

# Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

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*Pastor's Corner for January 21-27, 2024*

## **The Single Life: God's "Plan B"?** **(1 Corinthians 7:29-35)**

In St. Paul's first letter to followers of Jesus in Corinth, he affirms that "the appointed time has grown very short." (7:29). What does this mean? Since the coming of Jesus, time is no longer merely an endless stream of events carrying us along willy-nilly, causing us to be driven by "business as usual." As people of faith, we find ourselves in a season where the coming of Jesus has upended our usual worldly expectations. We find blessings in unexpected places.

Consider this example: Tim Keller, in his book *The Meaning of Marriage*, extols the gift of marriage and the union between husband and wife intended by God to be a

blessing to families since the beginning of time. The Scriptures broadly speaking, and St. Paul more specifically, make it clear that sexual immorality is contrary to God's plan for humanity and that the married estate is where a man and a woman experience the pleasure and joy of becoming "one flesh." Nevertheless... people carried along by "business as usual" are inclined to make anything – even good things – into something to love and trust in MORE than God. And whether we look at the popular culture of the first or the 21st century, the marriage estate and household blessed by children is often the coveted ideal. The search for the "perfect" mate is often the be-all-end-all. Marital bliss becomes a kind of idol. Even in the church.

Keller and wife Kathy were surprised to find themselves surrounded by so many single people when they first came to Manhattan in the early 90s. Keller planted a congregation that was 80% single... not, he says, because that was a conscious decision, but because that was the demographic of his neighborhood. Statistics recorded from the most recent national census show that the number of single adults has increased exponentially since. Of the roughly 258 million people in the United States over 18 years of age today, conservative estimates are that 50% are married and 50% are not. Is singleness God's "Plan B" for humanity? Not if we read St. Paul! In every generation, family, including a loving spouse and life's partner, is rightly seen as a precious gift from God's hand. Paul would have us know that God does not call everyone to follow as disciples according to the same life blueprint. For some the married life is God's best... for others, the single life is God's best. The single life is NOT God's "Plan B."

The gift of life and forgiveness by the cross of Jesus is "the power of God" for all who believe (1 Cor. 1:24). Our lives are fueled by an everlasting hope that can never die. The appointed time has grown short. The present form of the world is passing away. Whether we are married or single, we are people of hope... people who live in the overlap of the ages, people awaiting the new world about to be born in us. We live as people saved by grace, through faith, for service – together!

Hope and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan

# Prayers of the Church

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## Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education Class

### Isaiah - Herald of the Messiah

9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

January 7-February 11

Led by Bob and Barb Shimmel, this 6-week study is from the Concordia Publishing House series: *God's Word for Today*. Each session will combine a presentation of the scriptural focus in Isaiah, followed by opportunities to explore relevant applications for life today.

Isaiah was called by God to speak His Word to a people who were committing spiritual adultery. Through Isaiah, God warned them to repent before the coming day of His wrath. And He gave them wonderful promises of the Messiah to Come and of the glorious future of God's restored people. In all, 33 prophecies of the Messiah are found in Isaiah – we will look at the prophecy and the fulfillment in the New Testament.

This study seeks to help God's people today in the following ways:

- Develop an appreciation for how the Lord revealed parts of His plan of salvation in Jesus centuries before Jesus birth;
  - live out their calling to reflect the light of God's salvation to people from all nations;
  - look forward to a peaceful, joyous, and righteous life in the new heavens and new earth.
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## Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

### Sunday

#### ***Isaiah - Herald of the Messiah***

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

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### Monday

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

#### ***Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success by Sharla Fritz***

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center

January 8-May 20

Contact: Jamee Thieme

In the Bible, you'll find no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and broken people. People like Joseph, Rahab, David, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, The Samaritan Woman, Peter, and Paul. We see them as people God transformed, turning their lack into faithfulness for His good. Study these eight biblical figures to see that God does the same for you.

