Sixth Sunday After Pentecost June 30, 2024



Pastor's Corner for June 30-July 6, 2024

In the Hands of the Great Physician (Mark 5:21-43)

Sooner or later we all experience some measure of illness or body impairment, where we become aware not just in our heads but also in our hearts that our days on earth are not forever. Many years ago, a friend of mine was in a serious motorcycle accident. He was laid up in the hospital for days on end. When he was OK enough to meet with me and talk about the experience, he said: "I realize now that I'd been taking my health — my life — for granted." I'd like to think he still rides his motorcycle... but does so a little more carefully. I'll never forget my first major surgery. I was 23 years old. It was the first time I'd ever gone under total

anesthesia. It shouldn't have been a big deal. My recovery was an almost foregone conclusion. Still, I just couldn't help thinking: "Does the doctor really know what he's doing?" "What if something bad happens? What if I don't wake up?" The day of my surgery just happened to be Ash Wednesday. I never got the smear of ashes on my forehead that year. But the words we hear every year on that day took on a little more significance than usual: "You are dust... and to dust you shall return." Getting checked out by my earthly doctor and assured of my release from the hospital was certainly one goal I had. But in a truly profound way, even though I had never fully appreciated it before, knowing that Jesus, my Great Physician, had given me a new beginning, meant I could truly "GO in peace and be healed."

In today's Gospel reading, the Great Physician not only works through His Son to heal the internal bleeding of an ailing woman. He raises the daughter of the synagogue ruler Jairus to life! We have so much for which to be grateful: the measure of health God gives us each day. The gift of eternal life. But consider all the other "little" and not-so-little things we overlook so easily that many others cannot: nutritious food; clean drinking water; our clothing; our homes; people in our lives who love us; a country where we can worship freely; an amazing array of entertainment opportunities; beautiful nature to enjoy... and the list goes on.

Why not take a minute to give thanks to God for His wondrous works? Why not make this Independence Day a day to give thanks for being a citizen of a nation that invites both informed dialogue on the issues that matter and civic engagement in the public sphere? Is there anything you can do to live differently and share a bit of both the "ordinary" and the "extraordinary" treasure you so readily take for granted with others? If so, the Holy Spirit is ready and willing to lead the way!

As you ponder these questions and more... A very happy Fourth of July to all of you!

Pastor Jonathan

Please note, the church office will be closed on **Thursday**, **July 4** in observance of Independence Day.

Prayers of the Church



Saturday, June 29

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

Stephen Ministry

This Sunday, June 30, we will commission four new Stephen Ministers!



Congratulations to the Stephen Ministry Class of 2024!

STEPHEN MINISTRY







Jake Berger

Jake Berger took the Stephen Ministry course to grow his listening skills and connect with other congregants. He has enjoyed the class and highly encourages anyone who's interested to take it as well!







Betsy Moll

I was born in Rhode Island and grew up in Texas. I met my husband in the 10th grade, and we married in 1995. I have a daughter and a son. I've worked in a few areas: chemist, teacher, medical records, and in a medical billing office. I've thought about joining the Stephen Ministers for some time now; and when I saw the class listed in the Christian Education booklet for the Spring, I decided it was time. The classes have been fascinating, and I'm eager to begin using what I've been learning.







Stacy Reed

Stacy has been a member of Resurrection since 2019, and has wanted to become involved with Stephen Ministry since first learning about it. She's most looking forward to showing Christ's love through a listening ear and heart of empathy.







Craig White

Born in Brookfield MO, raised in Aberdeen SD, Craig has been in North Carolina for the last 20 years, currently residing in New Hill. Craig is married to Susan and has three children and five grandchildren. He is currently semi-retired and enjoys golfing and hunting.

"I have been so blessed throughout my life I feel very strongly drawn to share my passion for Christ in serving as a Stephen Minister.

Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, July 12

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come join us! Our special needs guests love to attend 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

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday**, **July 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym. We will have Charlie Shiel spin some tunes for us!

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson through RCB 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.



Family Ministry - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (Icms.org)

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

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!

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director <u>jenny.piontek@rlcary.org</u> or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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.

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

Resurrection Lutheran School



We'd love to talk about finding the right fit for your rising kindergartener!

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, June 22 6:00 pm - 62

Sunday, June 23 8:00 am - 63 9:30 am - 106 11:00 am - 143

Total In-Person Worship: 374

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, June 23 8:00 am - 171 11:00 am - 49

Total Online Views: 220 views

Financial Update

Budget for 2023-2024: \$1,443,588

Giving to Date with 1 week Remaining: \$1,435,324 Budgeted Giving to Date at 51 weeks: \$1,415,826

Current Surplus Year to Date: \$19,498

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
- Use <u>Online Giving</u>
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, Search for Resurrection Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar





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Prayers of the Church – June 30, 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, *Alison Whatley, Joe Huley

For Expectant Moms

Jessica, Taylor Stephani

Those Prayed for on June 23, 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 *Harrison Hulse and Sarah Wallace
- Vacation Bible School Attendees and Volunteers
- Blessings for All Graduates and Guidance for Next Steps
- End of Treatment
- *Jill and *Eric Hammergren's 29th Wedding Anniversary

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
- *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, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Cheri Spitz
- *Bob Bruce
- *Alison Whatley
- Jack Simpson, Recovery and His Wife and Doctors (Parents of *Cleveland Simpson)
- Maija Jensen
- *Dianna Spirovich, Comfort and Peace Awaiting Surgery
- Alice, Sister of *Keith Leister
- *Cleveland Simpson, Recovery
- John, Riva, Danny, DeAnn, Breann, Brian, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Megan, Ben, Doug, Imma, Alice,
 Paul, Nan, Kathy, Rich, Jan, Pam, Jane, Marvin, Edgar, Carol, Emily, Kathleen, Noreen, Sylvia,
 Joann, Harold, Ken, Maija, Mark, Bruce, Joe, Corey, Bob, Dave

For Comfort

Friends and Family of Aiden Cook, Parents Andrew and Sarah Cook

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
- Safe Travels
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan and Paul Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom, Care Decisions, Adjust to Transitions and Discernment for Doctors
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- *Meredith A.
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes

- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Sara, Upcoming Move, Peace and Quick House Sale
- Jessica, Homeless
- Thankful for Sale of Sara's Home

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
 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.

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