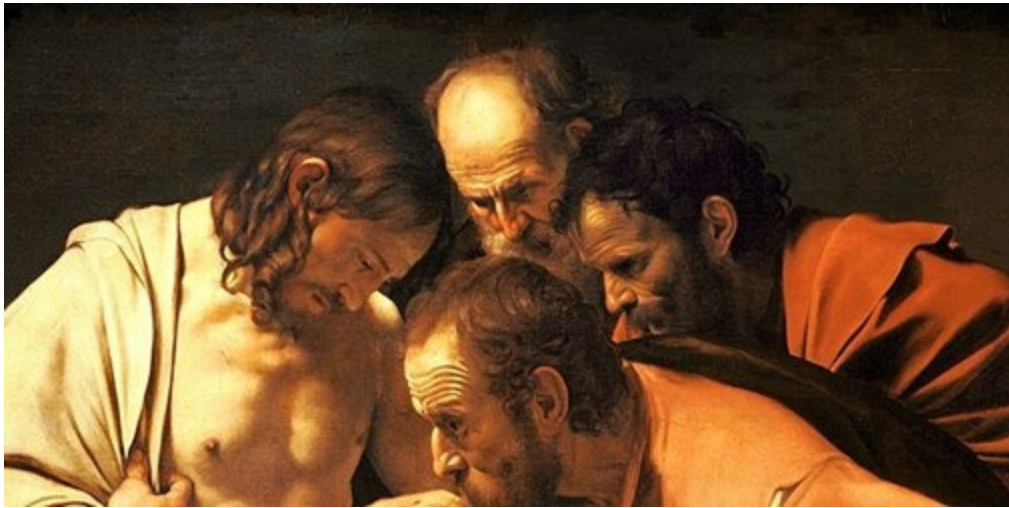


Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024



Pastor's Corner for April 7-13, 2024

More than Just a Nice Story (John 20:19-23)

Our Gospel text this weekend from John is frequently used to consider the apostle who is dubbed “Doubting Thomas.” Is it possible St. Thomas gets a bum rap for being the guy who asked questions about Jesus’ resurrection? Thomas hadn’t been around when Jesus first appeared to his disciples on Easter Sunday. Yes, he should have believed their story. Yes, Jesus Himself had even foretold his resurrection several times before it happened! But was it so wrong that Thomas wanted to ground the resurrection in what he could see with his eyes and touch with his hands? People claiming to see visions of dead loved ones were not unknown in Thomas’s day. For Thomas, the status of Jesus as truly risen from the dead mattered. For me, Thomas is a kind of unsung hero among Jesus’ disciples. For one thing, he is the only disciple we have on record who cried out to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” For another, tradition tells us St. Thomas was a missionary to Asia. To this day, many churches in the Indian subcontinent trace their origins to the disciple

of Jesus who was sent. Could it be that the desire to understand the resurrection of Jesus as more than just a nice story was a gift from God? And might it be true that this desire is what actually propelled Thomas to the far ends of the world?

Jesus, crucified and resurrected from the dead, comes to you and me today with a message not unlike the one He had for His first disciples: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (20:21). Going to a far corner of the world with the gospel of Christ is a wonderful thing. But we don't have to go to India to be sent by the risen Christ! Jesus opens our eyes to his sacrifice for our sins. He then opens our hearts to the very real needs of people all around us that He is using us to serve and to love. In the weeks ahead you will be hearing about ways to serve at RLC. April 13-14 is our Time and Talent weekend. Our goal is to get as many completed forms back from you as we possibly can! In the days ahead, listen in about how you can review a Time and Talent form a little early. And come ready to sign up for your areas of interest next weekend!

The Easter event is more than a nice story, after all. It is the real-Life event that has forever changed your life story and mine. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter hope and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

Time and Talent Weekend

April 13-14

How can you...
Connect?
Serve?
Learn?
Grow?

