

The Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024



Pastor's Corner for May 26-June 1, 2024

The Whole World (John 3:1-17)

In a class with the Middle Schoolers at Resurrection Lutheran School, when talking about our identities through a biblical worldview, we discovered that everyone on earth has three things in common:

1. Everyone is created by God (Psalm 139:13)
2. Everyone is loved by God (John 3:16)
3. Everyone needs God (Romans 3:23)

When we look at the world through the lens God provides, we see that this is true. This is how Jesus Himself speaks about the world. He would know best because He

has been there since the beginning! All people are part of God's creation, that's what God does as our Creator Father. Whether you believe it or not, that's the way it is. And because we are all created by God, then we are also all loved by Him. Part of God's identity is His love for His creation. God as Love and Creator cannot be separated, it is simply who He is. Since this is the greatness of our Loving, Creating God we, as His creatures, fall short of who God is. We are sinful, all of us. Everyone on earth is born into sinful creation. But the story doesn't stop there!

I don't think I'm overreaching to say that everyone reading this knows John 3:16. It is the best-known verse in all of God's Word and it speaks to these three things that everyone has in common. God loves the whole world because it is His creation, He made it and holds all of it closely in His strong right hand. Because He made every single portion of creation, He also knows our need for Him. He knows, and mourns, the sin that terrorizes our lives and impacts every single fiber of this universe. Because He knows this sin, He will not let us live in it alone. He can't, it is impossible for God to let us live in our sin without Him acting for us. He knows our need and because we are His creation and loved by Him, He will act. So, He gave His only Son for the whole world to believe in Him and not die eternally but live with their Loving, Creating Father God forever and ever and ever and ever and ever!

It makes sense that John 3:16 is the best-known verse in the whole Bible, but we shouldn't stop there, verse 17 is just as important, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Again, we see our three-fold, common identity with all creation. God has created us and loves us, so He does not want to condemn us, therefore He gives us a way out of the darkness and into His light. That is who God is, not one who condemns but the One who loves and loves so entirely that He acts for us to be with Him eternally.

Your forgiven brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Please note, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Prayers of the Church

I ♥ MY CHURCH

Join Us as We Close the Gap for Our General Fund

Dear church family,

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, we want to express our gratitude for your faithful support and commitment to our church community. Your generosity has allowed us to carry out vital ministries, serve our congregation, and impact lives both within our walls and beyond.

However, like any family, we face financial realities. Our budget projections are based on faith and careful planning, but sometimes unexpected circumstances arise. This year, we find ourselves with a gap of \$210,047 between our budgeted income and the actual funds received.

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us in bridging this gap. Your special gift between now and June 30 will make a significant difference as we strive to meet our financial obligations and continue our mission. Whether it's a one-time donation or a commitment to give over a few weeks, every contribution matters.

How can you participate?

Pray: Seek God's guidance on how much you can give. Remember that it's not

about the amount but the heart behind it.

Give: You can contribute online through [our secure giving platform here](#) or drop your gift in the offering box during our services.

Spread the Word: Share this opportunity with fellow church members, friends, and family who may also want to be part of this effort.

Celebrate Together: Let's celebrate God's faithfulness as we close this fiscal year strong, knowing that our collective sacrifice will bear fruit in the lives of those we serve.

This General Fund appeal begins this weekend (May 25) and will go through the end of our 2023-2024 fiscal year, June 30. We will update the income received week-by-week in the worship bulletin, so that you can mark the progress.

Thank you for being part of our church family. Your generosity fuels our ministry, and together, we can make a lasting impact. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to me (jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org) or RLC Treasurer Mike Hahne (treasurer@rlcary.org).

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Voter's Meeting

Sunday, June 9

The next Resurrection Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 9** at 12:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

The main topic for this meeting is approval of next year's budget (1 July 2024 thru 30 June 2025) for the Church, School, and Preschool.

We will also have several updates including introductions from the newly formed Facilities Management Team and Cross-Cultural Missions Engagement Team.