Men's Weekly

***A Study of Heroes of the Faith***

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center

January 8-May 20

Contact: Tom Gebbia

We will study and discuss the Heroes of the Faith series published by Concordia Publishing House - starting with *Intrepid Heroes of the Faith*, which includes Joshua, Gideon, Sampson, and Daniel.

**Tuesday**

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

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

January 2-May 21

Contacts: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

We will look at the appointed readings from each week that are used in the weekend sermons.

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

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

January 2-February 6

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.

## Wednesday

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

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

January 3-February 7

Contacts: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

See listing above, identical classes.

### ***Help Is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit***

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

January 3-February 7

Contacts: Tim Kearby, Mindy Stephani

We will use Max Lucado's five-session study to learn more about this “helper” whom we know as the Holy Spirit. *Help Is Here* reminds us that our Good Shepherd doesn't just feed us; he leads us. He does more than correct us; he directs us. God keeps us on track – he's commissioned the Holy Spirit to guide us down the winding roads of life, wherever they may lead us.

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

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

January 3-April 24

Contact: Tom Gebbia

This group is designed to bring men in a similar season with similar life experiences and goals together.

### ***Grace-Full Women***

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm in Room 251, Family Life Center

January 3-February 7

Contact: Shane Jarvis

As we read through the in-depth Bible study of *Ruth: More Than a Love Story* by Elizabeth Ahlman, we will come to see how God watches carefully over every little

detail so His grace may come to fruition and fully abound.

## Saturday

### ***This Is the Church***

**Saturdays, January 20, January 27, February 3 Only**

9:30-11:00 am in Room 151, Family Life Center

Contact: Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Three 90-minute gatherings, Conversations around the Basics of the Christian Faith, will focus on what Christians believe and how the Christian faith can be understood in distinction from other world religions.

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

To download the Christian Education Winter 2024, Block 1 Sheet, [click here](#). 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](mailto:office@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248.

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## Wednesday Night Workshop Schedule

<b>5:00-6:00 pm</b> Dinner, FLC Gym	<b>6:30-7:30 pm</b> Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary
<b>5:00-5:30 pm</b> Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary	<b>6:30-8:00 pm</b> Adult Christian Ed <i>Help Is Here</i> , Fellowship Hall <i>Men with Kids</i> , RM 247 <i>Grace-Full Women</i> , RM 251
<b>5:30-6:00 pm</b> Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sonshine Singers, Choir Room	<b>7:00-8:00 pm</b> 1st Communion Instruction, RM 244
<b>6:00-7:00 pm</b> Kidz Live, RM 151 Ignite, The Warehouse <i>Mama Bear Apologetics</i> , RM 240	<b>7:00-8:15 pm</b> Confirmation, RM 240 <b>7:30-8:45 pm</b> Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

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## 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!

### 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 by Sunday evening here.](#)

### Menu for January 24:

Danny's Bar-B-Que  
Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies,  
Green Salad, and Banana Pudding



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](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our  
sister in Christ, **Esther Kuo**, was called to rest with Jesus.

Our prayers are with her family, especially her son and daughter-in-law, Nelson Kuo  
and Rebecca Melland-Kuo, and her grandchildren, Ethan, Ilea, and Garrett, at this  
time.

Funeral will be held on **Saturday, January 20** at Apex Funeral Home, 550 W.  
Williams Street, Apex. Visitation will be at 1:00 pm and the service at 2:00 pm,  
followed by burial at Holly Springs Cemetery, 451 Earp Street, Holly Springs.

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## Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for  
the Visually Impaired meets

**Friday, January 26**

5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

This outreach to the blind community provides a monthly fellowship dinner for those who are blind or visually impaired on the last Friday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers provide transportation, prepare and serve food to guests, and help set up and clean up.

Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy to learn more and to become a volunteer through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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### Habitat for Humanity

Lutheran Coalition

It's time for another RLC Build Day with the Habitat Lutheran Coalition! **Plan to join us on Saturday, January 27** - we have some open slots. Our next Build Day is Saturday, March 9 and will be working with Grace Lutheran.

