



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2024

From the Pastor

Our Faithful Creator

(Genesis 9:8-17)

One of my fondest memories of family trips in the car with our kids, Sarah and Joel, was what happened AFTER we drove through a deluge on the highway. We'd pass through the storm with sunshine ahead while dark angry clouds continued to drop rain behind us. Someone would spot a rainbow on the horizon. "Look... it's a rainbow!" they would say. Everyone would immediately turn to marvel at this miracle of water and light glistening in the afternoon sun.

Ever stopped to consider how differently we might envision the relationship between humanity and nature WITHOUT Noah, WITHOUT the animals, WITHOUT the ark, and WITHOUT the rainbow? Without the rainbow after that terrible flood, we might be inclined to believe



we're all on our own in fending off the chaos of the physical world... or that the unwanted biopsy result, the challenge of economic hardship, when it comes, is all on US. Without the account of the ark God commanded Noah to build, we would miss out on yet

another example of God's overarching desire to rescue humanity from itself. And without Noah and the animals, we wouldn't have an account of God-directed stewardship of the natural world.

The rainbow is now a sign of God's covenant, God's promise to Himself, that the entire natural world was not only something to be created... but preserved and cared for. Yes, all creation, and even our physical bodies, still cry out for redemption (Rom. 8:22-23)! But right here, right now, we can not only give thanks to God and live in gratitude for the manifold gifts we receive from God's hand (our earth's natural resources, our possessions, our health, our abilities, our relationships,



Dates of Interest:

- Independence Day..... Jul 4
- Visual Faith..... Jul 10
- Christian Ed Meeting.. Jul 10
- Coffeehouse..... Jul 12
- Adult Game Night.....Jul 14
- Slide Tech Training.....Jul 21
- Blind Ministry.....Jul 26
- Slide Tech Training.....Jul 28

RLC Worship Servants

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 (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org) for assistance.

We encourage you to find areas of interest that best suit your natural gifts, and join us as we reach out with the love of Christ, *by grace, through faith, for service.*



and the list goes on). We can take active steps to make the most of these gifts and seek God's wisdom to share what God has entrusted to us for the greater good and the spread of His kingdom work here below.

Many, many thanks to all of you for your generosity in supporting God's work at Resurrection Lutheran Church through our general fund. As of this writing, the "gap" we saw between our expected budgeted income and actual income for the last fiscal year (July 2023 to June 2024) is gone! It even appears that our actual income will be a little higher than expected! For the final figures, check out the weekly announcements. But as is so often the case, when our church family knows the need, they always step up. I'm so grateful to all of you for your stewardship of God's gifts that allow us to go about the work we are privileged to do.

To the One who is always sufficient for our needs be all glory and praise! Now and forever.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Outreach Service to the Community

Christmas in July

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).



Stephen Ministry

New Stephen Ministers

Congratulations to the Stephen Ministry Class of 2024! On Sunday, June 30, four new Stephen Ministers were commissioned. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, [Stephen Ministry | Resurrection Lutheran Church](#).



Jake Berger

Jake 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

Betsy was born in Rhode Island and grew up in Texas. She met her husband in tenth grade and married in 1995. Betsy has a daughter and a son. She has worked in a few areas: chemist, teacher, medical records, and medical billing. Betsy has thought about joining the Stephen Ministers for some time, and when she saw the class listed in the Christian Education booklet for Spring, She decided it was time. She found the classes fascinating and is eager to begin using what she's learned.



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 5 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."

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

Gifts & Memorials

For the Love Fund

In Memory of Eve Sommers

Robert and Joyce Hirt

Marlene Kibler

Keith and Dawn Leister

Alan and Kay Tharp

Curtis and Kathryn Fisher

Patrice Sommers

For Gifts & Memorial Fund

In Memory of Eve Sommers,

Hope Studdt, Millie Hiteshew

Mary Persson

For Gifts & Memorial Fund

In Memory of Eve Sommers

Bill and Fran Xenakis

For the RLC Quilters

In Memory of Eve Sommers

Jamee Thieme

For the Love Fund

In Memory of Fuad Rihani

Devin Hilldale

For Stephen Ministry

In Honor of Sue Campau's
Retirement

Cynthia Wyse



Outreach Service to the Community

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

What a great day it was to build beds! On Saturday, June 1, 50 volunteers came together and built 25 beds in 2 hours for the Fuquay-Varina chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

In addition, The Piecemakers, RLC's quilting group, made 30 quilts to be donated with the beds.

If interested in delivery day opportunities or other build events, [NC-Fuquay-Varina - Sleep in Heavenly Peace \(shpbeds.org\)](http://NC-Fuquay-Varina-Sleep in Heavenly Peace (shpbeds.org)).

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.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Small Groups

Adult Game Night

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

Join us the 2nd Sunday of the month, **July 14 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.

Lutheran Women in Mission

Carolinas District Convention



Lutheran Women in Mission of the Carolinas District will hold their 69th Biennial Convention on **September 20-21, 2024** here at Resurrection.

Resurrection Lutheran Women have been asked to host this event which will begin with Registration at 4:00 pm Friday; Communion Worship Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary (open to everyone) with a Reception following in the Fellowship Hall. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Southeastern District President, Rev. Dr. William Harmon, will lead us in worship.

Saturday's activities will be held in the Family Life Center. Christian author, Deb Burma, will be the Keynote Speaker in the early part of the day. After lunch, hear about the Mission Projects to be funded by our Mite Boxes in the coming year. Come and meet Lutheran Women from both North and South Carolinas.

There are several ways to help with this event. If you are interested in hearing how you may serve, plan to attend an information meeting on **Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Carol Bostick through RCB or church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Happy Anniversary!

