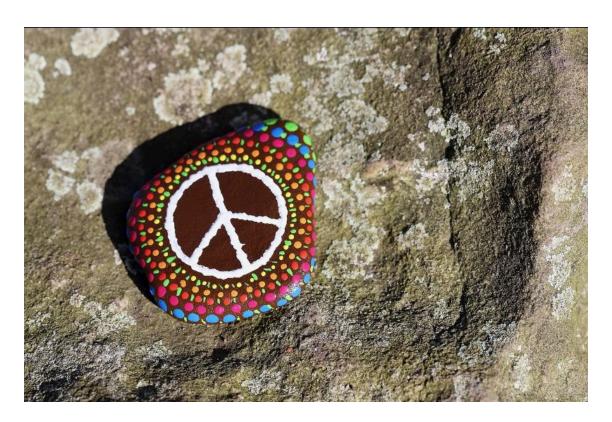
# Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 15, 2023



Pastor's Corner for October 15-21

# Where do you find peace?

Is there a place that you go, an activity that you partake in that brings you peace? It's my prayer that we all have somewhere we can go or something we can do that brings us peace. It's something that gives us the opportunity to rest and recharge.

Fall is a time of year that I get the opportunity to rest and find peace. It's not the cooler weather or the rainy days, it's not the football season or the apple cider (though all those things do help!). No, it's deer season. Deer hunting has long been a tradition in my family, and I am blessed to have the opportunity to continue the sport in North Carolina. But it isn't just about the opportunity to fill the freezer (I

am not a good hunter...) it's about the peace found in being in God's Creation. It is a time that is set aside with no distractions where I can talk with my Father God in the peace and quiet of the woods. There's no cell reception, no noise, no work, no expectations; just the simplicity of sitting in creation and soaking in the peacefulness found there.

Where does God give you a place of peace? In the midst of crazy schedules, screaming kids, louder news, busy streets, and overwhelming work, do you find a time or place to rest and recharge? God was really big on peace. In fact, He found it so important to His people that it is a guaranteed gift from our Creator God to His people.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:7)

This peace is what God does for you, His gift for you! Just like God's forgiveness, grace, mercy, compassion, and love, His peace is something that we can only freely receive. It isn't a feeling or an emotion, it is a state of being, a part of our identity as children of our Father God.

Because the peace of God is something that we always have, it is something that we can always look toward. In the times that we don't have time to stop and rest, we can think on the peace that God has given to us (Phil. 4:8) and we can think on what that peace has done for us. It is the guarantee of God's promise to His people. A promise that "the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, that the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth" (Is. 25:8). This is who your God is for you. This is who our Creator God is for the whole world!

It is my prayer that you find sometime this week to find a peaceful place to rest, but more than that, it is my prayer that you think on the peace that God has won for you, that He has given to you, that you have now and always.

Your peace-receiving brother in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

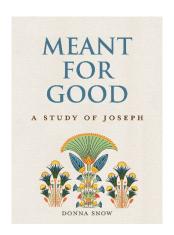
# **Prayers of the Church**

### **Sunday Adult Christian Education**

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

#### 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.

This book, published by Concordia Publishing House, is available in the church office for \$15/book. Team led by Pastor Jonathan Blanke and Pastor Zach Sarrault. Questions? Contact the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



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

Room 132 ~ Pre-Kindergarten

Room 135 ~ 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.



# The Holy Land Christians and Crafts

This weekend, **October 14-15**, the Holy Land Christians will have a nice display of handmade olivewood religious carvings from Bethlehem available for purchase.

These carvings include olivewood nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and other religious crafts that would make nice wedding, baptism, Easter, and especially Christmas gifts.

Dr. George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem, will speak in all services about the enduring hardships for Christians. The Christian population of the Holy Land went down from 30% in the last century to almost 1% today.

Proceeds support Christian families in Bethlehem. Visit their website to see the carvings, holylandcsc.com.



#### Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **October 14** and **15**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.

Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!

## Men's Ministry

#### New Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship

The Chosen, Season 3

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm October 16-December 4 Room 240, Family Life Center

Join us for this eight-week study, led by Ron Bostick, and discover what it means to belong to and be blessed by God.