#### What is a Faith Coalition?

Habitat for Humanity of Wake County, Faith has more than 120 congregations throughout Wake and Johnston Counties. We have organized these congregations into various coalitions so they can work together to strengthen relationships and build beloved community while serving families in need of affordable housing. There are denominational coalitions, geographical coalitions, and affinity coalitions.

## Lutheran Coalition History

Habitat Wake and the Lutherans have worked together since the beginning of Habitat Wake in 1985 and have been faithful partners throughout our history. Individual churches supported various builds, and in 2006, the first Lutheran Build emerged. Lutheran churches have regularly come together to build and advocate for affordable housing since that time.

The Lutheran Coalition Build will take place in the brand-new Flower's Place neighborhood at the intersection of Kelley Meadows Drive and Flowers Street in Knightdale. The home's address is not in most GPS's yet, so you can find it by typing in 20 Kelley Meadows Drive, Knightdale.

## Sign Up!

You must sign up on the Habitat Lutheran Coalition volunteer website. If you don't already have a Habitat ID / PW, you'll need to create one.

Coalition Volunteer Hub Link: <http://vhub.at/lutheranbuild>

Contact Tim Hiteshew through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).





## Saturday, January 27

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

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### The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, February 9

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come join us! Our special needs guests love to attend these events and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. We thank God for this ministry among us. 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, February 9** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have *Busted Knuckle Blues Syndicate* play for us!

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

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## New Online Giving Site

Resurrection is pleased to announce our new and improved online giving page! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has updated their online giving platform to make it easier than ever to make one-time gifts or set up recurring donations to our church.

The new page is now live ([click here](#)) and available on our website at [rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving](http://rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving).

Nothing about our online giving has changed except the look of the page. You can adjust existing donations, set up new gifts, and update personal information from the new Vanco Online.

Once you have accessed the new site, please be sure to bookmark the new site and delete any current bookmarks to the old site.

Please note that there is a fee associated to Credit/Debit card transactions, but no fee with a donation from a bank account. Both options are available on the site. If using a Credit/Debit card, please be aware that there is an option to pay the fee yourself which will assure that your entire intended donation goes to RLC.

### How Do You Sign Up with Vanco Online?

It's easy! If you're a new giver to Resurrection, visit our website at [rlcary.org](http://rlcary.org) to create a Vanco Online account. From there, you can read more about our mission and give to our ministries.

If you already have a Vanco account, you can log in using the same username and password as before. To do this, visit our [online giving page](#) and click the "Log In" button at the top right of your screen. From there you can update scheduled donations or set up new recurring gifts by clicking "Profile" and then "View Scheduled Donations."

You can also check out this [Vanco Online How-To Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.

We are thrilled about our online giving page's new look. Please stop by the church office or call us at 919-851-7248, if you have questions or need assistance. You can also email [treasurer@rlcary.org](mailto:treasurer@rlcary.org) or [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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## Finance Updates

### Offering Envelopes and 2023 Statement of Giving

New giving envelopes for 2024 have been placed in your RLC mailbox. If you don't see yours, please contact the Finance Team. Likewise, financial statements for 2023 are there also. Please review and contact the Finance Team with any questions at [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org). Thanks!

### Stock and Securities

We are appreciative of the many ways our congregation donates to RLC. If you have donated stock in the last 2 months of 2023, please contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org) or 919-270-7914 to finish processing.

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## RLC Worship Servants and Training

### Ushering and Greeting at the Praise Worship Service

Sundays, 11:00 am in the Family Life Center

For those who will be Greeting and/or Ushering in our Praise Worship service, please plan to attend one of the three brief training sessions scheduled in January. Meet in the Family Life Center Lobby.

**Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 am**

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](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248) for assistance.



## Moms Together

Moms, you are invited to join other moms for daytime get togethers to socialize, share tips, make new friends, and work on crafts/projects.

Childcare is available for a small fee.



We also meet for evening activities occasionally.

