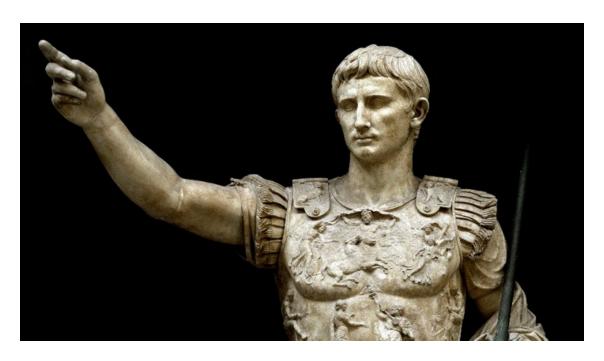
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost October 22, 2023



Pastor's Corner for October 22-28

The One Who Truly Gives the Victory (Isaiah 45:1-7)

Every so often the Bible holds up the Almighty God of all against... well, mere mortals who wear the title "king" and the wars they wage. Occasionally, these heads of state are folks outside the household of Israel: Egyptians, Persians, or Romans. At times these foreign heads of state oppose God's reign. Take Egypt's Pharaoh as an example. God won the battle with Pharaoh, meaning Israel was rescued from slavery and gathered to God as one wilderness people. But other foreign heads of state were surprisingly not opposed to God. Consider Cyrus, king of Persia. Cyrus, a foreigner, would be used by God to defeat the Babylonians and bring the Hebrews back to Jerusalem. In this role, Cyrus is called the Lord's "anointed one," the Lord's Messiah (45:1)! God would use a foreign king to further

His purpose on earth and knowledge of Himself to the nations.

There's been a lot in the news lately about the nations of the world and the turmoil unleashed in many of them: Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, and the list goes on. As we have already seen, the impacts of this turmoil do not remain confined to unseen corners of the world. Wouldn't it be nice if all nations could coalesce around clear plans that enact justice for wrongdoing and peace for the oppressed? Thankfully, though politicians and government officials are often hard at work in international crises to foster just outcomes and relief for those in harm's way, they are not the ultimate source of our hope in times of crisis.

As Donna Snow, author of our current Sunday morning Bible study Meant for Good writes, "When you and I struggle to see hope, sometimes we look around instead of looking up. We slip into walking by sight and not by faith" (p. 120). The Psalmist writes, "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken." There is One who guides us in difficult times and gives us reason for hope in the midst of the maelstrom. No matter what tomorrow brings, today we stand confident in Jesus' victory over sin, death and the grave, which we will experience in all its fullness, one day! In the meantime, God's love for all the world that Jesus demonstrated and died on a cross to deliver is the reason why we seek God's path for us... our leaders... and our world.

Today, more than ever, our hope is in Him.

Peace and joy to you in Christ!
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

Please welcome our new members to the Resurrection Lutheran Church family!



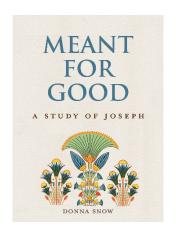
Thank you for helping them connect and get to know their RLC Family!

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).





Baptized on Sunday, October 22 at 11:00 am

Henry Preston Bolling

born April 19, 2023, son of James Richard Bolling and Laura Preston Bolling.

Godparents are Thomas Bolling Jr., Kate Lee, and Sam Buzzelli.

May God's blessing be upon Henry Preston as he grows in his baptismal grace.

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.

YOUNG FAMILIESgathering



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, FLC.



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).

Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Coalition

The Lutheran Build Coalition with Habitat is back for Fall of 2023. Site construction will run from October 28-March 15. The Lutheran churches in the area will join together to build a new Habitat home in Knightdale. Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings faith coalitions together to build homes, communities, and hope.

This year the Coalition homes are being built in our newest neighborhood of Flower's Place at the intersection of Kelley Meadows Drive and Flowers Street, in Knightdale.

We have selected several RLC sponsored work days (Saturdays) and we need volunteers each day to support the build. Our work days and number of volunteers are November 18 (15), January 27 (7-8), and March 9 (5).

We also need 3-4 volunteers to work on **Saturday**, **October 28** when there will be a wall raising ceremony on-site. A fun event to experience.

No construction experience is necessary and being a member of RLC isn't necessary, feel free to invite a friend; there will be jobs for everyone with a serving heart.

You must register and sign up via the Habitat vhub link: http://vhub.at/lutheranbuild

Not able to join an RLC build day? No worries. You can sign up for Saturdays that other churches couldn't fill or even weekday (Thursday/Friday) slots if that works better.

Financial support needed! We need additional funds to help offset the cost of building materials that the Lutheran Coalition community shares. Please mark your financial gifts "For RLC Habitat Build".

Questions? Contact Tim Hiteshew - RLC Coalition Coordinator, Bud McCarty, Lyle Malotky, or Bill Boyer through RCB 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.

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*, runs 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.

New Christ and Culture

Join us for a study of *Christ and Culture* on **Wednesdays**, **6:30-8:00 pm** from October 25-December 13 in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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.

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 here.</u>

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

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, RM 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

Christ and Culture, Fellowship Hall Men with Kids (Romans), RM 247

7:00-8:15 pm

Confirmation, RM 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 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? <u>Sign up here.</u>

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).

Our Last 2023 Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, November 10

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse in October! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to attend 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. Sign up: https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday**, **November 10** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have *Rooted* play for us!

