



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2023

From the Pastor

Getting Ready for Thanksgiving

(Luke 12:13-21)

You’ve probably noticed the cultural pressure to get ready for holidays before they actually arrive. If so, you’ve taken stock of how that trend has accelerated over the years. Remember the quaint notion, once upon a time, that your local department store was trying to commercialize Christmas by putting out their Christmas gear before Thanksgiving? This year, our local wholesale club had their Christmas offerings out in July. I confess to being a serial procrastinator and having the inclination to go Christmas shopping later than I probably should, but this practice gives a whole other meaning to the term “Christmas in July”!

“Christmas in July” isn’t all bad. At Resurrection, we even have a yearly tradition of serving the needs of others that way. And getting ready for Thanksgiving Day in October (or any month of the year) is a salutary practice as well. St. Paul urges us to give thanks “in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess.

5:18). Modern science is aligned with this encouragement. A posting on a research hospital website in March identified no less than five benefits from giving thanks and practicing gratitude: reduced symptoms of depression, less anxiety, improved heart health, reduced



stress, and improved sleep. ([To read the article, click here.](#)) It is nice to know that our doctors agree with the encouragements we receive in the Scriptures! But as our loving God gives the gift of gratitude by all that He has done and continues to do for us purely out of “fatherly

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:

- Blessing of QuiltsOct 8
- The CoffeehouseOct 13
- Holyland CraftsOct 15
- RLS Fall Break.....Oct 19-20
- New Members..... Oct 21-22
- RLP SongfestOct 25/26
- New WNW ClassOct 25
- Blind MinistryOct 27
- Reformation.....Oct 29
- Trunk or TreatOct 29

Sunday Morning Adult Ed

Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph

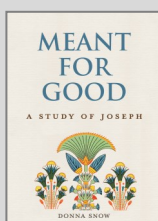
A devotional journey through the life of Joseph, Genesis 30-50.

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!



divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me" (Small Catechism, Apostles' Creed, I), our doctor's instructions are confirmation—not our first hearing — of what we already know to be true.

What does thanksgiving look like, as a lifestyle choice? That's the question we will be asking throughout the month of October. A three-week sermon series on that very question, centered on the appointed readings for October 8-22, will highlight what it means to be a steward of God's possessions, to live out God's peace as people of contentment, and to be faithful in our response to "give unto Caesar" and unto God.

As we celebrate another anniversary of the Reformation this year, we give thanks to God and give Him the glory!

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

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 (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.

Sign up for **Altar Flowers** in Sanctuary or Family Life Center!

Flowers are from Cary Florist
and cost \$45.

Contact the church office
(919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org)
or click the link below.



[Sign Up Online Here!](#)

September 2023

- During our September meeting, we took care of annual business needs which included approving three health care options (as offered by Concordia Health Plans) for the staff and Pastors; the costs of which are all covered by the budget approved by the voters in June.
- The 2023 RLC Council has committed itself to the strategic distribution of The Next 40 Mission Funds which includes the contributions shown below. The Council is taking a deliberately slow approach to ensure funds are used wisely and available for future needs (such as Maui Relief and support for recovery efforts in Turkey).

\$3000 Lutheran Study Bibles for Uganda	\$1000 LCMS Short Term Missions
\$1000 LCMS Disaster Relief/Support Turkey Recovery	\$4000 Lutheran Church Charities (for Maui Relief)
\$5000 Western Wake Crisis Ministry	\$5000 “Not Alone Blind Internet Ministry” (LCMS-based ministry to the blind that became a model for our own “Food and Fellowship for the Blind”)
\$5000 CLI Prison Alliance	
\$5000 Camp Linn Haven, NC	
\$5000 Lutheran Deaf Mission Society	
\$5000 Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	
\$5000 Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne	

- Thanks to all who contributed so generously to The Next 40 Campaign during the past 6 years making this possible. We now ask you to consider the needs of our facilities. We recently replaced one of our major A/C units (~\$20,000), and now have roof repairs to deal with as well. Funding for our General Fund Budget approved in June is currently running short by about \$35,000 for the Fiscal Year. Please prayerfully consider increasing your support to the General Fund.
- During the past two months, the Council has been working with Resurrection Lutheran School on increasing the security for the students and staff. The Council gave the “verbal okay” for the School to employ (at school expense) various upgrades in the area of added security. The council continues to work with the school on other enhancements for student and staff safety at the school.
- The next Voter’s Meeting will be **Sunday, December 10 at 12:45 pm** in the Family Life Center. The main agenda item will be election of new Council Members – full agenda to follow...

Your Council members are listed below and are willing to take questions and suggestions.