For dates and to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3ZVhyB8>



## First Responder Family Service Project



Date: February 3, 2024

Time: 10:00-11:30

Where: Fellowship Hall



Details: Families will contribute items to build snack baskets for local first responders, then deliver them.

contact: [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org)

Sign up here:



[Sign Up to Donate Basket Items!](https://bit.ly/3ZVhyB8)

## VBS at Resurrection Lutheran Church

Summer 2024

Save the Dates:  
June 24-28, 2024

A volunteer information meeting will be held Sunday, January 21st, at 12:00 in room 151 in the Family Life Center.

**[Volunteer Interest Meeting on Sunday!](#)**

Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director  
[erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org).



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## Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

There has been a calendar adjustment to our summer schedule. We will be focusing our efforts here at home this year during the week of Vacation Bible School. I will be working with our High School Leadership Team to dream what this might look like, but we will be doing our Mission Trip at Home (no Kentucky this year). I am excited what adventures might unfold right here in our own community! **So mark your calendars for VBS and on-site Mission work right here at home - June 24-28, 2024!**

Here's what is coming up...

- Connection Cafe (Sunday School for Middle and High School)  
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
- Middle School: Ignite Youth Group  
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School: Breakaway Youth Group  
Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm



- Laser Tag Lock In for Middle and High School  
Friday, February 23 - Save the Date!  
Middle School until 11:00 pm, High School All Night

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director  
[jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248, ext. 24

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## Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

**Enroll NOW for the 2024-25 preschool year!**

We offer classes for children, 2-years-old through 5-years-old.

Our program provides a balance of social and academic opportunities by means of 'learning through play' in a loving Christian atmosphere.

Class openings are also available for the current preschool year, 2023-24.

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## **Resurrection Lutheran Preschool**

**3-year-olds  
to Rising kindergarteners**  
*(children currently in our 2's classes can come!)*  
**(ALL Ages MUST be toilet-trained)**

**June 3 – 6** (9:15-12:30)

**June 10 – 13** (9:15-12:30)

**June 17 – 20** (9:15-12:30)

**RLChurch VBS June 24-28**

**Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!**

*Brochures and Registration forms coming soon.*

**Mark Your Calendars!**

[rlpcary.org](http://rlpcary.org) | 919-851-7270 | [office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org)

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## **It's time to vote for the 2024 Maggy Awards!**

This is the time of year that we have the opportunity to lift up our schools in the community! Please take a moment to vote for Resurrection Lutheran schools in the following categories:

**BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL - Resurrection Lutheran School**

**BEST PRESCHOOL - Resurrection Lutheran Preschool**

**BEST ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL - Robin Hester**

**BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL - Robin Hester**

[CLICK HERE TO VOTE!](#)

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## Resurrection Lutheran School

### Spirit Night at Ruckus!

Go eat dinner on **Tuesday, January 23** at the Apex/Costco location  
and they'll share 20% of your check with our PSO.

Just mention the *Giveback to RLS*.



**Junior Kindergarten  
embraces STEAM  
as they make and  
measure snowmen!**



**rlscary.org**  
Junior Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

rlscary.org | 919-851-7271 | [contact@rlscary.org](mailto:contact@rlscary.org)

**Latest Lion's Tale**

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# Multi-Congregational Event

Lutherans for Life Speaker Rev. Scott Licht

Topic: "Just as I AM"

God's Vocation for All People

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Starts promptly at 10:00 AM

Held at Grace Lutheran Church,

824 N. Buchanan St., Durham, NC 27701

## Morning Session:

"Just As...I AM...God's  
Vocation for ALL People"

Covering Topics Such As:

- People with a disability
- People who have experienced miscarriage / stillbirth
- Singles / Widows / Widowers
- Survivors of Suicide
- Suffering...

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Lunch until 1 PM*

## Afternoon Session:

"Practical Considerations at the  
End of Life"

Covering Topics Such As:

- Documents
- Hospice
- Caring for Caregivers
- Organ Donation
- Grief
- Palliative Care

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Sign up on the Grace Lutheran Church Website: [www.gracedurham.org](http://www.gracedurham.org)

There are three sign ups: Morning Session, Lunch and Afternoon Session

*Invite your family members and friends.*



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

Sign up at [gracedurham.org](http://gracedurham.org) or call their church office at 919-682-6030.