**New Men with Kids**The Book of Romans: Part 2

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm Room 247, Family Life Center

Join us for this study of *The Book of Romans: Part 2*, led by Tom Gebbia. The Book of Romans is considered by many to be one of the most important books ever written on the Christian faith. Writing to Christians, the apostle Paul defines the gospel, explores its depths, and discusses its significance and implications for the Christian life.

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

## **LWML Eastern Zone Rally**

Want to meet other Lutheran women in our area who are gathered for Praise and Fellowship?

Grace Lutheran Church in Durham is hosting the LWML Eastern Zone Rally on **Saturday**, **October 21** from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

Contact Carol Bostick through RCB or the church office, if you would like to ride along.



# • YOUNG FAMILIES • gathering



Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 pm

At the Sarrault home - 7529 Faith Haven Ct., Willow Spring NC 27592 For all Young Families with kids up to 5th grade.

Questions? Contact Pastor Zach Sarrault.

#### **Christ and Culture**

A new Wednesday Night Workshop Adult Christian Ed class begins on **October 25** and will run through December 13 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This 7-week guided conversation on the relationship between Christ and Culture, introduced by Dr. Jon Diefenthaler, former LCMS Southeastern District President and Concordia Seminary scholar, of H. Richard Niebuhr and his classic book.

We will discuss: How has the Christian church understood the relationship between Christ and culture historically? How do we understand that relationship today? What does all of this mean as we strive to live out the Gospel of Christ and serve our God who is King of both the "secular" realm as well as the realm of the Church? We will probe these questions using the context of current events.

Led by Dr. Jon Diefenthaler and Pastor Jonathan Blanke. Materials will be provided; however participants are encouraged to read *Christ and Culture* by H. Richard Niebuhr. Two copies can be borrowed from the RLC Library in Room 151, Family Life Center.



#### **Christmas Carol Celebration**



Christmas Carol Celebration – accompanied by an orchestra and including the singing of familiar carols, including Silent Night, Angels We Have Heard on High, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful, special music, and narrative; will be presented at the 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Services on **Sunday, December 10**.

All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this exciting preparation for Christmas. Rehearsals for Christmas Carol Celebration are scheduled for **Wednesdays**, **7:30-8:00 pm**. A choral "dress" rehearsal is scheduled for **Saturday**, **December 9**, 1:00 pm.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Unger at the church office and/or be present at one the initial rehearsals. It is okay if you are not able to attend all the rehearsals, we would rather you attend as your schedule allows, than to exclude yourself from participating in this wonderful opportunity.

# Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for the Visually Impaired meets

# Friday, October 27

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).

### **Weekly Bible Study Opportunities**

#### Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Join us in person at church on **Mondays**, **7:00-8:00 pm** in Room 151, Family Life Center, from September 11-Mid-November. There is a Zoom group available at the same time. Contact: Jamee Thieme

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

#### **New Men's Weekly**

Join us for the Men's Weekly on **Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm** in Room 240, Family Life Center, for fellowship and study. Contact: Tom Gebbia

This eight-week study of *The Chosen, Season 3*, will run from October 16-December 4 and led by Ron Bostick. Discover what it means to belong to and be blessed by God. We all have to choose: the wide road that leads to destruction or the narrow path that leads to life. The third season of the groundbreaking television show, *The Chosen*, picks up with how Jesus' followers apply His teaching to their lives.

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

This ongoing study meets **Tuesdays**, **10:30-11:30** am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach.

God gives His Word to instruct, guide, and bless our lives. The Scripture lessons in worship offer a menu every week to build up the people of God in faith and hope. We will study the lessons for the following Sunday, and as we do, we expect that this Word will enrich and edify our community prayer, faith, and servant life in Christ.

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

Join us for this ongoing book study! There are two identical sessions each week
- Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm or Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 240, Family Life
Center. Contacts: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

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.

#### Last Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World

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 the Fellowship Hall from September 6-October 18. Contacts: Mindy Stephani, Tim Kearby

This 7-week study of Max Lucado's *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* is based on Philippians Chapter 4. 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.

#### Last Grace-full Women

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 from September 6-October 18. Contact: Shane Jarvis

*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. Class format is to watch and discuss selections from the 1517.org video series, *Law & Gospel Devotional*.

