

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 12, 2024



Pastor's Corner for May 12-18, 2024

A New Way to Look at a Church Directory (Ephesians 1:15-23)

I heard of something this past week that made me think of our Epistle reading for this Sunday.

Ever seen the statue of Jesus standing with hands outstretched in blessing, over Rio de Janeiro in Brazil? It is called “Cristo Redentor” (“Christ the Redeemer”). Believe it or not, it is not the largest statue of Christ in the world. I’ve never been to Brazil, so I’ve only seen photographs. But even pictures of the statue communicate its massive size and impressive posture of benediction, so meaningful to Christians the world over. What I never knew about the statue was that to protect its reinforced concrete exterior thousands of triangular-shaped soapstone tiles, prepared by local women, were attached to it. As the story goes, many of these women wrote the names of loved ones before pressing the shiny stone triangles onto their mesh backing. Hundreds, maybe even thousands of names are included as a part of the body of that statue, though we will never know just how many are up there.

On this weekend of our Lord's Ascension, our attention turns from the visible body of the risen Lord Jesus to the image of the Body of Christ, the Church. St. Paul writes: "God put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (1:23). Did you ever look at the names in a church directory and think of it as representing "the fullness of Christ"? According to St. Paul, it truly does! Whether a dear friend in Christ recently called home to heaven, one of RLC's newly confirmed youth, a quiet woman who comes each week talking to as few people as possible, or a guy who stays at church so long the pastor must lovingly remind him he is locking the door... these are the names that make up the Body. To all of us who believe, all of us who make up that Body by God's grace, "belong[s] God's immeasurable great might that God worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come" (1:20-21).

What happens when that body, the Body of the Ascended Christ, flexes its muscles? What happens when that body, the Body of the Ascended Christ, brings the blessing of Jesus to those who are poor in spirit? Immeasurably more than all we may ask or imagine!

Let's be at work again this week in service to the world!

Easter peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church



Confirmation

2024



Congratulations to Our Confirmands!

Callie Beyer, Chase Blackburn, Molly Brooks, Brady Collins, Jay Davis, Rees Dudek, Payton Duke, Wyatt Hostetter, Angel Martin-Contreras, Lauren Orso, Joshua Piontek, and Jonah Robison



**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



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

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

May 12

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

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

G A M E N I G H T

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

Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency

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

Ongoing - Contact: Tom Gebbia

Current study is *Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency* by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When we share Jesus with others, we're eager-urgent even-to speak the Good News. However, we do understand the need for patience in how others receive the Gospel in their lives. In *Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency*, we will learn via Mark's Gospel about a map, a means, and a model for having healthy spiritual conversations with others.

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.

There will be no class on May 21 with the last class on May 28.

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.



**Flowers on the altar
in loving memory of
Joanne Schmitt
by Margaret Rogers**

Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.
Click below or call the church office at 919-851-7248.
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

<https://bit.ly/3Jrgu0h>



Congratulations to Will and Ally Brown upon the birth of their son!

Ellis William Brown

was born on May 1, 2024.

Proud grandparents are Bob and Diane Hoffmeister.

Congratulations to Hannah Peterson and Tom Pocock
upon the birth of their son!

Ryan James Pocock

was born on May 8, 2024.

Proud grandparents are Grant and Brenda Peterson.

*Our prayers of joy and gratitude
are with all of them as they celebrate these blessings!*

Operation Inasmuch

On April 27, 115 volunteers provided numerous acts of service for our church members, community, and beyond. Volunteers put in ~675 service hours providing service for the homeless, cancer patients, food insecure, youth with disabilities, supporting vulnerable women using their gifts to create beautiful crafts to provide income, providing cards of love and encouragement to our RLC family, friends, missionaries, military personnel, and so much more!

For those that participated, **THANK YOU** and we pray you were blessed by your service and the fellowship of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you were not able to join us, we hope to see you next year!



• YOUNG FAMILIES •
gathering



Join us for food and fun to hang out this Memorial Day weekend!

Sunday, May 26 at 4:00 pm

At the Sarrault Home
7529 Faith Haven Court, Willow Spring

RSVP to Pastor Zach or Kelsey Sarrault

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, May 31

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).

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Build Day ~ Saturday, June 1

Helping Children in Need Sleep Better

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across the country, too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We are volunteers who are dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) provides the bed, mattress, and bedding to each child. Bedlessness is a real problem in the US with 2-3% of the population sleeping without beds.

A volunteer crew delivered to a family of three little girls that had all been sleeping on the same (broken) twin size bed. That same night, a bed was delivered to a 17-year-old that had never had a bed of his own.

