# **Third Sunday of Easter**

# April 14, 2024



# Pastor's Corner for April 14-20, 2024

"I saw Jesus!" (Luke 24:39-49)

What would you do if Jesus just showed up in your home unannounced? What questions would you ask Him? Would you offer Him something to eat? Maybe a drink? Would you show Him around the home? Jump for joy and embrace Him with a bear hug? Immediately apologize for the mess and start cleaning the house?

I imagine any of us would respond the same way the disciples did, "they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit" (v. 37). I'm sure "startled and frightened" doesn't begin to describe their feelings! They were probably scared out of their wits! They saw Jesus die and the dead don't come back, but Jesus did and He keeps coming into our lives today. We might not see Jesus physically standing before us, asking for something to eat (v. 41) and hanging out for a while, but we do see Him. Our resurrected Savior is still showing up today to give us what we need. Just this past week, I heard one of our preschoolers exclaim, "I saw Jesus in my playroom!" What incredible childlike joy! I have no idea what the kid actually saw, but Jesus was certainly there, present with him as he played at home. Have you seen Jesus in your playroom? In your kitchen? What about the dining room or garage? He is there, even if we don't realize it and we can see Him.

Jesus tells the disciples that all of Scripture points to Him (v. 44). What that means for us is that all of Scripture shows us Jesus and shows us how He works. Anybody that we interact with, anybody that we serve, is a person that Jesus is working in (Matthew 25:40). Jesus is in the people that we don't expect Him to be, working on their heart, opening them up to be served and to hear your resurrection witness (v. 48). As we serve and interact with others, we are serving and interacting with Jesus. As others interact and serve us, they are always serving and interacting with Jesus. When we live the resurrection towards others, it is not our work that we are bringing but Jesus' work (v. 49). What an incredible privilege it is to work with Jesus in His Mission!

That is what church life is all about! Not doing anything new, rather it continues in God's eternal salvation plan. This is what we are doing with **Time and Talent Weekend**. It is a small part of our participation with God in His salvation plan. God equips us through this gift of over 40 different opportunities to serve God by serving others. Many of them are simple actions that God uses to touch others in profound ways.

Where will you see Jesus this week? Maybe it's in your playroom just like our preschooler. Wherever it may be, may we all serve well and seek opportunities to serve our resurrected Savior by serving others.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

# **Prayers of the Church**



# 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, Worship Support, and Youth.

For more information, <u>Time and Talent (rlcary.org)</u>.

<u>Click Here to Download a Time and Talent Form</u> They are also available in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

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



# 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.



Adult Game Night April 14, 5:00-9:30 pm

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

Join us on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 5:00-9:30 pm for Adult Game Night in Room 240 of the Family Life Center! We will bring a variety of games, but feel free to bring your favorite. Snacks and food are welcome, too.



For more information or to sign up, contact Sandy Wuori or Ben Wuori through RCB or the church office at 919-851-7248 or <u>office@rlcary.org</u>.

# Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

### <u>Sunday</u>

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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.

## <u>Monday</u>

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.

(Note, no April Men's Breakfast.)

## <u>Tuesday</u>

## 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 <u>here</u>.

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.

# Wednesday Night Workshop Schedule

5:00-6:00 pm Dinner, FLC Gym

5:00-5:30 pm Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary

5:30-6:00 pm Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sonshine Singers, Choir Room

#### **6:00-7:00 pm** Kidz Live, Room 151, FLC

Ignite, The Warehouse

6:30-7:30 pm

Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary 6:30-8:00 pm Adult Christian Ed *The Bible,* Fellowship Hall *Men with Kids,* Room 247, FLC

7:00-8:15 pm Confirmation, Room 240, FLC

7:30-8:45 pm

Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

# Wednesday Night Dinners

Our dinners are thoughtfully prepared, catering to all ages with a kid friendly, buffet style setup. We will have a fantastic vegetarian option available upon request. Plus, a delectable dessert to satisfy your sweet tooth. An excellent opportunity to bond with family and friends over a sit-down meal!

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 17:

Lasagna and Vegetarian Penne Vodka, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Cherry Cheesecake

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).



# Men's Ministry

We are one week away! It is time to RSVP for this must attend event. The Men's Retreat and Service Day is April 19-21 at Camp Agape (1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina). All men are invited!

