

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024



Pastor's Corner for March 17-23, 2024

A Promise to Forget (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

I have a habit of forgetting pocketknives. Out of all the things there are out there to forget, pocketknives aren't a big deal, but I forgot them when I was of the age that a pocketknife was a status symbol, not just a tool. The type of pocketknife you had said something about you, at least in a group of boys, except I kept forgetting them places. I've forgotten knives in bathroom stalls, my grandma's barn, at the lake, in the woodshed, even my own bedroom; forever laid to rest wherever they were last used.

Losing stuff is frustrating to say the least, sometimes bringing out the worst in us. As we are trying to rush out the door, forgetting where we put our keys, wallet, or phone we can become angry, panicked, flustered, even scared and we take those frustrations out on others all because we forgot where we put something, and we might be late for work. We hate forgetting stuff!

Well, God LOVES to forget stuff! God has made His people a promise to forget, and it is one of His greatest promises ever. God says in Jeremiah 31:34, “I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” God forgets our sin! The language we normally use is “God forgives our sin”, which is the same as saying, “God forgets our sin.” To God, forgiving and forgetting are one and the same, they cannot be separated. His promise to forgive is the same as His promise to forget. It is impossible for God to remember our sin because if He did, then they would still exist, and they wouldn’t truly be forgiven. But God’s work is final, His forgiveness is final, what has been forgiven is forgotten. We have a God who promises to forget.

What do we normally say when someone has misplaced something? “Where did you last leave it?” Often, even though God has forgotten our sins, we still remember them, because it isn’t as easy for us to forgive and forget. It is in those times, when we remember our sins, we ask God, either in wonder or terror, how He could ever truly forgive us, how could He ever truly forget our sins?? His answer is simple. He asks us, “Where did I leave your sins last?” And He points us to the cross, where our sins were nailed to that tree with Christ Himself, and that is where our sins were left and forgotten. We have a God who loves to forget.

Your forgiven brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education

Life Lived Under the Cross of Jesus

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

February 18-March 24

Fellowship Hall

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Materials provided. Led by Pastor Jonathan Blanke and Pastor Zach Sarrault.

Join us for Sunday School!

Preschool ~ Room 132

Kindergarten-1st Grade ~ Room 135

2nd-3rd Grade ~ Room 131

4th-5th Grade ~ Room 133

6th-12th Grade ~ The Warehouse

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Classes held in the Family Life Center

Mites for Missions

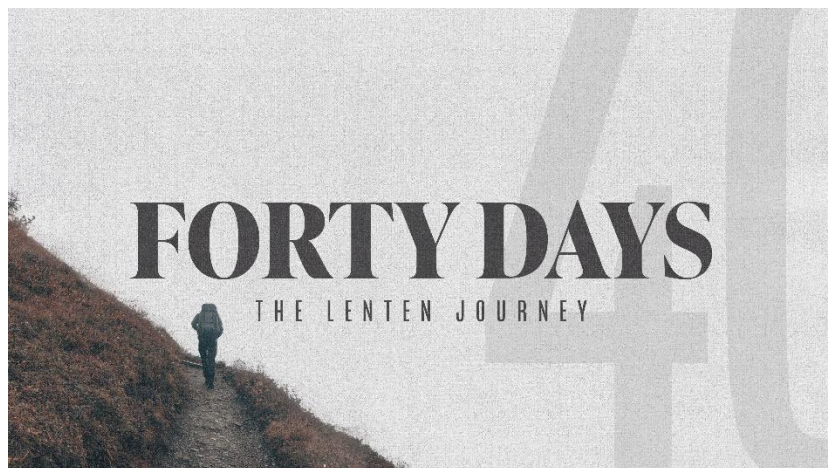
We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **March 16 and 17**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

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.



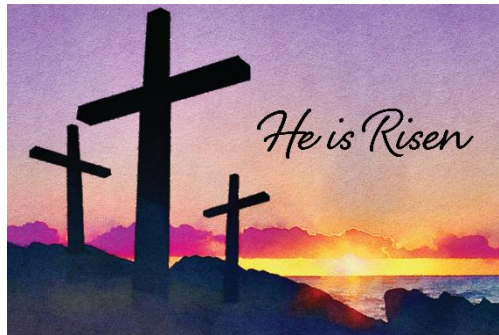
Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!

Lenten Midweek Worship



Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary!