SHP provides all the tools and expertise that allow people with little or no experience to build all the components for a solid, wood bunk bed. It is always a fun-filled half day that ends with branding the beds. Fellowship is wonderful and the ability to solve a problem for others leaves everyone feeling a bit better about the world!

RLC will be sponsoring a Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day on **Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm** in the church parking lot. Save the date! We need many volunteers for the build.

Sign Up Now: <https://x.gldn.io/e/jmexMVPI3Gb>



Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Ambassadors of Reconciliation (AoR) is hosting a local in-person event (Regional Reception) for the Eastern Region. AoR is committed to help Christians and their churches live lifestyles of reconciliation by the power of the Gospel through the “ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself... and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

This short, but impactful event is held over a 2-day period. It promotes a time of fellowship with like-minded people, an opportunity to network and growing together over meals, main sessions and casual conversations. Longer workshops cover a variety of topics and help to answer some of the most relevant questions about relationships.

Come join us on **June 7-8** at Resurrection and walk away improving your own personal relationships for the unity of the Body and the testimony of Christ.

REGIONAL RECEPTION

June 7-8, 2024

Resurrection Lutheran Church – Cary, NC

Learn how to live
a lifestyle of
reconciliation in
your family, church,
and community



Start at 1:00 pm on Friday and
end at 12:00 pm on Saturday

Schedule features
four workshops, dinner
with keynote speaker,
and breakfast with
keynote speaker



For tickets, schedule, and more details, visit aorhope.org/regional.

Graduating?

Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by May 27. We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter. We request the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33.



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 pink banner at the top with the text "Children and Family Ministry May News" and two floral icons. Below the banner are three vertical panels. The left panel, titled "Sunday School", contains text about the school's schedule and a list of teachers. The middle panel, titled "VBS Volunteers", provides information about volunteer training meetings. The right panel, titled "Moms Together", lists a "Moms Night Out" event and includes a QR code. Each panel is decorated with cartoon sea creatures: Octavia the octopus, Finnley the dolphin, and Waylon the shark.

Children and Family Ministry May News

Sunday School
Children's Sunday School continues each Sunday in FLC classrooms.
There will be no Sunday School on May 5 due to Confirmation in 9:30 am worship service. The last Children's Sunday School class will be May 19.
Thank you to all of the amazing teachers who spent many hours and put their heart into teaching our youngest members about the love of Jesus!!
Leah Robison
Cristina Fuller
Eydee Persson
Sandy Wuori
Christa Newcomb
Lauren Patton
Angela York
Kelly Zadow

VBS Volunteers
We are so excited about VBS!!
We currently have 60 children registered. Thank you to all of the youth and adults who have already signed up to help us make it a great success.
If you would like to volunteer, please use link below.
We will host 2 identical VBS Volunteer training meetings. You may choose one to attend.
Thursday, May 30 at 7 pm
in the Fellowship Hall
-OR-
Sunday, June 2 at 12 noon
in the Family Life Center room
240 at the top of the stairs.

Moms Together
Moms Night Out
Thursday, May 23
6:00 pm
Sign up here:
[QR Code]
Questions? Contact 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>

Vacation Bible School

June 24-28 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Ages 4 - 5th Grade

[Register today!](#)

A promotional graphic for Vacation Bible School at RLC. The graphic has a light blue, wavy background. On the left, there is a colorful illustration of a small boat filled with coral, sea anemones, and bubbles. The word "SUBA" is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters across the boat. Below the boat, the text "diving into friendship with God" is written in a white, cursive font. To the right of the illustration, the text "Vacation Bible School at RLC" is written in a purple font. Further to the right, the text "Volunteer Training" is written in a purple font, followed by "*choose one*" in a smaller purple font. Below this, the dates and times for the training are listed: "Thursday, May 30 at 7pm Fellowship Hall" and "Sunday, June 2 at 12 noon Room 240". At the bottom left, there is a QR code and the text "Scan here to register to volunteer:" in an orange font. At the bottom right, there is a small cartoon character of a white dog with a red collar and a yellow flame on its head.

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Congratulations to Our Confirmands!

Looking ahead:
June 2nd - Glow Night (8th Grade & High School)
June 9th - Grad Night (High School)

RLC YOUTH MAY SCHEDULE

*That's a wrap Middle School!
Wednesday nights are done but I hope to
see you in the Fall!*

Sunday School
May 12, 19 (ONLY)

John 4:14,15
*"but whoever drinks of the water I give him will
never be thirsty again. The Water that I will give him
will become in him a spring of water welling up to
eternal life."*

**High School
Youth Group**

May 5
6:30 - 8:00pm
with pizza

We will not meet on May 12 or 26.
Note time change for water day!