Joyfully Serving Jesus Together in 2024

Many opportunities are available in the ministries of Adult Education, Connections & Fellowship, Care, Children and Family, Leadership, Music, Operational Support, RLC-Affiliated Schools, Service to the Community, and Youth.

For more information, [Time and Talent \(rlcary.org\)](http://Time and Talent (rlcary.org)).

[Click Here to Download a Time and Talent Form](#)

They are also available in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

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

New Class Starting!
Sunday Morning
Adult Christian Education

Metaphors and the Figurative Language of the Bible

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

April 7-May 19
Fellowship Hall

Language is one of the most remarkable gifts that God has given us. The Bible makes extensive use of both literal and figurative language. If God is revealing only truth to us, why did He not speak simply in plain, straightforward language?

This series of classes will identify many of the prominent metaphors found in Scripture and demonstrate the benefits that figurative language offers compared to more basic wording. Understanding the structure and the multi-layered meanings of these metaphors will expand our appreciation of God's revelation and deepen our understanding of His all-embracing love for us.

In the process, we will compare and contrast how the Bible's use of metaphors compares and contrasts with their function in poetry and in everyday speech. Led by Larry Cameron. Handouts will be distributed at the start of each session; no other books are required.



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



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Thomas Farr**, was called to rest with Jesus on Monday, April 1.

Our prayers are with his wife, Ann Robinson Farr, and their family at this time.

Memorial Service will be held here at Resurrection on **Saturday, April 6**, at 11:00 am. Family visitation starting at 10:00 am in the Narthex and reception will follow the service in the Family Life Center.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday

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

April 7-May 19

Contact: Larry Cameron

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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.

This Monday, April 8, we will start with a potluck at 6:30 pm. (Note, no April Men's Breakfast.)

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 Schedule

5:00-6:00 pm Dinner, FLC Gym	6:30-7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary
5:00-5:30 pm Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary	6:30-8:00 pm Adult Christian Ed <i>The Bible</i> , Fellowship Hall <i>Men with Kids</i> , Room 247, FLC
5:30-6:00 pm Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sonshine Singers, Choir Room	7:00-8:15 pm Confirmation, Room 240, FLC
6:00-7:00 pm Kidz Live, Room 151, FLC Ignite, The Warehouse	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!

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 April 10:

Chicken Lo Mein, Chicken and Broccoli, Salad,
Fruit, Ice Cream and Fortune Cookies

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).

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, April 12

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! 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, April 12** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have *The Every Voice Choir* sing for us! This group is made up of many of our guests. Also, Shane Kirby will spin tunes before and after they sing.

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



Men's Ministry



The Annual Men's Retreat & Service Day is **April 19-21** at Camp Agape. All men invited! Please mark your calendars.

We will kick off on Friday, April 19 at 6:00 pm with a cookout/potluck. Bring a side or treat to share and your favorite beverage.

Saturday is combined with Study and Service. Bring your hiking boots and gloves. We are installing trail signs and splitting wood.

More details to follow. Be ready to RSVP soon. Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Food and Fellowship for the Blind

We enjoyed another evening of beautiful music, devotion and prayer, fellowship and delicious food with our blind and visually impaired guests.

As always, we thank our amazing volunteers, but also would like to recognize Enrigo's Italian Bistro right here in Waverly Place. They donated our meal, and it was just so tasty!

We thank them for their generosity! When you feel like eating real good Italian food, please think of supporting them!

Our next gathering will be on **Friday, April 26**. If you feel drawn to join our group of volunteers or just to "check it out", please contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Operation Inasmuch

Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

During this annual event, we gather to provide numerous acts of service for our church, community, and country. We begin with breakfast in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am, and most activities will be completed by noon.

There will be many opportunities available for all ages to participate. Nursery care

provided. Some of the activities will be at RLC and others off-site.

This year, activities include Habitat for Humanity, RLC landscaping, Project Linus, card making, quilting, sewing and knitting, Miracle League, Designed for Joy, and much more.

