

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2024



Pastor's Corner for July 7-13, 2024

Lift Up Your Eyes (Psalm 123)

I have grown to love and appreciate the blue skies of North Carolina. As I water our flower and vegetable beds after we put Sophia down for the night, I often lift up my eyes and gaze at the beauty of something so simple. When my eyes are lifted toward the sky, I see so much more of God's creation! I see the massive trees in the cow pasture behind our house and the hawk's nest resting in the branches. I see the clouds, white, fluffy, and wispy. I see the sun shining bright even in the early evening. When we lift up our eyes, we see more of what God has created and the same is true for our faith life.

"To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!" (Psalm 123:1)

Why does the Psalmist lift up his eyes? Is it to search for God, hoping to see Him in His glory? Is it to see God and prove that He is there? Not at all! He lifts up his eyes because he knows God is there and He knows what God promises to do. As children of our Father God, we do the same.

Children always (at least until they outgrow their parents) have to lift up their eyes to see their parents. They do it out of love, but also out of need. They need to see their parents and what their parents can do for them. They also want to see their parents because they love them and want to be loved by them. When we lift up our eyes to our Heavenly Father, we certainly do it out of need. He provides for all of our needs, both the temporal and the eternal. He gives us the air we breathe, the shoes on our feet, our loved ones, and so much more. He also gives us forgiveness, mercy, compassion, love, grace, all of which leads to the heavenly home that He has promised to His children.

So keep being a kid, a child of God, and lift up your eyes to the joys of your Father's creation. Keep being a kid and lift up your eyes to the throne of mercy, where your Father sits, ready to give you all you need.

Your brother in Christ with eyes uplifted,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

Financial Update

Total Giving Budget for This Year: \$1,443,588

Year End (June 30) Giving: \$1,465,918

Budget Giving Goal Exceeded by \$22,330

Total Expenses: \$1,437,152

Surplus: \$28,767

Dear RLC friends and family,

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we gather in worship and fellowship, I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering support during our recent General Fund appeal. Your sacrificial giving has made a significant impact on our church community, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks.

1. A Successful Appeal:

Through your prayers, generosity, and commitment, we not only met but exceeded our fundraising goal for the regular church budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Your faithfulness ensures that ministries continue, outreach remains vibrant, and our church family thrives. We are able to begin our new fiscal year strong!

2. Stewardship in Action:

Your gifts are more than financial contributions; they are acts of stewardship. You recognize that everything we have comes from God, and we manage these resources faithfully.

Your willingness to share from your abundance reflects the love of Christ within you.

3. Impact Beyond the Numbers:

It's not just about dollars and cents. Your support enables us to:

- Nourish souls through worship, teaching, and fellowship.
- Extend compassion to those in need within our congregation and community.
- Equip disciples for service and mission.
- See lives transformed because of your faithful giving.

Thank you all for being vessels of grace, channels of love, and builders of God's kingdom. Let us continue to walk together, trusting in God's provision and guidance!

Peace in Christ,
Jonathan Blanke
Senior Pastor, Resurrection Lutheran Church



Christmas in July is here! The Christmas trees are located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the Lobby of the Family Life Center from **July 1-31**.

Each tree has numerous ornament "tags". Take a tag and return it to the tree with the requested item next time you are at church. No need to wrap them!

This year, our gifts will benefit Green Chair Project (thegreenchair.org), Families

Together (famielstogethernc.org), and Safe Families for Children (raleigh.safe-families.org).



**Flowers on the altar
in honor of
their wedding anniversary
by Jonathan & Fern Frusti**

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 the Stephen Ministry Class of 2024!



Stacy Reed



Jake Berger



Betsy Moll

STEPHEN
MINISTRY



Craig White

For more information, [Stephen Ministry | Resurrection Lutheran Church \(rlcary.org\)](https://rlcary.org).

If you are aware of someone that may need a Stephen Minister,
please contact stephenministry@rlcary.org.

Housing Needed



Needed: In-Law Suite or Other Property Available for Low-Cost Rent for New Resurrection Lutheran School Music Teacher

Contact: RLS Principal Robin Hester at rlscary.org

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).



July Adult Game Night

July 14, 5:00-9:30 pm

Looking for a night of fun and fellowship?

Like to play board/card games?

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

We'll 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 office@rlcary.org.



Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, July 26

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).

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.



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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

From Western Wake Crisis Ministry:

"A heartfelt shoutout to Resurrection Lutheran Church! Despite the scorching heat wave, they recognized the importance of their cause. They gathered nearly 1,100 pounds of food for our Summer Stock Up!

We deeply appreciate their unwavering support in our mission to create a brighter future for all by fostering a healthy, hunger-free, and housing-stable community. Their continued dedication year after year warms our hearts."



Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org 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



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

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, June 29
6:00 pm - 64

Sunday, June 30
8:00 am - 74

9:30 am - 120

11:00 am - 95

Total In-Person Worship: 353

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, June 30

8:00 am - 106

11:00 am - 41

Total Online Views: 147 views

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – July 7, 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 30, 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
- Contracts on Sale of Homes
- Stephen Ministry Program and New Stephen Ministers Installed, June 29/30

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, 8-year-old, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, At Home Recovering
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani
- 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
- Carol, Hospitalized and Now in Rehab, Cancer Treatments
- *Steve Robinson, Recovery from Hospital Stay While Traveling
- Brian, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Megan, Ben, Alex, Dale, Graydon, Nicole, Debbie, Gene, Lois, Paul, Pat, Anna, Dave, Lynn, Cheryl, John, Noreen, Kathy, Jimmy, Shelby, Carol, Emily, Harold, Ken, Mark, Paul

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Aiden Cook, Parents Andrew and Sarah Cook
- Friends and Family of Maggie Mial

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
- *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
- Marcia and Sara, Peace During Upcoming Moves
- Travel Mercies for Those on Roads, Rails, Sky, and Sea

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, and Ellen
- 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.*

***RLC Members**

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