the weekend of September 9th & 10th,
all educators, coaches and school staff will be called forward
during service for a special blessing.



Join us for Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am starting September 10!

- Room 132 ~ Pre-Kindergarten
- Room 130 ~ Kindergarten-1st Grade
- Room 131 ~ 2nd-3rd Grade
- Room 133 ~ 4th-5th Grade
- Room 253 ~ 6th-12th Grade
(The Warehouse)

All classes are held
in the Family Life Center.

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

Youth Ministry

Sunday School for Grades 6-12

Connection Café - Sunday School for Middle School and High School
9:30-10:30 am in The Warehouse (Room 253, Family Life Center)
Led by Ms. Jenny (with a rotation of teachers)

The Middle School and High School youth will be finding out just what it means to be *Created in Christ*. This curriculum is a collection of 52 Bible studies that helps guide youth through God's unchanging Word, which is especially helpful in their changing lives. Thought-provoking questions encourage group discussion and engage students in active exploration of the Scripture. We take a look at the Old Testament stories and then add in the Good News from the Gospel. Every lesson aims to apply the "old" stories to the everyday life of a teenager.



Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director, at jenny.piontek@rlcary.org.

Mark your calendars!



**JOIN ERIKA
ON HER
POLAND MISSION TRIP**

When: September 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Resurrection Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Who: Families, Children, Teens & Adults
What: An interactive walk through summary of Erika's trip. Come see, hear and experience all that God accomplished on her LCMS Short Term Mission trip to Poland

The graphic features a woman in traditional Polish folk dress on the left, a man in similar attire on the right, a map of Poland with a magnifying glass, and a red sign with a church illustration labeled 'POLAND'. A heart icon is at the bottom center.

Please note, there will be no Adult Christian Ed class held on this day. Plan to attend this exciting presentation!



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director

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Enrolling 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 or **919.851.7270**

STEM/MAKERSPACE

We are excited to share our five year STEM plan for our school. Our first year will be a "Pilot Year" for teachers. By the fifth year, we will apply to become a North Carolina STEM School of Distinction. Thank you for all of the items that have been donated to our new Makerspace (Room 134). This is a collaborative space that is for all grades, JK-8th. We are looking forward to seeing how STEM develops incorporating the 4C's - collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking.

RENT THE ROCK

There is a new way to spread kindness this year at RLS! Our brand-new Spirit Rock is a great way to send a message in a big way. Please read over the guidelines carefully. By [signing up to rent the rock](#), you agree to follow all rules. If you have any questions, contact rlsrenttherock@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- September 9/10** Blessing of Teachers, All Services
- September 11** Girls Volleyball vs. Cary Academy (HOME)
Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Discovery (AWAY)
- September 12** Girls Volleyball vs. Magellan (HOME)
- September 13** Art Club / Dance Club / Drama Club
- September 15** Girls Volleyball @ Montessori (AWAY)
- September 22** Early Release, 11:30 am
- Looking Ahead...**
- October 6** Big Barn Raising Extravaganza, 6:00 pm, Gym



Resurrection Lutheran School

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One Heart, One Mind

Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2:2 NIV

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

or through our website at
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
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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