# The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2024



Pastor's Corner for February 11-17, 2024

# Listen! (Exodus 35:29-35)

With family living so far away, we make a lot of use of Facetime. I have a lot of complaints about technology, but Facetime isn't one of them, it is a great gift to use well! Because of Facetime, Sophia can recognize her grandparents. Without seeing their faces and hearing their voices, they would almost be strangers to her. She might even be afraid of them when they visit. But because of Facetime, that isn't so! When the grandparents visited early in January, the first thing they wanted to do was hold Sophia and give her a big hug. As they stepped out of the car and Sophia saw them in the driveway, she shied away at first. It wasn't until she heard their voice, until they called her name, did she lean out of my arms and into the

arms of her grandparents! It was the invitation, the sound of her grandparents' voice, that told her she had nothing to fear.

The Israelites spend a lot of time being afraid of God, and rightly so! We spend a lot of time highlighting all the times they fail to keep God's law. They grumble and complain, make false gods, blatantly ignore God's rules, and are anything but thankful. After a time, they begin to realize where they have gone wrong and they fear the punishment of God. It reaches a time when Moses goes to talk with God because he needs to get another copy of the 10 Commandments (after he threw down the first copy in anger of what the Israelites did) and his face is shining bright because he had been talking with God. The people of God were terrified! They thought God had given Moses a word of condemnation, that God would leave them because of what they had done, but that wasn't the case. Here's what were told about the scene...

Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him (Exodus 34:30-31)

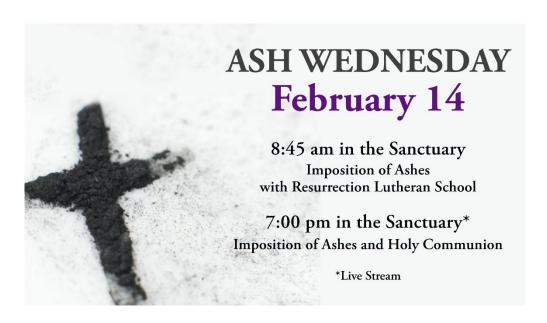
It wasn't until they heard the voice of Moses, the reminder that neither their leader nor their faithful God would leave them. The voice of God through Moses was what calmed their fears and brought them close to their loving God once again.

Just like Sophia hearing the voice of her grandparents, just like the Israelites hearing the voice of Moses, you have heard the voice of God in His Word and you need not fear! It is that Word, His Voice, that reminds you that He isn't going anywhere. He is always with you and the arms of your Father God are always open for you to run to and find comfort in.

This Lenten season, how will you hear God call to you? What Lenten discipline will you pick up to focus on the Voice of God? Do not fear His Voice that calls to you, but run to it with the joy of child, knowing you always belong with Him.

Your listening brother in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

# Prayers of the Church



All other Wednesday night activities are cancelled, except for rehearsals for Heavenly Handbells at 6:00 pm and Sanctuary Choir at 8:00 pm.



# Men and Women's Breakfast

# Saturday, February 10 ~ Grace at 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Join us for a hearty breakfast prepared by the Men's Breakfast Cook Team, fellowship, music, and message.

All are welcome! Invite a friend, neighbor, spouse, and other church members.

Contact Tom Gebbia at <a href="mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org">mens-ministry@rlcary.org</a>.

## Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **February 10** and **11**. 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!

# February Adult Game Night February 11, 5:00-9:30 pm

Looking for a night of fun and fellowship? Like to play board/card games?

Join us the 2nd Sunday of the month from 5:00-9:30 pm for Adult Game Night in Room 240, Family Life Center!

We'll bring a variety of games, but feel free to bring your favorite.

Snacks and food are welcome, too!



For more info or to sign up, contact Sandy Wuori or Ben Wuori through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13 5:30-7:00 pm Family Life Center

Join us for the best all you can eat pancake supper and fellowship!

Free Will Offering to Camp Agape

We need many hands to make this a success.

<u>Please sign up to help!</u>

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

# **Weekly Bible Study Opportunities**

## Sunday

### Last Isaiah – Herald of the Messiah

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

January 7-February 11

Contacts: 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.