We kick-off Friday evening, April 19 around 6:00 pm with a cookout/potluck gathering at the Retreat House. Bring a side or treat to share. Also bring your favorite beverage.

Weather permitting, we will spend most of Saturday morning and afternoon in service tackling projects throughout the camp utilizing multiple skill sets and capabilities.

Our study is woven in throughout the impactful weekend with sessions Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning.

Participants have the option to stay overnight at the Retreat Lodge or commute. Our overnight accommodations are optimal at 16 with a max of 24.

Check your email for cost breakdown, project details, and suggested tools.

## **RSVP Instructions:**

We provide flexibility to support your schedule and commitments. You can join us for the entire event (preferred), or join us for the Saturday service day, or just the Friday night cookout! When you RSVP, please know your selection. You can email or call Tom Gebbia, or just respond to the RCB invite.

Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia at <u>mens-ministry@rlcary.org</u> or the church office (919-851-7248, <u>office@rlcary.org</u>).

# 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, <u>office@rlcary.org</u>).

# 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 <u>all ages</u> 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 (<u>rlcary.org</u>), or use the paper forms available in the Narthex and Family Life Center. **Sign Up:** <u>signup.com/go/BiHgQLo</u>

Questions? Contact Jan Boyer or the church office (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 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 (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 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: <u>https://bit.ly/3ZVhyB8</u>

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

# 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**



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

Latest Lion's Tale

# Responding to the Baltimore Bridge Collapse

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, a cargo vessel collided with a support column of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore MD causing it to collapse. Almost 32,000 cars per day traveled the 1.6 miles of this bridge which was part of the 695 Beltway.

We pray for God's mercy and comfort to surround the families of those who were on the bridge. It is a time of deep grief for each of them.

There are response efforts taking place in several different ways. If you are moved to assist, you may help with the items needed or contribute to the SED (online or via postal system). All funds received will go to assist Baltimore Bridge Recovery.

For more information, Responding to the Baltimore Bridge Collapse - Southeastern District, LCMS.



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

# This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

## Attendance and Giving

### In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 6 6:00 pm - 32

Sunday, April 7 8:00 am - 72 9:30 am - 140 11:00 am - 121

**Total In-Person Worship: 365** 

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

Sunday, April 7 8:00 am - 110 11:00 am - 58

**Total Online Views: 168 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: \$17,827.59 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 <u>rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving</u>
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, Search for Resurrection Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact <u>finance@rlcary.org</u>.

# Church Calendar



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#### Prayers of the Church – April 14, 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, Ally Brown

#### Those Prayed for on April 7, 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
- For All Who Attended the Easter Services
- Our Ministry Staff, Musicians, and Worship Servants
- \*Brenda Peterson's Surgery
- Zachary's Recovery

#### 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, Jeff Barker
- \*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
- Sue Sanders, Recovery
- Joan Gresens, Mother of \*Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of \*Jen Kirby
- Beth Cook, Recovery
- Avery Stevenson, Recovery
- MaKenzie, Recovery
- \*Yvette Crawley, Recovery
- Talia, Granddaughter of \*David and \*Lois Birner
- Jeff, Pam, Yvette, Betty, Bob, Lynn, Beth, Alice, Imma, Doug, Paul, Byron, Rosie, Lynne, Jo, Anne, Patricia, Dick, Jon, Jerry, Hadassah, Davis and Susan, Harold, Ken, Eric, Mara, Kari, Paige, Connie, Mark, Dave, Mindy, Martin

#### **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
- Friends and Family of Gordon Beck, Especially Wife Sally
- Friends and Family of Mike Mosteller, Friend of M. Marshall
- Friends and Family of Brenda White, Friend of M. Marshall
- Friends and Family of Brenda Bryant, Friend of M. Marshall
- Friends and Family of The McRann's
- Friends and Family of Buddy Marcos, Neighbor of \*Bill and \*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, Taiwan, 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
- Students Returning to Colleges
- Discernment for Sara, Possible Move
- Shoulder Surgery on Tuesday
- New Beginnings for Young People

#### 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 <u>Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!</u>
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia <u>Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!</u>
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
  <u>Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!</u>

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands. We trust You are working all things according to Your good plan and purposes, and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

#### \*RLC Members

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