A huge thank you to Kathy Rasmussen! She is completing her 22nd year and began this ministry 22 years at RLC. We can't thank you enough, Kathy, and our honored guests thank you, too!

Questions: Contact Brenda Peterson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Help decorate the church for Christmas, order a poinsettia!

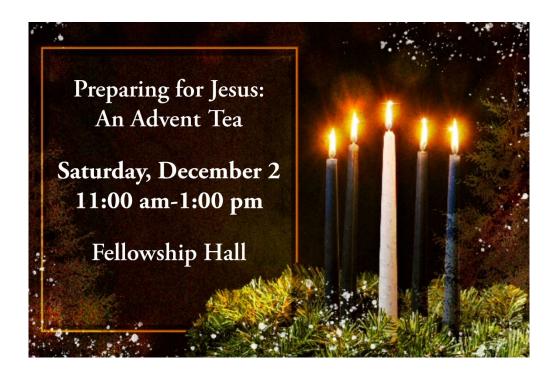
Pick up an order form at the Information Tables in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby. Cost is \$15 per plant with a choice of red or white flowers. Orders are due by November 12.

Place your completed order form and check made payable to RLC in the office mailbox of Linda Merrill or mail to 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518.

You may take home a plant after the 10:00 am worship service on Christmas Day. Plants not claimed by January 7 will be donated.



Resurrection Women's Ministries



Join your fellow sisters-in-Christ for a time of fellowship, encouragement, and faith building as we prepare our hearts and minds for this upcoming Advent season. (For women of RLC and their guests)

Tickets are \$10 each (any excess funds will go towards LWML Mites for Missions) with support from Thrivent Financial. Please bring your own teacup or mug.

To RSVP, complete the form found in your church mailbox or at the Information Tables and place it in Donna Krupcale's mailbox with cash or check payable to RLC (memo - RLW Advent Tea) by Sunday, November 19.

Interested in volunteering? There are opportunities for set up on Friday, and food prep and kitchen duties on Saturday. Sign Up: https://bit.ly/46yC2lw

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.

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.



Moms. you are invited to join other moms for a get together to socialize, share tips, make new friends

a 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

Children and Family Ministry



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



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



This event is open to all ages!

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:

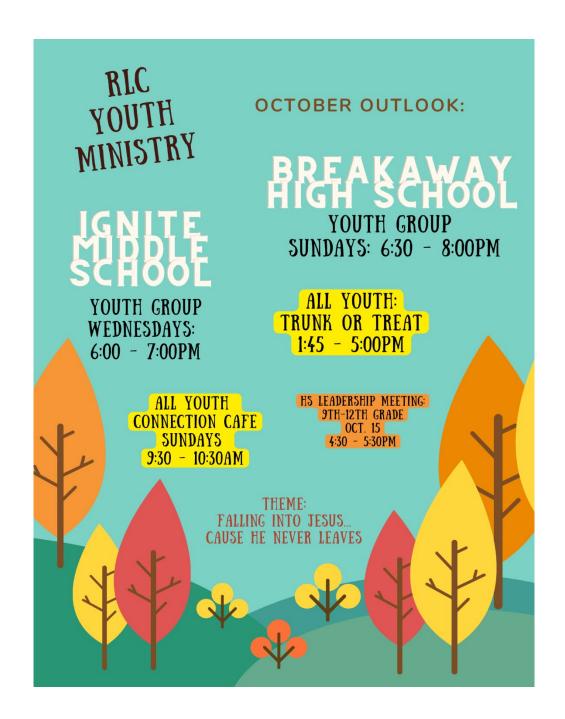


• Ignite (Middle School Youth Group) - Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm Short devotion time and games, open to all Confirmation students and youth (6th-8th grade).



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





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

Blessing the Children of Resurrection Lutheran Preschool









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

Resurrection Lutheran School



RLS STEM Team shares their enthusiasm, knowledge, and experience with other Lutheran schools in the Southeast District.



Latest Lion's Tale



Online Worship Bulletins

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC
or through our website at <a href="result-results-results-new-results-

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Attendance and Giving

In-Person Worship Attendance

- Saturday, October 146:00 pm 46
- Sunday, October 15
 8:00 am 83; 9:30 am 93; 11:00 am 156

Total In-Person Worship: 378

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, October 15
 8:00 am - 106; 11:00 am - 43

Total Online Views: 149 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: \$29,391.82

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 22, 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 15, 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
- Joseph McKinney, Continuing Recovery from Heart Transplant (Pediatric)
- The Work of The Piecemakers and All the Quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Julie's Recovery
- Jerrie Branson's Birthday, Mother of *Jill Hammergren

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
- *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
- Carol, Chemo Treatments
- *Bob Bruce, Recovery
- Ashleigh, Healing
- Patricia Wellington, Chemo Treatments
- *Jan Boyer, Recovery
- Bob, Mike, Barbara, Lydia, Sam, Marina, Paul, Stuart, Pat, Sarah, Barbara, Malcolm, Mary, Emily, Carol, Neal, Alice, Joan, Roger, Bruce, Ken, Don, Eric, Connie, Alvin, Mara, Karen, Marti, Corey, Dave, Brian, Virginia

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, Libya, Afghanistan, and All Affected by Natural Disasters
- People of Israel and the People of Gaza
- 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
- *Mike Persson, Study, Preparation, and Testing for a New Job
- For Fran on Loss of Husband
- Grandson Jackson in 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 Schools Staff

• Our Stephen Ministers

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and *Megan Mantey, Kenya

 Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!
- 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 10/20/23