# **Upcoming: Life Lived Under the Cross of Jesus**

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

February 18-March 24

Contacts: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

We will be using resources produced by Concordia Publishing House (Spirituality of the Cross, [3rd edition] by Gene Edward Veith, Jr. and Lutheran Spirituality: Cross by Hollger Sontag) to look at the issue of Christian spirituality, especially as it is understood in the Lutheran tradition. Each session will offer meaningful interaction with God's Word and what the Scriptures have to say on topics like vocation, the hiddenness of God, the means of grace (and presence of God), etc. Ever heard of folks who claim to be "spiritual, but not religious"? This class is for people of faith who identify with the "religious" life of worship and spiritual disciplines, yet long to connect more meaningfully both to the ancient church and the contemporary need to experience Christ "authentically."

### Training to Become a Stephen Minister

Starting February 25

Contacts: Pastor Alan Shaw, Jan Boyer, Sue Campau

Stephen Ministry training has been rescheduled and will now start on Sunday, February 25. If you missed the January deadline, now is your chance to join us. If you have an interest in caring for others when difficulties in their lives become a burden, then this ministry is for you! Please reach out to Jan Boyer or Sue Campau to get an application or to learn more about the training and ministry!

## 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

Ongoing

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

**Christian History Made Easy** 

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

Ongoing

Contact: Tom Gebbia

Our current study is *Christian History Made Easy* by Timothy Paul Jones. The book and participant's guide are available on the web.

### Tuesday

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

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

Ongoing

Contacts: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

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

weekend sermons.

## Wednesday

The Bible: Where It Comes from and Why It Matters

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

February 21-April 24

Contacts: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Ian Glenn

Introduction by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kloha, Chief Curatorial Officer, Museum of the Bible. We all know that the Bible is at the center of what we believe, teach, and confess about God. Yet how many of us have learned how the Bible came to be over time? What role did God play in the formation of the entire Bible that was put together from its individual books? What are some of the differences between modern translations of the Bible? How "accurate" is the Bible we have today? How were the books of the Bible recognized as authoritative... and by whom? These are just some of the questions we will address as we read specific Bible verses and marvel at the gift of God's inspired Word to us today...the same Word spoken over God's people over the course of millennia!

### Men with Kids

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

Ongoing

Contact: Tom Gebbia

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

Christian education information, including detailed class descriptions, can be found here.

To download the Christian Education Winter 2024, Block 2 Sheet, <u>click here</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:office@rlcary.org">office@rlcary.org</a> or 919-851-7248.

# **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.

No Dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

## Menu for February 21:

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Fruit, and Dessert

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).



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Stuart Sanders**, was called to rest with Jesus.

Our prayers are with his family, especially his wife Sue and stepdaughter, Jan Boyer, at this time.

Funeral will be held on **Saturday**, **February 17**, 11:30 am at Resurrection, followed by a reception in the Family Life Center.

Live stream will be available at <a href="mailto:youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary">youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary</a>.

# Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, February 23

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

Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy to learn more or to volunteer, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

# **New Online Giving Site**

Resurrection is pleased to announce our <u>new and improved online giving page!</u>
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 live on our site now and <u>available on our website</u>. 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.

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 or finance@rlcary.org.

# **RLC Worship Servants and Training**

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's Ministry News February 2024

**Nursery** - The Nursery is staffed by screened volunteers Sunday mornings during 9:30 Worship for your Birth-3 year old child(ren). It is available for family use whenever needed.

**Sunday School** - Pre-K to 5th graders are welcomed Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 for Bible accounts, games, crafts and fun! Join us!

**Kidz Live** - Wednesday Nights from 6:00-7:00 in the Family Life Center (Room 151 and the gym) for Pre-K to 5th graders.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Easter Eggstravaganza - March 17 at 3 pm Mother Daughter Interactive Tea - April 6 Vacation Bible School - June 24-28

## **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



Vacation Bible School ~ June 24-28, 2024

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

# Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Our calendar is PACKED for the short month of February! Within our groups this month, we will be looking at the idea of being transformed by God's will for our lives instead of conformed by the world that surrounds us. Romans 12:2 tells us, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Youth can easily conform to the world around them to "fit in," however my challenge will be to really look at how God is working to transform their ideas and challenge that "fit in" desire.

I am in great need of regular Sunday evening **adult helpers**. Even if you can do it once a month, it really does help. Thanks for considering!

