

# Second Sunday After Pentecost

## June 2, 2024

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*Pastor's Corner for June 2-8, 2024*

### **Shoulders Relieved and Hands Freed (Psalm 81:1-10)**

Every Sunday we pastors greet you as you come to church. It's one of the most important things we do. Sure, it's fun to see the people of RLC and engage in conversation a bit. It's also a way to hear a little about how things are going in your lives. Occasionally, as we ask this or that person how their day is going, we hear: "I almost didn't make it." The explanations can be either serious or lighthearted. It may be an illness that made it impossible or difficult to get out of bed... or car or garage door trouble... or even more challenges than usual getting the family out the door and into the car on time! As these brief conversations end, I can't help but wonder: When something as simple as observing Sabbath rest seems at times to take extra planning and even more exertion, what do most folks understand as the reason why they do it?

Whether our explanation for going to church is to serve others, is out of love for a family member who wants us there, to see friends, in response to the Commandment to “honor the Sabbath Day,” or because we relate to the message, the music, or the liturgy... in the end the reason God wants us there is for soul refreshment. He invites us to step into the sacred space of Sabbath rest because that’s what HE did after creating the cosmos (Gen 2:3) The appointed Psalm for this weekend calls our attention to what God did for Israel during Israel’s time of slavery in Egypt: God reminds Israel, “I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I delivered you.... I brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it” (81:7-10). Corporate worship allows us to step out of the raging river that carries us along, day after day, telling us either what we should have done before or what we better/got to/have to do now. Entering sacred space together we have our burdens relieved and our hands freed. Stepping into Sabbath space entails receiving the love of the Father and the healing work of our Savior even or especially when we CAN’T perform. We all need that comfort and refreshment. THAT’S why God calls us to honor the Sabbath day.

This weekend a new sermon series on 2 Corinthians begins. Among other things, it underlines the need for that Sabbath rest. Our theme? “God’s strength in our weakness.”

Won’t you join us to see how God’s grace is all we truly need?

Peace and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan

**Prayers of the Church**

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# 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 \$205,772 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 began the weekend of 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](mailto:jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org)) or RLC Treasurer Mike Hahne ([treasurer@rlcary.org](mailto:treasurer@rlcary.org)).

Peace and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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## 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.





Congratulations to

**Alyssa Nash**  
and  
**Kevin Shaw**

who were married on Saturday, May 25, 2024  
at Resurrection.

Groom's parents are Stuart and Linda Shaw.

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

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# Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, June 5  
at 11:30 am

IHOP  
1301 Kildaire Farm Road  
Cary

RSVP through RCB Group  
or Church Office

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## 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](http://aorhope.org/regional)



For tickets, schedule, and more details, visit [aorhope.org/regional](http://aorhope.org/regional).

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## 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: [bit.ly/3kqoHGN](http://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](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).



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## 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](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248) for assistance.

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# Children's Ministry News June

## Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all the volunteers that volunteered to serve and the donations given! We are excited to see all the great things God has planned for VBS 2024 at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

## Family Resources

The LCMS website has family resources available. There are monthly devotion calendars & dinner conversation cards.  
  
Check them out!

[Family Ministry - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod \(lcms.org\)](http://FamilyMinistry-TheLutheranChurch-MissouriSynod(lcms.org))

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 24-28 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
Ages 4 - 5th Grade  
[Register today!](#)



Scan here to register & to volunteer:



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director  
[erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org).

## Youth Ministry

### Middle School and High School

Well, parents, this is it! We have had a year packed full of events. Water day was a blast! I feel so blessed to work with these amazing youth and see how God is working in them and through them, to see the growth in faith and serve alongside them. Have a wonderful summer!



**GLOW NIGHT**

**SUNDAY JUNE 2!**

Current High School Youth:  
Be there by 6:00pm  
Help set up - Greet

Current 8th graders  
6:30 - 8:00pm

*Welcome Rising Freshman*

Luke 8: 25 "Where is your faith?"  
Come let your faith glow in Christ at Youth Group.

## **Staycation Mission Trip June 24- 28**

Are you signed up? You need to be!

We will serve at Vacation Bible School in the morning and then out in the community in the afternoon. Be a part of the fun and service!  
(\$5/day or \$25/total) Sign up with Ms. Jenny today.

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director  
[jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

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## **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](http://rlpcary.org) | 919-851-7270 | [office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org)

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## Resurrection Lutheran School

**Mr. Patrick from Junior Achievement inspires 3rd Graders  
to think about our global economy!**



**rlscary.org**

Junior Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org) | 919-851-7271 | [contact@rlscary.org](mailto:contact@rlscary.org)

**Latest Lion's Tale**

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For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at  
[youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)  
or through our website at  
[rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](http://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

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## This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

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### Attendance and Giving

#### In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, May 25  
6:00 pm - 38

Sunday, May 26  
8:00 am - 67

9:30 am - 134

11:00 am - 73

**Total In-Person Worship: 312**

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

Sunday, May 26

8:00 am - 107

11:00 am - 38

**Total Online Views: 145 views**

Giving Budgeted for 2023-2024: \$1,443,588

Giving to Date with 5 weeks Remaining: \$1,255,585

Budgeted Giving to Date at 47 weeks: \$1,304,781

Current Deficit Year to Date: \$49,196

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](http://rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving)
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, Search for Resurrection Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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# Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

[rlcary.org](http://rlcary.org)

919-851-7248 | [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)

## Prayers of the Church – June 2, 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, Carol Stano, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily

#### For Expectant Moms

Jessica, Taylor Stephani

#### Those Prayed for on May 26, 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
- Wedding of \*Kevin Shaw and Alyssa Nash on Saturday, May 25
- For a Great Year at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool
- For Pat Bailey, Retiring After 22 years at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool
- Birth of William Kacey
- Birthday of Miller Gerdes
- Birth of Charlotte Bowling, Grandparents \*Randy and \*Janet Bowling

#### 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 Recovering
- 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
- Jack Simpson, Recovery and His Wife and Doctors (Parents of \*Cleveland Simpson)
- Danny, John, Riva, Angie, Brian, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Sharon, Tim, Justin, Red, Kevin, Mark, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Patty, Doug, Imma, Alice, Paul, Kathy, Patricia, Melissa, Carol, Joe, Virginia, Harold, Karen, Eric, Connie, Paige, Dave, Pam

### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of \*Eve Sommers, Especially Her Daughter, Janice Sommers and Son-In-Law Mike Koury
- Friends and Family of the Ponce Family, \*Jan and \*Bill Boyer's Neice's Father-In-Law

### **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, Adjust to Transitions and Discernment for Doctors
- \*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 School
- College Students at Home, Transition and Adjustment

**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.*