July 6

John and Joyce Bocksnick
50 years

July 10

Scott and Jennifer Kell
20 years

Dan and Jennifer Shaltanis
25 years

July 22

John and Deanna Leuenberger
63 years

Paul and Barbara Niffenegger
52 years

July 25

David and Justine Tate
10 years

July 29

Jack and Darlene Bartels
57 years

July 30

Ralph and Carol Klevenow
64 years

Youth Ministry News

STAYCATION MISSION TRIP

Eight amazing youth spent the last week of June on a Staycation Mission Trip. What is a Staycation Mission Trip? A week spent in service right here in the Cary area.

Our schedule looked something like this: serve at VBS, eat lunch, devotion time, serve the community/partner with other RLC groups, make dinner, and last but not least have some fun!

- *Our Youth served at Vacation Bible School as leaders of crews, running the AV, or running stations.
- *We started a beautification process on campus (check it out by the Family Life Center kitchen door).
- *Tie-dyed 12 white sheets for The Piecemakers to use in their quilts.
- *Painted stained glass with residents of the Assisted Living Program at Glen Aire.
- *Collected, delivered, and stocked 1,100 pounds of food at Western Wake Crisis Ministry.
- *Raked the mulch and prepped the Resurrection Lutheran Playground.

Our theme for the week was tackling challenges. We faced a bunch. There were the record setting temperatures, the bus breaking down, a snake, the air in the Warehouse going out, but what we learned is that God's word is more than words on a page but words for us to put into practice. We rose above the challenges, worked hard to complete our projects, and do it in a Christ-like manner.

Philippians 4:9, "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

We felt His presence and grace this week in the cool breezes (every once in awhile), Tom Gebbia, Anne Marie Measmer, and Erika Hulse for helping us get to Western Wake, Erika Hulse again for being our emergency pick up when the bus broke down on the way to our service site, a pool day, Anne Marie Measmer for bringing us pizza and watermelon, Garrett Nigg for helping us all week, two birthdays celebrated within the group, the excitement and faith of the little kids we served, the support for the Food Drive, the laughter shared at Glen Aire, Steve who worked in the Warehouse at Western Wake, a visit with the quilters and a refrigerator full of cold water.

In a week where we set out to bless the community, we found ourselves constantly blessed by God who always helped us rise above the challenges.

Congrats to the Team and THANK YOU!
Ben, Fiona, Garrett, Grant, Jonah, Josh, Logan, and Wyatt

Summer Blessings,
Ms. Jenny
Youth Ministry Director

Feel free to contact me at jenny.pointek@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

RLC Youth Mission Week



Vacation Bible School

SCUBA VBS 2024

Deep Bible Adventures

Jesus is a friend to everyone!

Jonah Bible Adventure

Openings and Closings

God Sightings!!

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



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

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NOW Enrolling for 2024-25
at Resurrection Lutheran
PRESCHOOL

+ Classes for Children 2-years through 5-years-old +

Our program offers opportunities and experiences that will enrich, expand, and develop a child's ever-increasing accumulation of knowledge in a loving Christian atmosphere.

Why Choose Resurrection Lutheran School for Your Kindergartener?

Choosing the right kindergarten is crucial for your child's early development. At Resurrection Lutheran School, we provide more than just basic education. We offer a nurturing environment where your child can truly flourish in all aspects of life.

Our students leave kindergarten ready for the academic challenges ahead and strengthened in their Christian faith, making them well-rounded individuals who are not only prepared for school but also for life.

At RLS, we understand the importance of choosing the right kindergarten program for your child. It's not just about finding a school but finding a place where your child can grow both academically and spiritually.

Here's why our Christian Kindergarten program is the right choice for your family:

Faith-Based Curriculum

We integrate Christ-centered values into every part of our daily activities and lessons, helping children grow in their faith as they expand their academic and social horizons.

Experienced Teachers

Our dedicated staff are not only qualified educators but also committed Christians who nurture and support each child in a loving, empathetic environment.

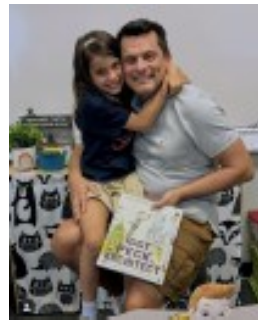
Community and Family Involvement

Strong community ties and active family involvement help enrich our educational offerings and create a supportive network for our students and their families.

Our program is crafted to address all aspects of early learning and development, with a focus on: Literacy and Numeracy Skills, Spiritual Development and Daily Prayers, Social and Emotional Growth, and Physical Health — regular physical activities to develop motor skills and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Take an In-Person Tour of Kindergarten at RLS!

Please contact Rosie Creasy, Director of Admissions, to learn more about the application process. Call us at 919-851-7271 x35.



Resurrection Lutheran School

Robin Hester
Principal

Rosie Creasy
Director of Admissions/
School Growth

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One Heart, One Mind

Make my joy complete by
being like-minded, having
the same love, being one
in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2:2 NIV

*Mission:
Resurrection Lutheran School
is committed to educating
generations of children
in the training and
instruction of the Lord.
Because of this commitment,
we will provide a Lutheran
educational experience
that is Christ-centered, as well
as academically focused for
children in junior kindergarten
through eighth grade.*

stayCONNECTED



WORSHIP

Join us for worship!

Saturday, 6:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am*, 9:30 am, and Praise 11:00 am*

*Live Stream Services

Connect through our YouTube channel

[@ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://www.youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary)

or through our website at

rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship



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Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke, Senior Pastor

Rev. Zachery Sarrault, Associate Pastor

Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to our congregation. Here are the different ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate during worship
- Mail to 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
- Online through our church website at rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.

Please send submissions to susan.moore@rlcary.org.

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