**Did you know that we have a Moms Group?** It is not just for moms of little kids, it's for moms of all ages and stages. Let's support each other! Check out the Galentine's event on February 25 at 5:00 pm. I will be there, and I hope to see some of you!

# Here's what is coming up...

- <u>Connection Cafe</u> (Sunday School for Middle and High School)
   Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
- Middle School: Ignite Youth Group Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm
   We will not meet during Lent.
- High School: Breakaway Youth Group Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm - February 18 Only
- Youth SuperBowl Event for Middle and High School
   Sunday, February 11 from 2:00-3:30 pm
   Competitions, fun, prizes, and everyone will be home to enjoy the festivities.



<u>Laser Tag Lock In</u> for Middle and High School
 <u>Friday, February 23</u>
 Middle School until 11:00 pm, High School All Night



## • Service Event:

February 13 - Serving at Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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

## **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 School**





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**Latest Lion's Tale** 



Summer is the time for fun! Time for games, s'mores, new friends, old friends, campfires and so much more! **Summer camp registration is officially open,** so make sure to claim your campers' spot.

For information on our programs and to register, visit <u>camp-agape.org</u> or reach out to our Program Director, Lucas, at <u>program@agapekurebeach.org</u>.

We can't wait to see you this summer!

# Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Western Wake Crisis Ministry is in need of the following items for February:

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Pancake Mix (Complete, Just Add Water)

Pancake Syrup

Oatmeal

Cereal

Snacks/Crackers

Chicken Noodle Soup

Pasta Sauce

**Diced Tomatoes** 

**Tomato Paste** 

Canned Tuna

Canned Chicken

You may bring in your donations and place them in the bin under the coat rack near the church mailboxes.

You can also drop them off directly to Western Wake at 1600 Olive Chapel Road, Suite 408, (in the "540 Flex" Complex), Apex. They accept donations between 9:30 am-12:00 pm or 3:00-5:00 pm, Monday-Thursday.





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>.

# This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

# Attendance and Giving

# **In-Person Worship Attendance**

Saturday, February 3 6:00 pm - 60

Sunday, February 4 8:00 am - 86 9:30 am - 162 11:00 am - 89 **Total In-Person Worship: 397** 

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

Sunday, February 4 8:00 am - 119 11:00 am - 42

**Total Online Views: 161 views** 

# General Fund Giving and Spending - January 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 91,182.09	\$ 829,021.89
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 111,394.61</u>	\$ 817,955.25
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ - 20,212.52	\$ 11,066.64

This Week's Offerings: \$27,395.04

Average Weekly Giving for 2023/24: \$26,742.64

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

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

# Church Calendar



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### Prayers of the Church - February 11, 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 February 4, 2024

#### **Thanking God Today**

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings, Births, 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
- \*Greta Nelson
- Paul Wozniak, Recovery
- Julie Wozniak, Recovery
- Patricia Wellington, Chemo Treatments
- Miriam Beyer, Daughter-In-Law of \*Charlotte Beyer
- Jan Bloom
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery

- Bruce, Brother of \*Ralph Klevenow
- Michael
- \*Pam Dickson
- \*Stephanie Ford
- Jimmy, Cancer Treatment
- Emily, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, Recovery
- Betty, Memory Issues
- Javed, Recurrence of Cancer
- \*Vern Ebert, Lessening of Pain and Help Managing It
- \*Bill Xenakis
- \*Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- \*Paul Schmidt
- Brian, Karl, Linda, Charles, Jodie, Linda, Megan, Ben, Barba, Olevia, Carol, Marian, Imma, Alice, Wilmette, Susan, Karen, Patricia, June, Alison, Paul, Bill, Virginia, Mindy, Dave and Vonnie, Emily, Stella, Noreen, Sylvia, Raphael, Shelby, James, Joe, Suzie, Marvin, Ken, Don, Harold, Dave, Shirley, Joes, Eric, Mara, Connie, Marti, Paige

#### **For Comfort**

Friends and Family of Stuart Sanders, Especially Wife Sue, Stepfather of \*Jan Boyer

### 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
- \*Ginny and \*Ed Koren
- \*Eve Sommers, Continued Recovery
- \*Meredith A.
- 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
- Emily
- For the Safety of Our Military Currently in Danger, Prayers for Those Wounded, and Families of Those Killed

### 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

  Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
   Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!
- 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 2/9/24