Mike Haertling, President (505) 690-9929	Mark Dirks, Council Member (919) 345-5348
Lori Jannings, Vice President (919) 523-6619	Charles Miller, Council Member (919) 534-5649
Mike Hahne, Treasurer (919) 749-7666	Aaron Newcomb, Council Member (919) 645-8005
Mike Heffner, Secretary (469) 644-2049	Linda Mangino, Council Member (919) 538-0104
Barry Needle, Council Member (919) 345-5088	Ex Officio: Margaret Hyatt, Operations Director (919) 851-7248
	Ex Officio: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Sr. Pastor (301) 997-6687

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 & Zoom
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
The Chosen, Season 3 - October 16-December 4

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

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

Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears

Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center
Ongoing

WEDNESDAY

Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears

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

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

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm - Room 247, Family Life Center
Ongoing

***New* Christ and Culture**

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
October 25-December 13



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

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

Outreach Service to the Community

Blessing of the Quilts and Silent Auction

Blessing of the Quilts will be at **all services during the weekend of October 7/8**. There will also be a Silent Auction Fundraiser, which will include a variety of handmade quilted items.

We make hand-tied quilts for two organizations - Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Lutheran World Relief.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace ministers to children locally who are in need of beds and blankets. The Piecemakers' donated 30 warm and cheerful children's quilts to this ministry in November 2022.

The Quilt Ministry is Lutheran World Relief's longest running program. LWR distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, room dividers, simple tents, or floor coverings.

In 2022, Lutheran World Relief distributed over 220,000 quilts to 19 countries with a focus on Angola, Georgia, and the Polish/Ukraine area. The quilts on display are just a portion of the 250 quilts that were made this year. They will be shipped to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland, and we pray that these quilts will be a blessing for each recipient as they are sent abroad.

We want to thank everyone who donated fabric for quilt tops and bed sheets for the quilt backs. Please, keep the donations coming! You can drop them off at the church office or in donation bins across from mailboxes.

We want to thank the more than 20 ladies who worked on these quilts! It takes many hands to complete just one quilt and we have been busy. Not all of the jobs on a quilt need a sewing machine. So, if you are interested in giving us an extra pair of hands, we can find the right job that fits your expertise. Feel free to join The Piecemakers on Tuesdays, 1:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center.



Gifts & Memorials

For Gifts and Memorials

In Memory of Lena Licciardi

Timothy and Diane Kenny



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

Galatians 6:2

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!

When: **Sunday, October 8** (2nd Sunday) from 5:00-9:30 pm

Where: Room 240, Family Life Center

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

Stephen Ministry

Christ-Centered Care

Check Out Ministry Support Provided Free
from Within the Church by Lay-Persons

We are fortunate to have several members in our community volunteering their time and talents in support of the Stephen Minister program.

Those in service are a mighty team of Stephen Ministers, along with a Pastor, who work to provide directed, Christ-centered, individualized care for members in our congregation.

The team works in tandem with the Pastor by deepening, expanding, and extending the caring capacity of our church.

Stephen Ministers are hosting an information table between the Sunday worship services and after the Saturday, 6:00 pm and Sunday, 11:00 am services the weekend of **November 4 and 5**.

Resurrection Women's Ministries

Advent Tea

Save the Date for the Women's Advent Tea
on **Saturday, December 2** from 11:00 am-1:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Spend time in fellowship and refecton on the Advent season.

Registration details will be in church mailboxes by mid-October.

More info to follow in weekly announcements.

Preparing for Jesus: An Advent Tea



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Short-Term Mission Trip

Erika Hulse, RLC’s Children and Family Ministry Director, attended her first LCMS Short Term Mission trip to Poland from August 1-14, 2023.

She served 60 children at an English Bible Camp in Bładnice. God was at work among the volunteers, children, host family, and Pastor's family!

On September 24, she hosted a Mission and Ministry Presentation that provided a fun, interactive walk through a summary of her trip. Everyone was able to see, hear, and experience all that God accomplished during her time in Poland.

Erika is extremely thankful for the congregation's support of prayer and monetary donations. *Dziękuję!*

Happy Anniversary!