#### **New Men with Kids**

Join us for a study of *The Book of Romans: Part 2* on **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm** in Room 247, Family Life Center. Contact: Tom Gebbia

The Book of Romans is considered by many to be one of the most important books ever written on the Christian faith. Writing to Christians, the apostle Paul defines the gospel, explores its depths, and discusses its significance and implications for the Christian life.

<u>Christian education information, including detailed class descriptions, can be found</u> here.

Any questions can be directed to the church office at <a href="mailto:office@rlcary.org">office@rlcary.org</a> or 919-851-7248.

# Small Groups Update

#### **Bagel Bunch**

We will be meeting on Tuesdays, 7:30 am at IHOP, 1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary, for the winter.

#### **Emmaus Way Walkers**

We will be meeting in the Java Jive parking lot on Wednesdays, 9:00 am.

Contact: Lyle Malotky

# Wednesday Night Workshop Schedule

5:00-6:00 pm

Dinner, FLC Gym

5:00-5:30 pm

Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary

5:30-6:00 pm

Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sonshine Singers, Choir Room

6:00-7:00 pm

Kidz Live, Room 151, FLC Ignite, The Warehouse Mama Bear Apologetics, RM 240 6:30-7:30 pm

Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary

6:30-8:00 pm Adult Christian Ed Classes

Anxious for Nothing, Fellowship Hall

Grace-full Women, Room 251, FLC

Men with Kids, Room 247, FLC

7:00-8:15 pm

Confirmation, Room 240, FLC

7:30-8:45 pm

Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

# **Wednesday Night Dinners**

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:

October 18

Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Fruit Tray, and Pie

#### October 25

Subs, Chips, Fruit Tray, and Cookies

# Wednesday Night Dinner 5:00-6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Gym

#### All are welcome!

Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Cash, check, or card payable at door.

Please register for current week by Sunday evening here.

# Interested in volunteering to help with set up, serving, and cleaning? Sign up here.

If there are any individuals or groups that would like to contribute to preparing a WNW dinner, we would love to have you!

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

# **Lutheran Witness Subscription**

It is time to renew (or start) your Lutheran Witness subscription. This church magazine has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans.

The cost is \$20.50 annually. Make checks payable to RLC and either use the designated offering envelope or note "Lutheran Witness" in memo.

<u>Deadline is October 22</u>. New members to RLC receive a one-year free subscription for the church.

# **RLC Worship Servants**

There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in all of our worship services. Please consider being a greeter or usher, a worship assistant or lay reader, a slide tech or live stream team member. Feel free to reach out directly 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**



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



Moms, you are invited to join other moms for a get together to socialize, share tips, make new friends & work on crafts/projects. Childcare will be available for a small fee.

If you have any questions, contact Erika Hulse at erika.hulse@rlcary.org

## Click here for dates and to sign up:

https://bit.ly/3ZVhyB8



Trunk and Donation Sign Up: https://bit.ly/3t3UymU

# Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

RLC Youth Ministry focuses on relationships; building a relationship with God first, each other, our church, and our community. We keep Christ at the center while having fun in our faith!

Here's what's coming up:



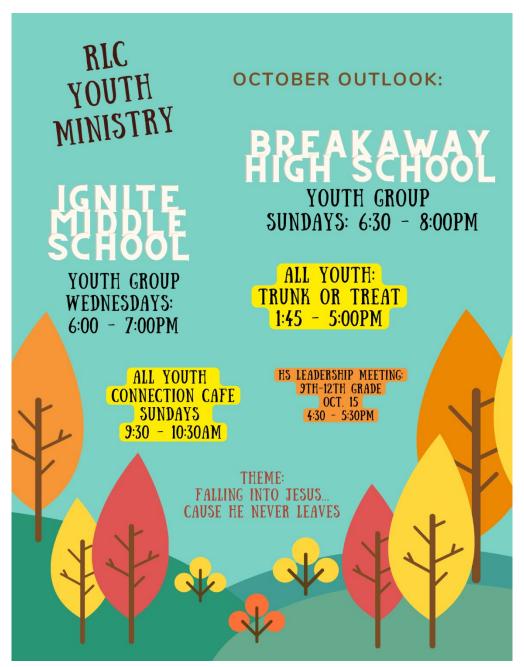
• Ignite (Middle School Youth Group) - Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm Short devotion time and games, open to all Confirmation students and youth (6th-8th grade).