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our sister in Christ, **Eve Sommers**, was called to rest with Jesus on Saturday, May 18.

Plans for Eve's Celebration of Life in Christ at RLC are being finalized and will announce soon.

Our prayers are with her daughter, Janice Sommers, and son-in-law, Mike Koury, and their family at this time.



Congratulations to
Jesse Claire Walker
and
Ian David Glenn

who were married on Saturday, May 18, 2024
at Resurrection.

Parents are Gregory Guy and Melissa Walker,
and Robert and Julie Glenn.

*May they dwell in God's presence forever.
May His true and constant love preserve them.*



Congratulations to Daniel and Shannon Bowling
upon the birth of their daughter!

Charlotte Alice Bowling

was born on May 24, 2024,
7 lbs. 6 oz., 19 inches.

Proud grandparents are Randy and Janet Bowling.

*Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them
as they celebrate this blessing!*

• 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

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday

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.

Tuesday

Last Class!

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.

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.

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. Register today! 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.

Lifestyles of Reconciliation Training

June 7-8, 2024

Resurrection Lutheran Church – Cary

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

Starts Friday, 1:00 pm
ends Saturday, 12:00pm

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



For more information and tickets,
aorhope.org/regional



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

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, June 14

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! And thank you to Travis Taylor's band, *Nick Farmer's Big Band*. They were great!

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, June 14** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have *Old Play* play for us!

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



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.

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:

 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 graphic for volunteer training with an underwater theme. On the left, the word "SUBA" is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters (S: yellow, U: blue, B: purple, A: orange) resting on a small island with coral and a starfish. Below the letters, it says "diving into friendship with god". The background is a blue underwater scene with bubbles and a small fish. On the right, the text "Volunteer Training" is in a purple, bubbly font, followed by "*choose one*" in a smaller purple font. Below that, the dates and times are listed: "Thursday, May 30 at 7pm Fellowship Hall" and "-OR- Sunday, June 2 at 12 noon Room 240". At the bottom left, there is a call to action: "Scan here to register to volunteer:" in orange text. To the right of this text is a QR code and a small cartoon fish character.

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Let's talk about our Staycation Mission we will be doing the week of Vacation Bible School. Whether you can come for 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

Performing on a stage builds confidence at any age.
Take a bow, 8th Graders, for a job well done!



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 18

6:00 pm - 42

Sunday, May 19

8:00 am - 86

9:30 am - 155

11:00 am - 95

Total In-Person Worship: 378

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 19

8:00 am - 108

11:00 am - 37

Total Online Views: 145 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: \$29,760.67

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

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919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

Prayers of the Church – May 26, 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, *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, Ames, Carol Stano, Doug Gill, Emily

For Expectant Moms

Sara Phillips, Jessica, Taylor Stephani

Those Prayed for on May 19, 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
- Birth of Ellis William Brown, Parents Will and Ally Brown, Grandparents *Bob and *Diane Hoffmeister
- Birth of Ryan James Pocock, Parents Hannah Peterson and Tom Pocock, Grandparents *Grant and *Brenda Peterson
- Our College Graduates and Their Families
- Our RLC Confirmands and Their Families
- Wedding of *Ian Glenn and Jessie Claire Walker on Saturday, May 18
- Andrew's Birthday

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, At Home
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Therapy
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Brenda Peterson, Recovery
- *Cheri Spitz
- *Bob Bruce
- *Alison Whatley
- Hannah Peterson, Recovery
- John, Riva, Danny, Megan, Ben, Sharon, Ginger, Lillie, Denyce, Jan, Patricia. Ken, Harold, Lavern

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of MaryAnn, Friend of *Carole Klevenow
- Friends and Family of *Eve Sommers, Especially Her Daughter, Janice Sommers

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 Adjustment to Transitions
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- Sue Sanders and the *Boyer Family

- *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
- Final Weeks of School for Resurrection Lutheran Preschool and Resurrection Lutheran School
- College Students at Home, Transition and Adjustment
- Jessica and Kyle, Moving to New Home
- Those Who Battle Internal Fights

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.*