October 1
Van and Linda Crandall
40 years

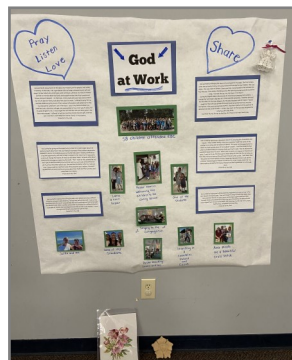
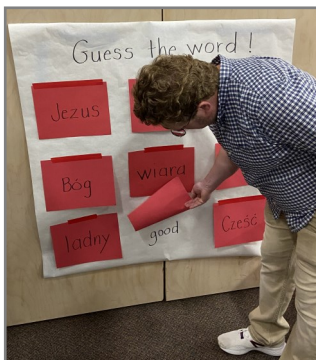
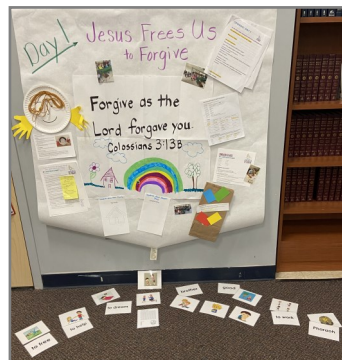
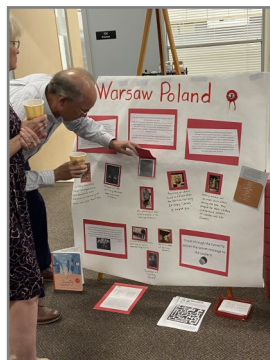
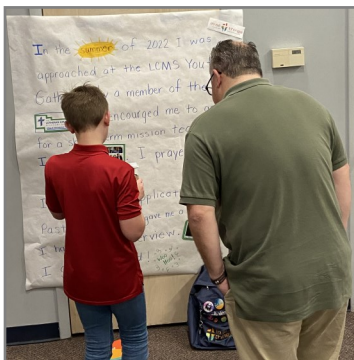
October 2
Troy and Sheila Hirt
30 years

October 9
Haynes and Cathy Campbell
30 years

October 18
Chris and Lisa Duke
15 years

Clifford and Bridget Peacock
20 years

October 25
Douglas and Kelly Zadow
15 years



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

September to Remember

On Tuesday, September 12, women and men from all over the United States and, indeed, the world set aside some time to prayerfully donate to the 2023-2025 LWML Mission Goal. On our special day of giving — *September to Remember* — Lutheran Women in Mission invited the full extent of our LWML community to share a gift of love in remembrance of someone significant in their faith journey.

The objective of *September to Remember* is that we as Lutheran Women in Mission come together to give our mite offerings and our gifts of love into the LWML Mission Goal. With every dollar you gave, you directly affected the life of another sister or brother's ability to continue building and strengthening their ministry so they can continue proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to a hurting and needful world.

On our special day of giving, your gifts totaled \$39,039 and it's only just the beginning! Lutheran Women in Mission exists to honor God by serving others and one of the ways we do that is by supporting missions. Our 2023-2025 Mission Goal is \$2,350,000 and, as you can see, your donations have already made a sizable impact.

Missionary Update

J.P. Cima and Family in Cambodia

Greetings in Jesus' name from Phnom Penh! It was a special blessing to see you this summer. Thank you for the warm welcome and hospitality. We enjoyed the "Temple Talk" and the Bible study time together.

What a joy to send this message expressing our deepest thanks for your partnership with our family as we serve God's mission in Cambodia. As we enter our 6th year in Cambodia, and our 17th in Southeast Asia, we are more aware than ever of how precious your prayers and support are. It is because of YOU that we are able to continue to follow God's call to these corners of the globe. We love being a part of what God is doing through His people. THANK YOU!

It's been far too long since we've sent an update like this, so there's much to catch up on. After the [death of J.P.'s father](#) in early May, J.P. traveled to the US about two weeks earlier than we had planned to be with family. [The memorial service](#) was a joyful celebration of Dad's life as husband, father, friend—and so much more—all with a deep faith in Jesus that has now carried him to eternal life. The rest of the summer included an [aggressive schedule](#) of church visits across the United States. We met so many people who are passionate about God's global mission! To be able to shake hands, discuss, celebrate, and pray with those who support our family is an immeasurable blessing.

Upon returning to Cambodia, we've been busy. The kids have started a [new school year](#), while J.P. and Aimee have continued key initiatives begun earlier in the year. As a regional manager, Aimee continues to work with missionaries in Hong Kong and Macau (where she [traveled in April](#)), as well as Papua New Guinea. Locally, she also [continues to advise](#) Concordia Welfare and Education's development projects. J.P. continues to work with the Cambodia Lutheran Church to implement priorities identified during the spring's [strategic planning](#), itself the culmination of a year-long [visitation program](#). Specifically, the CLC has asked J.P. to expand training in Luther's Small Catechism (which he had [already implemented](#) in two locations) to five other strategic locations throughout the country. The CLC has [received a grant](#) from LCMS to implement these seminars. And, of course, we continue with our [youth group](#) and [other teaching opportunities](#).

You are a part of all of it! Again, thanks for your partnership. Please do feel free to reach out at any time. We LOVE hearing from you! God bless and keep you.

In Christ- JP, Aimee, Celeste, Bella, and Isaac cimafam.com lcms.org/cima missioncentral.us/cima



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

October 2023



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Bible stories, games, songs and crafts.