Throughout Lent, we will be focusing on Journeying from Our Idols of
'Performancism' to the Grace of Our God.



Holy Week Observances and Easter Sunday Celebration

Palm Sunday | March 23 & 24

6:00 pm ~ Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 am*, **9:30 am** ~ Sanctuary Festival Worship with Holy Communion
Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Resurrection Brass Ensemble

11:00 am* ~ Praise & Worship with Holy Communion
Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center

Maundy Thursday | March 28

4:00 pm ~ Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 pm* ~ Worship with Holy Communion
First Communion for 5th Grade Students

Good Friday | March 29

12:00 pm - Worship

Preceded and Followed by a Soup and Salad Lunch

Musical Offerings by Cantus Christe Quartet

7:00 pm* ~ Tenebrae Service featuring the St. John Passion by John Ferguson

Led by Sanctuary Choir

Easter Sunday | March 31

6:30 am ~ Sunrise Service Begins in Prayer Garden,

Processes to Sanctuary, Led by Celebration Singers

8:00 am*, 9:30 am, 11:00 am ~ Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Resurrection Brass Ensemble

11:00 am* ~ Praise & Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center

***Live Stream Services**

Connect through our YouTube channel [@ResurrectionLutheranCary](#)

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday

Life Lived Under the Cross of Jesus

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

February 18-March 24

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Training to Become a Stephen Minister

Sundays, 2:00-4:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center

February 25-June 30

Contacts: Pastor Alan Shaw, Jan Boyer, Sue Campau

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Congregations equip and empower lay caregivers, Stephen Ministers, to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

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

Current study is *Christian History Made Easy* by Timothy Paul Jones. This book summarizes the most important events in Christian history from the time of Jesus to today in 12 chapters, presenting key events and people every Christian should know.

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

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, [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 or 919-851-7248.

Wednesday Night Workshop Lent Schedule

5:00-5:30 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

Lenten Midweek Worship

7:00-8:00 pm

Adult Christian Ed
The Bible, Fellowship Hall
Men with Kids, RM 247

7:00-8:00 pm

Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary

7:00-8:15 pm

Confirmation, RM 240

8:00-9:15 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!

Wednesday Night Dinner 5:00-5:30 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 March 20:

Soup and Chili, Bread and Crackers, Salad, Fruit, and Dessert

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).

Lenten Offerings

Offerings received during the Lenten Midweek Worship Services this year will go to support the following:

Triangle Family Services

Since 1937, Triangle Family Services has served as a place for sustainable solutions helping families facing a crisis. They provide solutions to provide safety and security to local families and enabling our community to thrive. Their focus is on four core program areas: Family Safety, Financial Stability, Mental Health, and Homeless Engagement/Housing Stabilization. (tfsnc.org)

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Since 1989, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle (IFS) has recovered and distributed over a million pounds of food per year and has taught skills for self-sufficiency including culinary job skills, shopping and cooking healthy on a budget, and how to grow food. They service seven area counties, including Wake County, and their programs support low-income families living in 'food deserts' and without the income to purchase healthy meals. They partner with food providers, houses of worship, and community housing to distribute access free food at mobile markets where needy families live. IFS was started by two women, a Christian and a Jew, who wanted to recover and distribute food that would otherwise end up in landfills.

(foodshuttle.org)

Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) provides God's word – the Bible and other Christian materials) to people who are blind or visually impaired, completely free of charge, in quality formatted Braille and specialized large print, and in multiple languages. LBW started in 1943 in response to a shortage of Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany and now provides materials throughout the world.

(lbwloveworks.org)

Please place your offerings in the specially marked offering envelopes or denote "Lenten Offerings" on your payment. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these important charities and ministries!

Thank You!

Bill and Fran Xenakis would like to thank everyone who sent cards and well wishes, provided meals, and made visits during this time. And thank you for your prayers, and continued prayers, for Bill's recovery.

Interested in Learning About Quilting?

Come join us for National Quilt Day on **Saturday, March 16** from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center!

Learn how to use a sewing machine, how to put color together, how we put quilts together, and how we enjoy our faithful fellowship together.

Questions? Contact Linda Merrill in the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).





Usher Training for Sanctuary Services Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, March 22

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).

Men's Softball

Attention Men: Spring is just around the corner! Time to grab your glove and cleats and join your fellow church members in representing RLC in the Town of Cary's Men's Open League.

Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights late March through June. Practices will start the second weekend of March. All sign-ups must be made

by March 25.

If you are interested in joining us for some exercise, fun, and fellowship, please see Adam Brake or send an email to mens-softball@rlcary.org.



**Support a great cause while enjoying the fun and fellowship
of a day on the Lochmere Golf Course!**

Why? Help us bring kids to camp this summer. Funds raised in this Golf Event will be used to provide scholarships to attend camp and for program development. It is our policy that no one be turned away from camp programs due to lack of funds.

Established in 1997, the David L. Castor campership fund has made it possible for

children who otherwise could not afford a camp experience to enjoy a week of camp.

Join us on **Monday, April 8** starting at 8:00 am for Check-In and Coffee
at Lochmere Golf Club, 2511 Kildaire Farm Road in Cary!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office (919-851-7248, office@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.



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>



Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/3ufP9tX>

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Here's what is going on...

- **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
We will not meet during Lent.
- **High School: Breakaway Youth Group**
Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm
No Breakaway on Sunday, March 17.



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Now Enrolling 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.

SUMMERCAMP

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

Resurrection Lutheran School



**Accepting Applications
for Junior Kindergarten
through 8th grade!**

Schedule a visit.
Contact admissions@rlsclary.org



rlsclary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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

Latest Lion's Tale

WORSHIP SERVICES

**Traditional Worship
in Sanctuary**

**Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am**

**Praise Worship
in Family Life Center**

Sunday, *11:00 am

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC
or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

Attendance and Giving

In-Person Worship Attendance

Wednesday, March 6 (Lenten Midweek Worship)

6:00 pm - 65

Saturday, March 9

6:00 pm - 58

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am - 70

9:30 am - 114

11:00 am - 200

Total In-Person Worship: 507

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Wednesday, March 6 (Lenten Midweek Worship)

6:00 pm - 34

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am - 99

11:00 am - 62

Total Online Views: 195 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - February 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 98,662.21	\$ 927,684.10
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 114,631.47</u>	<u>\$ 932,586.72</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ - 15,969.26	\$ - 4,902.62

This Week's Offerings: \$24,004.16

Average Weekly Giving for 2023/24: \$26,505.26

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
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, Search for Resurrection Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar

Resurrection Lutheran Church 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
rlcary.org | 919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

Prayers of the Church – March 17, 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, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily

For Expectant Moms

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

Those Prayed for on March 10, 2024

Thanking God Today

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings, Births, Baptisms
- Our Many Blessings
- Safe Travels
- Caring Organizations Serving Our Local Communities
- Lutheran Schools Week - Resurrection Lutheran School, Resurrection Lutheran Preschool,
and Schools Across the Country
- Baby Girl to be Born to Kyle and Jessica
- Successful Surgery for Zachary

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

- Patricia Wellington, Chemo Treatments
- Jan Bloom, At Home
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- Bruce, Brother of *Ralph Klevenow
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Jimmy, Cancer Treatment
- Emily, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, Restoration
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Bill Xenakis
- *Mindy Stephani, Rehab
- *Paul Schmidt
- *Laurel Yost, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Recovery from Surgery and Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell, Rehab
- *Zachary Heffner, Recovery from Surgery
- *Yvette Crawley, Recovery
- MaKenzie
- Peter, Noreen, Sylvia, Anita, Julian, John, Riva, Danny, Brian, Karl, Linda, Patti, Carla, Adri, Christine, Doug, Imma, Mindy, Bill, Zachary, Paul, Ann, Valarie, Eric, Mara, Kari, Paige, Connie, Marti, Mark,

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Jack Hahne, Father of *Mike Hahne
- Friends and Family of Ernest Nigg, Father of *Garett Nigg
- Friends and Family of David Walewski, Especially Wife Vonnie, Friends of *Jamee Thieme
- Friends and Family of Arlo Sunderman, Father of *Cyndy Vagle

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
- Sue Sanders and the *Boyer Family
- *Eve Sommers, Continued Recovery
- *Meredith A.
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil

- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, Especially Those Who've Been Downsized
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Those Going Through Housing Transitions
- Baby Adian (Terminal Cancer) and His Family
- Protect All College Students on Spring Breaks
- Randy, Upcoming Surgery
- David, Successful Surgery

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
[Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!](#)

*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.*