Breakaway (High School Youth Group) - Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm
 Devotion time, games, team building, and fun.



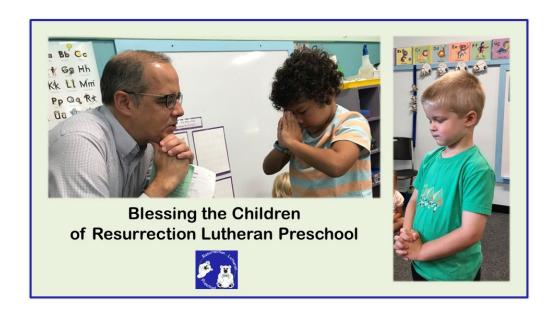
Looking ahead: **Sunday**, **October 22** is 80's Night. Start planning now! You will get extra tickets for dressing up.



We meet in The Warehouse (Room 253), Family Life Center.

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 24

#### **Resurrection Lutheran Preschool**



rlpcary.org | 919-851-7270 | office@rlpcary.org

## **Resurrection Lutheran School**



rlscary.org | 919-851-7271 | contact@rlscary.org

# **Latest Lion's Tale**



# **Online Worship Bulletins**

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at <a href="youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC">youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC</a>
or through our website at <a href="rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship">rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship</a>.

**Visual Faith** 

## **Attendance and Giving**

#### **In-Person Worship Attendance**

Saturday, October 76:00 pm - 52

Sunday, October 8
 8:00 am - 78; 9:30 am - 108; 11:00 am - 117

**Total In-Person Worship: 355** 

#### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, October 88:00 am - 85; 11:00 am - 19

**Total Online Views: 104 views** 

#### **General Fund Giving and Spending - September 2023**

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 105,368.52	\$ 303,542.38
Total Disbursements	\$ 107,463.82	\$ 341,338.30
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -2,095.30	\$ -37,795.92

This Week's Offerings: \$36,010.84

Average Weekly Giving for 2023/24: \$22,019.31

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 during the worship service

- Mail to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary, NC 27518
- Online Giving through <u>rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving</u>
- 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.

**Church Calendar** 



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#### Prayers of the Church – October 15, 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, Carol Stano

#### **For Expectant Moms**

Katie Wozniak, Carolyn St. Laurent

#### Those Prayed for on October 8, 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
- For Christian Education Study Opportunities This Fall
- Wednesday Night Dinners and Volunteers Who Assist
- Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Recovery
- Joseph McKinney, Continuing Recovery from Heart Transplant (Pediatric)
- Patricia Wellington, Recovery
- Andrew's Marriage to Christina
- Passed Test

#### **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, Continued Recovery
- \*Greta Nelson
- Paul Wozniak, Recovery
- Julie Wozniak, Recovery
- \*Mindy Stephani, Recovery of Right Leg
- Mike, Recovery from Surgery, Brother of \*Fran Xenakis
- Betty, Recovery
- Martha Hostnick, Sister of \*Charlotte Raines
- Lou, Noreen, Anita, Fred, Bob, Barb, Brian, Alice, Charlie, Karl, Sue, Sam, Tommy, Megan, Ben, Linda, Shelby, Ken, Harold, Donald, Marina, Carol, Neal, Patricia, Eric, Mara, Connie, Marti, Alvin, Karen, Dave

#### **For Comfort**

• Friends and Family of Laura Mae Enfinger, Mother of \*Kathi Carlson

#### 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, Morocco, and Libya, and All Affected by Natural Disasters
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- 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
- \*Ginny and \*Ed Koren
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- \*Eve Sommers, Adjustment to New Living Situation
- Camp Agape, Leadership Transition
- Earthquake in Afghanistan
- People of Israel

#### 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
   <u>Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!</u>
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia

  <u>Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!</u>
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
   <u>Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!</u>

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands.

We trust You are working all things according to Your good plan and purposes,
and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

\*RLC Members Updated 10/13/23