Sunday School is from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Pre-K room 132

K & 1st grade room 135

2nd & 3rd grade room 131

4th & 5th grade room 133.

Contact Erika for more info at:

erika.hulse@rlcary.org

OCTOBER 1

On Sunday, October 1st, we will be gathering at Ritter Park at 9:30 am for Children's Sunday School at the pavilion. Following Sunday School, we will have worship service at 11 am. Bring your own picnic lunch for after service.

There will be a popcorn bar, games and activities for all! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Erika at erika.hulse@rlcary.org



TRUNK OR TREAT

Families are invited to join us in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 29th from 3-4:30 pm for trunk or treating, games, crafts and fun!

Families are welcome to host a trunk for the event or we welcome donations of candy and/or small trinkets for distribution. The RLC Family and Children's Ministry and RLC Youth Ministry are working together to host an awesome event for our church, schools and community.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Children's Church is offered during the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service. Children are dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Message. The children will be engaged in crafts, games and Bible stories in room 151.

We look forward to seeing your children there!!!



CHILDREN'S EVENTS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Kidz Live 6-7 pm- The Justice Family has been teaching children Pre-K to 5th grade all about Missionaries! They are using curriculum from the LCMS International Mission Office. They have already traveled to 2 continents, but it is never too late to join them in room 151!

KICKS - Kids in Christ Keep Shining (for grades 3-5) Led by the Breiler Family is held the first Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm in the gym. They have a devotion, lead games and do fun activities.



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

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO
AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN



TRUNK OR TREAT

COME IN YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME
BRING A FRIEND AND HAVE FUN WITH
GAMES, CANDY, TREATS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
3:00 - 4:30PM

ANY QUESTIONS OR DONATIONS CONTACT
ERIKA HULSE (ERIKA.HULSE@RLCARY.ORG) OR
JENNY PIONTEK (JENNY.PIONTEK@RLCARY.ORG)

CHURCH FAMILY WE NEED YOUR HELP!

DECORATE YOUR CAR OR DONATE SOME
TREATS!

OUR GOAL IS AT LEAST 30 TRUNKS!
SET UP BEGINS @ 2:00PM



SCAN ME

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

Middle School and High School

Youth Ministry News

The RLC Youth Groups are off to a stellar start to the year!

Middle School has successfully transitioned youth groups to Wednesday evenings from 6:00- 7:00.

High School this week participated in their first service event of the year, packing care packages for our College Crew Alumni.

And both groups are looking forward to our first big cooperative service event, Trunk or Treat! The youth theme for this year will be... *Wild West, Cowboy Up for Jesus!*

You can see what we are doing each week! Follow us @youthatrlc on Instagram.



WANT TO HELP OUT the RLC YOUTH?

Sunday School Teachers Needed:

We are seeking Sunday School teachers! Love to share the Word? Love to have interactive discussions? Great! We want you to come and teach. The lessons are simple, prepared, and prepped — you are just responsible for the delivery to some usually sleepy teens who desire a great, faith-filled discussion.

Amazon Wishlist: [amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3Q03D1F5JJ396?ref=wl_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3Q03D1F5JJ396?ref=wl_share)

College Crew Addresses needed!

The Breakaway High School youth group has lovingly packed care packages for our college crew alums. We would love to get these surprises in the mail soon. Parents or college crew, please send your current campus addresses to jenny.piontek@rlcary.org.

Worship in the Park

Sunday School Fun



Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director

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Still 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**

FALL HOOTENANNY

Fall Hootenanny and Cook-Off ~ **Friday, October 6** from 5:30-8:00 pm. This Family Fun for Everyone event is more than just a fun fall party, it is a celebration of family, community, and good ol' fashioned fun! So, grab your boots, your best flannel, and your superior crock-pot recipe, and join us in the Gym for a chili/mac-n-cheese dinner, followed by a cake walk and a rousing, dancing good time!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

The RLS Choir (Grades 1-5) and the RLS Middle School Chorus (Grades 6-8) will be singing on **Sunday, October 15** at the 11:00 am worship service. They are excited to be singing *Ezekiel* and *Make Us One*.

STEM NEWS

The magic of STEM education continues to grow school-wide! In the last few weeks, many elementary school students visited the Makerspace to explore Ozobots. Ozobots are tiny robots that students can code and create simply by using colored markers that the robots read. Hands-on, tech-savvy learning doesn't stop here. Teachers throughout our building are bringing lessons to life with engaging STEM activities in their classrooms. We are blessed!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 17** School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 18** Early Release, 11:30 am
- October 19-20** No School - Fall Break
- October 27** Early Release, 11:30 am
Middle School Dance



Resurrection Lutheran School

Robin Hester
Principal

Rosie Creasy
Director of Admissions/
School Growth

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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.



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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 during 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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Please send submissions to susan.moore@rlcary.org.

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