Water Day

May 19th
3:00 - 4:30 Middle School
5:00 - 6:30 High School

Let's focus on our Staycation Mission we will be doing the week of Vacation Bible School. Whether you can come one day or the whole week, we want you to serve with us!

STAYCATION MISSION TRIP
June 24-28

8:00 am-12:30 pm ~ Serve at VBS
12:30-1:30 pm ~ Lunch and Devotion
1:30-4:30 pm ~ Serve in the Community
(a different spot each afternoon)
5:00 pm ~ Dinner Together, Games/Activity
7:00 pm ~ Home to Shower and Sleep

Cost is \$5 per day (to help with food costs)

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.

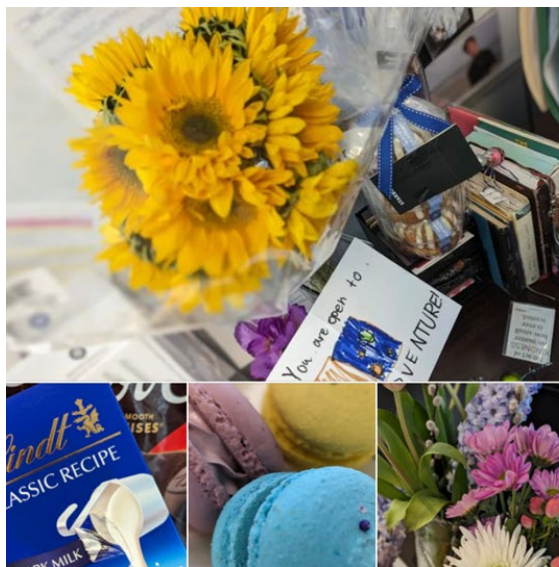
June 3-6, 9:15 am-12:30 pm
June 10-13, 9:15 am-12:30 pm
June 17-20, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 24-28 ~ RLC VBS

Neighbors, friends, and family welcome!

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

Resurrection Lutheran School



Teacher Appreciation Week
has been filled with
service, sweet gifts,
and words of affirmation
that have touched our hearts!



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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

Saturday, May 4
6:00 pm - 30

Sunday, May 5
8:00 am - 94

9:30 am - 198

11:00 am - 86

Total In-Person Worship: 408

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 5 - Confirmation Sunday

9:30 am - 127

Total Online Views: 127 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - April 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 100,569.79	\$ 1,169,366.06
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 120,659.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,176,589.86</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -20,089.91	\$ -7,223.80

This Week's Offerings: \$27,268.26

Average Weekly Giving for 2023/24: \$27,194.55

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

rlcary.org

919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

Prayers of the Church – May 12, 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

Analissa Vasquez, Sara Phillips, Jessica, Taylor Stephani

Those Prayed for on May 5, 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
- Operation Inasmuch!
- Visit from Lutheran Braille Workers' Brooke Pernice
- Treatment Plan
- Great Test Results for GJ
- Birth of Ellis, Parents Will and Ally Brown, Grandparents *Bob and *Diane Hoffmeister

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Sheila McNair, Linda Jones, Melissa Tucker, Judy Dean, Ruby Franklin, Miriam Delgado, Betty Oglesby, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner

- *Greta Nelson
- Patricia Wellington, Radiation Treatments
- *Bill Xenakis
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- Bruce, Brother of *Ralph Klevenow
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Jimmy, Cancer Treatment
- Emily, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, Progress in Therapy
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Therapy at Home
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby, Starting Chemo
- Avery Stevenson, Recovery
- MaKenzie, Recovery
- Talia, Granddaughter of *David and *Lois Birner
- *Bob Bruce, Recovery
- Alice, Recovery
- Beth, Recovery
- Brian, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Danny, John, Riva, Tim, Justin, Red, Kevin, Keith, Timmy, Mark, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Patty, Doug, Imma, Alice, Paul, Gunther, Bill, Lynne, Gene, Lois, Mike, Barbara, Noreen, Sylvia, Shelby, Dianne, Julian, Eric, Connie, Brenda, Johnny, Paige, Virginia, Dave, Lydia, Steve, Joe, Corey

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Franz Helchinger, Father of *Gretchen Bostick
- Friends and Family of Donna McHenry
- Friends and Family of Faye Wade, Friend of *Jackie Schautteet
- Friends and Family of Margaret Hulse, Grandmother of *Harrison and *Spencer Hulse

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- 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 and Adjust to Transitions
- *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
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Baby Adian (Terminal Cancer) and His Family
- Sara, Discernment about Possible Move, and Thanksgiving for Daughter-In-Law Dawn
- Ally Brown and Hannah Peterson as They Await Their Deliveries, For Healthy Babies
- Two Sons to Find Jesus
- Mom, Mary, Emotional Stability
- Husband's Tests This Week

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.*