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For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at  
[youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)  
or through our website at  
[rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](http://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

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## This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

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### Attendance and Giving

#### In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, January 13  
6:00 pm - 55

Sunday, January 14  
8:00 am - 72

9:30 am - 136

11:00 am - 98

**Total In-Person Worship: 361**

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

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am - 108

11:00 am - 39

**Total Online Views: 147 views**

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

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 197,439.28	\$ 737,839.80
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 128,816.95</u>	<u>\$ 706,580.64</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 68,622.33	\$ 31,259.16

**This Week's Offerings: \$23,504.02**

**Average Weekly Giving for 2023/24: \$27,327.40**

**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 [rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving](http://rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving)

- Download the Vanco Mobile app, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC

Questions? Contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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## Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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## Prayers of the Church – January 21, 2024

*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 Kuo, \*Geoffrey Wiggins, 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, Bob, Michael Murphy, Greta Nelson, Marina de Moura Torres, Paul Wozniak, Carol Stano

#### **For Expectant Moms**

Carolyn St. Laurent, Hannah Peterson, Analissa Vasquez, Sara Phillips

#### **Those Prayed for on January 14, 2024**

#### **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 Healing**

- \*Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Sheila McNair, Linda Jones, Desiree, James
- \*Eve Sommers, Continued Recovery
- \*Greta Nelson
- Paul Wozniak, Recovery at Home
- Julie Wozniak, Recovery
- Patricia Wellington, Chemo Treatments
- Miriam Beyer, Daughter-In-Law of \*Charlotte Beyer
- Jan Bloom

- Evelyn Bloom
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- Bruce, Brother of \*Ralph Klevenow
- \*Meredith A.
- Michael
- \*Pam Dickson
- \*Stephanie Ford
- Jimmy, Cancer Treatment
- Myrna, Recovery From Car Accident
- Emily, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, Recovery
- Betty, Memory Issues
- Javed, Recurrence of Cancer
- \*Vern Ebert, Lessening of Pain and Help Managing It
- \*Bill Xenakis
- Patti, Lindsay, Tony, Chris, Danny, Barbara, Mary, Sandy, Jadis, Gwen, Oleva, Marian, Bernice, Hal, Jackie, Imma, Wilmette, Paul, Stuart, Javed, Emily, Patty, Shelby, Ken, Harold, Donald, Eric, Connie, Mara, Marti, Shirley, Dave, Robin

#### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Ted Dumas, Father of \*Michele Brake
- The Harrell Family Upon Death of Their Mother
- The Williams Family Upon Death of Their Mother
- Friends and Family of Doug Enfinger, Brother of \*Kathi Carlson
- Friends and Family of Joann Otten, Mother of \*Mark Otten, Grandmother of \*Leah Robison
- Friends and Family of Esther Kuo, Mother of \*Nelson Kuo and \*Rebecca Melland-Kuo, Grandmother of \*Ethan, \*Ilea, and \*Garett Kuo
- Friends and Family of Becky Lantz, Aunt of \*Terri Nance
- Friends and Family of Bob Wiley Sr., Father of \*Bob Wiley Jr.
- Friends and Family of Randy Hanvelts' Son, Friends of \*Anita Moore
- Friends and Family of James Oates
- Friends and Family of Mike Garza, Uncle of \*Robert Field

#### **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, Peace in the Middle East
- 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, Care Decisions
- 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
- RLC Financial Health and Stewardship
- \*Mike Persson, Next Steps in Employment Process
- Students Returning to School

**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
- Pastor Jon Richter, Serving St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norlina NC
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers

**For Our Missionaries**

- \*Mark and \*Megan Mantey, Kenya  
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- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia  
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- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya  
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*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.*