Registration is open! You may use the link below, click through our website (rlcary.org), or use the paper forms available in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

Sign Up: signup.com/go/BiHgQLo

Questions? Contact Jan Boyer or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).



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.

The graphic features a light blue sky with white clouds, a green grassy hill with colorful flowers, and a pink cherry blossom tree on the right. A colorful kite is flying in the sky. In the bottom left, there are illustrations of three children jumping joyfully. A QR code is placed in the center-left area, with the text 'SCAN ME' below it. The overall theme is cheerful and family-oriented.

April 2024 Children and Family Ministry News

Family Service Project
Adopt a planter at church with your family. You choose plants and pot them in the existing pots and provide monthly visits to ensure health and growth!
More info here: 
SCAN ME

VPS Volunteers
There will be 2 identical volunteer training meetings! You get to pick one! Either Thursday, May 30th, at 7 pm in the church Fellowship Hall or Sunday, June 2nd, at noon in the FLC room 240. Look for more details in an email from Erika. We still need volunteers and would love to have you join the team!!

Wednesday Nights
Kidz Live (Pre-K- 5th) resumes every Wednesday along with KICKS (3rd -5th grade) the first Wednesday of the month.

Children's Sunday School
Sundays 9:30-10:30 in the Family Life Center!

For more information email Erika at erika.hulse@rlcary.org

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>

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Happy Easter, Youth Families! He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! It has been great to have a little break, but our calendar is packed full of events for April.

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

- **High School:** Breakaway Youth Group
Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm
- **Service Event:** Operation Inasmuch
Saturday, April 27
This is a church-wide day of service. There will be many opportunities for youth to get involved and serve. It is a great day!



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.

Register for Summer Camps!

Open to 3-year-olds to Rising Kindergarteners. Children in our 2's classes currently can attend. All ages must be toilet trained.

June 3-6, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 10-13, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 17-20, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 24-28 ~ RLC VBS

Neighbors, friends, and family welcome!

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

Resurrection Lutheran School



**CONGRATULATIONS
ROBIN HESTER, PRINCIPAL**



Cary Magazine has published the 2024 Maggy Award Winners! It is with pride and gratitude we announce that our very own Robin Hester has been voted one of the top three Elementary School Principals!



**Thank you for all that you do for
Resurrection Lutheran School!**

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

Latest Lion's Tale



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

Maundy Thursday, March 28

4:00 pm - 86

7:00 pm - 99

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 pm - 150

7:00 pm - 166

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:30 am - 51

8:00 am - 180

9:30 am - 386

11:00 am (Sanctuary) - 141

11:00 am (Family Life Center) - 133

Total In-Person Worship: 1,392

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm - 75

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 pm - 111

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 am - 179

11:00 am (Family Life Center) - 59

Total Online Views: 424 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: \$51,600.68

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



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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Prayers of the Church – April 7, 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, 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 31, 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
- Lent and Holy Week Worship Opportunities
- Our Ministry Staff, Musicians, and Worship Servants

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, Therapy at Home
- *Laurel Yost, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Recovery from Surgery and Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Kimm Hershberger, Daughter of *Charlotte Raines
- *Brenda Peterson, Recovery
- Sue Sanders, Recovery
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- Talia, Recovery
- Ann, Joan, Fern, Patricia, Noreen, Sylvia, Carol, Shelby, Julian, Sam, Sandy, Eric, Mara, Kari, Paige, Doug, Mark, Kirsten, Joe, Corey, Jackie, Aloha, Yan

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Millie Hiteshew, Mother of *Tim Hiteshew
- Friends and Family of Hope Studt, Mother of *Julie Easton
- Friends and Family of Jerrie Branson, Mother of *Jill Hammergren
- Friends and Family of Barbara Wingate, Friend of *Ellen Richter
- Friends and Family of *Tom Farr, Husband of *Ann Robinson Farr

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
- Baby Adian (Terminal Cancer) and His Family
- Richard and Rosemary Staley, and *Brenda Peterson's Family

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.*

***RLC Members**

Updated 4/5/24